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4:00 p.m.

1 CHAIR TAYLOR: Good afternoon, California. Good
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afternoon, everyone. Hope everyone is well in today's
current condition and time. Welcome and thank you for
tuning in to the California Citizens Redistricting
Commission Communities of Interest Input Meeting. I am
Commissioner Derric Taylor. And I'll be co-chairing
today's meeting with Commissioner Isra Ahams.

Ravi, can you take roll, please?

MR. SINGH: Yes, Chair.

Commissioner Toledo?

Commissioner Turner?

COMMISSIONER TURNER: I'm here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Vasquez?

Commissioner Yee?

COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Ahmad?

VICE CHAIR AHMAD: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Akutagawa?

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Andersen?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fernandez?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Presente.



1 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fornaciari?

2 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Here.

3 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Kennedy?

4 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.

5 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Le Mons?

6 Commissioner Sadhwani?

7 Commissioners Sinay?

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Here.

9 MR. SINGH: And Commissioner Taylor?

10 CHAIR TAYLOR: I am present.

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

18 In 2008, California voters authorized the creation
19 of the Commission when they passed the Voter's FIRST Act.
20 It authorized the Commission to draw the new district
21 lines for State Senate, State Assembly, and The State
22 Board of Equalization Districts.

23 In 2010, the Congressional Voter's FIRST Act added
24 the responsibilities of drawing Congressional Districts
25 to the Commission. The fourteen-member Commission is



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

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

13 We can obtain the city and county information from
14 those jurisdiction, but we need the neighborhood and
15 communities of interest information from Californians
16 directly. That's why we have launched these communities
17 of interest input sessions to get the valuable
18 information from you directly.

19 We encourage all Californians to participate in this
20 process. If you would rather submit COI, community of
21 interest input over the internet, you can do so from our
22 website or by visiting drawmycommunity.org. Again,
23 that is drawmycommunity.org. You can skip the line and
24 go online.

25 Now, I will call on commissioners to introduce



1 themselves and to say hello. To see the biographies for
2 all fourteen commissioners, or for additional
3 information, or to sign up for our emails. Please visit
4 our website at wedrawthelinesca.org. Again, that is
5 wedrawthelinesca.org.

6 Please also follow the California Citizens
7 Redistricting Commission on Social Media. You can find
8 us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn, and
9 YouTube. Our handle is @wedrawthelinesca. There you
10 will find a lot of useful information about redistricting
11 and updates from the California Commission.

12 We will begin with my co-chair, Commissioner Isra
13 Ahamd.

14 VICE CHAIR AHMAD: Hello. And good afternoon,
15 everyone. I'm very excited to continue to learn about
16 the communities in Los Angeles County and the surrounding
17 areas. And I'm excited to take on the second session of
18 today's meeting as well.

19 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Commissioner Ahmad.

20 We have Commissioner Linda Akutagawa.

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Hi, everyone. Hi,
22 California. And especially hello to L.A. County. Born
23 and raised in the in the county and grew up in the east
24 side of L.A. And so looking forward to hearing not only
25 from those of you on the east side, but definitely want



1 to hear from all of you in L.A., whether it's the west
2 side, the South Bay, Long Beach or the San Fernando
3 Valley. So looking -- and also don't want to forget the
4 Southeast, the gateway communities. So looking forward
5 to hearing from all of you. Please, call in and tell us
6 about your communities.

7 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Linda. And we always also
8 look forward to hearing from our furry friend that lives
9 with you.

10 Next, we have Commissioner Jane Andersen.

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Hello, California. And
12 hello, people from Los Angeles County. I'm coming to you
13 from Berkeley, California, San Francisco Bay Area. But I
14 did work for a short time in Los Angeles, and I'm quite
15 familiar with driving all around and through the area.
16 So I look forward to hearing your communities of interest
17 today. Thank you.

18 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.

19 We have Commissioner Alicia Fernandez.

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: [In Spanish]. Good
21 afternoon, Californians. Especially those from Los
22 Angeles County. I'm Alicia Fernandez from YOLO County.
23 And I am very excited to continue to hear about all your
24 wonderful communities in L.A. County.

25 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Commissioner Fernandez.



1 We have Commissioner Neal Fornaciari.

2 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Good morning, California
3 and L.A. County. I'm Neal Fornaciari coming to you from
4 San Joaquin County in the Central Valley. Looking
5 forward to hearing about your communities of interest and
6 what's important to you today. Thanks.

7 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Commissioner Fornaciari.
8 We have Commissioner Ray Kennedy.

9 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair.
10 I'm Ray Kennedy joining the meeting today from my
11 home in Morongo Valley, which is a rural Joshua Tree
12 Gateway community in southern San Bernardino County.
13 Really looking forward to hearing about what makes your
14 community special to you. So thank you very much.
15 Looking forward to it all.

16 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Commissioner Kennedy.
17 Not with us at the moment is Commissioner Antonio Le
18 Mons, but I'm sure he'll be joining us or listening in.
19 So we will move to Commissioner Sara Sadhwani, my work
20 neighbor.

21 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: That's right.

22 Welcome, everybody. And good afternoon on a Friday
23 evening. Very happy to be here. I'm calling in today
24 from Pasadena, California. And I'm very excited to hear
25 more about Los Angeles County, where I have called home



1 for almost two decades. Very excited to hit that mark.

2 So welcome to all.

3 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Commissioner Sadhwani.

4 We will move on to Commissioner Patricia Siany.

5 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you, Chair. [In
6 Spanish]. Hello, Los Angeles. Especially my mommy and
7 my daddy, and the rest of my family who lives in all
8 different parts of L.A. I send you greetings from San
9 Diego. I'm Patricia Sinay.

10 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay.

11 We will move on to Commissioner Pedro Toledo.

12 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Buenos Tardes. Good
13 afternoon. My name is Pedro Toledo. And I come to you
14 from Petaluma, California, in Sonoma County, heart of the
15 wine country. And I'm looking forward to hearing all
16 about your communities of interest in Los Angeles and
17 throughout the state. Thank you.

18 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Commissioner Toledo.

19 We have Commissioner Trena Turner.

20 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Well, hello, Southern
21 California. I am Trena Turner. And I come to you from
22 the amazing Central Valley, the San Joaquin Central
23 Valley, fruit basket of the world. And I'd just like to
24 say, I'm excited to hear every one of your stories and
25 wanting you to know that you can sing it, you can



1 dramatize it, or you can just speak it. But we are
2 looking forward to hearing from each and every one of you
3 today. Thank you.

4 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Commissioner Turner.

5 Also seated on the Commission, but with this at the
6 moment is Commissioner Angela Vazquez. And I'm sure she
7 is intent and anxious for your testimony.

8 We will move on to facts, facts, facts.

9 Commissioner Russell Yee.

10 COMMISSIONER YEE: Just the facts. Greetings to 2
11 million plus Californians in Los Angeles County. Looking
12 forward to hearing more from you today, especially if you
13 have any film references or popular music references like
14 last time we were in L.A.

15 We've been told that the great challenge of
16 redistricting in California begins with the challenge of
17 redistricting L.A. County. So we need your help. Please
18 tell us about your communities of interest. We love to
19 hear from you today.

20 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Commissioner Yee.

21 And last is myself, Commissioner Derric Taylor. I
22 am a married father of three currently living in Los
23 Angeles proper. So I am an L.A. County resident. I grew
24 up in the San Gabriel Valley. And today I brought a
25 prop. Due to our discussion yesterday, we were -- we



1 brought up the conversation about the conversation of
2 batting gloves. So I brought my youngest son prized
3 possession, L.A. Dodger batting gloves. But what I found
4 interesting was that this is a shared experience
5 throughout The State of California.

6 Commissioner Fornaciari, Commissioner Yee,
7 Commissioner Sinay, we all have shared experience and
8 ballparks and stadiums and outdoor activities. And it's
9 amazing that those communities bring us all together. So
10 I just wanted to bring out some of the similarities of us
11 all. And we look forward -- I look forward to hearing
12 your input.

13 So now on to some housekeeping rules. This meeting
14 is primarily for communities of interest testimony
15 focused on Los Angeles County and surrounding areas.
16 However, anyone in California can call in to provide
17 input.

18 General public comments will take place at the end
19 of the meeting, although the Commission has divided up
20 California into eleven zones, that in no way is related
21 to or reflective of redistricting lines or boundaries.
22 The Commission created the zones to assist commissioners
23 and staff in their outreach efforts only, not as an
24 indication of planned boundaries.

25 Today we are joined by a line drawing team,



1 HaystaqDNA and Q2 Data and Research. We will be
2 displaying a map of the area that attendees describe.
3 Please start with the area you would like to discuss and
4 be specific as possible about the boundaries of where
5 your community is located.

6 It is our goal to find the area on the map you would
7 like to discuss prior to your testimony. If you are
8 within a specific neighborhood of Los Angeles, please
9 mention it by name. Once we are able to locate your
10 area, your timer will begin.

11 Attendees will not be able to share their screen.
12 We are also joined by Margarita a Spanish-English
13 interpreter and Katy, our comment moderator who will be
14 introducing attendees when it is their turn to speak.

15 When you join the meeting, please use the raise hand
16 button at the bottom of your screen to enter the queue.
17 If you have registered for a time slot, we encourage you
18 to call in during your appointment time slot.

19 When it is your turn to speak, Katy, our comment
20 moderator will be identifying you by your assigned unique
21 ID number. You will be reconnected to the session with
22 the ability to enable your own video and/or audio.

23 The comment moderator will assign you a speaker
24 order number before you begin speaking and please make a
25 note of this for future reference. You'll be able to use



1 this number to identify your COI testimony on our website
2 at a future date.

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

8 At the beginning of your input, you will see a map
9 on the screen. Please remind the mapper what area you
10 would like to see on the screen and be as specific as
11 possible about the boundaries of where your community is
12 located.

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

18 While there are no clear rules on how to define a
19 community of interest, we've identified ways for you to
20 describe your community. Begin with your county or city.
21 Mention the street names and significant locations in
22 your neighborhood to help us identify the parameters of
23 your community.

24 Tell us, what are your shared interests? We would
25 like to know what brings you together. Let us know what



1 is important to your community. Are there nearby areas
2 you want to be in a district with? Are there nearby
3 areas you do not want to be in a district with? And
4 please explain why or why not. Has your community come
5 together to advocate for important services, better
6 schools, roads, or health centers in your neighborhood?

7 Also, we invite you to use the community of tool to
8 draw a map and describe your community. And you can do
9 this by visiting drawmycacomunity.org. Again, skip the
10 line, go online. Submit your COI input today.

11 We will now begin the public input session and I
12 will pass this over to Katy, our content moderator. We
13 will start with people who are registered and then open
14 the phone lines if there is time before the next session.

15 Katy?

16 PUBLIC COMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair.

17 CHAIR TAYLOR: It's all yours.

18 PUBLIC COMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

19 Welcome to the public input session. Please use the
20 raise hand button at the bottom of your screen to enter
21 the queue. When it is your turn to speak, you will be
22 identified by your assigned unique ID number, which you
23 were emailed yesterday.

24 You will be reconnected to the session with the
25 ability to enable your own video and/or audio. You will



1 then be assigned a speaker order number before you begin
2 speaking. Please make a note of your speaker Order
3 number for future reference. The Commission will be
4 enforcing a three-minute time limit for English speakers
5 and a six-minute time limit for those with an
6 interpreter. There will be a warning at thirty seconds
7 and fifteen seconds remaining.

8 It is the Commission's goal to find the area on the
9 map you would like to discuss prior to your testimony.
10 If you are within a specific neighborhood of Los Angeles,
11 please mention it by name. Once we are able to locate
12 your area, your three or six-minute testimony will begin.
13 Attendees will not be able to share their screen. At the
14 end of your public input, or the end of your time, you
15 will be reconnected in a listen and view only mode.

16 At the beginning of your input, please remind the
17 mapper of what area you would like to see on the screen.
18 I'd like to ask Margarita to please interpret our
19 instructions at this time.

20 THE INTERPRETER: Thank you. [In Spanish].

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much,
22 Margarita.

23 Right now we will have 014 and up next will be 009.

24 014, I will be promoting you now. 014, your speaker
25 order number will be number 1. If you will, please make



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

6 MS. HASLETT: Thank you. Lancaster and Palmdale on
7 the 14 Freeway, northern Los Angeles County. And my area
8 will be -- yeah. Even narrow it in a little bit more.
9 In that area. And then as you go up the 14 crossing the
10 Kern County line into Rosamond. Thank you. This is a
11 general area.

12 My name is Marjorie Haslett. I have been in the
13 Antelope Valley for four decades now. I grew up in
14 another part of the country in California. I have been
15 here for 40 years. I've lived in several places in the
16 Antelope Valley, in the middle of Lancaster, out in the
17 middle of the desert, in town, and now where I'm at in
18 Palmdale.

19 The Antelope Valley is part of northern Los Angeles
20 County. But we are a different environment, a different
21 cultural community. We are high desert. It's very dry
22 and windy up here. Our main occupations up here that
23 have been long lasting -- there has been agriculture much
24 in the alfalfa, and carrots and onion, big in aerospace.

25 There are many people that commute from this area,



1 even out from L.A., Los Angeles, Palmdale, Rosamond, they
2 commute down the 14 freeway into the L.A. area. The 14
3 freeway is a major access point between people from the
4 Antelope Valley into the L.A. area. I have people I know
5 that live in Rosamond and Mojave that come into Lancaster
6 and Palmdale to shop.

7 There are people in this area that go -- work out at
8 Edwards Air Force Base and commute out there. There we
9 go. So this whole area is similar. In fact, where I am,
10 over near where your hourglass is. I can see the
11 mountains that are on the north side of the Antelope
12 Valley from Rosamond, even if -- you can cross this
13 valley in about twenty to thirty minutes.

14 So it's a very common climate. People on their
15 jobs. Where they shop. Mike Garcia, our current
16 congressman for the southern part of the Antelope Valley,
17 has done a marvelous job working with Sheriff Villanueva
18 from the L.A. County Sheriff's Department with our
19 supervisor, Kathryn Barger, Assemblyman Lackey and other
20 elected officials on cleaning up the area on Lake Los
21 Angeles, on the eastern Antelope Valley.

22 There were many drug cartels. They only got out
23 about forty percent of them. These are drug cartels from
24 five different countries that were identified.

25 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.



1 MS. HASLETT: Thank you.

2 And I would like to keep the redistricting to be in
3 District 25 and even up to include Rosamond, and Mojave,
4 and possibly into California City, because we're all in
5 the same Antelope Valley area.

6 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

7 MS. HASLETT: Thank you. And we have so much in
8 common up here. And we need to be in this District.
9 Congressman Garcia has a wonderful. Thank you. And
10 please consider keeping us and including these other
11 areas in District 25. Thank you.

12 MR. MANOFF: Time.

13 CHAIR TAYLOR: Caller -- Kristian, are we able -- do
14 we still have the caller on the line?

15 MR. MANOFF: We can bring them back. Just a moment,
16 Chair.

17 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yeah, I got it.

19 MR. MANOFF: Just a moment.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh, they came through,
21 okay.

22 Speaker 1, you can now enable your audio and video
23 again. The Chair Would like to have clarifying
24 questions, please.

25 MS. HASLETT: Oh, okay. Certainly. Thank you. Go



1 ahead.

2 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. I appreciate the input
3 that you've provided so far. Can you give us your
4 definition of that Antelope Valley, possibly with the
5 northern-southern border and the east-west border?

6 MS. HASLETT: The mountain ranges between Los
7 Angeles and the Antelope Valley are definitely our
8 dividing area. And as you come up over through Acton.
9 Acton is in the mountains and you just come up over. And
10 then you -- okay. Right about where you're at. Those
11 are the mountains, and you just follow the road. Right
12 about the -- backup in right about there? That's the
13 Antelope Valley. And then Rosamond. Okay. And Rosamond
14 is part of the Antelope Valley. And that whole area
15 between Rosamond and Lancaster there along the 14, it's
16 just wide-open desert, this whole area, and up through
17 the Mojave. It's wide-open desert. And Edwards Air
18 Force Base is also part of it, California City. And then
19 once you just get north of Mojave, you're starting to get
20 into the mountains again. Yeah. Right up there. Up
21 there. That's right in Kern County. And in that area,
22 you get back into the mountains again and you're going
23 over the mountains and Tehachapi takes you into
24 Bakersfield. But this whole area of Rosamond and Mojave
25 is part of the Antelope Valley, Lancaster, Edwards Air



1 Force Base. Yes, this is the area I'm speaking about.

2 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

3 MS. HASLETT: It's all high desert. Fairly flat.

4 It's not completely flat. Do you need any more? Is that
5 good for you? Or do you want more?

6 CHAIR TAYLOR: That's perfect. Thank you very much.

7 MS. HASLETT: Thank you. And one more thing. That
8 red line that goes in San Bernardino County. But that is
9 just a continuation of our desert. Very similar
10 climates. It's the same climate. But this is the area.
11 Thank you.

12 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you very much.

13 PUBLIC COMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
14 now we have 009. Up next will be 012.

15 009, I will be promoting you now. 009, your speaker
16 order number is number 2. If you will, please let the
17 mapper know what area you would like to discuss today,
18 the floor is yours.

19 Oh. 009, it appears you connected without audio.
20 If you go to the lower left corner of your screen and you
21 select your audio settings, you should see an option to
22 connect your audio. There you are. You can now enable
23 your audio in the lower left corner of your screen.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. Hello.

25 PUBLIC COMENT MODERATOR: There you are. You're



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

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. If you could pull up
6 the coastal part of Los Angeles County that touches the
7 Santa Monica Bay. It'd be the cities of Palos Verdes,
8 Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach, El
9 Segundo, Marina del Rey, and Santa Monica.

10 Yes. So my name is Betty. And I'm a resident of
11 Manhattan Beach. And I'm requesting that when drawing
12 the District lines, you keep the beachfront cities
13 together from Palos Verdes up the coast to Santa Monica.
14 Manhattan Beach is in an area of the region that is
15 referred to as the South Bay.

16 Residents of the South Bay, like me, live here
17 because we share similar lifestyles. We enjoy the waves,
18 you know, the consistent waves for surfing and swimming
19 and the sandy beaches with courts for playing volleyball.
20 We ride our bikes along the path that connects Santa
21 Monica all the way to Palos Verdes.

22 And as much as we enjoy our small-town feel, we
23 definitely benefit economically by being a tourist
24 destination. We also share key environmental concerns
25 when it comes to our oceans and our air. We work



1 together to protect our coastline from pollution and
2 coastal erosion. The airplanes from LAX do impact our
3 quality of life.

4 So we work with our state and federal leaders to
5 address air pollution and jet noise mitigation issues.
6 And that's my testimony there. Thank you for listening.
7 And again, my request is to please keep the South Bay
8 coastal cities together.

9 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

12 Right now we will have 012. And up next will be
13 016.

14 012, I will be promoting you now. 012, your speaker
15 order number will be number 3. If you please make note
16 of that for future reference. You can now enable your
17 audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen.
18 If you will, please let the mapper know what area you
19 would like to discuss today, the floor is yours.

20 MS. HEINRICH: Thank you. My name is Heidi Rayburn
21 or Heidi Heinrich. Good evening, Commissioners and other
22 members of the public. To provide you some background,
23 I'm an Army veteran and a retiree of The County of Los
24 Angeles. My community of interest is Canyon Country,
25 which is the southwest portion of Santa Clarita Valley at



1 the 14 and 5.

2 So a little bit to the right. There you go down
3 slightly. Stay on that line in the bottom blue area of
4 Santa Clarita. See that tip there where you see the
5 little part that goes on the other side of the freeway?
6 So to your right, up to the right, down slightly, much
7 further.

8 The first peninsula that is off to the right across
9 the green line and the Santa Clarita Triangle -- there
10 further down. That is my community, though I call home
11 the entire Santa Clarita Valley. So during my time with
12 the county, I worked in Los Angeles, Lancaster, and Santa
13 Clarita.

14 I am a California native, and for more than twenty
15 years I've lived in Santa Clarita Valley. Where a
16 diverse community of horse ranches, suburbs, urban areas,
17 and booming industry. The Santa Clarita and Antelope
18 Valley are both part of California's 25th Congressional
19 District.

20 These two valleys are uniquely, geographically
21 positioned from the rest of Los Angeles County. Both
22 valleys are separated from our Los Angeles neighbors by
23 the Newhall Pass. In times of natural disasters such as
24 fires and earthquakes, both valleys have been cut off
25 from our neighbors to the south for periods of time that



1 range from days to weeks.

2 We also have more open space than other areas of Los
3 Angeles County. Combine that with the surrounding
4 forests and we have inherent risks of large uncontrolled
5 brush fires. Brush fires in many communities make air
6 quality also an issue for both valleys. And being more
7 of a desert environment, our water needs must always be
8 balanced with our available supply.

9 Removing any part of Santa Clarita from the 25th
10 District will divide our community in every sense. The
11 Santa Clarita Valley is diverse in so many ways. We
12 consist of every socioeconomic status with multiple
13 nonprofits in the valley providing that assistance to
14 those in need.

15 We're diverse in race and ethnicity. In my
16 community alone, that peninsula that you see on that map,
17 there are twenty-one different languages and dialects
18 spoken. Our political makeup in the entire valley is
19 ideal in that it's close to being evenly balanced between
20 Democrats, Republicans, and no party preference voters.

21 Our district is a microcosm of a balanced political
22 system. Dividing or removing any part of our district
23 means that funding our infrastructure will be parsed out.
24 We will not only be competing with our own communities
25 for government resources, but most likely with the areas



1 of Southern California that don't have the same needs or
2 challenges that we have currently affecting our district.

3 Keeping the 25th District together is the most
4 equitable choice for our community. Any changes that
5 must be made should be done with great care, to not
6 unbalance or composition in any way. Thank you so much
7 for your time and consideration.

8 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

10 Right now, we will have 016. And up next will be
11 015. 016, I will be promoting you now. 016, your
12 speaker order number is number 4. If you'll please make
13 note of that for future reference. And you can now
14 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of
15 your screen. And if you will, please let the mapper know
16 what area you would like to discuss today, the floor is
17 yours.

18 MS. CORDERO: Thank you very much. Good afternoon,
19 Commissioners. All right. My area of interest is The
20 City of Long Beach. Again, thank you very much for
21 allowing me to speak today. My name is Gloria Cordero.
22 And I am a current Long Beach Water Department
23 Commissioner.

24 The Long Beach Water Department, serves 500,000
25 people twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Our



1 utility varies in size and scope from over 100 years ago,
2 but our mission has always remained the same, and that is
3 to provide excellent, excellent customer service, high
4 quality, reliable drinking water, and the collection of
5 wastewater in an environmentally responsible way.

6 Our customers are primarily Long Beach residents and
7 businesses, and we're extremely proud that our customers
8 have really stepped up to the plate over the last several
9 years during the drought and are conserving well above
10 what we expected.

11 We are grateful that the ten years ago The State
12 Independent Redistricting Commission kept Long Beach
13 mostly together. Before independent redistricting, we
14 were gerrymandered quite a bit. We have been well-served
15 over the last ten years with Long Beach as the core of
16 Congressional, Senate, and Assembly districts.

17 We want to stay as intact as possible, please. This
18 has allowed us to partner with our elected officials at
19 every level of government to continuously improve our
20 sustainability within our city, water conservation, and
21 of course, good quality customer service.

22 At our Long Beach Water Department, we have been
23 able to offer programs and resources to both multi-family
24 tenants and property owners and managers to conserve
25 water but also to lower their costs. We've supported an



1 incredibly popular lawn to garden program. We've
2 launched recently the Dime program, which is a yearlong
3 pilot program to retrofit multifamily dwellings with new
4 water efficient appliances. And we've also done our best
5 to provide sponsorships to promote community and civic
6 activities in The City of Long Beach.

7 Please support the collaboration we built by having
8 the majority of Long Beach kept together. And let us
9 continue the good work that we have done. Thank you very
10 much for your time.

11 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

13 Right now we will have 015. And then up next in the
14 queue will be 006.

15 015, I will be promoting you now. 015, your speaker
16 order number is number 5. If you'll please make note of
17 that for future reference. And if you will, please let
18 the mapper know what area you would like to discuss
19 today, the floor is yours.

20 MR. CORDERO: Thank you. I am going to be
21 discussing here The City of Long Beach. If you could
22 designate that, please. And as you see, The City of Long
23 Beach off the shore there is -- along the shoreline Port
24 of Long Beach.

25 So Commissioners, thank you again. My name is Mario



1 Cordero. I've been a Long Beach resident since 1974 and
2 currently part of the Long Beach Harbor Department. And
3 I have served as executive director since 2017 at the
4 Port of Long Beach. And prior to that time, I served
5 eight years as a commissioner.

6 I'm here today to advocate, to keep Long Beach
7 together during this redistricting process. Our port and
8 city should stay united. The way Long Beach is
9 districted now has been very helpful for the port to be
10 able to work hand-in-hand with our elected state and
11 federal representatives.

12 The specific needs of our port are vital to the
13 economic stability and growth of our region and our
14 nation. Supply chain issues can start and stop at the
15 Port of Long Beach, and Long Beach has been very well
16 served by our current district lines for Congress, Senate
17 and Assembly. We are grateful that ten years ago The
18 State Independent Redistricting Commission kept Long
19 Beach supported together, and we want to stay in touch as
20 much as possible.

21 You're hearing from others in the Long Beach
22 community because we have had to advocate ten years ago
23 to keep our city as together as possible, and it worked.
24 The City and the Port of Long Beach desires to continue
25 to lead on economic growth that is sustainable and more



1 climate resilient. And we need strong legislative
2 representation that will continue to be dedicated to
3 these goals.

4 Since at that time, we had a huge policy wins and
5 directed tens of millions of federal and state resources
6 to our city. Our legislative leaders have delivered on
7 funding for clean trucks programs, zero emission
8 technology, labor protection, and COVID economic relief.

9 Because the large majority of Long Beach is
10 currently kept intact in a single state and congressional
11 districts, we have been empowered to better serve our
12 local communities.

13 So in summary, we look forward to work together to
14 truly benefit The City of Long Beach and the Paralympic.
15 Please support the collaboration that we have built and
16 let us continue to work on that collaboration. Keep the
17 Port of Long Beach together with the rest of the city.
18 So thank you so much for hearing my commentary.

19 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you very much.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

21 Right now would be 006. And then up next in the
22 queue will be 001.

23 006, I'll be promoting you now. 006, your speaker
24 order number is number 6. If you'll please make note of
25 that for future reference. You can now enable your audio



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

4 MR. BAILEY: Thank you. Good afternoon, Los Angeles
5 County, specifically San Fernando Valley. And more
6 specifically, Encino. Which is west of the 405. Yes,
7 that's it. So good afternoon. My name is Glenn Bailey.
8 I was born in Los Angeles. I lived the valley all my
9 life. And so I could really speak about anything in the
10 valley. But today, with the time limitations, I'm going
11 to focus on the community of Encino, which is one of the
12 neighborhoods of The City of Los Angeles.

13 Encino has a long history in terms of the -- going
14 back to the 1700(s) with Spanish explorers. But I just
15 want to mention a few historical things I think are
16 particularly relevant.

17 One is a survey that was done in 1868, The Rancho El
18 Encino Survey, dated September 1868, shows basically the
19 existing community from approximately Mulholland to the
20 south and as part of the Santa Monica mountains, the area
21 approximately where the 405 Freeway is now going north,
22 the area -- keep going -- the area of Victory Boulevard
23 to the north, which is the top end of the green, that's
24 Victory Boulevard.

25 And then I'm not really sure of the West, really, if



1 it's White Oak Avenue versus Lindley Avenue, but those --
2 yeah, that's Lindley that you have the cursor on. So you
3 can easily find that survey in the documents. It appears
4 in City of Los Angeles and some other connections.

5 The other historical incident that I that's I think
6 significant to mention is the 1938 floods, a five-day
7 storm that killed 144 people from the valley all the way
8 down to Long Beach. And a result of that flood, there
9 were improvements -- at the time, they were considered
10 improvements.

11 But anyway, the challenge of the L.A. River,
12 including the creation of the Sepulveda Dam, which in --
13 and the purchase of property farmland in Encino, which is
14 now known as the Sepulveda Basin Recreation Center --
15 Recreation Area. And that's the green area that's
16 showing on the map there. That's 2150 acres.

17 So and the L.A. River is by the -- so when you see
18 the blue going through that green area, that is the L.A.
19 River and the dam is right there. Stop. Okay. Right
20 there where the wording is. That's where the dam is. So
21 the juxtaposition between the residential areas --

22 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

23 MR. CORDERO: -- to the south there and this open
24 space, the second largest open space in The City of Los
25 Angeles and these historical boundaries is important to

1 keep intact for the community of Encino to be in the same
2 district --

3 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

4 MR. CORDERO: -- both state and federal. In terms
5 of neighbors anything that's north of Mulholland because
6 I think the Valley ID is more than those that are not in
7 the valley. So the adjoining could be Sherman Oaks
8 Tarzana to the north Lake Balboa.

9 MR. MANOFF: Time.

10 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you very much.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

12 Right now we will have 001. And up next to 002. I
13 would like to invite 004 and 008 to use the raise your
14 hand button at the bottom of your screen to enter the
15 comment queue as you have appointments during this
16 session.

17 Thank you so much, 004. I do see your hand. You
18 are in line.

19 001, I will be promoting you now. 001, your speaker
20 order number would be number 7. If you can please make
21 note of that for future reference. You can now enable
22 your audio and video in the lower left corner of your
23 screen. If you will, please let the mapper know what
24 area you would like to discuss today, the floor is yours.
25 Can you hear me?



1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes. Can you hear me?

2 PUBLIC COMENT MODERATOR: We sure can. The floor is
3 yours.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. I'm going to be
5 speaking today about the northern Los Angeles County
6 section of the map, specifically the Santa Clarita Valley
7 with Stevenson's Ranch on the west Castaic at the north
8 in the Antelope Valley, directly east up to and including
9 the east border of Los Angeles County.

10 And there's two small communities of between these,
11 which are Agua Dulce and Acton. And then, also, south to
12 the northern San Fernando Valley. So down where Sylmar
13 is and Porter Ranch. Yes, you got it.

14 So my name is Jackie, and I'm a Thirty-six-year
15 resident of the Santa Clarita Valley. I am civically
16 engaged in my community and volunteer for many nonprofit
17 organizations in Santa Clarita and Antelope Valleys.

18 Drawing the lines for our portion of the state is
19 fairly easy since our portion of Los Angeles County is
20 neatly bordered with mountains creating the valleys in
21 the 25th Congressional District. This fact alone is what
22 keeps us close knit and because we share the same valley
23 bowl together.

24 Current district boundaries work well for our
25 community landscape for us with one exception. Simi



1 Valley in the Ventura County, which we advise should be
2 removed from the 25th Congressional District and our
3 Assembly districts. There are many factors that tie us
4 together, but first I'll talk about infrastructure and
5 transportation.

6 Because housing is more affordable in the Santa
7 Clarita and Antelope Valleys. We are mostly commuters
8 and drive long distances to the San Fernando Valley and
9 The City of Los Angeles to the south. This makes our
10 infrastructure and transportation of great concern to our
11 residents.

12 We share the same freeways, system and railway the
13 Metrolink from Lancaster to Burbank, for example. For
14 this reason, we should continue to share the same
15 district and add in all but L.A. County residents in
16 these communities, including those which are currently
17 carved out.

18 Residents from our community share this in common
19 access to jobs in universities, life to the south of us,
20 using the five and 14 freeways leading to the 405. A
21 fact which caused us some grief after the 1994 earthquake
22 when the five and 14 intersection was closed due to
23 collapse.

24 That's a concern that Simi Valley does not share
25 with us, and they do not use our freeways to commute.



1 But the San Fernando Valley does. Of course, we share
2 Los Angeles County resources, which keeps us centered as
3 a community of interest, such as The County health
4 department. Never was it more apparent how separate Simi
5 Valley is from the rest of us than during this pandemic.

6 There are two separate sets of rules for each of
7 these counties. Our Assembly and Congressional Reps
8 would best represent us if there was one set of
9 guidelines for their jurisdictions.

10 I also urge the Commission to consider keeping our
11 valleys whole by including the parts of Lancaster and
12 Quartz Hill that are currently excluded, and by adding
13 more of the northern part of San Fernando Valley, which
14 all share commuting infrastructure and county resources
15 in common.

16 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: In summary, the 25th
18 Congressional District should comprise of Los Angeles
19 County Communities only and not the Simi Valley in
20 Ventura County, nor any cities in Kern County. And hear
21 a word about Assembly Districts --

22 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- again because of the
24 valley bowls 8038 should include Canyon County. And then
25 8036 could begin just east of this and include the



1 remainder of L.A. County to the east of the 14 Freeway.

2 MR. MANOFF: Time.

3 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
5 now we have 002 and up next will be 007.

6 002, I will be promoting you now. 002, your speaker
7 order number will be number 8. If you will, please make
8 note of that for future reference. You can now enable
9 your audio and video in the lower left corner of your
10 screen. If you will, please remind the mapper what area
11 you would like to discuss today, the floor is yours.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you. I really
13 appreciate this opportunity. I'll be talking about the
14 areas of Santa Clarita and specifically Valencia and the
15 Antelope Valley, currently Congressional District 25 and
16 AD District 38.

17 I have been a resident of Santa Clarita for Thirty-
18 three years and an educator for twenty years. And so I'm
19 very familiar with the makeup of our community and what
20 ties us together. And it is my understanding that the
21 redistricting community's goal is to combine communities
22 of interest and Santa Clarita and the Antelope Valley
23 meet that criteria.

24 But I want to reiterate what the previous speaker
25 said, that Simi Valley does not meet the same criteria.



1 Simi does not share the same policing, fire responders,
2 or community college boundaries as Santa Clarita and
3 Antelope Valley, the same communication -- I'm sorry,
4 transportation routes as the previous speaker outlined.

5 And it doesn't make sense for districts to cross
6 county boundaries. And again, that was illustrated by
7 the recent COVID crisis. And the difference in the
8 guidance, the health guidance and requirements, which
9 made it very difficult for our representatives to give
10 consistent, clear information to The People in their
11 district.

12 So the needs of L.A. County, North L.A. County, are
13 different than Ventura County. And so I would ask that
14 this redistricting community or committee please keep the
15 communities of Santa Clarita and Antelope Valley
16 together. And keep the only Los Angeles County
17 communities in congressional District 25. Thank you so
18 much.

19 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
21 now you have 007. And up next will be 017.

22 007, I'll be promoting you now. 007, your speaker
23 order number will be number 9. If you will, please make
24 note of that for future reference. You can now enable
25 your audio and video in the lower left corner of your



1 screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what area
2 you would like to discuss today, the floor is yours.

3 MR. MALONE: I would like to discuss the area from
4 Altadena to Claremont, north of the 210. So my name is
5 Joshua Malone. I am a resident of Monrovia, California.
6 I'm calling today to ask that you keep the communities
7 north of the 210-corridor whole and together.

8 These are communities that hug our border, the
9 Angeles National Forest, and we share the same type of
10 life experiences. For example, we, especially Monrovia,
11 we deal with the wildlife coming down on a regular basis,
12 searching for food and water. We've dealt recently with
13 issues of kind of local media getting involved in bears
14 and stuff like that.

15 Like many families in our community, my family
16 enjoys our local trails. I'm an avid trail runner. I
17 run all the way from the Pasadena Eaton Canyon areas,
18 Altadena areas. I enjoy the Sierra Madre, Cheyenne Flats
19 trails. I do a lot of Monrovia trail running.

20 My wife and my father-in-law do a lot of hiking up
21 in the trails. They're kind of very personal. We go up
22 to Monrovia Canyon Park. Sometimes these are tourist
23 destinations where a lot of people kind of flooding from
24 other areas of Los Angeles. And there's some issues with
25 weekend warriors bringing traffic and parking issues to



1 our communities. So that's one reason to keep it
2 together.

3 Over the last few years, and it's kind of become an
4 increasing issue is fires. With the bobcat fire, that
5 was very personal to us, that was very close to home.
6 That was right next to my mother in law's house.

7 She saw the flames and had to be evacuated. So I
8 think it's essential to have our county, state and
9 federal officials, kind of working together when there's
10 resources and representation in dealing with the fires,
11 especially with some of these local due to the changing
12 climate conditions we have.

13 Basically, in summary, we -- I request to keep the
14 residents of the 210 corridor in the same district and we
15 share the same -- a lot of the same concerns and the
16 beautiful forest and trails and hiking experiences north
17 of the Angeles National Forest. And that's what I have
18 to say. Thank you.

19 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
21 now we have 017. And up next to be 019.

22 017, I'll be promoting you now. 017, your speaker
23 order number is number 10. If you'll let the mapper know
24 what area you would like to discuss today, the floor is
25 yours.



1 MS. TORRES: Thank you. The area of interest is
2 City of Long Beach, please. My name is Eleanor Torres.
3 I'm director of government relations for the Port of Long
4 Beach. I'm here today, like many others, to advocate to
5 keep The City of Long Beach together during the
6 redistricting process.

7 The port, as the second largest container port in
8 the nation, has complex and unique needs that are vital
9 to our regional and national economy. The port accounts
10 for more than 50,000 direct and indirect jobs in Long
11 Beach alone, 575,000 in Southern California and 2.6
12 million throughout the United States. We move \$200
13 billion worth of cargo each year.

14 Keeping the city unified has resulted in securing
15 significant state and federal funding for our communities
16 to be more sustainable while being such an important
17 economic engine.

18 Now more than ever, as the impacts of COVID -- the
19 COVID crisis will reverberate for many years to come.
20 And we are about to embark on the most ambitious projects
21 to date to combat climate change, we need to remain
22 together.

23 Successful legislative advocacy is always complex,
24 with many, many challenges. Keeping us unified in state
25 and congressional districts with a unified voice and



1 message will result in more jobs, cleaner air, and a
2 stronger economy. We have made so many strides these
3 last ten years. Please let us continue to run the course
4 together. Thank you very much for your consideration.

5 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

7 Sorry, Chair.

8 Right now we have 019. And up next we will have
9 004.

10 019, I will be promoting you now. 019, your speaker
11 order number will be number 11. If you will, please make
12 note of that for future reference. And if you will,
13 please let the mapper know what area you would like to
14 discuss, the floor is yours.

15 MR. ALLEN: Good afternoon, Commissioners. My name
16 is Cory Allen. I'd like to also speak about The City of
17 Long Beach. And as I mentioned, my name is Cory.

18 I'm a fifteen-year resident of the great City of
19 Long Beach. And I currently serve as a member of the
20 newly formed Equity and Human Relations Commission, where
21 we are working to implement and expand the city's
22 framework for racial reconciliation, which is aimed at
23 elevating the marginalized communities within our city.

24 As I said, over the last fifteen years, our city has
25 grown into such a dynamic and vibrant city with really



1 awesome communities throughout the region. And so I
2 joined the chorus of my neighbors and my fellow community
3 leaders in asking you to keep The City of Long Beach
4 intact and as whole as possible as you guys consider
5 these state and federal legislative districts.

6 Making sure that we have a unified and consistent
7 voice in the State Legislature and in the House of
8 Representatives will be critical as we move forward on
9 these reconciliation frameworks and making sure that
10 those voices are truly represented in The State
11 legislature and in the halls of Congress.

12 So again, thank you for your time and the work that
13 you're doing, and please do your best to keep Long Beach
14 all together. Thank you.

15 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

17 I'd like to invite those who have appointments in
18 general to use the raise your hand button at the bottom
19 of your screen if you wish to give comment during this
20 session. I'd like to invite all of those unique IDs with
21 appointments in the queue to use the raise your hand
22 button if you wish to give comment during this session.

23 Right now we will have 004. And then up next will
24 be 025.

25 004, I will be promoting you now. 004, your speaker



1 order number is number 12. If you will, please make note
2 of that for future reference. You can now enable your
3 audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen.
4 If you will please let the mapper know what area you'd
5 would like to discuss today, the floor is yours. Unique
6 ID number 004?

7 MR. LEE: Can you hear me?

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can. The floor is
9 yours.

10 MR. LEE: Okay. All right.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh. You're going to need
12 mute. You, you.

13 MR. LEE: Oh, no, no, no.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Your --

15 MR. LEE: Can you hear me?

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes.

17 MR. LEE: Okay. My name is AnYork Lee. I live in
18 California zip code 91789 for the last thirty-three
19 years. And my point is very simple. In the past, in the
20 90s, during The State assembly election, because of the
21 competition, one of the winner cut a portion of the --
22 cut Hacienda High out of the whole area. So we don't
23 want this happen again during the redistricting.

24 And I want to point out from Warner to the West
25 include Hacienda Heights, Rolling Heights, and City of



1 Industry, West Covina. And to the east is Diamond Bar
2 and Pomona.

3 We want to make sure this area will be together. If
4 we tried the (indiscernible) or Colima, and you will pass
5 through the area in 15 minutes. So people in this area
6 share the same economic activity and culture because of
7 the new immigrant and other in common.

8 And so I want to ensure that history will not happen
9 again for Hacienda Heights all the way to Pomona should
10 be in the same area at the State and federal legislation.
11 So now it's my point.

12 I also will mail out a summary of what I said to the
13 Commission in case there's some question, you can contact
14 me. That's my concern. And I appreciate you giving me
15 the time to share with you. Thank you.

16 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

18 Right now, we will have a 025. And then up next
19 will be 037.

20 025, you just lowered your hand if you meant to do
21 that. No, you did not. Okay. Right now we will have
22 025. I will be promoting you now. 025, your speaker
23 order number will be number 13. If you'll please make
24 note of that for future reference. You can now enable
25 your audio and video in the lower left corner of your



1 screen. And if you'll please remind the mapper of what
2 area you would like to discuss today, the floor is yours.

3 MR. SAMUELS: All right. Thank you. And good
4 evening, Commissioners. I'd like to speak about South
5 Los Angeles 90044. The boundaries are West Rosecrans, La
6 Cienega, the 10 Freeway and Alameda Street. May I begin?

7 MR. MANOFF: Yes. Go ahead.

8 MR. SAMUELS: All right. So greetings. My name is
9 Kirk Samuels. And I'm the director of Civic Engagement
10 for Community Coalition. And the convener of the
11 People's Block, which is a multiracial alliance of
12 thirty-four organizations that are dedicated to the
13 inclusion of everyday residents conducting public
14 education and proposing solutions to the redistricting
15 process that promote the political voice, representation,
16 and access to resources of historically underrepresented
17 groups. These groups include different faiths and
18 ethnicities ranging from Asian Pacific Islanders, Latinx
19 and black folks.

20 We are unified around three key principles, the
21 first of which being equity and solidarity to dismantle
22 white supremacy. The second being community
23 participation, ensuring that we are lifting up the voices
24 of the folks who have been traditionally not included in
25 the process to ensure that they are given a platform.



1 And lastly, centering community building organizations in
2 the process as we aim to make this as inclusive and
3 equitable as possible.

4 After hosting over a dozen community of interest
5 workshops with over sixty community residents, I've seen
6 a common theme lifted in almost every session. That
7 theme is gentrification and displacement. The folks of
8 South Los Angeles share a common concern that their safe
9 space, the only place in this great city that is truly
10 theirs, is being broken apart by gentrification and
11 displacement.

12 Folks are adamant that their communities not only be
13 kept together, but strengthened through this
14 redistricting process. Their vision for this
15 redistricting process aligns perfectly with our mission
16 to create space for everyday folks to advocate for solid
17 voting bases, and a chance to elect a candidate that
18 truly represents their interests.

19 We know that from the last redistricting cycle that
20 the black population in the county supervisorial or
21 District 2 has dropped by seven percent, while other
22 demographics -- while other demographics have grown. And
23 in Los Angeles, to black Senate districts, the population
24 has dropped by four percent and eight percent,
25 respectively. We are literally experiencing the erasure



1 of black neighborhoods that raised us and the communities
2 that we call home. It is frightening for many residents.

3 So Commissioners, please consider the District maps
4 of South Los Angeles when it comes to creating your draft
5 maps. So in closing, I would like to reiterate that
6 South L.A. has not only been home, but a place of
7 wellness, identity and culture for thousands of black
8 people for decades.

9 This place means a lot to us, and keeping our
10 communities together will ensure our place in the city.
11 Thank you, commissioners, for hearing me and enjoy the
12 rest of your night.

13 CHAIR TAYLOR: Caller, are you still there?

14 MR. MANOFF: Just a moment, Chair.

15 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: One moment. 025, I will
17 be promoting you now. You can now enable your audio.
18 The chair has some clarifying questions.

19 MR. SAMUELS: Yes.

20 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you for your input thus far.
21 Just for clarification, can you describe your boundaries
22 of south L.A. from the north, south, east, and west?

23 MR. SAMUELS: Sure. So going from the south, we
24 would have Rosecrans going from the west, we would have
25 La Cienega. To the north, we have the 10 freeway. And



1 to the east, we have Alameda Street.

2 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

3 MR. SAMUELS: Thank you, Commissioner.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. I
5 would like to invite 008 and 024 to use the raise your
6 hand button at the bottom of your screen if you wish to
7 give comment during this session. Right now we will have
8 037. And then up next will be 021.

9 037, I'll be promoting you now. 037, if you -- you
10 can now enable your audio and video in the lower left
11 corner of your screen. Your speaker order number will be
12 number 14, if you'll please make note of that. And if
13 you will, please let the mapper know what area you would
14 like to discuss, the floor is yours.

15 MR. WALDMAN: Thank you, Stuart Waldman. I'm
16 president of the Valley Industry and Commerce
17 Association, VICA. I'm also representing the San
18 Fernando Valley Redistricting Coalition. I'm calling in
19 regards to the San Fernando Valley.

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

21 MR. WALDMAN: Thank you. And I appreciate that map.
22 I have a map behind me as well. The San Fernando Valley
23 is a geographical area, roughly bounded by the Santa
24 Susana mountains to the north and west to Mulholland
25 Drive to the south and the San Gabriel Mountains to the



1 east. It lies wholly within Los Angeles County.

2 Our goal is to maximize the connection that
3 legislators have with the San Fernando Valley. Our
4 community is best served by a redistricting that
5 maximizes the number of districts that either are wholly
6 contained within the San Fernando Valley, or which the
7 Valley is the most influential voter bloc.

8 To ensure full and adequate representation for the
9 San Fernando Valley, we support Valley-only districts.
10 In the past, Valley has been cut up significantly. In
11 fact, in the 2008 there was a ballot measure to have
12 transportation projects funded.

13 The Valley did not receive anything as part of that,
14 even though we make up over forty percent of The City of
15 L.A. However, because our elected officials did not
16 represent the Valley at the time, they lived outside the
17 valley. However, recently, Measure M was passed and all
18 of the Valley representatives who actually live in the
19 Valley came together and the Valley had adequate
20 representation.

21 Let's see, The City of Los Angeles is made up of
22 geographically designated communities, and I fully
23 appreciate that. The map I'm looking at has the
24 neighborhood councils as part of this map, because ten
25 years ago there were no lines other than the freeways.



1 However, the communities are different than the
2 neighborhood councils. The neighborhood councils in Los
3 Angeles are self-drawn. They're often in dispute with
4 the lines. And there's a reason why there's in
5 Northridge east, West, and South Neighborhood Council
6 when Northridge is one community.

7 I'll actually show the legally drawn communities
8 that are recognized by The City of L.A. and I would ask
9 the Commission to ask the L.A. City Redistricting
10 Commission, or --

11 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

12 MS. WALDMAN: -- The City of L.A. for those
13 boundaries. I'm sorry. Did you have a question?

14 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds remaining.

15 MR. WALDMAN: Okay. The Valley is the redheaded
16 stepchild of Los Angeles. Any time that we are
17 represented by someone south of --

18 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

19 MR. WALDMAN: -- Mulholland, they do not adequately
20 represent us. We ask that if you have to go north -- if
21 you have to go outside the valley, go north, south, east
22 or west. We are about 2 million people and we have set
23 the community --

24 MR. MANOFF: Time.

25 MR. WALDMAN: -- be kept whole.

1 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

2 PUBLIC COMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

3 Right now will be 021. Up next will be 030.

4 021, I will be promoting you now. 021, your speaker
5 order number will be 15. If you will, please make note
6 of that for future reference. And if you will, please
7 let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss
8 today, the floor is yours.

9 MS. KUMIYAMA: Thank you. My name is Jennifer
10 Kumiyama, and I'm a resident of Long Beach.

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

12 MS. KUMIYAMA: Thank you. Again, my name is
13 Jennifer Kumiyama. And I am a resident of the historic
14 Willmore neighborhood in Long Beach. I'm the incoming
15 chair of the Long Beach's Citizen Advisory Commission on
16 Disability. I've been a staunch advocate for disability
17 equity and intersectionality for over two decades.

18 I'm here today to ask that you keep our city
19 together as much as possible. Long Beach is one of the
20 only California cities with a completely independent city
21 redistricting commission passed by voters in 2018.
22 Independent commissions have proven to be efficient, and
23 we hope you will listen to the public and keep us
24 together as much as possible.

25 We are over seventy different and diverse



1 neighborhoods and we ask you, please do not break us up.
2 As community leaders, we have worked with other
3 neighborhoods and activists to direct hundreds of
4 millions of investments from federal and state sources
5 over these last ten years.

6 You're hearing a lot from Long Beach because we had
7 to fight ten years ago to stay as intact as possible the
8 issues important to Long Beach neighborhoods. Our
9 coalition includes neighborhood leaders from across the
10 city. And we want to thank you for serving. Thank you.

11 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
13 now we have 030. And up next will be 024. And I'd like
14 to invite 010 and 011 to please use the raise your hand
15 button at the bottom of your screen to enter the comment
16 queue line.

17 Oh, so right now will be 030. I will be promoting
18 you now. 030, your speaker order number will be 16. If
19 you will, please make note of that for future reference.
20 You can now enable your audio and video in the lower left
21 corner of your screen. If you will, please let the
22 mapper know what area you would like to discuss today,
23 The floor is yours.

24 MR. SMITH: Good afternoon. I will be speaking
25 about Santa Clarita. My name is Bruce Smith. I'm a



1 resident of Santa Clarita. I have lived here for 50
2 years, counting the time I spent in the military
3 overseas. And I'd like to make my comments directed at
4 keeping Santa Clarita and -- as well as the Antelope
5 Valley and Simi Valley together in the same congressional
6 district because of our common social and economic ties
7 we have.

8 These communities live in the shadow of the city of
9 Los Angeles and are impacted by things that happen in Los
10 Angeles. And we'd like to be represented and have our
11 voice heard concerning issues that affect us and are
12 common in our neighborhoods -- our communities. And
13 among them are the defense industries that exist in all
14 three of these areas.

15 There huge employers in our areas and decisions made
16 at the federal level do impact the quality of life in our
17 communities. And so I'd like to keep these communities
18 together. And also at the State level, all three of
19 these communities have an interface between rural
20 communities and rural lifestyles as well as suburban
21 lifestyles.

22 And so representation that takes into consideration
23 the development in these areas, water issues,
24 transportation issues, and environmental protection
25 issues, can be best addressed by a district that



1 represent us collectively. And those are my comments.

2 Thank you.

3 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
5 now will be 008. And then up next will be 024. I
6 misspoke previously. I apologize. Right now will be
7 008. And up next will be 024.

8 008, I will be promoting you now. 008, your speaker
9 order number is 17. If you will, please make note of
10 that for future reference. You can now enable your audio
11 and video in the lower left corner of your screen. If
12 you will, please let the mapper know what area you would
13 like to discuss today, the floor is yours.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. I'm in the area of El
15 Monte.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

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

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. I'm a resident of El
19 Monte since 2000. I'm volunteering since two years ago.
20 And I would like to keep El Monte together with North El
21 Monte and South El Monte.

22 We have a lot in common, and a specific need for
23 more parks, more garbage cans, and rent controls, more
24 living spaces for the -- because there's a lot of people
25 in the streets. Just to keep El Monte together, like. I



1 think that's about it.

2 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

4 Right now will be 024. And up next to be 011. 024,
5 I'll be promoting you now. Oh. It did not promote. Oh,
6 maybe it worked. There appears to be some connectivity
7 issues, 024. I'm not able to promote you at the -- right
8 now, I be going to 011.

9 I'll be promoting you now. 011. Your speaker order
10 number will be 18 if you'll please make note of that for
11 future reference. And if will, please let the mapper
12 know what area would like to discuss today, the floor is
13 yours.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you. I would like to
15 discuss the beach cities consisting of Redondo Beach,
16 Santa Monica, Marina del Rey, El Segundo, Manhattan
17 Beach, Hermosa Beach, and Palos Verdes.

18 My name is Christina, and I'm a resident of Redondo
19 Beach, and I'm calling in to ask that we please keep the
20 beach cities together in the same district. I believe
21 that our coastal community is a very tight knit
22 community. We have a lot of crime in common.

23 For my husband and I, we actually frequent Manhattan
24 Beach and Hermosa Beach as often as Redondo Beach. We
25 take our dog for walks out in the paths as well as go



1 bicycle riding there. And we would please like to ask
2 you all to keep that District together. And thank you
3 for your service.

4 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we have 018.
6 And up next will be 010.

7 018, I will be promoting you now. 018, your speaker
8 order number will be 19. If you'll please make note of
9 that for future reference. You can now enable your audio
10 and video in the lower left corner of your screen. If
11 you will, please remind the mapper of what area you would
12 like to discuss today, the floor is yours.

13 MR. NYGUEN: I'd like to discuss Long Beach area.
14 Can you hear me okay?

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

16 MR. NYGUEN: All right. Good afternoon,
17 Commissioners. My name's Lamont Nyguen. When I'm with
18 the Long Beach Firefighters Association Local 372. The
19 Long Beach Firefighters Association serves as the voice
20 of over 400 professional firefighters of The Long Beach
21 Fire Department.

22 Our mission is to protect and advance the cause of
23 Long Beach firefighters and to improve the lives and
24 working conditions of the men and women who have made
25 public safety their life's work.



1 I'm calling today to ask you to keep the large
2 majority of The City of Long Beach intact as this
3 Commission considers redistricting statewide. Ten years
4 ago, California's Independent Redistricting Commission
5 drew lines that have kept Long Beach mostly together with
6 a large majority of the city in predominant districts at
7 The State and congressional levels.

8 We would like to keep it this way. Keeping our
9 community together ensures we maintain strong
10 representation in The State legislature and Congress to
11 get the resources and support we need to the provide
12 services to our businesses and community members.

13 The importance of this cannot be overstated. Most
14 recently, with the global COVID-19 response an emergency
15 mode, Long Beach firefighters jumped into action, helping
16 our own city stand up an emergency response network that
17 ultimately supported a strong COVID-19 test and
18 vaccination program. We were able to work
19 collaboratively with our state and federal partners to
20 get the resources that we need, and then we deployed them
21 right here at home.

22 The last redistricting lines have benefited the
23 diverse interests of our community in Long Beach. And we
24 ask that Long Beach retains this upcoming redistricting
25 process. Thank you.



1 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

2 And Katy, I think the next caller will be our last
3 prior to our mandatory break.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair.

5 010, I will be promoting you now. 010, your speaker
6 order number is number 20. If you will, please make note
7 of that for future reference. You can now enable your
8 audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen.
9 And if you will, please let the mapper know what area you
10 would like to discuss today, the floor is yours.

11 MR. GARCIA: Members of the Commission, good
12 evening. My name is Philippe Garcia. The areas that I
13 would like to discuss today is Redondo Beach, Santa
14 Monica, Marina del Rey, El Segundo, Manhattan Beach,
15 Hermosa Beach, Palos Verdes.

16 So I'd like to ask the members of the Commission to
17 please keep together the South Bay coastal community. We
18 all share a very similar lifestyle. We have people that
19 travel to come and see our beaches.

20 We enjoy those same beaches and it is important to
21 us to keep the -- these areas within our voting power.
22 And we ask you to please keep these areas together.
23 Thank you for your time.

24 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

25 And Katy, can we squeeze in one more?



1 PUBLIC COMENT MODERATOR: I believe we can, Chair.

2 We have exactly three minutes.

3 024, I will be promoting you now. 024, it is not
4 allowing me to promote you, whether it be a connectivity
5 issue. I am going to do allow to talk -- oh, they are
6 gone. Let's see. What time is it? We still have time.

7 So caller 9997, if you will, please follow the
8 prompts to unmute by pressing star 6 on your telephone
9 keypad. Caller 9997, your speaker order number will be
10 21. If you will, please make note of that for future
11 reference. And if you will, please let the mapper know
12 what area you would like to discuss today, the floor is
13 yours.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi, my name is Allison. I am
15 a resident of Rowland Heights, which is just off the 60
16 and the 57. So thank you so much for all your work and
17 service on this very important issue. Again, I am
18 Allison and I am a resident of Rowland Heights in the
19 eastern part of Los Angeles County.

20 I'm calling today to express my support to have the
21 communities of Rowland Heights, Walnut, Diamond Bar,
22 Hacienda Heights, West Covina, and the Phillips Ranch
23 community of Pomona, all being the same federal and state
24 legislative districts.

25 This ethnically diverse area of San Gabriel Valley



1 should remain together. These communities would create a
2 coalition district with forty percent of the population
3 identifying as AAPI and forty percent identifying as
4 Latino.

5 In addition to demographics, other issues bring us
6 together, such as the transportation corridors of the 60
7 and 10 freeways and places of employment, such as the
8 Mount San Antonio Community College and Cal PolyPomona.

9 I respectfully ask the commission to put these
10 communities together in both state and federal districts.
11 Hacienda Heights and all of our communities should also
12 be included at The State legislative levels, which is
13 currently not the case.

14 Hacienda Heights has more in common with Walnut,
15 Diamond Bar, and Roeland Heights than they do with the
16 Orange County communities that they are currently drawn
17 together with at The State and federal level.

18 North Orange County communities such as Yorba Linda,
19 Brea, and Placentia should be drawn into more Orange
20 County Central District. Thank you for your time and
21 consideration. I hope the Commission can keep together
22 and draw an East San Gabriel Valley central community of
23 interest.

24 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

25 And thank you, Commissioners, for your



1 attentiveness. Callers that are in the queue, please
2 hang on. We will get you soon as we turn from our
3 mandatory break. For those -- for our listening public,
4 we encourage you to call in in our next session.

5 When we return from break, we will start with
6 individuals who are registered for an appointment, for
7 appointment time slots, and then open the phone lines if
8 there is time. Commissioner Ahmad will lead us through
9 that process when we return at 5:45 p.m. So we're on
10 break and thank you.

11 (Whereupon, a recess was held)

12 VICE CHAIR AHMAD: Welcome back to the California
13 Citizens Redistricting Commission Community of Interest
14 Input Meeting. I would just like to remind everyone you
15 can also submit your input online via our Communities of
16 Interest Tool. You can draw a map and describe your
17 community by visiting drawmycacommunity.org.

18 I will pass this over to Katy, our comment moderator
19 to continue with public input. We will start with people
20 who are registered and then open up the phone lines if
21 there is time before the next session. Katy?

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair.

23 Right now we will have -- oh, wait. No, I have
24 things to read. I apologize. Welcome to the public
25 input session. Please use the raise your hand button at



1 the bottom of your screen to enter the queue. When it is
2 your turn to speak, you will be identified by your
3 assigned unique ID number, which you were emailed
4 yesterday.

5 You'll be reconnected to the session with the
6 ability to enable your own video and/or audio. You will
7 then be assigned a speaker order number before you begin
8 speaking. Please make a note of your speaker order
9 number for future reference. The Commission will be
10 enforcing a three-minute time limit. There will be a
11 warning at thirty seconds and fifteen seconds remaining.

12 It is the Commission's goal to find the area on the
13 map you would like to discuss prior to your testimony.
14 If you are within a specific area of -- or if you are
15 within a specific neighborhood of Los Angeles, please
16 mention it by name.

17 Once we are able to locate your area, your three-
18 minute testimony will begin. Attendees will not be able
19 to share their screen. At the end of your public input
20 or the end of your time, you will be reconnected in a
21 listen and view only mode. At the beginning of your
22 input, please remind the map of what area you would like
23 to see on the screen.

24 Right now we will have 034. And up next to be 020.

25 034, I will be promoting you now. 034, your speaker



1 order number is number 21 (sic), if you will please make
2 note of that for future reference. You can now enable
3 your audio and video in the lower left corner of your
4 screen. If you will, please let the mapper know what
5 area you would like to discuss today, the floor is yours.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. I'd like to discuss
7 the San Fernando Valley, which is -- it would be west of
8 the 405 and above the 101. You see that? Yeah, west of
9 the 405 and above the 101. Okay. I'm looking to see if
10 I can see it. Yeah, that's correct. Um-hum. That's the
11 area. Um-hum. Okay. Would you like me to begin?

12 MR. MANOFF: Yes. Go ahead, please.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Sure. Okay. Thank you,
14 first of all, for permitting me speak to you today. If
15 you ask a San Fernando Valley resident, what city do you
16 live in, nearly every Valley resident would give a
17 technically inaccurate answer and name their community,
18 which is the Valley or the West Valley, or they would say
19 something like they live in Northridge or Canoga Park,
20 which is one of the seven neighborhoods. Okay.

21 No one would even think to mention Los Angeles as
22 our first offering unless we were speaking to someone who
23 had never been to Southern California, or maybe someone
24 from another country, because we really consider
25 ourselves Valley residents. I think that it matters how

1 we think of ourselves because it's a reflection of how we
2 live, work, and play.

3 This is our home. And I'm asking that you don't
4 divide our community and throw pieces of the Valley to
5 this and that neighboring areas, including places like
6 West Los Angeles that falls south of Mulholland Drive
7 border.

8 If that happens, then the Valley loses out and we
9 lose our community. I've lived in the Valley for
10 probably 50 years. I raised my family here and most of
11 them still live here. And some would say that the Valley
12 is synonymous with suburbia. And historically, that's
13 true.

14 But it's also the home of Cal State Northridge,
15 which is a major employer and two or three junior
16 colleges also. This is the place -- the places where our
17 kids go to college. Northridge also has a civic arts
18 plaza so that we can attend concerts without having to go
19 over the 405 freeway.

20 Most of us really stay in the San Fernando Valley to
21 shop, to eat out, for our entertainment, for our
22 schooling, for just about everything. And it's really a
23 city unto itself, really. We really need representatives
24 who prioritize our area, who are very aware of the needs
25 for Cal State Northridge. Okay. And then the role that



1 that plays in our community.

2 The Valley is made up of lots of seven
3 neighborhoods, and I've lived in several of them. I've
4 lived in Chatsworth, Northridge, Canoga Park, even Van
5 Nuys. It would be nice to consider the boundaries of
6 these neighborhoods.

7 Each neighborhood has its own neighborhood council.
8 Most importantly, these neighborhoods should be linked
9 and unified in San Fernando Valley.

10 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That's the way our unique
12 needs will ultimately be met. And I hope that the
13 community will recognize that it's important that we be
14 able to have the San Fernando Valley continue as an
15 area --

16 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. That's it. Thank you
18 very much. I appreciate it.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will have
20 020. And up next will be 035.

21 020, I will be promoting you now. 020, your speaker
22 order number will be 22. If you will, please make note
23 of that for future reference. You can now enable your
24 audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen.
25 If you will please let the mapper know what area you



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

2 MS. RAMIREZ: I'd like to discuss Long Beach.

3 Hello. My name is Carolyn Ramirez. And I am a resident
4 of Long Beach. And I am a Long Beach mother,
5 grandmother, great grandmother. I have lived in Long
6 Beach for over forty years and I currently work in the
7 Long Beach Unified School District in the cafeteria.

8 I want to join my neighbors from across the city and
9 ask that you keep up -- keep our city together as much as
10 possible. I am grateful to The State Independence
11 Redistricting Commission, Ten years ago kept my city
12 mostly together. We are seventy-six different and
13 diverse neighborhoods and we have greatly benefited these
14 last ten years from our city being unified federal and
15 state lines.

16 I always know the names of our elected officials and
17 it's good knowing that they are representing in Long
18 Beach as a whole. Please do not break us up. As a
19 community member, we have worked with other neighborhoods
20 groups to direct hundreds of millions of investments from
21 federal and state sources over these last ten years.

22 You are hearing a lot from Long Beach because we
23 have to fight. We have to fight ten years ago to stay
24 intact as possible. This issue is important to Long
25 Beach neighborhoods. I've heard from the diverse group



1 of people across The City are a part of the Coalition to
2 keep Long Beach together. I want to thank you for
3 serving and hearing me out. Thank you.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

5 Right now we have 035. And up next is 022.

6 035, I will be promoting you now. 035, your speaker
7 order number will be --

8 MS. MCCAIN: Hello?

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hi. I've got -- one
10 moment. I've got a couple of brief instructions for you.
11 Your speaker order number will be 23. If you'll please
12 make note of that for future reference.

13 MS. MCCAIN: OKAY.

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

17 MS. MCCAIN: San Fernando Valley. And my name is
18 Alice McCain. I am past president of the Southland
19 Regional Association of Realtors. I have lived in the
20 San Fernando Valley more than forty years. I have worked
21 as a realtor here for forty -- more than forty years.
22 Realtors know their neighborhoods. They know the
23 communities. It's our job. So when I say that the San
24 Fernando Valley is a unique community of interest, please
25 understand that's my background.



1 The San Fernando Valley is often juxtaposed against
2 West Los Angeles neighborhoods to the south, and that is
3 south of Mulholland Drive. Valley neighborhoods like
4 mine in Woodland Hills, but I also Reseda, North Ridge,
5 Granada Hills, should all be connected entirely Valley
6 districts and not connected with areas outside the Valley
7 like West L.A.

8 Again, we have a university. We have two community
9 colleges. We have hotels and a big community. The San
10 Fernando Valley was once the beginning places of where
11 the veterans found their homes after World War II.
12 That's why we were America's suburb. And it is a very
13 diverse community and we are all one. We are the San
14 Fernando Valley.

15 So now the median prices in the valley continues to
16 increase. But the valley needs the ability to elect
17 representatives at the State and federal level who are
18 fight to preserve the opportunity of homeownership.
19 Housing is the big issue everywhere, but there are unique
20 issues here in the Valley which again, is America's
21 suburb.

22 The Valley is not its own city, but maybe it should
23 be, but it's much larger than most of such jurisdictions
24 around The State. Please recognize that when redrawing
25 the -- when drawing the districts. And I appreciate your

1 time. Thank you very much.

2 PUBLIC COMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

3 I'd like to invite those in the queue with
4 appointments for this session to please use the raise
5 your hand button at the bottom of your screen. Again,
6 I'd like to invite those in the bottom -- in the queue
7 with the appointments for this session to use the raise
8 your hand button at the bottom of your screen. Perfect.
9 I do see those hands.

10 Right now would be 022. And up next, we will try
11 024 again. But right now would be 022.

12 I will be promoting you now. 022, your speaker
13 order number will be 24. If you please make note of that
14 for future reference. And if you will, please let the
15 mapper know what area would like to discuss today, the
16 floor is yours.

17 MR. STEINHAUSER: Thank you. And I would like to
18 address The City of Long Beach. Yes.

19 Dear Commissioners, thank you for giving me the
20 opportunity to give input on the redistricting process.
21 My name is Chris Steinhauser. And I am the former
22 superintendent of schools for the Long Beach Unified
23 School District. I held this position from 2002 to 2020
24 and have been a resident of The City of Long Beach for my
25 entire life.



1 The Long Beach Unified School District earned a
2 reputation as one of America's best public school
3 systems, winning many awards as a national and
4 international model of excellence. The Global Education
5 Study by the nonprofit Battelle for Kids Organizations
6 lists Long Beach Unified among five of the world's
7 highest performing school systems.

8 We educate students from Long Beach, Lakewood,
9 Signal Hill and Avalon. We are grateful ten years ago,
10 The State Independent Redistricting Commission kept Long
11 Beach mostly together. By being unified in a single
12 Congressional, Assembly, and State Senate districts has
13 enabled our community to unify around important local
14 needs and focused representation on major issues facing
15 our community.

16 In order to meet the diverse needs of our students
17 and their parents, we want to stay intact as possible.
18 You are hearing from various community groups in Long
19 Beach on the need for us to stay together because we had
20 to fight ten years ago to keep our city together as much
21 as possible. And it worked.

22 Since that time, we've had huge policy wins that
23 have benefited not only our community, but have become
24 models for The State of California and the nation like
25 our Long Beach College Promise program.



1 Federal funding is critical for our students that
2 need free meals. Over sixty-two percent of the students
3 in the Long Beach Unified School District participate in
4 the free and reduced lunch program. The free meal
5 program was extremely popular with our families in the
6 spring of 2020 as the joint efforts of a health and
7 economic crisis hit our city and all over 900,000 meals
8 were distributed to our students from March through June.

9 Since the large majority of Long Beach is currently
10 kept intact in single State and Congressional districts,
11 Long Beach Unified has been empowered to better serve our
12 local communities. Under the current structure, we are
13 able to work together in ways that have truly benefited
14 the most vulnerable students in our city that we would
15 not have been able to do so if our city was divided into
16 multiple State and Congressional districts.

17 Please support our work to close achievement and
18 opportunity gaps for our most vulnerable students by
19 keeping our city together as it currently stands. On
20 behalf of our families we serve, do not break Long Beach
21 up. Thank you.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

23 I'd like to invite those with appointments for this
24 time session to use the raise your hand button at the
25 bottom of your screen. 027 and 028, if would like to use



1 the raise your hand button the bottom of your screen to
2 join the comment queue 027, and 028 as you have
3 appointments during this time. If you wish to give
4 comment at this time, please use the raise your hand
5 button.

6 At this time we will go to 024. I will be promoting
7 you now. If you do still have connectivity issues, I
8 will try the audio only option. 024, it appears that you
9 are having connectivity issues with your internet. I'm
10 going to try the audio only option.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can you hear me now?

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can. Perfect. So
13 your speaker order number will be number 25. And if
14 you'll please let the mapper know what area you would like
15 to discuss today, the floor is yours.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Sure. Good afternoon,
17 sunshines. Thank you for having me. Could you go to the
18 map and pull up the area of Lancaster that's kind of
19 split up. Lancaster and the Antelope Valley that seems
20 to be split. I think the 23rd of the 25th so.

21 While you are pulling that up, it would be nice if
22 people would refrain from using race, ethnicity or color
23 when they were speaking tonight. There are organizations
24 that they might belong to.

25 So if you -- for some reason, parts of Lancaster are



1 split up and go into the 23rd. But I can't -- so I can't
2 even talk to my neighbors about the same entities that we
3 could share, such as, police, fire or watercraft, but
4 most important for voting.

5 And so I mean, literally, like right across the
6 street, you could have somebody in the 23rd district and
7 then across the street from that could be the 25th
8 District.

9 So I'd like them to keep all of the whole Antelope
10 Valley -- the whole of Lancaster in the Antelope Valley
11 in the in that District. I don't understand why they're
12 split up, actually, the way it's split up. As you can
13 see, they are kind of goofy.

14 And so if I'm looking at it correctly without even
15 including parts of Hill -- am I saying that correct? Not
16 sure. But anyway, I just know that in Lancaster we have
17 a split and. Yeah. Maybe if we go close to it, just you
18 need to at least to stay in the Antelope Valley in the
19 25th District and keep us all together so that the
20 neighbors can talk to each other or not split up.

21 But I am done. Okay. So -- and I don't mind. I
22 love having Santa Clarita and Simi Valley in my district.
23 We use it for work a lot. So keeping the whole Antelope
24 Valley, Simi Valley, and Santa Clarita Valley is very --
25 we use it for work and we use freeways and that kind of

1 thing. So keep that all together as well. Okay. I
2 think that might be all I have. Unless you have
3 questions.

4 VICE CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, caller.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.

6 PUBLIC COMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

7 Right now, we will have 027. And up next will be
8 028.

9 027, I will be promoting you now. 027, your speaker
10 order number will be 26. If you will, please make note
11 of that for future reference. And if you'll please let
12 the mapper what area you would like to discuss today, the
13 floor is yours.

14 MR. SIFORD: Thank you. Good evening, panel. My
15 name is Mark Siford (phonetic), and I would like to
16 discuss the 25th District, which includes Santa Clarita,
17 Palmdale, Lancaster, similar to the previous caller. And
18 I would agree with her about keeping it intact.

19 But and again, my name is Mark Cipher. I am a
20 twenty-five-year resident of the Santa Clarita Valley.
21 We're unique because we're a north of the 5, 14 split.
22 So we're our own little separate little area there. Of
23 course, Simi Valley is included in that in Lancaster, but
24 it's obviously north of that area.

25 But amazing community, a lot of firefighters,



1 police, first responders live in this area. Great
2 families, great churches, great youth programs, sports,
3 great hospital, Henry Mayo Hospital. We're actually kind
4 of our little, self-contained little area.

5 Also very good for business. There's a huge
6 industrial centers here that cater to many different
7 types of businesses. Military, obviously, aviation.
8 Palmdale, Lancaster, obviously with Northrop, but a lot
9 of manufacturing. So a lot of people live up here, a lot
10 of jobs and support.

11 So I please respectfully request that you keep the
12 25th District intact. The only caveat to that would be
13 if we were to expand it, like the previous caller said,
14 if you incorporate all of Lancaster but possibly Lake
15 Piru or Fillmore, that's just a thought. That's your
16 guys' job. But love the community. Very, very diverse.
17 And please keep it intact. Thank you very much.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

19 Right now we will have 028. It looks like it's all
20 of our appointments in the queue at this time, so we'll
21 be going to callers. So right now will be 028. And up
22 next to be caller -- last four 7693.

23 So right now 028, I will be promoting you. 028, it
24 appears there is some connectivity issues. I'm going to
25 go ahead and do the audio only option. 028, you are



1 unmuted. Your speaker order number will be number 27.
2 If you'll please make note of that. And if you will,
3 please let the mapper know what area you would like to
4 discuss today, the floor is yours.

5 MS. STARKEY: Hello. I'd like to discuss the
6 Antelope Valley. My name is Michele Starkey.

7 VICE CHAIR AHMAD: Caller, before you begin, would
8 you please be able to define Antelope Valley by their
9 boundaries?

10 MS. STARKEY: Yes.

11 VICE CHAIR AHMAD: So it's west, south.

12 MS. STARKEY: Lancaster, Quartz Hill. And it's the
13 same as the last two callers. I would like to keep 25th
14 as a whole and add Quartz Hill. The rest of Quartz Hill.
15 Yes.

16 VICE CHAIR AHMAD: Great. Thank you. You may
17 begin.

18 MS. STARKEY: Hello?

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, go ahead.

20 MS. STARKEY: Hello. My name is Michele Starkey.
21 I'm calling -- and thank you for this opportunity or the
22 redistricting. I'm calling to leave the 25th sort of as
23 it is, but to add Quartz Hill because we are one street
24 away from a completely different district. And there is
25 different voting and we would like to keep it as a whole.



1 That part just feels left out. And when you talk to your
2 community, people feel left out. So if we can just keep
3 it as a whole, or keep Quartz Hill -- or put the rest of
4 Quartz Hill into it, I'd appreciate that. And that's it
5 for now. Thank you.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

7 Right now we will have caller with the last four
8 7693. And then up next will be caller with the last four
9 1885.

10 Caller 7693, if you will, please follow the prompts
11 to unmute. Caller 7693, you are unmuted. I have a
12 couple of brief instructions for you. Your speaker order
13 number will be number 28. If you will, please make note
14 of that for future reference. And if you will, please
15 let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss
16 today, the floor is yours.

17 MS. RO: Yes. My name is Chris Ro. I'm a resident,
18 forty-three-year resident of West Hills, the far west San
19 Fernando Valley. I want to support most of what the
20 other callers have spoken about the San Fernando Valley
21 have said today. I'm trying to look at your map and it
22 hasn't loaded yet completely.

23 The boundaries of the West San Fernando Valley are
24 the Simi Hills to the west. I would like to look at the
25 Mulholland Highway as mentioned earlier to the south, the



1 Santa Susana mountains, the peak to the north of the
2 Valley and San Gabriel's to the east. And this would be
3 considered the rim of the valley under the national park
4 system. I want to look at the geological boundaries.

5 I want to look and reference, by the way, something
6 that hasn't been mentioned too much, and that is the
7 historic nature of this valley and concern with its
8 Chumash (indiscernible) history. And the reason that
9 that's so important is that the mountains that are just
10 five miles west of me, if you go into the hills -- if you
11 go to the boundary, the very west boundary with your
12 cursor and you see West Hills up there, you'll see Belle
13 Canyon in it as well.

14 Bell Canyon should be considered part of the San
15 Fernando Valley because it's completely landlocked. Even
16 though it's Ventura County, I would like it included into
17 one large San Fernando Valley district. Which again it
18 was mentioned earlier, will probably be 2 million people.

19 And therefore I'd like to see two State Senate
20 districts completely inside that San Fernando Valley
21 boundary going from west to east with the boundaries that
22 I mentioned, so that we are contiguous compact
23 communities of interest.

24 Another thing is right above where you're showing
25 Bell Canyon -- right above there in the white is the



1 Santa Susanna Field Laboratory. That area impacts my
2 community. It's a historic rocket engine and nuclear
3 testing site. And the cleanup of that site, all the
4 truck traffic comes down through my community of West
5 Hills and goes out through the communities of Chatsworth,
6 Canoga Park, and possibly Woodland Hills.

7 So my general community of interest is, yes, that
8 western San Fernando Valley. But for the purposes of
9 redistricting, again at The State Senate level, I would
10 like to see a district that starts at the West -- on the
11 west side and goes north and south between those
12 boundaries and then another state Senate district to the
13 east. And then I would like the Assembly districts to
14 again start at the western boundary and a similar nature.

15 And by the way, the Santa Susanna Field Laboratory
16 that I pointed out to the upper left of where you are in
17 white, that is divided between two Congressional
18 districts. It really will --

19 MR. MANOFF: You're at time.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we have caller
21 1885. And up next will be caller 1620.

22 Caller 1885, if you will, please follow the prompts
23 to unmute. Caller 1885, you are unmuted.

24 MS. LINSTEIN: Yes.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I have a couple of brief



1 instructions. Your speaker order number will be 29. If
2 you please make note of that for future reference.

3 MS. LINSTEIN: Okay.

4 PUBLIC COMENT MODERATOR: -- and if you will, please
5 at the mapper know what area you would like to discuss
6 today, the floor is yours.

7 MS. LINSTEIN: Thank you. Thank you for the
8 opportunity to give my input. My name is Sharon Linstein
9 (phonetic) and I am a professional in the entertainment
10 industry. And the area that I would like to discuss
11 today are the cities of Santa Clarita and Simi Valley.

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

13 MS. LINSTEIN: Okay. Thank you. Entertainment is
14 one of the region's top industries, and it is important
15 to have legislatures focus on keeping this business in
16 the state and of course, in their districts.

17 The Simi and Santa Clarita Valleys lie in what is
18 known as the thirty-mile zone, an estimated thirty-mile
19 radius from the intersection of Western and Beverly
20 Boulevards and north of La Cienega Boulevard. The studio
21 zone is a thirty-mile radius used by union film projects
22 to determine per diem rates and driving distances for
23 crew members.

24 So more filming is done inside that thirty-mile
25 radius, partly because of both Santa Clarita and Simi



1 Valley have economics that depend on the entertainment
2 industry. They have economies that depend on the
3 entertainment industry. Santa Clarita has more than
4 twenty soundstages and a dozen movie ranches, including
5 proposed Disney/ABC Studios at the Ranch Project.

6 Santa Clarita entertainment orientated businesses
7 include Blue Cloud Movie Ranch, Disney/ABC Studios at the
8 Ranch, Melody Ranch, Sable Movie Ranch, Santa Clarita
9 Studios and Motion Picture Ranch D-E-L-U-Z-A-T and more.

10 Simi Valley, also offers a multitude of movie
11 ranches and standing sets, including business district
12 backlots, office building interiors, which I have worked
13 in, Western cabins and post-production facilities. The
14 City of Simi Valley features six soundstages totaling
15 over 67,000 square feet, as well as an over 20,000 square
16 feet of workshop and production support areas.

17 Television shows and films that were shot in Simi
18 Valley include The Big Lebowski, Captain America, The
19 First Avenger, Poltergeist, Men in Black, NCIS and more.
20 Thus, it is essential to the economies of Santa Clarita
21 and Simi Valley that they are in a district together.
22 And again, thank you for allowing me to put my input in
23 today.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

25 I'd like to invite unique ID number 036 to use the



1 raise your hand button at the bottom of your screen as
2 you have an appointment during this session. That is
3 unique -- ah, 036, I do see your hand. We will be going
4 to the appointment this time and up next will be caller
5 1620. So right now be 036. I will be promoting you now.
6 036, your speaker order number.

7 MR. DEUTSCH: Oh, thank you very much. Is this
8 036's turn?

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: It is. Your speaker.
10 order number will be number 30. If you'll please make
11 note of that for future reference. And if you'll please
12 let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss,
13 the floor is yours.

14 MR. DEUTSCH: Okay. 30. I think I figured this out
15 a little bit late. Thanks, everybody. My name is Jon
16 Deutsch. While I serve as the president of the Los Feliz
17 Neighborhood Council, which is the part of Los Angeles
18 I'd like to talk about, I'm speaking today in my capacity
19 as an individual citizen.

20 I'm sure that you have heard by now and have heard
21 all sorts of arguments for considering the neighborhood
22 council boundaries in your deliberations. One thing I
23 wanted to add is that the last eighteen months or so has
24 seen an extraordinary amount of activity from volunteer
25 groups like neighborhood councils and other community

1 organizations, particularly when it comes to COVID
2 responses.

3 And a very good way to understand the cohesiveness
4 of a community in this part of Southern California, where
5 we have a lot of lines, is often to look at how these
6 groups work together.

7 For instance, here in Los Feliz, we -- while we are
8 near the borders of other cities, we work very closely
9 with our colleagues in the Hollywood Hills and in Atwater
10 Village and in East Hollywood and Silverlake and that
11 whole area there that's now being described by the hand.

12 And I encourage you in the process of your research
13 and deliberations, to look over the last year and a half
14 and see which groups have come together, because it's a
15 really good way to get a sense of our individual
16 communities who -- in our communities sort of work
17 together and speak together.

18 These are some very diverse neighborhoods, and
19 sometimes these groups can be real bridges between
20 different communities in and of themselves. And so I
21 know there are a lot of things for you to consider in
22 your deliberations going forward.

23 But I would certainly encourage you to look,
24 especially in the last 18 months, when folks really had
25 to sort of be creative. And when I think we were all

1 challenged to reconsider our ideas of community and
2 community responsibility could be a great way to
3 understand just where the landscape of Southern
4 California is.

5 I appreciate the three minutes, but you've got a lot
6 of folks to hear from. So thank you very much and thank
7 you for your service. This is an incredibly vital job
8 and I'm happy to live in a state where this decision is
9 being made by citizens just like me and not some other
10 powerful organization elsewhere. Thank you very much.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

12 Right now we are of caller 1620. And then up next
13 will be caller with the last four 7899. I'd like to
14 invite those other callers in the queue to please press
15 star 9 on their telephone keypad to raise their hand.
16 Please press star 9. This will raise your hand
17 indicating you wish to comment. I see those hands.

18 All right. Right now we be caller 1620. If you
19 will, please follow the prompts to unmute. Caller 1620,
20 you are unmuted. I have a couple of brief instructions
21 for you. Your speaker order number will be 31. If
22 you'll please make note of that for future reference.
23 And if you will, please let the mapper know what area you
24 would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

25 Can you hear me? Caller with the last four 1620.



1 MS. ALLEN: Hello?

2 PUBLIC COMENT MODERATOR: Hello. The floor is
3 yours.

4 MS. ALLEN: Can you hear me?

5 PUBLIC COMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can. Go ahead.

6 MS. ALLEN: All right. Hello. Thank you so much
7 for having me. Good afternoon, Commissioners. My name
8 is Cindy Allen, and I am the second district councilwoman
9 for The City of Long Beach.

10 I represent downtown Long Beach. And I represent --
11 which is mostly a densely populated area of the city and
12 home of the city's strongest economic drivers, commercial
13 business corridors and the port of Long Beach.

14 Our downtown core was hit hard by the COVID-19
15 pandemic, and representation is critical to Long Beach's
16 lasting economic recovery. And keeping our community
17 together will ensure we maintain strong representation in
18 The State Legislature and Congress to get the resources
19 and support we need to provide services to our businesses
20 and community leaders.

21 I am joining today the Keep Long Beach Together
22 Coalition to advocate for keeping our city together. The
23 Coalition includes: The Long Beach Economic Partnership,
24 Centro Cha, NAACP, Equity for Cambodians, The May Center,
25 The Long Beach Chamber of Commerce, Latinos in Action,



1 Cambodia Town, The Long Beach Nonprofit Partnership, the
2 Bixby Knolls Business Improvement District, Downtown
3 Business Alliance, the Long Beach Convention Center and
4 Visitors Bureau, The Long Beach Hospitality Alliance, The
5 Fura District, Long Beach Playhouse, The California
6 Apartment Association, Long Beach Opera, The Long Beach
7 Museum of Latin Art, International City Theater, Long
8 Beach Camerata Singers, Music Angelica, Long Beach Museum
9 of Art and Arts counsel for Long Beach.

10 So that's a lot of organizations that are really
11 concerned about this, many of these same organizations
12 fought ten years ago and also asked The State Independent
13 Redistricting Commission to also keep Long Beach
14 together. And it worked.

15 We are grateful for the efforts a decade ago through
16 California's Independent Redistricting Commission to
17 establish district lines that have kept Long Beach,
18 mostly together with the majority of the city and
19 prominent districts at The State and Congressional level.

20 The last redistricting lines have benefited the
21 diverse interests of our community in Long Beach. And we
22 ask that Long Beach retain this unity through the
23 upcoming redistricting process.

24 Earlier this year, The City of Long Beach
25 unanimously adopted our 2021 state legislative agenda,



1 and --

2 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

3 MS. ALLEN: -- our priority is to support
4 redistricting lines that preserve the geographic and
5 demographic integrity of the city and keep Long Beach
6 together.

7 Keeping our community together is essential for Long
8 Beach.

9 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

10 MS. ALLEN: And we want to make sure that
11 redistricting does not further divide Long Beach into
12 smaller districts. So thank you so much for your service
13 and I appreciate the time to speak with you today.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
15 now we have caller with the last four 7899. And then up
16 next, will be caller 1520.

17 Caller 7899, if you will, please follow the prompts
18 to unmute. Caller 7899, you are unmuted. I have a
19 couple of brief instructions for you. Your speaker order
20 number will be 32. If you will, please make note of that
21 for future reference. And if you please at the mapper
22 know what area you would like to discuss, the floor is
23 yours.

24 MR. CHRISTON-POPE: So hello and good evening,
25 Commissioners. My name is Giovanni Christon-Pope. And I



1 live in the Antelope Valley area, specifically West
2 Lancaster in the area by Antelope Valley College. And
3 that is the area that I am calling to talk about today in
4 regards to congressional redistricting.

5 So I do a lot of social equity work in the Antelope
6 Valley. And one of the things that I have come to
7 understand is that it is really important that when
8 communities are together, that the resources that
9 communities have also be located together and near each
10 other.

11 Now, unfortunately, when you have two congressional
12 districts going through about the same street, that
13 creates a division because unfortunately, members of that
14 community are not able to all get the same resources. So
15 for example, on K Street and on K-4 Street, two streets
16 that are adjacent to each other have different
17 congressional districts.

18 So that means that the areas that are located
19 westward of The City of Lancaster are not getting the
20 same representation as the communities in East Lancaster
21 and so forth and so on. That continues along also the
22 north and south corridor.

23 The reason that this is so important to me and so
24 important to the members of my local community is because
25 there should not be two Congressional Districts that are

1 located one street apart from each other, even though
2 they are both located within the same city. That is not
3 a condition that's conducive to equity.

4 And I hope that as the population increases and as
5 we delve further into the issues of redistricting, I hope
6 that the Commissioners will come to the conclusion that
7 all of the 25th Congressional District should be one
8 district, and then the communities of Fresno and
9 Bakersfield should stay specifically in the 23rd
10 Congressional District.

11 Thank you so much for the opportunity to speak this
12 evening, and thank you for all of the work that you're
13 doing.

14 VICE CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, caller for your input
15 thus far. Would you please be able to describe the
16 boundaries of what you consider the Antelope Valley?

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: One moment, Chair.

18 You're are unmuted.

19 MR. CHRISTON-POPE: Could you just repeat the last
20 five seconds of what you said? So sorry.

21 VICE CHAIR AHMAD: Yes. Yes, certainly. Would you
22 please be able to describe the boundaries of what you
23 consider the Antelope Valley?

24 MR. CHRISTON-POPE: Yes, of course. So when we
25 think about the Antelope Valley, most areas that come to



1 mind are, for example, Lancaster and Palmdale, which are
2 located in two separate Congressional Districts, Quartz
3 Hill, Antelope Acres, Leona Valley, Acton, Little Rock
4 and Lake Elizabeth.

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

6 MR. CHRISTON-POPE: No problem.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will have a
8 caller with the last four 1520. And then up next will be
9 caller 7839.

10 Caller 1520, if you will, please follow the prompts
11 to unmute. Call 1520, you are unmuted. I have a couple
12 of brief instructions for you. Your speaker order number
13 will be 33. If you will, please make note of that for
14 future reference. And if you'll please let the mapper
15 know what area you would like to discuss today, the floor
16 is yours.

17 MS. BEAK: Hello, everyone. Thank you all for your
18 work and service on this very important issue. My name
19 is Sonoba Beak (phonetic) and a resident of Diamond Bar.
20 My Assembly District is 55 and Senate District 29 and
21 Congressional 39. It covers currently, besides L.A.
22 County, northern part of cities of Orange County and one
23 city in San Bernardino County.

24 So I am calling today to express my support, but
25 consider it to be redistrict, to have the communities of



1 Walnut, Diamond Bar, Rowland Heights, Hacienda Heights,
2 West Covina, and the Phillips Ranch community of Pomona
3 to be in the same Congressional and State Legislative
4 districts. These communities are diverse and should
5 remain together. The demographics of these cities are
6 major Hispanic and Asian when combined, which is an
7 appropriate reflection of our area.

8 I'd also like to point out that the northern part of
9 my city of Diamond Bar is also part of Pomona Unified
10 School District. This includes sharing schools with the
11 Phillips Ranch community of Pomona. Phillips Ranch has
12 many similarities with Diamond Bar.

13 Both areas are made up of mostly single-family
14 homes, sharing similar demographics and are connected by
15 the 63. The Diamond Bar and other San Gabriel Valley
16 cities should be in the same districts as Phillips Ranch
17 and should include Cal Poly Pomona as well.

18 So my request is that please do consider this as
19 redistricting time is here because we are sort of
20 disconnected with the addition of the northern Orange
21 County cities when it comes for legislative elections and
22 attending all those. So that request is that if you
23 might consider that would be much helpful to us. And
24 thank you for your time. I appreciate it.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.



1 Up next we have caller with the last four 7839. And
2 then up next, we be caller 6570.

3 Caller 7839, if you would please follow the prompts
4 to a new at this time. Caller 7839, you are unmuted. I
5 have a couple of brief instructions for you. Your
6 speaker order number would be number 34. If you'll
7 please make note of that for future reference. And if
8 you will, please let the mapper know what area you would
9 like to discuss today, the floor is yours.

10 MS. BOELSMA: Yes, I would like to discuss Simi
11 Valley. My name is Daphne Boelsma and I have lived in
12 Simi Valley for thirty years. About ten years ago, when
13 the redistricting took place, they divided Simi Valley
14 and they excluded Moorpark. And I would like to suggest
15 that all of Simi Valley and Moorpark be included in
16 District 25.

17 Simi Valley and Moorpark are similar in
18 demographics. They have similar organizations that are
19 joint. Simi Valley and Moorpark are educated, middle
20 class. Both cities are prone to fires, and we share
21 resources, including the fire department, the sheriff's
22 department and the police departments.

23 We are a very diverse community and the natural
24 progression of expanding based on the numbers would be to
25 include the rest of Simi Valley and incorporate Moorpark



1 into the 25th Congressional District.

2 I thank you so much for the opportunity to be able
3 to speak, and thank you for your efforts in meeting the
4 needs of all these communities that are call it, people
5 that are calling in. I thank you for your service and
6 have a fantastic evening. Thank you.

7 PUBLIC COMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

8 Up next will be caller 6570. And then up next will
9 be caller 2083. Right now, will be caller 6570. If you
10 will, please follow the prompts to unmute. Caller 6570,
11 you are unmuted. I have a couple of brief instructions
12 for you.

13 Your speaker order number will be 35. If you will,
14 please make note of that for future reference. And if
15 you will, please let the mapper know what area you would
16 like to discuss today, the floor is yours.

17 MS. BAUMANN: Thank you so much. I'd like to speak
18 about Long Beach, California. And good evening,
19 Commissioners. My name is Sara Bauman, and I'm speaking
20 on behalf of Long Beach Transit and our president and CEO
21 Kenneth McDonald. LBT is here in support of The City of
22 Long Beach's positioned to maintain its current district
23 line.

24 LBT maintains a very strong relationship with its
25 elected federal and state representative and efforts to



1 provide essential transit services to its customers in
2 the Long Beach service area. Additionally, LBT
3 contributes to the well-being of the community by meeting
4 climate goals using clean air technology and supporting
5 job creation.

6 LBT is actively working towards creating a zero-
7 emission transportation future. The agency is only
8 purchasing zero emission busses to meet the goal of
9 having a one hundred percent zero emission fleet by 2030.

10 LBT relies heavily on our federal and state
11 representatives to ensure funding is available to support
12 this significant initiative. Without proper state and
13 federal funding over the next decade, LBT may not be able
14 to meet our zero-emission goals while expanding ridership
15 and delivering essential transit service.

16 Thousands of residents in Long Beach rely on LBT for
17 service that is accessible to all safe, clean and
18 reliable. LBT wants to continue to provide this
19 exceptional level of service to support the city's
20 mobility needs.

21 To that end, LBT looks forward to continuing the
22 strong relationship we have with our representatives and
23 supports The City of Long Beach's efforts to maintain the
24 current district lines and keep Long Beach together.
25 Thank you so much.



1 PUBLIC COMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

2 Right now we have caller with the last four 2083.

3 And up next will be caller with the last four 3299.

4 Caller 2083, if you will, please follow the prompts
5 to unmute at this time. Caller 2083, you are unmuted. I
6 have a couple of brief instructions for you. Your
7 speaker order number would be number 36. If you please
8 make note of that for a future reference. And if you
9 will, please let the mapper know what area you would like
10 to discuss today, the floor is yours.

11 MS. BAUTISTA: [In Spanish].

12 MR. MANOFF: Pardon? Pardon? Pardon, caller?

13 PUBLIC COMENT MODERATOR: Margarita?

14 MS. BAUTISTA: [In Spanish].

15 THE INTERPRETER: [In Spanish].

16 MS. BAUTISTA: [In Spanish].

17 THE INTERPRETER: Would you like me to go ahead and
18 do the translation of the instructions? Or are you --

19 PUBLIC COMENT MODERATOR: If you could just
20 translate her input, please.

21 THE INTERPRETER: Okay. [In Spanish].

22 MS. BAUTISTA: [In Spanish]. Okay. The interpreter
23 asked the speaker to pause, to be able to interpret, and
24 then she may continue.

25 MS. BAUTISTA: Hello. My name is Betty Bautista and



1 I'm part of Chula. I live in the Antelope Valley. I've
2 been living there for about four years and I'm here to
3 talk about my immigrant community.

4 We are a community of Latinos who speak Spanish and
5 we are hardworking community members. We work in homes
6 and doing housekeeping. We do gardening. We do
7 construction work. We are very hardworking people.

8 And the interpreter will ask the speaker to
9 continue. [In Spanish].

10 MS. BAUTISTA: So the majority of the immigrant
11 workers travel to work in the Santa Clarita area and Los
12 Angeles to be able to work in factories. And the
13 immigrant population mostly rents, apartments or some
14 mobile homes. And those who are able to afford to live
15 in a house are able -- are barely able to make the
16 payments for their house.

17 So the monthly payment is really expensive and most
18 immigrant families are low income. These celebrations
19 that are offered in the Palmdale area include summertime
20 night event where there is a band that comes, there's
21 food. There is celebration that occurs.

22 And the interpreter will ask the speaker to
23 continue. [In Spanish]. But if our cigar is still owned
24 by the bassist.

25 MS. BAUTISTA: Okay. So the cross streets where I

1 live close to are the Palmdale Boulevard, Pearl --

2 THE INTERPRETER: The interpreter had difficulty
3 understanding one of the street, the names of the
4 streets, Pear Blossom and Sierra Highway.

5 Ms. Bautista: And there is a way to be able to
6 commute between Lancaster using the highway as well,
7 Lancaster and Palmdale. [In Spanish].

8 MS. BAUTISTA: Okay. And the highway or freeway
9 that connects us is the 14 freeway, which goes from
10 Lancaster to Santa Clarita to the 504 freeway for Los
11 Angeles, or also going up north. [In Spanish].

12 THE INTERPRETER:: The interpreter will ask the
13 speaker to repeat the last part, because there is an
14 echo. [In Spanish].

15 MR. MANOFF: [In Spanish].

16 THE INTERPRETER:: [In Spanish].

17 MR. MANOFF: [In Spanish].

18 MS. BAUTISTA: It's really important for the
19 Commission to take into consideration the separation that
20 currently exists in the Antelope Valley. Lancaster --
21 part of Lancaster is in one district and the other part
22 is -- belongs to another district. And what we would
23 like is for the -- for Lancaster to be together -- to be
24 kept together.

25 VICE CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you. Caller, before you

1 leave, I do have two questions. If I can have those
2 relayed. I just wanted to confirm that one of the other
3 streets that was mentioned was Pear Blossom.

4 THE INTERPRETER:: [In Spanish].

5 MS. BAUTISTA: Pear Blossom and Sierra Highway.

6 VICE CHAIR AHMAD: Great. Thank you. And then the
7 other question I had was, if you can ask the caller,
8 caller, would you be able to please describe what is the
9 Antelope Valley? What are the boundaries on the north,
10 west, east and south?

11 THE INTERPRETER:: [In Spanish].

12 MS. BAUTISTA: Well, it's very split up. It's very
13 divided. And we would like for it to be united so that
14 we have -- and we can have better access to education,
15 medicine, civil rights, labor rights, and to be able to
16 have that unity.

17 VICE CHAIR AHMAD: Just one more time. If I can ask
18 if the caller, can you please name any of the cities that
19 you consider within the Antelope Valley?

20 THE INTERPRETER:: [In Spanish].

21 MS. BAUTISTA: Well, there's Little Rock, Rosamond,
22 Lancaster, Santa Clarita, and Acton. Well, and those are
23 the ones that are more or less closest.

24 VICE CHAIR AHMAD: Gracias. Thank you.

25 THE INTERPRETER:: Gracias.



1 MS. BAUTISTA: Thank you.

2 PUBLIC COMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

3 Right now we have a caller with the last four 3299.

4 And then up next will be caller 3497.

5 Caller 3299, if you will, please follow the prompts
6 to unmute. Caller 3299, I have a couple of brief
7 instructions for you. You are unmuted. Your speaker
8 order number will be 37. If you'll please make note of
9 that for future reference. And if you'll please let the
10 mapper know what area you would --

11 Hello?

12 PUBLIC COMENT MODERATOR: Hello?

13 [In Spanish].

14 THE INTERPRETER:: Yes, I speak Spanish.

15 PUBLIC COMENT MODERATOR: [In Spanish].

16 Gracias.

17 PUBLIC COMENT MODERATOR: Margarita?

18 THE INTERPRETER:: Yes?

19 PUBLIC COMENT MODERATOR: Your speaker order number
20 will be number 37. And if you will, please let the
21 mapper know what area you would like to discuss today,
22 the interpreter will interpret.

23 THE INTERPRETER:: [In Spanish].

24 Regarding the Antelope Valley.

25 THE INTERPRETER:: The interpreter is going to



1 instruct the caller to please speak in shorter -- in
2 short phrases. [In Spanish].

3 MS. DIAZ: Hello. My name is Nora Diaz and I'm an
4 immigrant. I'm part of Chula. I've been living in the
5 Antelope Valley since 2006. And I'm speaking as an
6 immigrant person with three immigrant children who
7 also -- who have DAPA.

8 There are two libraries a big one that --

9 THE INTERPRETER:: [In Spanish].

10 MS. DIAZ: There are two libraries, a big one, which
11 is located on Lancaster Boulevard. And then there's also
12 a smaller one that is by The City Hall. And there are
13 services that are provided by the schools, as well as a
14 child care center for children.

15 THE INTERPRETER:: [In Spanish].

16 MS. DIAZ: So the parks are well taken care of.
17 However, they have not been remodeled in many years
18 because of lack of resources. There's the park that is
19 on 30 East Street and also the park that is located --

20 THE INTERPRETER:: The interpreter is going to ask
21 for a repetition. [In Spanish].

22 MS. DIAZ: Oh, on 30th. It's located on 30th Street
23 and R. And the children would benefit by having more
24 activities available to them at the parks.

25 THE INTERPRETER:: [In Spanish].

1 MS. DIAZ: And the health services that are
2 available for immigrants are only at one clinic, which
3 does not provide emergency services. And the one that
4 provides it is, the Well Healthy Clinic, which --

5 THE INTERPRETER:: [In Spanish].

6 MS. DIAZ: Oh, Wealthy, Healthy Center. Yeah.
7 these people are well, healthy clinic getting full.

8 THE INTERPRETER:: [In Spanish].

9 MS. DIAZ: So that Wealthy, Healthy Center only
10 provides general or regular medical services. In order
11 to receive other services -- other health services such
12 as mammograms, we would have to go to the Lancaster
13 Imaging Center, which you need to earn 800 or less than
14 \$800 every two weeks in order to be able to qualify for
15 services. And if you want to receive emergency services,
16 then you have to go to the Olive View Medical Center in
17 Simi.

18 THE INTERPRETER:: [In Spanish].

19 MS. DIAZ: In Simi Valley, Olive View. I'm sorry.
20 Sylmar Avenue. Yes.

21 And since I've been living in my community, I've had
22 to be able to survive by using public transportation, the
23 one that is called ABC. But in order to use that bus,
24 you need to be able to plan, to be able to walk there and
25 be able to take that bus in and have that service.

1 MR. MANOFF: [In Spanish].

2 MS. DIAZ: Yes. So the route that is mostly used is
3 route 1, which is from the center of Lancaster to go to
4 Palmdale. But in order to go to more rural areas or to
5 be able to go to a community college, you need to take
6 two busses or more to be able to get there.

7 And it's even more difficult for the young people
8 who have -- who go to Northridge College because there's
9 only one bus that takes you there. And it only comes by
10 three times a day to be able to go to Northridge.

11 MR. MANOFF: Excuse me, please. The caller is at
12 time, but there are some additional questions from the
13 Chair, please.

14 THE INTERPRETER:: [In Spanish].

15 MS. DIAZ: Of course.

16 S3: And the school PSA letter. Meanwhile, the
17 improper role in our president that we must prevent this
18 process.

19 VICE CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, caller, for your input
20 so far. Would you please be able to describe the
21 Antelope Valley either by boundaries or naming cities
22 that are within the Antelope Valley?

23 THE INTERPRETER:: [In Spanish].

24 MS. DIAZ: That's Little Rock, Rosamond, Santa
25 Clarita, Acton.



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

2 THE INTERPRETER:: [In Spanish].

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

4 Right now, we will have a caller with the last four
5 3497. And then up next, will be caller with the last
6 four 0565. 3497, if you will, please follow the prompts
7 to unmute. Caller 3497, you are unmuted. I have a
8 couple of brief instructions for you. Your speaker order
9 number would be number 38. If you will, please make note
10 of that for future reference. And if you will, please
11 let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss
12 today, the floor is yours.

13 MR. SUTHERLAND: Hello. My name is Scott
14 Sutherland. We live in Lancaster, California. I'm
15 calling to discuss the 25th Congressional District as
16 opposed to the 23rd Congressional District.

17 The Antelope Valley has been divided for quite some
18 time. Part of the Antelope Valley is in the 23rd
19 District, which includes Bakersfield and Fresno. And
20 part of the Antelope Valley is in the 25th District,
21 which includes Santa Clarita, Simi Valley.

22 And so I'm calling to advocate that the 25th
23 District be the main place for the Antelope Valley. It
24 seems that the committee needs to know what the Antelope
25 Valley is. That's a very difficult question to answer,



1 because it depends on whether you're talking about school
2 districts, economics, whether you're talking about
3 geography, or whether you're talking about
4 transportation.

5 So in each of those different areas, the Antelope
6 Valley can be defined differently and agriculture is
7 another one. So for instance, aerospace is a huge
8 industry up here in the Antelope Valley. If you were to
9 describe aerospace as the Antelope Valley, it would start
10 with Tehachapi in the north, go to Mojave, Edwards Air
11 Force Base down to Rosamond, Lancaster, Palmdale, Little
12 Rock, Lake Los Angeles, Leona Valley. And that would be
13 about it.

14 If you're talking about transportation and
15 commuting, then you would start with Tehachapi. You
16 would go down through Mojave, Rosamond, Lancaster,
17 Palmdale, Little Rock, Lake Los Angeles, Leonia Valley,
18 Acton, Simi Valley, Santa Clarita -- and I'm sorry, not
19 Santa Clarita. And even as far down as Sylmar.

20 If you're talking about school districts, we have a
21 very interesting situation in the Lancaster-Palmdale
22 area. We have seven school districts. The high school
23 district is separate. It goes to Gorman. It goes all
24 the way out to like Los Angeles and all the way down to
25 Palmdale and Lancaster. But then we have separate

1 districts for Acton and Leona Valley. We have
2 elementary, K-12 districts. All of these are divided
3 into two different Congressional Districts.

4 If you're talking about transportation, then you're
5 talking about the 14 corridor that goes all the way from
6 the 58 by Mojave down to --

7 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

8 MR. SUTHERLAND: -- Santa Clarita. So basically
9 what we're talking about is a divided community that's
10 been divided along just about every single kind of factor
11 you can have, whether it be law enforcement, whether it
12 be --

13 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

14 MR. SUTHERLAND: -- any other thing. And so what we
15 need is the whole Antelope Valley, Simi Valley, Moorpark,
16 Santa Clarita, Rosamond, Mojave, Tehachapi, all the way
17 out to Lake Los Angeles. All the way over --

18 MR. MANOFF: Time.

19 MR. SUTHERLAND: -- in Leona Valley.

20 VICE CHAIR AHMAD: Caller, if you're still there, I
21 do have a clarifying question.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: One moment, Chair.

23 MR. SUTHERLAND: Hello.

24 VICE CHAIR AHMAD: Yes, hello. Thank you so much
25 for your input thus far. And you are correct. We are



1 looking for an understanding of what is the Antelope
2 Valley. So would you please be able to describe what you
3 would like to keep together?

4 MR. SUTHERLAND: Okay. So I would like to draw the
5 boundary as widely as possible because the most common
6 interest would be included. And that would go up to
7 Tehachapi in the north, through Mojave, through Rosamond,
8 which are all in Kern County, but still aerospace
9 complex, Palmdale, and Lancaster, which are divided,
10 divided right now to two districts. These cities have
11 250, 300,000 people and they're divided.

12 And then you have Little Rock like Los Angeles going
13 up towards Victorville. You have Antelope Acres, which
14 is a separate community. You have Neenach on the way to
15 Gorman. You have Gorman, which is a part of this same
16 complex of canyons and transportation corridors.

17 Then you go down to Acton, down to Santa Clarita.
18 Simi Valley. It wouldn't bother me at all of Moorpark
19 was a part of this, because it's also part of the same
20 economic structure for bedroom communities, for fire
21 dangers, for law enforcement. There's a number of
22 different areas in which having this representation in
23 this area, which should be in a single place.

24 Right now, we're divided. And the representation is
25 not even. Just from my point of view, the agricultural

1 representation that's typical for the Central Valley,
2 where the 23rd District is, has no relationship at all to
3 the 25th District, where we have bedroom community,
4 aerospace, transportation, education issues in common.

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

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

7 Right now we have caller 0565. And then up next, we
8 will have caller 7960.

9 Caller 0565, if you will please follow the prompts
10 to unmute at this time. 0565, you are unmuted. I have a
11 couple of brief instructions for you. Your speaker order
12 number will be number 39. If you will, please make note
13 of that for future reference. And if you will, please
14 let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss
15 today, the floor is yours.

16 MS. JONES: I would like to discuss Simi Valley.

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

18 MS. JONES: Hi. My name is Jennifer Jones. And I
19 am a resident of Simi Valley. And I am hoping that we
20 can keep all of -- we can keep Simi Valley whole and we
21 can also include Moorpark. I would like to reiterate,
22 because I have called a couple of times that I think we
23 should be kept in the 25th Congressional District.

24 In regards to first Simi Valley and Moorpark, along
25 with Santa Clarita, they're prone to wildfires, so we do



1 share some resources in regards to that. Another aspect
2 in regards to specifically Simi Valley and Santa Clarita,
3 we have a lot of people who are employed by JPL and they
4 are regards to working on a lot of projects with NASA.
5 There's a lot of carpooling that happens. We have
6 synergy with Santa Clarita, Simi Valley, and Moorpark.

7 We consider Moorpark our sister city. We have some
8 (audio interference). We think that our needs with Simi
9 Valley and Moorpark are best suited with the 25th
10 Congressional District, such as Lancaster, Palmdale,
11 Santa Clarita, and Porter Ranch.

12 Simi Valley and Moorpark have become a lot more
13 diverse over the years, and we have seen an increase in
14 minorities and therefore we are hoping that we are kept
15 in the 25th in order to continue to have those minorities
16 serve on the federal level in their best interest.

17 And then I would also like to touch briefly on the
18 38th Assembly in regards to Simi Valley and Santa
19 Clarita. As I stated before, we have this synergy with
20 Santa Clarita. Those cities are prone to wildfires.
21 Both cities have a lot of individuals that are employed
22 by JPL, and we also have a little bit of aerospace in
23 Simi Valley, but it is predominantly over in Santa
24 Clarita.

25 And I just wanted to thank all of you for your hard

1 work. And also thank you very much for taking the time
2 to listen to me speak. And you have a good evening.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

4 Right now we have caller with the last four 7960.

5 I like to ask caller with the last four 7693, if you
6 wish to give comment this evening, would you please press
7 star 9 on your telephone keypad? This will raise your
8 hand. But right now caller 7960 does have their hand
9 raised.

10 If you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by
11 pressing star 6. Caller 7960, you are unmuted. I have a
12 couple of brief instructions. Your speaker order number
13 will be 40. If you are will, please make note of that
14 for future reference. And if you will, please at the
15 mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the
16 floor is yours.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi, everyone. Good evening.
18 We'd like to speak on the area of South-Central L.A.

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

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi, everyone. My name is
21 Carlos. I was raised in South Central L.A., which is.
22 South of downtown L.A. West of west L.A. It's an area
23 that is part of three districts CD 8, CD 9, and CD 10.
24 It's a predominately black and brown community. It has
25 been for many, many decades.



1 We've gone through several civil unrests, years of
2 redlining, disinvestment, and a lot of -- lot of policy
3 conflicts with -- that have been really negatively
4 impacting our community.

5 We have a huge part of Latino immigrant community
6 and we've created a really well diverse and strong
7 specific black and brown communities that we've been able
8 to create spaces that have created a specific culture
9 like South L.A. Cafe and other places that have created a
10 sense of pride in our community.

11 Our area currently is from the 10 Freeway, all the
12 way to pasta 105 by Imperial from Alameda all the way to
13 Windsor Hills, Crenshaw. And as we've known that ten
14 years ago, parts of USC which were, you know, beyond the
15 10 freeway, were taken away and/or the areas that were
16 assets for our predominately black community.

17 We've seen how redistricting and other practices
18 have constantly exacerbated poverty and policies that
19 keep disempowering our community. So as we become
20 stronger and have greater political support, we are
21 asking to please be aware of that as displacement,
22 homelessness, and gentrification continues to occur, it's
23 very important that we stay together and that we continue
24 to work through the ongoing attack from our community and
25 to make sure that we do have the right representation in

1 this space.

2 So that's pretty much what I wanted to share. We
3 know that there's been ongoing shifts on the edges of
4 South L.A. and we just want to make sure that our
5 community stays protected and supported and not to lose
6 any more territory because of the representation that we
7 need. Thank you.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

9 And again, caller with the last four 7693, if you
10 wish to give comment this evening, please press star 9 on
11 your telephone keypad. And we do have a raised hand.

12 Caller 7693, if you will please follow the prompts
13 to unmute by pressing star 6. Caller 7693, you are
14 unmuted. Your speaker order number will be 41. If
15 you'll please make note of that for future reference.
16 And if you'll please let the mapper know what area you
17 would like to discuss today, the floor is yours.

18 Can you hear me?

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: 5Yes. I said I already spoke
20 today. Thank you for your time.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh, well, thank you so
22 much. And that is all of our callers at this time,
23 Chair.

24 VICE CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Katy.

25 I just want to take a moment to remind everyone that



1 there are numerous ways to provide public input to the
2 Commission. This setting is one of those ways our
3 community of interest public input meetings. They are
4 continuing to take place virtually throughout the summer.
5 You can visit wedrawthelinesca.org for more information
6 about our meeting schedule.

7 You can also utilize the communities of interest
8 mapping tool that can be found directly from our website
9 or drawmycacommunity.org. On our web site, we also have
10 a direct link to our Community of interest tool along
11 with additional ways to participate. You can do so by
12 sending us an email at VotersFIRSTAct@CRC.CA.gov. Or you
13 can send us mail to the headquarters at California
14 Citizens Redistricting Commission 721 Capitol Mall, Suite
15 260 Sacramento, California 95814.

16 We are just a few minutes away from our mandatory
17 break to allow some rest time for our amazing ASL
18 interpreters. When we return from break, Commissioner
19 Taylor will take us through to the end of our meeting
20 today. We will open up the phone lines for public
21 comment, just general public comment as well as public
22 input. With that, let's meet back here at 7:30.

23 (Whereupon, a recess was held)

24 CHAIR TAYLOR: Welcome back. Just a reminder to
25 visit our website at wedrawthelinesca.org. You can also



1 sign up for our emails to learn more about commission
2 meetings, updates, and announcements. Please connect
3 with us on social media. We are on Facebook, Instagram,
4 Twitter, LinkedIn and YouTube. Again, our handle is
5 @wedrawthelinesca.

6 Again, welcome back to the California Citizen's
7 Redistricting Commission input meeting, COI. This
8 session is specifically dedicated to those that did not
9 have an appointment. However, if you had an appointment
10 and were not -- and were unable to call in during your
11 time block, we encourage you to call in now.

12 We will continue to take public input at this time
13 and also invite public comment at this time. The phone
14 line for public input and public comment will close at 8
15 p.m. We will get to all the callers who were in the
16 queue at that time to include going beyond 8 p.m. if
17 needed. I will pass this over to Katy, our comment
18 moderator.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, Chair.

20 In order to maximize transparency and public
21 participation in our process, the Commissioners will be
22 taking community of interest input and general public
23 comment for items not on the agenda by phone at this time
24 to call in detail the telephone number provided on the
25 livestream feed. It is 877-853-5247.



1 When prompted to enter the meeting ID number
2 provided on the livestream feed, it is 88102278556 for
3 this meeting. When prompted to enter a participant ID
4 simply press the pound key. Once you have dialed in
5 you'll be placed in a queue. To indicate you wish to
6 comment, please press star 9. This will raise your hand
7 for the moderator.

8 When it is your turn to speak, you will hear a
9 message that says the host would like you to talk and to
10 press star 6 to speak. If you would like to give your
11 name, please stay and spell it for the record. You are
12 not required to write your name to give public comment.

13 Please make sure to mute your computer or livestream
14 audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during your
15 call. Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for
16 when it's your turn to speak. And again, please turn
17 down the livestream volume.

18 At this time, we have a with the last four digits,
19 8668. And then up next will be caller 7593.

20 Caller with the last four 8668, if you will, please
21 follow the prompts to unmute. Caller 86 -- 8688, if you
22 will, please press star 6. Again, caller 8688, if you
23 will, please press star 6 on your telephone keypad to
24 unmute at this time.

25 Caller with the last four digits of your telephone



1 number 8688, if you will, please press star 6 on your
2 telephone keypad. Okay. Caller 8688, I am going to have
3 to go to the next caller if you will please call back and
4 raise your hand again.

5 Right now, we'll be going to caller 7593. If you
6 will, please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing
7 star 6. Caller 7593, you are unmuted. I have a couple
8 of brief instructions for you. Your speaker order number
9 will be number 42. If you will, please make note of that
10 for future reference. And if you will, please let the
11 mapper know what area you would like to discuss today,
12 the floor is yours.

13 Can you hear me? Hello? Caller --

14 MR. LEE: Can you hear me?

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

16 The floor is yours.

17 MR. LEE: Sorry about that. My name is Daniel Lee.
18 I'm going to speak very briefly and very generally about
19 Los Angeles County and about the need to keep all of the
20 districts within Los Angeles County intact.

21 I think losing a district in any part of Los Angeles
22 County would eliminate some of the specificity and
23 neighborhood nature of some of these districts that have
24 had similar lines for a very, very long time.

25 I think it would make a lot more sense to eliminate



1 and/or consolidate one district, as is needed in
2 California and a less populous area than Los Angeles
3 County, because frankly, we need more districts and more
4 populated areas like Los Angeles County and not less. So
5 I hope there is some effort to retain what we have in the
6 L.A. Basin. Thank you.

7 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we have a caller
9 7374. And then up next will be caller 7916.

10 Caller 7374, if you will please follow the prompts
11 to unmute at this time. Caller 7374, you are unmuted.
12 Your speaker order number would be number 43. If you
13 are, please make note of that for future reference. And
14 if you have an area you would like to discuss please that
15 the mapper know what that is, and the floor is yours.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you, Commissioners, for
17 taking the time to listen to all the communities here
18 today and to myself. My name is Barry and today I would
19 like to speak to the community of the San Fernando
20 Valley.

21 So Mulholland Drive is the southern border of the
22 San Fernando Valley at the top of the Hollywood Hills.
23 The Valley includes all the neighborhoods on the north
24 side of the hills: Sherman Oaks, Encino, Woodland Hills,
25 Reseda, North Ridge. And much like the robust Little



1 League system in the San Fernando Valley, each
2 neighborhood is equipped with their own neighborhood
3 council, which represents them before the city. So these
4 counsels are further organized within the Valley Alliance
5 of Neighborhood councils, which in turn seeks to
6 coordinate the empowerment of the Valley as a whole.

7 So I mention this in order to illustrate that the
8 valley currently exists as a political entity. It may
9 not be its own city, though it's certainly big enough,
10 but it is currently acting as a community of shared
11 political interest.

12 So both the Valley Economic Alliance and the Valley
13 Industry and Commerce Association, two organizations born
14 out of the Northridge earthquake, as I understand it, are
15 further examples of the San Fernando Valley acting as its
16 own economic community of interest in addition to its own
17 political group.

18 There is, however, one other thing that the
19 community of the San Fernando Valley holds in common
20 is -- that the communities of the San Fernando Valley
21 hold in common much stronger than any political or
22 economic ties that bind them, and that is their shared
23 isolation from the West Side due to traffic congestion
24 through the Sepulveda Pass.

25 Attempting to move between the Valley and the West

1 Side through the Sepulveda Pass can drive anybody crazy.
2 The traffic is terrible. It's even reported that Elon
3 Musk was sitting in traffic in the Sepulveda Pass when he
4 received inspiration for his boring company that would
5 allow him to tunnel under the cars sitting in traffic in
6 front of him.

7 And as of yet no such tunnels have been made. But
8 if anyone is going to successfully expand transit
9 opportunities for the San Fernando Valley, it's going to
10 be groups like the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood
11 Councils, the ICA and the VEA, so groups that may
12 effectively advocate for the valley as a whole.

13 So as you draw the lines, please do your best to
14 protect the population of the San Fernando Valley and do
15 not attach valley folks to districts with majority
16 populations that are outside of the Valley. Thank you
17 very much.

18 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, caller. Are you still
19 there?

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I am.

21 CHAIR TAYLOR: Can you describe for me in your own
22 words what the east, west, north, and south borders are
23 of the San Fernando Valley?

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I don't know specifically
25 where those are. But the separation between the entire



1 Valley and the West Side through Sepulveda Pass, to me,
2 feels like the most important thing to keep intact.
3 Thank you.

4 PUBLIC COMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will have
5 caller with the last four 7916. And then up next will be
6 caller with the last four 0956.

7 Caller 7916, if you will, please follow the prompts
8 to unmute at this time. Caller 7916, your speaker order
9 number will be 44. If you'll please make note of that
10 for future reference. And if you have an area you would
11 like to discuss, please let the mapper know what that is.
12 The floor is yours.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thanks very much. Can you
14 hear me okay?

15 PUBLIC COMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Great. Hello, Commissioners.
17 My name is Ben, and I'm calling to talk about the famous
18 San Fernando Valley, which includes communities such as
19 Encino, made famous in Encino Man, Sherman Oaks, from the
20 Fast Times at Ridgemont High and many others.

21 In the last fifteen plus years, I've lived and
22 worked on both sides of the Hollywood Hills, The City and
23 the valley. And I would like the Commissioners to
24 consider the particular way in which the San Fernando
25 Valley has been celebrated in popular culture over the



1 years as a sort of doppelganger, contrasting with the
2 glitzy Hollywood and Beverly Hills side of this
3 industry town.

4 In no film is this cultural dichotomy between the
5 Valley and the West Side, better explored than in David
6 Lynch's aptly titled *Mulholland Drive*. As you're surely
7 aware, *Mulholland* winds along the crest of the Hollywood
8 hills, representing both a physical and philosophical
9 boundary between the San Fernando Valley and the West
10 Side.

11 And in Lynch's dreamlike vision, people literally
12 change when they cross *Mulholland*. His characters forget
13 who they are, stumble down the wrong side of the hill and
14 sneak into homes that are not even their own. Of course,
15 Lynch presses this theme into the surreal as his two
16 leads Naomi Watts and then Laura Haring each split into
17 two competing characters.

18 Lynch's symbolism couldn't be clearer that the San
19 Fernando Valley is a separate world from the West Side,
20 with a different personality and an appeal to different
21 people.

22 As the commissioners draw the lines, I ask that you
23 remember this masterpiece Academy Award winning film and
24 remember that *Mulholland* separates more than just one
25 side of the mountain from another. Thank you.

1 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

3 Caller 0956. Then up next is caller and user 1,
4 which I believe is also a blocked caller.

5 So caller 0956, if you'll please follow the prompts
6 to unmute.

7 S2: Hello?

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, hello. You are
9 unmuted. I have a couple brief instructions for you.
10 Your speaker order number will be number 45. If you'll
11 please make note of that for future reference. And if
12 you have an area you would like to discuss, please let
13 the mapper know what that is, and the floor is yours.

14 MS. KUMAR: Hi, my name is Naheed Kumar and I live
15 in the Santa Clarita Valley area. And I just wanted
16 to -- I think some of the folks talked about San Fernando
17 Valley earlier and trying to keep that distinct from the
18 other areas of L.A. County.

19 We're in a similar situation in Santa Clarita
20 Valley, where we are another hill or another set of
21 mountains north of San Fernando Valley, but we're still
22 in L.A. County and the communities within Santa Clarita
23 Valley, such as Stevenson Ranch, Valencia, The City of
24 Santa Clarita itself, Canyon Country, all of these share
25 a common interest, especially around transportation with



1 the traffic jams that some of the folks talked about
2 going into the main basin of L.A. and other areas of the
3 state. And that's a common shared concern.

4 We also have concerns around wildfire management,
5 where further inland, where it gets really, really hot
6 compared to the rest of the L.A. County and dry. So our
7 wildfire risks are high.

8 We also share a lot of resources in terms of our
9 schools. We have multiple school districts that kind of
10 feed into each other. So we have a lot of common
11 interests and it would be our -- my recommendation would
12 be to keep that community whole.

13 And in similar districts, when you do draw the
14 line -- and our interests are similar to San Fernando
15 Valley, but in some aspects, you know, we are a little
16 bit different as well. So definitely keep us together
17 for sure.

18 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Up next is going to be
20 call in user 1. I'd like to invite those in the queue to
21 please press star 9 to raise your hand indicating you
22 wish to comment. Again, please press star 9 to raise
23 your hand indicating you wish to comment.

24 At this time, we do have call in user one. Please
25 follow the prompts that you hear from Zoom at this time.



1 Call in user 1, you are unmuted. I have a couple of
2 brief instructions for you. Your speaker order number
3 will be number 45. If you'll please make note of that
4 for future reference. And if you will, please let the
5 mapper know what area you would like to discuss today,
6 the floor is yours. Oh, one moment. You are 46. I
7 apologize. Now the floor is yours.

8 S1: Thank you. This is public comment as well
9 as --

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, public comment as
11 well.

12 S1: Okay. So I just wanted to speak about
13 neighborhood council for The City of Los Angeles. Just
14 for background, because there were some reference made,
15 several references made during this meeting. The City of
16 Los Angeles has ninety-nine neighborhood -- certified
17 neighborhood councils. They comprise most of the area of
18 The City of Los Angeles.

19 But there are a few communities that don't have
20 certified neighborhood councils. Two of them by choice
21 Pacific Palisades and Brentwood. They have community
22 councils that are -- but the rest of the city has
23 certified neighborhood councils, with a few small
24 exceptions.

25 And while some communities may have a neighborhood



1 councils that encompasses the entire community, there are
2 some communities that have multiple neighborhood
3 councils. But in all cases, with regards to the
4 legislative districts that this commission is charged
5 with, the population of those legislative districts far
6 exceeds the population of the neighborhood council.

7 So there is -- for those areas that have multiple
8 neighborhood councils such as Northridge or North
9 Hollywood or Hollywood, it could very easily be that
10 those neighborhood councils that are a subset of those
11 communities could be combined together and there would be
12 no objection.

13 And I think what the objection has been by many of
14 the neighborhood councils, not all, but many, was when
15 they're divided, they're split apart in some of the
16 legislative lines. And that is something that the
17 Commission should consider.

18 And you know, there are a number of examples that
19 one that comes to mind for State Legislative boundaries
20 is in the North Valley Devonshire Street was used for its
21 State Senate, and for I think for State Assembly.

22 So and that that divided several neighborhood
23 counsel because the dividing line the 118 freeway which
24 is a much more of a significant boundary line, both
25 physically but also in terms of zip codes, in terms of

1 community names, et cetera. So that's just an example.

2 I would ask that the commission look at every one of
3 these as you're going through and just see, you know,
4 what, what happened ten years ago and just try not to
5 repeat a -- drawing those lines so that they split of
6 State Legislative or Congressional Districts in different
7 cities for --

8 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- individual neighborhood
10 councils. Thank you very much.

11 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

12 And to our listening public, the phone lines will be
13 closing in at 8 p.m. Please get in the queue so we can
14 listen to your input before adjourning the meeting for
15 the day. And it's your all yours, Katy.

16 PUBLIC COMENT MODERATOR: All right. Right now we
17 have caller 2054. And then up next, we will have caller
18 8688.

19 Caller 2054, if you will, please follow the prompts
20 to unmute. Caller 2054, you are unmuted. I have a
21 couple of brief instructions for you. Your speaker order
22 number will be 47. If you would please make note of that
23 for future reference. And if you'll please let the
24 mapper know of an area if you would like to discuss it,
25 the floor is yours.



1 MS. ACREE: Good evening. I'm calling to keep Long
2 Beach together. My name is Rhiannon Acree. And I have
3 lived in Long Beach now for forty years and have actually
4 worked here for forty years. I'm also on the Long Beach
5 Chamber Board and do follow the legislation as much as
6 possible.

7 So the reason I feel that Long Beach should stay
8 together is I serve the people of Long Beach through a
9 company that I started twenty-five years ago, invested in
10 Long Beach. And I know about the hard work that our
11 leaders have put into keeping Long Beach safe.

12 And as you know, we have our own public health
13 department. And so it's a very unique community. It's a
14 very diverse community. And in the last round of
15 restrictions in the past census, we did stay together,
16 and I believe we should stay together again.

17 There are many of our leaders fully committed to
18 making Long Beach continue on its path of thriving and
19 serving all people and keeping all people together and
20 safe. It is not broken. So thank you very much. I know
21 you've got a lot of work to do, but this is for the
22 people of Long Beach. Thank you.

23 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
25 now, we have a caller with the last four 8688. And then



1 up next will be caller 1767. I do invite those in the
2 queue to please press star 9 to raise your hand
3 indicating you wish to comment as we come to the end of
4 the night.

5 Caller 8688, if you will please follow the prompts
6 to unmute by pressing star 6. Caller 8688, you are
7 unmuted. I have a couple of brief instructions. Your
8 speaker order number will be 48. If you will, please
9 make note of that for future reference. And if you have
10 an area you would like to discuss, please let the mapper
11 know what that is. And the floor is yours.

12 MR. GRACIE: Yes, Pomona. City of Pomona.

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

14 MR. GRACIE: Thank you. First of all, I'd like to
15 thank the commissioners for taking the time to hear me.
16 My name is Carlos Gracie. I'm a lifelong resident of The
17 City, Pomona. I just want to speak to the fact that
18 Pomona sits in a unique area.

19 Just to give you a little brief history, Pomona
20 happens to sit in in in an area that's surrounded by more
21 affluent cities. We're kind of like the orange in a
22 basket of apples, so to speak. I'd really like for the
23 commissioners to really take that into consideration when
24 we draw the lines for the city promoting.

25 Pomona is a middle-class working town. We're home



1 of the L.A. County Fair Fairgrounds. And of course, we
2 have our Legislative, Congressional, and Assembly
3 districts happen to be in not only L.A. County, but in
4 the San Bernardino County as well.

5 So I just want to make sure that the commissioners,
6 take into consideration when redrawing the lines that
7 Pomona -- we do -- ware the gateway to the Inland Empire.
8 And if you're coming from the Inland Empire into the San
9 Gabriel Valley, we are the gateway into the San Gabriel
10 Valley.

11 We kind of get lost in the shuffle a lot of times
12 because we're the eastern San Gabriel Valley. And
13 typically, we're kind of the stepchild of the Inland
14 Empire and of the San Gabriel Valley because we -- hence
15 the Pomona Valley.

16 We just want the commission to take that into
17 consideration. Because we do sit in a unique area. I
18 like to say that we are the hub of the region. So I just
19 want to share that with you. And thank you for taking
20 the time.

21 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

22 PUBLIC COMENT MODERATOR: Chair, do you have an
23 announcement you would like to make at this time?

24 CHAIR TAYLOR: I do.

25 Final announcement. The phone lines will be closing



1 at 8 p.m. Please get in the queue so we can listen to
2 your input before adjourning for the day. We want your
3 input. Please get in the queue so we can listen to it
4 before this meeting ends. Thank you.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: That was our 7:55
6 announcing. And right now, I would like to ask those in
7 the queue -- I do have one hand up.

8 Caller 1767, you will be right now.

9 And those still in the queue that do have more to
10 say, please press star 9 to raise your hand indicating
11 you wish to comment.

12 Caller 1617, please follow the prompts to unmute.
13 Caller 1767, you are unmuted. I have a couple of brief
14 instructions for you. Your speaker order number will be
15 49. If you'll please make note of that for future
16 reference. If you have an area you would like to
17 discuss, please let the mapper know what that is. The
18 floor is yours.

19 MS. PITTMAN: Hello, commissioners. My name is
20 Deanna Pittman, and I'm a member of the Compton Tenant's
21 Union. I'm a member of Community Coalition and the
22 People's Bloc. I'm a resident of Compton. And I've
23 lived here for twenty-four years.

24 The community is primarily black and brown, made up
25 of service workers and domestic workers. And for a long



1 time, a lot of people who live in Compton have owned
2 their homes. But with the state of housing and
3 gentrification, displacement and now COVID, these numbers
4 are changing. But despite the odds, Compton is a vibrant
5 community.

6 We've got four high schools, a community college, an
7 airport, churches, nonprofits, and a rising number of
8 community groups. However, Compton is a city that's been
9 boxed in by four major highways. The 91, the 105, the
10 110, and the 710 are four major highways that transport
11 hundreds of thousands of cars a day emitting ridiculous
12 amounts of carbon dioxide into our neighborhoods.

13 My community is similar to Watts, parts of Long
14 Beach, Lynwood, and South Central. We're very much
15 different from Beverly Hills or even Santa Monica. It's
16 important to keep our community together because we face
17 environmental racism, police terrorism, houselessness,
18 and increasing housing insecurity by keeping us together
19 in one district.

20 Our representatives and the residents can continue
21 to organize where the much needed social change. Thank
22 you for the opportunity to speak today.

23 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we have caller
25 7693. And then up next will be caller 6676.



1 Caller 7693, if you will, please follow the prompts
2 to unmute. You are unmuted. Your speaker order number
3 will be number 50. If you'll please make note of that
4 for future reference. If you will, please let the mapper
5 know what area you would like to discuss or if you have
6 general comment, please give that now.

7 Hello?

8 MS. RO: I spoke before. I don't know if I can give
9 an additional comment.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: You can. This is general
11 public comment. Please do.

12 MS. RO: Thank you so much. Okay. So my name is
13 Chris. And I told you about West Hills. And I've
14 listened to the comments of a lot of people who would
15 like to include Simi Valley within the Antelope Valley,
16 Santa Clarita Valley area.

17 I really believe that's gerrymandering. They are
18 not contiguous compact community districts. In fact, I
19 went to Simi Valley yesterday via the Canyon Roads and
20 came back near the 118 freeway. Simi Valley and Moorpark
21 are in Ventura County and really are contiguous and
22 compact with the other communities in Ventura County.

23 And so as I mentioned, while I'd like for the San
24 Fernando Valley to be whole and have maybe two Senate
25 districts within that, I believe that Ventura County

1 should also have their own Senate district and their own
2 congressional district.

3 And as I said before, take Bell Canyon out, because
4 the only way they're landlocked is their land lot with
5 the San Fernando Valley, but the rest of it, Simi Valley,
6 Thousand Oaks and all those -- and as someone mentioned,
7 the Northridge earthquake earlier today, on the day of
8 the Northridge earthquake, I actually went to Thousand
9 Oaks to escape the Valley because my house was that
10 damaged.

11 When the Woolsey fire hit, a lot of the people that
12 live along the 101 freeway, Agoura Hills, and things like
13 that, they all evacuated to Woodland Hills and further
14 east into the San Fernando Valley. So these areas are
15 tied together, but really sincerely, there should be a
16 separate district boundary that would occur.

17 You know, as I said, we would need -- Calabasas is
18 in the north of Mulholland. Hidden Hills is north of
19 Mulholland, West Hills, unincorporated West Hills, Bell
20 Canyon and everything in -- and if there wasn't 2 million
21 people, I would go as far as The County line of Agoura
22 Hills for L.A. -- yes, right there -- for and even
23 Westlake Village, if you had to add to get 2 million.

24 But the rest of that up there, that's where the
25 boundary line is. That should be a Ventura County Senate

1 District and Congressional District. There is a
2 Congressional district there now. And so to be
3 contiguous, compact communities of interest, Ventura
4 County should be whole.

5 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

6 MS. RO: Thank you very much for your time.

7 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

8 PUBLIC COMENT MODERATOR: We do have one more raised
9 hand at this time.

10 Caller 6676, if you will please follow the prompts
11 to unmute. Caller 6676, your speaker order number would
12 be number 51. If you will, please make note of that for
13 future reference. And if you have an area you would like
14 to discuss, please let the mapper know what that is. The
15 floor is yours.

16 MS. ROBINSON: Okay. My name is Sally Robinson. I
17 live in Simi Valley. I own a business in Simi Valley.
18 I've been here about forty years. We're in the 25th
19 Congressional District. I would like to see the rest of
20 Simi Valley in that District as well. But I'd also like
21 to include Moorpark. That's our sister city. We need to
22 have Moorpark. We are together. And that's all I have
23 to say. Thank you.

24 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

25 PUBLIC COMENT MODERATOR: I believe that's all of



1 our comment at this time, Chair.

2 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Katy.

3 If you can just go over the process to unmute one
4 more time, I think that might be it.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The other person in the
6 queue is the lady who just spoke and gave her second
7 comment.

8 CHAIR TAYLOR: All right. Well, you're on it.
9 Thank you very much. We are at time.

10 Does any commissioner have anything of note to add
11 or contribute as we come to a close? All right. I am
12 seeing none. I would like to thank our community of
13 California for providing their input. Over the last two
14 days, I think we had a very robust discussion.

15 I'm especially appreciative of some of our young
16 community members that provided input yesterday and
17 continue to follow up today. So I am encouraged by the
18 participation we're getting from our community members,
19 from the community of the California Citizens
20 Redistricting Commission.

21 Thank you for joining our Community of Interest
22 Input meeting today. We have two upcoming COI public
23 input meetings. The first is tomorrow, Saturday, July
24 31st at 10 a.m. And it's focused on Riverside and San
25 Bernardino Counties and their surrounding areas. The



1 next one is on Wednesday, August 4th, at 4 p.m. focused
2 on Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, and Tulare
3 Counties and their surrounding areas.

4 The August 4th meeting will have both Spanish and
5 Punjabi listening lines and available interpretation.

6 Our next business meeting is this coming Thursday, August
7 5th, at 10 a.m. Callers at the Community of Interest
8 meetings are not limited to the specifically mentioned
9 counties. You can visit the meetings page at our website
10 to see a list of additional COI input meetings at
11 www.wedrawthelinesca.org/meetings.

12 And with that, thank you, Commissioners for your
13 attentiveness. Thank you, California, for your
14 participation. This meeting is adjourned.

15 (Whereupon, the COI Input Meeting adjourned at
16 8:00 p.m.)

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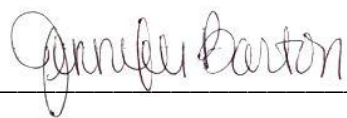
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