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9:30 a.m.

1 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Good morning, California. And
2 welcome to the California Citizens Redistricting
3 Commission's September 11th Meeting. I'm Neal
4 Fornaciari, along with Commissioner Sara Sadhwani, we'll
5 be chairing this meeting.

6 So I will call this meeting to order. And ask
7 Alvaro to call the roll, please.

8 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Yes, Chair. One second. Here
9 we go.

10 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Sorry. Director Hernandez.

11 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: It's all right. I answer to a
12 lot of things.

13 All right. We'll start with Commissioner Ahmad.

14 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Here.

15 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Akutagawa.

16 Commissioner Andersen.

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Here.

18 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fernández.

19 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Presente.

20 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fornaciari.

21 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Here.

22 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Kennedy.

23 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.

1 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Le Mons.

2 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Here.

3 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sadhwani.

4 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Here.

5 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sinay.

6 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Here.

7 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Taylor.

8 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: I am present.

9 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Thank you. Commissioner
10 Toledo.

11 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Here.

12 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Turner.

13 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Here.

14 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Thank you. Commissioner
15 Vázquez.

16 COMMISSIONER VÁZQUEZ: Here.

17 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: And Commissioner Yee.

18 COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.

19 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Roll call is complete, Chair.

20 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Thank you. Let's see. On this
21 20th Anniversary of 9/11, I want to take a moment to
22 honor the victims and their families, and also to
23 remember the selfless courage exhibited by the first
24 responders and ordinary people in the wake of those
25 attacks, and the bravery of the men and women in our

1 military who continue to fight to keep this nation safe.

2 So please join me in a moment of silent reflection.

3 (Moment of silence)

4 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Thank you. Let's see. I want to
5 begin by letting everyone know where the Commission is
6 headed at this time. Even though the Commission held its
7 final Community Interest Input Meeting yesterday, we
8 still want to encourage the public to continue to provide
9 communities of interest input.

10 You can go to our website at WeDrawTheLinesCA.org,
11 that's www.WeDrawTheLinesCA.org, where you will find the
12 information needed to email or call in your community of
13 interest input. Or you can go to DrawMyCACommunity.org
14 to submit your communities of interest online.

15 All that input comes directly to the Commission, and
16 today we will be reviewing a lot of that input. So let's
17 see. Today's meeting kind of represents a symbolic
18 transition for the Commission from phase two, collecting
19 communities of interest input, into phase three of our
20 journey, which is a line drawing.

21 So this morning we will continue our review of the
22 communities of interest input we've received so far from
23 the remaining zones, which we haven't reviewed yet, and
24 we'll do that throughout the morning. Then this
25 afternoon, we will begin some discussions around how we

1 will undertake the line-drawing process.

2 During our next set of meetings, on September 15,
3 17, and 18, we will continue the discussion about line
4 drawing and begin to provide directions to our Line
5 Drawing Team prior to the release of the official
6 redistricting data on September 20. So I just want to
7 take a little -- a minute to let everyone know kind of
8 where we're going at this point in time.

9 So with that, I will turn the meeting over to our
10 Line Drawing Team, Commissioners Andersen and Sadhwani,
11 to begin the review of the COI input.

12 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you so much, Chair. And
13 thank you for all that you do.

14 This morning we are going to begin with the morning
15 session reviewing COI submissions received through the
16 COI tool for Zones A, C, and E. Before we begin, we have
17 our -- we have our mapping team, Q2 -- Haystaq and Q2
18 here to lead us through those COI submissions as we have
19 done in other regions.

20 But before we begin, Alvaro, do we have our Outreach
21 Staff with us to share a little bit about the outreach
22 efforts that have taken place throughout those zones?

23 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: I am checking now. We should
24 have some of the staff here. Let me -- yes, we have
25 Ashleigh, and I know Marcy is available as well.

1 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Very good. I'm not seeing
2 everyone here in my view.

3 Ashleigh, would you like to lead us through some of
4 the outreach efforts that have occurred in Zones A, C,
5 and E?

6 MS. HOWICK: Good morning, Commissioners.

7 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Hi.

8 MS. HOWICK: Sorry for the delay. So I am the -- or
9 I'm sorry -- Northern California Field Lead, so I'll be
10 talking about Zones A and C with you. And Jose Eduardo
11 should be joining momentarily to talk about Zone E.

12 So Zone A is the Northern Coastal County starting in
13 Sonoma, and going up to the Oregon border, including
14 Sonoma, Napa, Lake, Mendocino, Trinity, Humboldt, and Del
15 Norte counties. As I mentioned during my previous report
16 from Zones B and D earlier in the week, local chapters of
17 the League of Women Voters have been very supportive in
18 our efforts. I'm sure the other outreach staff will also
19 echo that.

20 In Zone A, the Mendocino, Humboldt, and Eureka
21 Chapters, have also been very engaged. And Zone C, the
22 Bay Area Chapters, the Marin County Chapters, and the
23 Mendocino and Palo Alto Chapter have all been very
24 responsive. And all these leagues, and more, continue to
25 share information about the Commission and ways to

1 participate in the redistricting process.

2 In Zone A specifically, which again, is the Northern
3 Coastal counties, our Outreach Team has been successful
4 in connecting with the political-based clubs there. Both
5 the Democratic and Republican clubs have been very active
6 in sharing their information and participating in the COI
7 meetings. They were very responsive with the emails and
8 have been great to work with.

9 Outreach has also been focused on engaging local
10 governments, including (Indiscernible) Board of
11 Supervisors in Zone A, and many of the city governments
12 there as well.

13 Stakeholders in the Native American communities have
14 also been connected with, including the Elk Valley
15 Rancheria, and I'm very sorry if I pronounce this wrong,
16 but the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation, mentioned at one of their
17 tribal council meetings.

18 Our support staff, Vanessa (ph.), was also able to
19 help connect with the Northern California Association of
20 Nonprofits who serve Humboldt, Del Norte, and Trinity
21 Counties, and our staff had dealt with numerous
22 stakeholders. She prepared draft email language for them
23 to distribute to their network with background on the
24 Commission, and ways to participate in the process, and
25 ideas of how to help spread the word.

1 We have also made an effort to outreach with the
2 Latino community throughout Zone A, reaching out to
3 Nuestra Alianza de Willits, Paso a Paso (ph.), La Luz
4 Center, and Corazon Healdsburg, water agencies,
5 stakeholders in the lumber industry, and environmental
6 groups for the rivers and forests there have also been
7 contacted. We recognize that those are factors of large
8 importance to our area, so we made sure to engage those
9 stakeholders. Many faith-based organizations have also
10 been reached out to, as well as chambers of commerce,
11 senior centers, and (indiscernible).

12 For Zone C, which is considered the Bay Area Zone,
13 there has been a tremendous amount of outreach across the
14 various counties. Those counties include Alameda, Contra
15 Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and
16 Solano.

17 When I started in my role as the field lead, I was
18 able to reconnect with the Head of the Alameda County
19 Health Committee, that was with Fern Sanchez (ph.), who I
20 was able to work with in my previous role. She has
21 continued to share our information on our COI meetings,
22 and other ways to participate in the redistricting
23 process with her contacts. Similarly, census leads for
24 all the counties in Zone C were contacted, and many were
25 able to either pass along our information, or provide

1 suggestions on other stakeholders.

2 All the county boards are regularly updated with
3 upcoming COI meeting information, information about the
4 COI tool, and ways to spread the word, and more recently,
5 the redistricting access centers. The Santa Clara County
6 Board of Supervisors frequently sharing our flyer in
7 their newsletters.

8 The Zone C is very large and has many cities, and
9 staff were successful in contacting every single mayor,
10 council member, and city manager for all the cities and
11 towns in Zone C. We have also tried to get contact
12 information for any advisory council, or community group
13 within the unincorporated areas as well.

14 And many were able to share our CRC posts on social
15 media with their networks and constituents to further
16 spread CRC outreach efforts, including the Cities of
17 Richmond, Oakland, Sunnyvale, Livermore, Oakley,
18 Lafayette, Pleasant Hill, Hayward, Belmont.

19 There is a thriving nonprofit sector in the Bay
20 Area, many of which are actively involved with the
21 redistricting efforts on all levels of government. We
22 were able to work together with the Thrive Alliance of
23 Nonprofits in San Mateo County, as well as the Silicon
24 Valley Council of Nonprofits in Santa Clara County;
25 Acterra, a nonprofit focused on fighting climate change,

1 has also been great to work with, and has shared our
2 emails with their staff, and they post on social media.

3 The Silicon Valley Community Foundation has shared
4 our info with their grantees. I have made connections
5 with numerous nonprofits in Oakland, such as The East
6 Oakland Collective, Oakland Rising, and the East Oakland
7 Youth Development Center. We have also connected with
8 the Meals on Wheels Organization for each of the counties
9 in Zone C, and the Alameda County Food Bank who plays a
10 very active advocacy role there.

11 I have made sure to outreach to community
12 foundations, community action clubs, and other more
13 localized civic engagement groups.

14 We have also reached out to the Sikh community in
15 Fremont, which is one of the most well-known gurdwaras in
16 the world, and the members are active community leaders
17 and volunteers. We are still connecting with other Sikh
18 communities throughout the zone, and most recently
19 reached out to the gurdwara in San Francisco. I have
20 also made an effort to talk with stakeholders in the
21 Afghan community in Fremont, which has the largest Afghan
22 population in the United States.

23 Other ethnicity-based outreach has included the
24 Latina community, with the Latino Community Foundation,
25 and Silicon Valley Latinos, Pacific Islanders with the

1 SMILE (ph.) Initiative, which is part of the San
2 Francisco Unified School District. The Asian community,
3 examples including Asian-Americans Advancing Justice, and
4 Chinese for Affirmative Action; we have also connected
5 with the Office of Civic Engagement in Immigrant Affairs
6 in San Francisco.

7 For the education sector we contacted the various
8 ethnic, cultural, and civic engagement clubs at Mills
9 College in Oakland. We do plan to outreach to more
10 university clubs as more schools are starting a new
11 school year. We will also look into partnering with K
12 through 12 school districts to further promote their
13 redistricting curriculum and ways students and families
14 can participate in the process.

15 Additionally, in Zone C, most of the chambers of
16 commerce in the area have been contacted at least once,
17 and many senior centers as well. We will continue doing
18 outreach with them and identify additional entities we
19 haven't contacted yet, because Zone C is massive and
20 incredibly diverse, so we are continuing to do outreach
21 with sectors and stakeholders there. Thank you.

22 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you so much, Ashleigh.
23 I see Jose Eduardo has joined us.

24 Jose, do you want to -- was there anything more that
25 you wanted to add?

1 MR. EDUARDO CHAVEZ: Yeah. I can add my report on
2 outreach for Zone E.

3 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. Thank you.

4 MR. EDUARDO CHAVEZ: Good morning, Commissioners.
5 Thank you, Chair.

6 So just briefly, a report about the outreach efforts
7 that's been happening on Zone E; our team, which includes
8 Marlene (ph.), the support staff, and myself, have worked
9 extensively in our public outreach to be inclusive and
10 representative of all Californians to our Central Coast
11 regions, which is a combined population of over 2.3
12 million people, stretching from Ventura and Santa Barbara
13 Counties to the coastlines of San Luis Obispo, Monterey,
14 Santa Cruz Counties, and slightly inland County of San
15 Benito.

16 So with these six counties to collaborate with, we
17 strategically established relationships with each of
18 them. And we've reached out to all cities in each of
19 those counties, community centers in the rural
20 communities, and county, and city government entities,
21 including cities -- including various departments and
22 local agencies, such as public libraries, school
23 districts, public servants, health departments, and
24 community-based organizations.

25 And at the beginning of the outreach effort, we were

1 able to reach out to the Ventura County Public Library,
2 which helped us -- which they helped us by sharing our
3 message with local chapters. And this then transitioned
4 to good partnerships with and good participation from
5 residents of Ventura County. And those where -- that's
6 true for the first statewide meetings that we had.

7 And for our July 22nd of 2021 COI meetings, in Zone
8 E, we apply our Lessons Learned on previous COI meetings
9 to have a more successful participation. So we learnt
10 that in order to successfully reach all of our contacts
11 that we had in our database, we needed at least a two-
12 week time frame to outreach. And our outreach efforts
13 targeted local government entities, chamber of commerce,
14 businesses associations, local media, and nonprofit
15 organizations that cater to the general public.

16 But we also targeted to specific organizations that
17 focused on specific demographic groups, such as the
18 Mixteco Indigena Community Organizing Project, MICOP, and
19 the Central Coast Alliance United for Sustainable
20 Economy.

21 And again, with the help of support staff, Marlene
22 and I, we were able to quickly establish relationships
23 with local government entities, and local media outlets.
24 So that gave us a lead advantage. And our team made sure
25 that -- to contact all mayors and city managers so that

1 they could receive updates from our Commission, keeping
2 in mind that they were all having their own efforts at
3 the local level.

4 At the county level, clerks of the -- clerks to the
5 Board of Supervisors were responsible for bringing up our
6 meetings to the official agendas, and shared with their
7 officials as well, and of course, with the general
8 public. So that partnership really helped us to remind
9 local leaders about not only their redistricting efforts,
10 but also about the state redistricting efforts, and how
11 important it also is.

12 We also were able to work with local government
13 officials such as the City of Thousand Oaks, City of
14 Arroyo Grande, staff from the Ventura County Board of
15 Supervisors, and the Monterey Board of Supervisors.
16 They were key partners in helping us with outreach
17 efforts by sharing our events to their contacts with
18 local media, but also to their constituents.

19 And that that was very important because we learned
20 that when the messaging came from people from the
21 community, that made a bigger impact than coming from,
22 maybe not a stranger at the beginning, but then as we
23 built relationship we -- they were able to trust our
24 messaging as well.

25 Another instrumental partner that we made at the

1 beginning of zone -- of outreach efforts in Zone E was
2 the KAZU, which is an NPR-member radio station. They
3 were key partners, and they were very flexible in
4 allowing us to create a thirty-second PSA to promote our
5 July 22nd and August 27th COI meetings. So that was very
6 significant because it targeted a larger audience and a
7 general audience as well.

8 The continuous conversations with stakeholders --
9 has allowed us to -- learned of new partnerships and
10 unique approaches to engaging different communities as
11 well. We learned in the previous COI meetings that
12 community calendars and social media platforms were
13 effective to target different audiences.

14 For example, with social media you targeted a
15 more -- a different generation, whereas, in the community
16 calendars, you are also targeting a more -- older
17 generation as well. And so those were key to understand,
18 and with that we learned those things through
19 communicating with local -- with local community members
20 as well, and local leaders.

21 Newsletters from community partners were also
22 effective. This action came predominantly from the
23 chamber of commerce and farm bureaus. At the beginning,
24 we had no idea that a release or newsletters were sent
25 out as we were targeting large amounts of organizations.

1 So through dialoging with their staff, we realized that
2 these partners sent out either a weekly, biweekly, or
3 monthly newsletter, which was really helpful.

4 And in some cases when we had missed a newsletter,
5 many partners would be flexible enough to send their
6 members a mass email with our information, so that that
7 was very helpful. And it also encouraged us to continue
8 making that -- those phone calls and building that
9 relationship with those partners.

10 And in other instances partners committed to social
11 media posts, which also targeted a different audience and
12 members that at -- sometimes would reach 2,000 people,
13 right. So that they had -- they are trusted voices of
14 their communities, and they were large -- they have a
15 larger audience as well.

16 And the San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce was
17 instrumental in connecting us with other community
18 partners and sharing our events. So that was really
19 helpful as well, and very encouraging.

20 And with Marlene on board, as I mentioned at the
21 beginning, we were able to increase our networks and add
22 veterans and environmental organizations to our outreach
23 lists, organizations such as the Sierra Club, Veterans
24 for Peace, and Buen Vecino.

25 And then our continuous work we -- for Zone E we are

1 still -- you know, our list is still growing. And we
2 hope that -- we understand that the community -- there
3 are many communities that are still learning about the
4 redistricting process, and we hope to increase our
5 networks as well, and partners, and so that we can
6 continue to spread the redistricting efforts that is
7 happening at the state level.

8 A challenge for our team during the outreach process
9 for Zone E, was that the community -- the community
10 members, and the community, in general, were fatigued of
11 Zoom meetings. And considering that we, unfortunately,
12 had to offer Zoom meetings as an alternative, many were
13 fatigued for that matter. And so as soon as the state
14 gradually opened, families resumed their summer
15 vacations. And that was one of the biggest challenge
16 that we found as well. As I mentioned in previous -- in
17 my previous report, many of our emails were replied back
18 with saying, "We're on vacation. And we'll be back at a
19 later time."

20 But then it was great that they would send those
21 emails, because then we would contact the people that
22 they would refer us to or reference to, and we would have
23 our message across as well. And most of the times we
24 were leaving voicemails as well, and with understanding
25 that we needed at least a two-week lead to outreach to

1 these organizations, they were able to call us back
2 either the day of, or you know, two days before the
3 event, and they were still able to receive that
4 information.

5 So those were some of the challenges. But in Zone
6 E, I believe, has been very active in the redistricting
7 process, keeping in mind that they also have, as I
8 mentioned their local -- their city and county
9 redistricting efforts as well.

10 Yeah. Thank you for your time.

11 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you so much to both of
12 you for all of your efforts.

13 I see some questions. Commissioner Kennedy.

14 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Not a question. Again, I
15 want to recognize the phenomenal work done by staff, to
16 thank them for everything they've done, and to continue
17 to encourage management to keep us better updated so that
18 we can enjoy the successes that our staff are having,
19 even if only vicariously. Thank you.

20 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Eduardo, thank you. And I
21 think we all share your gratitude and excitement for all
22 of the incredible work that the Outreach Staff has -- and
23 all of the stuff that has been -- has been doing over the
24 course of these several months. It's really incredible.

25 If there are no other questions or comments, I'm

1 going to hand this over to our mapping team. I believe
2 Andrew and Tamina are going to take it away, and give us
3 a tour of Zones A, C, and E.

4 MR. DRECHSLER: Great. Thank you, Commissioners.
5 Yeah, we are talking about the twenty counties in Zones
6 A, C, E today -- this morning. And Tamina is just going
7 to give us a tour. Again, the counties that we're
8 talking about, and the COI submissions that we are
9 demonstrating, just a reminder, it's going to be what has
10 been submitted through the COI tool.

11 This is now up on -- some of this is now -- or all
12 of it is up on the air table, so that is on the database
13 so we have that available. But this is everything that
14 was submitted through the COI tool through September 1st.

15 So with that, I am going to turn it over to Tamina
16 to give us this tour. Thank you.

17 MS. RAMOS ALON: Thanks very much, everybody. Good
18 morning, Commission. Good morning, California. We will
19 be visiting Regions A, C, and E today. So this is the
20 coastal areas. We're going to be going north to south
21 from Del Norte down to Ventura.

22 As Andrew stated, we're going to be sharing today
23 maps that have been submitted through the online COI tool
24 by members of the public and by community groups which
25 describe the mapped area as a community of interest.

1 We will not be sharing maps that have been submitted
2 without a reason that their area is a community of
3 interest. Maps who submitted descriptions vary greatly
4 from the ones that are depicted, or maps which give
5 solely racial data as reasons for being kept together.
6 Of course, those are all still available on AIR tool, but
7 we wanted to make sure that we presented the maps which
8 would most accurately represent the submissions that we
9 received.

10 So to start, I'm going to bring you up to Region A.

11 MR. DRECHSLER: And I saw a question by Commissioner
12 Sinay.

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you, Andrew. I was just
14 curious. Why are we not looking at the maps where
15 communities of interest identified themselves only by
16 racial and ethnic purposes?

17 MS. RAMOS ALON: They only give racial and ethnic
18 data, for example, they don't say that they want to be
19 kept together because of cultural interests, or language
20 interests, for example, then we are not allowed to use
21 that as a redistricting criteria. So if somebody just
22 says: This is a Black population that must be kept
23 together, this is eighty percent Black, then we cannot
24 use that criteria.

25 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Commissioner Sadhwani, can you

1 explain that a little bit more? Because my concern is
2 that a lot of those communities, we've never said that to
3 communities, and a lot of those communities, that's how
4 they're identifying themselves. So I'm afraid that we're
5 just -- we're dissing (ph.) -- you know, kind of ignoring
6 communities who have not been heard before, have not been
7 told that they have to be a little more precise.

8 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Yeah. I don't have an answer
9 for that. I wasn't aware that we were removing people
10 that make racial comments. And I think that that would
11 be important, especially as we advance our VRA work as
12 well, potentially. Is it because they provide data, and
13 not a polygon, an actual map?

14 MS. RAMOS ALON: Yeah. So if they just said: This
15 area is eighty-two percent Black, for example, that's not
16 really stating a reason that they want to be kept
17 together. So that would be left out. If they said: This
18 is a thriving African-American community, where we are
19 working together for our schools and to, you know,
20 preserve our culture, then that would be included.

21 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Commissioner Fernández, you
22 had a question for -- or no?

23 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: No. I actually have the
24 same concern because I understand that some callers did
25 call in and they were providing more of a general type

1 data. They weren't really listing boundaries. But if
2 they have a boundary, I mean, at the end of the day, if
3 it's a Hispanic community, that's what's tying them
4 together, they should not be excluded as a community of
5 interest. So I'm really concerned.

6 Thank you, Commissioner Sinay, for bringing this up.
7 So we really need -- thank you, Tamina, for voicing this,
8 because we wouldn't have known, right? So this is great,
9 but I really do have issue with that, with excluding
10 them.

11 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: I would agree.

12 Commissioner Turner.

13 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. And I just wanted
14 to confirm with Tamina. Tamina, the information is still
15 available. You haven't prepared to show it today, but it
16 is something that is still retained that we can revisit
17 and ensure that we're seeing it, right?

18 MS. RAMOS ALON: Absolutely. And if you'd like, I
19 can prepare -- I believe there are only three that were
20 not included, and I can definitely prepare those and
21 submit them to you as PDFs, or as a separate
22 presentation, if that's what the Commission would like.

23 MR. DRECHSLER: And we will be presenting again next
24 week. We will be getting some line drawer direction. So
25 maybe that's a good opportunity for us to make sure that

1 those are submitted, and so we will make sure that those
2 are included as part of the tour.

3 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: And Andrew, has this been the
4 process that the Line Drawing Team has used in the
5 previous tours that we've received, where communities of
6 color that are identifying themselves have been excluded?

7 MR. DRECHSLER: No, that's -- and I think that
8 there's a little bit of -- and this is probably our part,
9 we're juggling -- jumbling, getting these all ready. So
10 I know that there is, you know, per the Constitution that
11 we are to not take specifically political stuff into
12 consideration. So that is something that, you know, if
13 it's for a pure political party, that's something.

14 But you know, I think the other zones that we
15 have -- or the other areas that we went through did
16 demonstrate this. So excuse the miscommunication on our
17 part for this one. But as we stated, we will have those
18 next Friday when we go through additional line drawing.

19 MS. RAMOS ALON: And just to be clear --

20 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: That would be really helpful.

21 MS. RAMOS ALON: -- I recommend that the Commission
22 speak with their attorney on this. But the -- from my
23 understanding, we are not allowed to -- you are not
24 allowed to draw districts based solely on race. We're
25 not even supposed to be looking at racial data. So

1 that's where that decision came from. But I said, I'd be
2 happy to present those, there were only three, be happy
3 to present them to you either later on today or next
4 week.

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. At this point I
6 propose that the Line Drawing Subcommittee get together
7 with the line drawers here and go through this, because
8 this is -- this is new to both of us, so. This is
9 something that we need to go through with the attorney,
10 and make sure and tell -- and then we can give the
11 directions and stuff for them -- that you know, the
12 planning, the Playbook Committee can really then kind of
13 finalize. But we need to be seeing the information here.

14 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Yeah. Well, why don't we
15 continue for today what you have prepared, and we will
16 continue to work off-line to make sure that we are seeing
17 all of the relevant COIs for the state.

18 MR. DRECHSLER: All right.

19 MS. RAMOS ALON: In that case, I'll go ahead and
20 turn on our COIs for Zone A. I'm showing them all to you
21 at once, just the overview of what's been going on in the
22 particular zone so that you can see kind of how some of
23 these COIs are overlapping. And then we'll be going
24 through them one by one.

25 These are the different areas that were submitted by

1 a lot of our testimony. We had a lot of overlapping, and
2 testimony that really greatly resembled one another. And
3 so we have removed the duplicated polygons, to give you
4 an idea of -- and just put together the regions to give
5 you an idea of why these COIs want to be kept together.

6 So this first COI I defined -- it calls itself the
7 North Coast, and the defining characteristic is the
8 coast. Coastal issues, concerns, and priorities are very
9 important to coastal communities and quite distinct from
10 those of inland communities and counties. This COI's
11 natural resources are spectacular, unique, highly
12 sensitive and at great risk from climate change and
13 exploitation.

14 This COI has the cleanest river in America, the
15 Smith, the largest estuarine lake, Lake Earl, and the
16 only redwoods in the United States. Resource protection,
17 public access, and environmentally sustainable economic
18 development in this COI, require regional representation,
19 and understand the values -- and values the sense of
20 place that is inherently coastal.

21 As you will see in Zone A, there are many COIs which
22 are slight variations of one another. There is a lot who
23 submitted this as the base COI and then either added or
24 subtracted a county.

25 So for example, bringing up the second COI, this COI

1 is similar to the first, except that it does not include
2 Marin County. Many who submitted this COI did not want
3 Marin included because they believe that the COI, as it
4 stands without Marin, are culturally and climatically
5 similar.

6 This third COI, which is similar to the first in
7 that it includes all of the counties that are involved in
8 the first COI, but adds Trinity, Lake, and Napa, voice
9 environmental concerns and cultural similarities to the
10 coastal counties, and specifically state that the
11 addition of Trinity, Lake, and Napa are because they are
12 culturally more similar to the coastal counties than to
13 the inland counties and have similar issues which they
14 would like to be represented together with.

15 This COI has similar issues of health of the
16 environment and a rural community lifestyle. They added
17 Siskiyou and Shasta, which, as you know, are not part of
18 Region A, but cross over into the neighboring region, but
19 they are included here because they do count, four of the
20 Region A counties.

21 And this COI forms tight bonds around celebration
22 and common cause, where there's bonding together during
23 the fires that threaten their homes and forests, around
24 key water issues, around the creativity of Arcata Annual
25 Kinetic Race. Similar to the previous COI, this COI has

1 some areas and counties in it which are not part of Zone
2 A, but this was included with the Zone A presentation
3 because it does include Del Norte, Humboldt, and Trinity.

4 Are there any questions on Zone A? So I'll turn
5 these back on.

6 Okay. Then we will proceed on to Zone C. Zone C
7 covers, Marin, Solano, Contra Costa, Alameda, San Mateo,
8 and Santa Clara. And I will turn on all of the COIs that
9 we received for this particular zone. Let me zoom in a
10 little bit here. And we will go back and start from the
11 beginning.

12 So here's our first COI, this COI calls themselves
13 the Urban Forest. And this COI cares about their
14 diversities, about people of color having equal
15 representation, equity in governing decisions, about the
16 homeless, and about fires and smoke and how that affects
17 their health. They care about their schools, about the
18 teachers, and they don't want them to get COVID. They
19 also want their frontline workers to get vaccinated and
20 be safe.

21 The second COI, I'm going to turn on the San
22 Francisco neighborhood layer just so that we -- just so
23 it's easier to view. This COI is called the Castro, and
24 it is a neighborhood that has been submitted for a
25 recommendation as a COI. This COI strongly represents

1 the LGBTQ community and would like to be kept together to
2 preserve their culture and unique neighborhood
3 environment.

4 (Pause)

5 MS. RAMOS ALON: Moving to Contra Costa County; this
6 COI has subregional government joint powers authorities
7 over Eastern Contra Costa County, including a Transit
8 Agency Transportation Fee Authority and a Subregional
9 Board of Contra Costa Transportation Authority. And they
10 would like to be kept together for transportation issues.

11 This COI has communities in both Contra Costa County
12 and in Alameda County, and it calls itself the Tri-
13 Valley. The communities in this COI share a culturally
14 suburban character, and are all generally far along the
15 same -- fall along the same few highways that are often
16 used to commute beyond the suburban corridor. They share
17 the 680 and 580 Corridors. A lot of the prioritized
18 issues in these cities in the corridor are similar, as
19 well as there's an emphasis on investments in education,
20 ending gun violence, improving infrastructure, and
21 promoting sustainable community development.

22 This COI keeps together local governments that work
23 well together and preserve the Chinese culture and
24 language, high school sports are closely intertwined, and
25 every community shop -- and every community shops in

1 every neighboring community, they all have similar
2 housing communities, and beautiful parks.

3 A big shared interest in this COI, which is called
4 Centerville, is in raising kids and having families.
5 People are very interested in green spaces to go hiking
6 and have their kids play and walk dogs. This COI values
7 affordable housing, homelessness resources, and more. It
8 preserves Asian-American culture with lots of Indian and
9 Chinese-Americans. A big interest for families is having
10 good quality schools, safe routes to schools, and public
11 transportation. People here commute to work in Silicon
12 Valley and San Francisco.

13 This COI is home to hundreds of tech startups and
14 draws in thousands of employees from the region who work
15 in Santa Clara County, and this COI must work to ensure
16 that their transportation infrastructure can handle the
17 increased traffic every day from the surrounding cities.
18 The COI's residents, many of whom drive alone to work,
19 spend an average of twenty-three minutes commuting from
20 their homes to their workplaces.

21 On the other side of the bay we have this COI, which
22 has a population of first-generation immigrants who have
23 strong family values, and are driven for their children's
24 future, and by providing them a good education. They're
25 also entrenched in the success of Silicon Valley's

1 innovation economy.

2 This COI would like to point out that they, quote,
3 "Share a bay and an ecosystem with Monterey, but our
4 future lies in San Jose." They share commuting interests
5 and work interests, and would like to be grouped
6 together.

7 This COI is a neighborhood called Julia's Walk
8 (ph.), and in this COI lots of families, seniors and
9 everyone is wearing masks, and caring for one another.
10 The people in this COI want to be in a district with the
11 orchard and their favorite boba spot. This is the
12 community they walk in. They care about ducks, and
13 geese, and love buying apricots from the Olson Orchard.

14 Moving a little further south, this COI calls itself
15 the Tri-Counties, and the Tri-Counties' COI has close
16 ties with each other. This COI is famous for its
17 agriculture, strawberries, artichoke, and garlic, and the
18 largest protected Marine sanctuary in the United States,
19 Monterey Bay. The COI is very artsy, loves to surf, and
20 is extremely passionate about ocean conservation, and
21 wildlife protection. This COI has universities renown in
22 the biological sciences, such as UC Santa Cruz, and
23 CSUMB.

24 And this COI is called Los Trancos Woods, this COI
25 has a small, diverse mix of old-time residents and

1 younger families with lots of high tech professionals.
2 They're all concerned about earthquakes, landslides,
3 water movement control, and fire safety.

4 That concludes Zone C, which I will turn back on,
5 all of them. And welcome any questions on Zone C.

6 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: -- seen any hands raised; but
7 if I've missed you, please speak up.

8 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I have a quick question,
9 Commissioner Sadhwani -- or Chair Sadhwani.

10 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: I'm just the Line Drawing
11 Subcommittee, but yes, go ahead.

12 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Oh. Thank you.

13 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Commissioner Toledo.

14 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Just a quick question about
15 Marin County. I'm just wondering if there were any
16 submissions from there, or if they were lumped in with
17 the previous zone?

18 MS. RAMOS ALON: A good question. The submissions
19 from Marin County all said that they wanted to be -- did
20 not say that they wanted to be with anybody else in the
21 Region C. So they were lumped together with Region A.
22 They all said that they wanted to be north, and nobody
23 said to cross the bridge, or to go across into Contra
24 Costa.

25 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you. Appreciate it.

1 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: And I also have a question,
2 because you can't honestly see everybody. Did we get any
3 submissions from saying, you know, Sonoma and Napa to be
4 together, or different sections? I didn't see any kind
5 of breakdown in between those, particularly from wine --
6 wine industry, I know has been very interested in, and I
7 don't know if we did not get any of those through the
8 COI?

9 MS. RAMOS ALON: Not specifically through this tool.

10 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Any other questions?

11 MS. RAMOS ALON: And again I can -- I'm happy to go
12 back and take a look at the ones that have been
13 submitted, since the day that we -- the cutoff date that
14 we started processing these, and show you those next
15 week.

16 MR. DRECHSLER: And what those two have been shown
17 largely in the previous zone -- layer showing Zone A? I
18 know that there is a number of -- with Napa and Sonoma
19 together in Zone A, just earlier, that you presented but
20 not, not with C, yeah.

21 MS. RAMOS ALON: A lot of these do straddle two
22 zones, and in fact, you're going to see a few of them
23 when we move into Zone E that talk about the Zone E/Zone
24 C, because that's just the way people's communities are
25 running. So apologies as if they were discussed in a

1 previous region, but happy to answer questions and bring
2 back up previous regions, if that's helpful.

3 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: No. And I think this is where
4 you know, I think the Line Drawing Team's approach being
5 more regional, which crosses over different zones, is
6 really helpful, right. Because we recognize that
7 communities of interest are not going to fall within the
8 zones. Those are solely for outreach purposes, and
9 perfectly fine if communities of interest are crossing
10 zones.

11 And really our expectation here is to see this full
12 region, which includes all three of them. We didn't
13 necessarily need to break them up in terms of A, C, and
14 E, but this is -- this is really helpful, and I think a
15 helpful conversation. Okay. And I think -- there's more
16 to cover?

17 MS. RAMOS ALON: Yes. We can move on to Zone E. Or
18 just move further south and think about the coast all
19 together.

20 MR. DRECHSLER: And Commissioners. I know the other
21 day for the inland parts it was helpful when we turned on
22 the terrain, or occasionally district lines. So if there
23 was anything that you wanted turned on, as we're going
24 through these, just feel free to pop in and we can -- we
25 can definitely turn those off.

1 MS. RAMOS ALON: So as you can see, just starting
2 here at the top, as I mentioned, there are -- these two
3 are definitely Zone C, Zone E crossovers. And so they're
4 included in this section. And apologies for not
5 mentioning them in the first one, but we will start with
6 them.

7 So this is the first one, and this COI is -- has
8 unique rural needs that are separating it from Silicon
9 Valley. They have challenges with fire, and water, and
10 infrastructure that are distinct and unlinked with the
11 urban areas along east of the ridgeline. And as you can
12 see, this is up from Pacifica in San Mateo County, down
13 south through northern Monterey and Salinas.

14 This COI has unique -- oh, please wait. I'm sorry.
15 Wrong one.

16 This COI is one of the most politically progressive
17 places in the county, of cultural arts and activism,
18 college town, and a tourist attraction. They're
19 connected by environmental stewardship of the Monterey
20 Bay and the Redwood Forest, and are persistently troubled
21 by homelessness, and the high cost of living, especially
22 the high cost of housing.

23 I will move on to the next set, which is a little
24 further south. Now, we'll start with San Luis Obispo.
25 Trying to get the city name to show up for you there;

1 this COI is a community of family, farmers, and ranchers.
2 They champion the agricultural community's voice in state
3 and federal government decision making.

4 I'm going to zoom out because there's a little bit
5 of purple over here that I'd like you to see as well.

6 This COI houses an immigrant community with shared
7 language access issues, and Latino cultural events,
8 vendors, and services. Just like to point out with this
9 COI that you have some islands included in it, and some
10 not, and that is just due to the shape of the actual
11 census tracts that were used to draw.

12 So if you selected down in this area in Santa
13 Barbara, then it automatically would connect some of
14 these islands. So that's what -- that's why this was
15 probably drawn this way.

16 (Pause)

17 MS. RAMOS ALON: This is a diverse community, both
18 ethnically and politically, and have a common interest in
19 providing a nurturing environment for their children, and
20 equitable, sustainable transportation access.

21 This COI received the most submissions that we
22 received. This COI is a community of immigrant Latino
23 families who speak Spanish, and in several indigenous
24 languages, and they're interested in preserving their
25 Latino culture and educational interests for their

1 children.

2 And finally, this COI is interested in keeping
3 together Simi Valley with Thousand Oaks and Moorpark.
4 They mentioned transportation, and interests similar to
5 the areas in Ventura instead of through Los Angeles.
6 Just a note about this COI, that this interesting shape
7 here is the shape of the census tract, and so they -- if
8 you click on this area, then it would take in this entire
9 arc over here, which might describe the reason that it
10 was submitted this way.

11 Also the written testimony that came along with this
12 included all of Simi Valley, and Moore Park, and Thousand
13 Oaks. And this particular polygon did not include all of
14 Simi Valley, which we found to be a similar thread
15 through several of the COIs which were submitted this
16 way, who talked about Simi Valley and Moorpark, or Simi
17 Valley, and Thousand Oaks, and Moorpark together, but did
18 not include all of Simi Valley in the polygon that was
19 drawn, so just mentioning that in case that was a hiccup
20 with possible issues with the tool itself, or people not
21 being able to use the tool.

22 And that is the end of sections E. I'll turn them
23 all back on. And happy to entertain any questions, or if
24 you have any follow-up that you would like me to take
25 home and do as homework and bring it back, then I'd be

1 happy to do that as well.

2 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Commissioner Kennedy.

3 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. This is, I
4 guess, a more general question, so it could go to Andrew.
5 Do we have, or do you have at this point, population
6 figures associated with each of these COIs since the very
7 beginning when we started reviewing these?

8 MR. DRECHSLER: Yeah. That's a great question. And
9 there is the -- we were waiting for the official
10 population figures to come out from the Statewide
11 Database, coming out just nine days away. But in terms
12 of, you know, previous population, is that something that
13 you're looking for, or you know, want or just moving
14 forward, do you want to make sure we're using the -- when
15 we're showing these, that populations is something that
16 we could be taking into consideration?

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I think it would be helpful.

18 MR. DRECHSLER: Okay.

19 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I mean, I'm interested --
20 you know, some of these are really large, some are really
21 small, and it'd just be interesting to know how many
22 people are in each one of them.

23 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Commissioner Sinay.

24 MR. DRECHSLER: Yeah, it --

25 CHAIR FORNACIARI: (Indiscernible) --

1 MR. DRECHSLER: I'm sorry. Yeah. So that's
2 something that I definitely -- we'll look into and see
3 how we can get those incorporated into it, once the new
4 data is coming out.

5 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I think my -- I hear what
6 you're saying, Commissioner Kennedy. And I think it
7 would be interesting, but I think it is also good for us
8 just to hear what the community has without being -- it
9 being fuzzy based on the numbers right now. And that
10 might be part of what we do when we do the visualization,
11 is then we put the data to the numbers.

12 But I'm open to do it either way. But I can see how
13 it may bias our listening right now to just what the
14 community had to say to us.

15 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Thank you. We're up against a
16 break at this point, so we'll take a fifteen-minute
17 break --

18 MR. MANOFF: Chair?

19 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Yeah.

20 MR. MANOFF: We've got another half hour until
21 break, actually.

22 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Oh. I can't do math.

23 MR. MANOFF: You're okay. You've gotten until
24 11:00.

25 CHAIR FORNACIARI: I'm sorry; my mistake.

1 Okay. Commissioner Sadhwani, you're in charge.

2 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Yes. My apologies, I had to
3 step out momentarily. These are the challenges of doing
4 meetings on Saturdays at home.

5 Additional questions or comments from Commissioners
6 on what we've seen this morning?

7 I'll certainly say I think -- I don't know if it was
8 discussed already, I would definitely like to see
9 whatever was submitted in terms of racialized data. So
10 let's certainly plan sometime next week to make sure that
11 we've seen that, from this mapping region, as well as any
12 others where it may have been removed.

13 Commissioner Turner.

14 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay.
15 Really good point, and I think it just makes me want to
16 state that I'm hopeful that we see everything. I'm
17 really grateful for the comment that was made, and the
18 fact that it was excluded or not shown. I just want to
19 name that I want to see all of it. And then we can kind
20 of discuss and talk about what's legal to use. But I
21 would love for this Commission to see the submissions.

22 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Yes. I think that's
23 absolutely right. And the submissions are community
24 input regardless of what they want to tell us. So we
25 will, we will definitely do that. And just also with

1 that reminder that, in general, what we had asked for was
2 an overview of testimony. So there may be things that we
3 haven't seen completely, or I certainly encourage all of
4 us to take the time, especially over the weekend, before
5 we start giving direction next week to the line drawers,
6 to review that the COI submissions as much as possible,
7 to go back over things.

8 We'll actually have some recommendations from the
9 Line Drawing Team on how to give those directions, as
10 well as some recommendations from the Line Drawing
11 Subcommittee this afternoon, on possibly asking zone
12 leads to really become accountable for the submissions
13 and the zones at a minimum. Of course, as a Commission,
14 we'll be responsible for all of it. But I absolutely
15 agree with that, Commissioner Turner.

16 Any other additional comments or questions at this
17 time?

18 If not, Andrew, would your team be prepared to start
19 with the next COI session at this point in time? And we
20 had kind of slotted that for after the break. Would you
21 like to start that now? Or we could take our break early
22 and come back a little earlier and begin?

23 MR. DRECHSLER: Yeah. And I just wanted to make
24 sure that the outreach coordinators, we started with them
25 first. And if we --

1 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Absolutely.

2 MR. DRECHSLER: -- wanted to start with them, we
3 will then be ready. I don't know if they're on and
4 ready. But if they're on, we will be ready to go on as
5 soon as they're done. Yes.

6 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Perfect. Alvaro, are you
7 there? Are you with us, yes, at this -- I know he had to
8 step out --

9 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: I am here.

10 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Oh. Got it. Do we know if --
11 we're actually ready on the agenda to move forward a
12 little faster than we had anticipated? Are the Outreach
13 Staff from Zones J, K, L, and I, available?

14 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: I am working on that as we
15 speak there. They're not on just yet, but we're trying
16 to get them on now.

17 MS. KAPLAN: Yeah. I'm going to give Andrew a call.

18 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Thank you.

19 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Perfect. Chair Fornaciari,
20 what do you think if we were to take our fifteen-minute
21 break at this point in time, come back and then get
22 started, would that work for you? That will give the
23 Outreach Staff a little bit of time to get on and get
24 prepared?

25 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Yeah. That sounds great;

1 whatever works for the agenda that you guys put together.

2 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay.

3 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Commissioner Sadhwani, are we
4 pressed? Or are we totally locked in full? I'm
5 wondering, if we take a break now, can we still come back
6 at 11? Are we pressed for time today?

7 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: I don't think we're pressed
8 for time. No, we could -- we could do 11.

9 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay.

10 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: We could do a -- would you
11 prefer a little bit of a longer break?

12 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I would.

13 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Perfect. Absolutely. So why
14 don't we do that? Why don't we break and we'll come back
15 at 11?

16 Director Hernandez and Kaplan, if you could just
17 please ask the Outreach Staff, to join us at 11, and
18 it'll give them a little bit of extra time, too. I think
19 we were originally planning to come back at 11:15. So I
20 think that that should be doable for everybody, okay?

21 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you.

22 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: All right. Great. So we will
23 break and be back at 11 a.m.

24 (Whereupon, a recess was held until 11:00 a.m.)

25 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. Thank you. And

1 welcome back to the California Citizens Redistricting
2 Commission, Special Edition, on this Saturday.

3 We are coming back to review additional inputs
4 through the communities of interest mapping tool that we
5 have, the COI tool. And we will start off, in
6 particular, we're going to be looking at Zones J, K, L,
7 and I. And I'd like to start off with members of our
8 Outreach Staff to share a little bit about the efforts
9 that they've had over the course of the last several
10 months to reach out to folks on the ground in these
11 areas. Marcy and the team.

12 MR. AMORAO: Hello, everyone. How you doing today?
13 Good morning, or good afternoon. Is it (indiscernible)?
14 Wait a minute. It's morning, right? Good morning,
15 Commissioners. All these meetings are starting to run
16 over each other now.

17 As you may already know, my name is Andrew Amorao.
18 I am the Southern California Field Team Lead for Outreach
19 Zones I and K. I will be also doing my colleague's
20 report, Kimberly Briggs, who's in -- responsible for Los
21 Angeles and Orange County. I will be doing her report
22 today as well. So I'll start off with that.

23 All right. And is there anything else that anyone
24 needs to say before I begin?

25 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: I think that sounds great.

1 DIRECTOR KAPLAN: Go ahead, Andrew. Thank you.

2 MR. AMORAO: Okay. Sounds good. All right. So I'm
3 going to start with Orange County. Okay. So I apologize
4 if it makes it seem like I'm Kim in this moment, because
5 I'm reading her report. So yeah, I'll try to correct
6 myself as I go along. All right?

7 So Orange County is the home to over three million
8 people who drive tourism, amusement, and entertainment,
9 and various service, and professional industries in the
10 area. The county is also the hub of historic enclaves,
11 like Little Saigon, and Little Arabia.

12 As community of interest meetings proceeded, it was
13 clear that Orange County is a tale of two communities,
14 inland and coastal, each has distinct needs and
15 priorities. For phase one outreach in June 2021, staff
16 built up a list of cities and governments, like the City
17 of Anaheim, Laguna Beach, and County Board of
18 Supervisors. Trusted nonprofits and civic engagement
19 organizations like the League of Women Voters, OC,
20 Mission Up, and OCCET Action, and chambers of commerce,
21 like the Newport Beach Chamber, and Costa Mesa Chamber to
22 engage with.

23 For July 2021 staff continue to outreach staff to
24 the -- to the aforementioned groups, like other outreach
25 zones, we came across people and organizations who didn't

1 know what redistricting was and were apathetic about
2 participating in the process. It was important to keep
3 repeating the message to them, the importance of
4 redistricting and that these meetings were taking place
5 where we needed to hear from them.

6 Other difficulties we came across had to do with no
7 one physically being in the stakeholders' office to
8 answer phone calls due to health orders, even some
9 smaller organizations did not have phone numbers. We
10 also noticed that some in the nonprofit community were
11 hesitant to share recommendations for partner
12 organizations we could reach out to.

13 We persisted in identifying additional groups like
14 the Chinese American Chamber of Commerce of Orange
15 County, the Santa Ana College School of Continuing
16 Education, and the Chrysalis OC. CRC support staff were
17 crucial to this effort.

18 For August and September 2021, Outreach expanded
19 their reach to organizations like the Orange County
20 Communities Organized for Responsible Development, the
21 Orange County Environmental Justice Educational Fund, and
22 the Community Action Partnership of Orange County.

23 Staff also outreached to organizations who serve --
24 who serve those who may speak English as a second
25 language. Examples include, the Middle Eastern North

1 African community. We reached out to Access California
2 Services, and the OC Iranian Chamber of Commerce (sic).
3 For the Asian-American Pacific Islander Outreach,
4 contacts include the Pacific Islander Health Partnership.

5 Statewide organizations like the Coalition for
6 Humane Immigrant Rights, or CHIRLA, and the National
7 Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials,
8 NALEO, also ignited their networks to participate in the
9 COIs. Staff also outreached to vital sectors, including
10 foundations like the Orange County Community Foundation,
11 health care organizations like the Coalition of OC
12 Community Health Centers; labor groups like the Orange
13 County Labor Federation; faith-based groups, LGBTQ+, and
14 political organizations.

15 Staff also reached out to local media, like the
16 Voice of OC, and Orange County Register to amplify
17 awareness of the COI meetings. We have heard from a
18 variety of inland and coastal communities through the
19 call-in COI meetings, as well as the Draw My California
20 Community submissions, like Westminster, Fountain Valley,
21 Anaheim, Irvine, and Newport Beach.

22 But we have noticed some areas that require more
23 engagement, like Laguna Niguel, San Juan Capistrano,
24 Ladera Ranch, Mission Viejo, and others.

25 Moving forward, Outreach Staff will connect with

1 these areas, communities, organizations that have yet to
2 submit a COI. We will be promoting our Draw My
3 California Community presentations to these groups so
4 that they can be equipped with the knowledge to use the
5 tool, and empowered to submit their input.

6 Thank you so much for your time.

7 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. Thank you.

8 Andrew or Marcy, is there any additional outreach
9 reports?

10 DIRECTOR KAPLAN: Yes. Andrew is going to also go
11 over his Zones I and K. Andrew, you can go ahead.

12 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you so much.

13 MR. AMORAO: One second. I'm just pulling up mine.
14 All right.

15 Hello, Commissioners. How are you doing today? As
16 you know, so I'm talking, and this is for me now. This
17 is Outreach Zones I and K. And just for the public, you
18 know, that are following us today, Outreach Zones I and K
19 include, Riverside, San Bernardino, Imperial, and San
20 Diego Counties.

21 I joined the Commission staff at the end of May
22 2021, along with my colleagues Kimberly Briggs and Jose
23 Eduardo Chavez. The monumental task you entrusted us
24 with was to continue building on the Commission's
25 outreach and educational efforts in phase one, and help

1 initiate phase two, the activation of all Californians in
2 the redistricting process through the communities of
3 interest public input meetings. The Draw My California
4 Community online submission tool, and other ways
5 individuals and organizations can have their voices
6 heard.

7 As of the 2020 census, Inland Empire comprises now
8 4.7 million Californians. Riverside County alone added
9 228,000 residents, the most of any county in California,
10 the San Diego region, which includes Imperial County,
11 increase of 3.4 million. In all, outreach Zones I and K
12 represent over twenty percent of California's total
13 population.

14 These outreach zones couldn't be any more different.
15 The San Diego region represents sunsets over the Coronado
16 Bridge, the vast fields of the Imperial Valley that
17 helped feed the nation during the winter months, and
18 serves as a gateway to our neighbor south to the border.

19 The Inland Empire, on the other hand, has one of the
20 largest geographic areas of the United States. Most of
21 it is owned by Federal Government as official wilderness
22 areas. Millions of visitors a year make the journey to
23 see the rock formations of Joshua Tree National Park, or
24 unwind up a luxury desert resorts in Palm Springs.

25 What was once considered uninhabitable, the High

1 Desert is teeming with as much diversity in economic
2 development as its down the hill counterparts. And as I
3 mentioned earlier, Riverside County is becoming home to
4 more and more Californians seeking to find affordable and
5 livable housing than the high priced options found in Los
6 Angeles and San Diego Counties.

7 As someone who worked on the 2020 census, as well as
8 my support staff, Isabelle, I knew the importance of
9 conducting outreach in an intentional and equitable way
10 to include as many Californians as possible in this
11 process, by making new connections to communities who may
12 have little to no experience in participating in
13 redistricting, or that may find it difficult to
14 participate due to issues such as language barriers, or
15 limited access to broadband.

16 I was able to successfully activate these
17 communities by being invested in their success, helping
18 them navigate how to provide public input, and meeting
19 them where they're at no matter where they are in the
20 process.

21 Despite no face-to-face contact because of the
22 challenges surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, you'll see
23 from the public input we collected, that it reflects the
24 rich diversity of these two distinct outreach zones.

25 I would like to acknowledge the tremendous

1 groundwork Commissioners Sinay, Kennedy, Ahmad, and Le
2 Mons did in my outreach zones. They establish a stable
3 foundation for me to build upon. The doors they opened
4 made my job easier to deepen those connections and keep
5 organizations engaged throughout this process.

6 From Commissioner Kennedy's county profiles, to
7 Commissioner Sinay's introductions over email with
8 leaders and organizations she recently met, I felt fully
9 supported in this work. Thank you. Thank you so much.

10 At the beginning I focused, primarily, on government
11 associations and local governments to spread the word
12 about the COI meetings, the COI tool, and other ways to
13 provide input. I also contacted the organizations and
14 groups which hosted the Commissioner-led redistricting
15 basics presentations. Because of the -- because most of
16 these organizations already had some familiarity with the
17 Commission's work, and had received some education,
18 groups were much more willing to engage their
19 stakeholders, and encouraging them to provide input.

20 Leveraging these contacts and connections, I was
21 able to spread the word about the COI meetings, and the
22 Commission's work to a wide range of constituents and
23 stakeholders. In Zone I, one of the Calexico City
24 Council members, shared with me the intricacies of her
25 constituents and wanted to learn more about participating

1 in the COI meetings.

2 Equipping her with translated fliers, and materials,
3 and the deadline to request language assistance was vital
4 to encourage her communities along the border to submit
5 their COI input and suggested boundaries.

6 In Zone K, a community representative from San Diego
7 City Council District 9, collaborated with the office's
8 community representatives to announce our COI meetings at
9 their districts' community meetings, and town councils.
10 What makes District 9 so unique and important in our
11 work, is that it is the home of one of the most diverse
12 refugee populations in the United States.

13 I then moved to organizations that work on civic
14 engagement and community empowerment. These include
15 statewide networks, labor councils, health center
16 collaboratives, coalitions, service-based organizations
17 like Rotary Clubs, political parties, business
18 associations, chambers of commerce, local farm bureaus,
19 and those receiving funding for redistricting work.

20 Even though some of them weren't quite ready
21 initially, most, if not all, have turned out their
22 community members to engage in the COI meetings,
23 conducted educational workshops, or assisted individuals
24 with their COI input.

25 For example, the California Labor Federation and the

1 San Diego and Imperial Counties' Labor Council connected
2 me with their statewide consultant, and staff at the
3 Inland Empire Labor Council to help promote our COI
4 meetings, and amplify our messaging to over 200,000
5 working families between both Zones.

6 NAIOP, the Commercial Real Estate Development
7 Association, Inland Empire Chapter, assisted industry
8 members with their registrations, and shared our outreach
9 materials with their chapters in Southern California.

10 Perhaps the most important and impactful outreach
11 that I did was to organizations that are trusted
12 messengers in their respective communities. These
13 include ethnic and cultural groups, libraries, legal
14 assistance organizations, community colleges and
15 universities, LGBT communities, and faith-based groups.

16 An example of this, in Asian Solidarity Collective
17 in Zone K; their team organized community members and
18 leaders from the San Diego Asian Pacific Islander
19 Coalition to provide COI input at the September 2nd
20 meeting as part of a statewide effort of AAPI orgs to
21 uplift their community's voices.

22 In Zone I, TODEC Legal Center, turned out Latino
23 community members in Riverside County. As the Commission
24 is well aware, the registration slots for a couple of
25 Zone I COI meetings completely filled well before the

1 deadline, and when their community members were
2 experiencing difficulties providing public input, the
3 Outreach Staff assisted them with formulating a plan to
4 submit video public input through mail.

5 These past few weeks I've been able to utilize the
6 data posted on the CRC website to inform my outreach
7 efforts. The pin map generated through the online
8 airtable COI input database is an invaluable tool to
9 identify areas where we may be lacking COI testimony,
10 especially in rural areas such as Needles, Blythe,
11 Borrego Springs, Barstow, Baker, Holtville, Calexico, and
12 Calipatria.

13 As we sunsetted phase two of the Commission's work,
14 Isabelle and I look forward to continue working with you,
15 our existing community partners, and new organizations
16 the communities we have yet to introduce ourselves to, to
17 collect more communities of interest public input through
18 this next phase of the redistricting process.

19 That concludes my presentation. And I'll be happy
20 to answer any questions that you may have. Thank you so
21 much for your time.

22 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you so much, Andrew.
23 This is incredible, truly, truly amazing work. And
24 certainly we saw the riches of this work with all of the
25 callers that we had. And I'm so excited to see their COI

1 submissions, as well as the COI tool submissions as well
2 today.

3 Any comments, questions from Commissioners for
4 Andrew while we have him?

5 And also big thank you for sharing on behalf of
6 Kimberly as well. Incredible report there also.

7 Seeing none, I will say thank you again. And have
8 no fear we anticipate plenty more community outreach and
9 input over the over the next line drawing phase. And
10 certainly after we get that draft map out, going back out
11 into communities to collect additional input. So still
12 much more work to be done, but this is a really helpful,
13 helpful update. Thank you.

14 MR. AMORAO: Yeah.

15 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Oh, sure. With that, I will
16 turn it over to Andrew, and I believe John, who will be
17 leading us on a tour of COI tool submissions throughout
18 this region.

19 MR. DRECHSLER: Great. Thank you very much,
20 Commissioner Sadhwani. And as Andrew and Kimberly's
21 report noted, we will be going over the COIs that were
22 submitted just through the COI tool. I think John is
23 going to do this tour, he's going to throw up the map in
24 just a second, and show the 200-plus, or parts -- some of
25 the 200-plus that were -- that he is going to talk about

1 today.

2 And as Andrew just mentioned there's -- this will be
3 covering largely the five counties. And as we all noted,
4 that there's a lot of overlap between the -- there's a
5 lot of overlap between the different, you know, zones and
6 regions, and it's going to all come together.

7 So with that, I will turn it over to John.

8 MR. O'NEILL: Thank you, Andrew. You can hear me
9 fine?

10 MR. DRECHSLER: Yes, we can. Thank you.

11 MR. O'NEILL: All right; terrific. So Andrew
12 mentioned 200-plus communities of interest. I can give
13 you the number there. It's 281 communities of interest
14 that are touching these five counties here, which is
15 quite a lot to get through in an hour. So I'll try and
16 be expeditious.

17 I'm John O'Neill. The regions we'll be talking
18 about, as you just heard, are I, J, and K. And so just
19 to help you orient yourselves here, the order in which
20 I'm going to be talking about this, is that I will --
21 I'll be starting here in Orange, and then I'll be working
22 south into San Diego, I'll work east into Imperial, and
23 then north up into Riverside, and then San Bernardino,
24 and finish over here near Chino. So it'll be
25 counterclockwise there.

1 So at the start of each county, also, I'll just
2 pause briefly just to kind of review the order in which
3 I'm going to be talking about the communities of interest
4 in that county.

5 So one last thing that I just want to note is I do
6 have a terrain layer which I can turn on. I'm leaving it
7 off by default just because it does slow down the map.
8 I'm planning to turn it on when someone is talking about
9 a valley or a mountain. But if any of the Commissioners
10 would like to see it, or would like to have it turned
11 off, it's very easy to just unmute and ask me. So
12 without further ado, on to Orange County.

13 So here in Orange County, I'll be starting up here
14 in the north. I'll talk about a couple of communities I
15 dimensions, which would stretch a little bit into Los
16 Angeles. I'm not going to duplicate what Jaime talked
17 about. So there are additional that I won't be covering.
18 And then I'll work my way south first in this inland
19 area, and then second, I'm going to talk about the
20 coastal area.

21 And so in Orange County, we've got 91 communities of
22 interest here. All right. So the first communities I'm
23 going to talk about are up in the northern portion. And
24 so these are -- they were described as diverse,
25 multiethnic, multi-income areas, talked about the

1 importance of their relation to the theme parks and
2 Disney. There is one, here's a second conception of that
3 same -- there was some disagreement about whether to go
4 into Los Angeles or remain in Orange County entirely.

5 Let me see. And then there was a third, a bit more
6 expansive conception of that same area. So again, there
7 was some disagreement about how much would be
8 incorporated into this northern region, and also how far
9 it would cut into Los Angeles. And one other thing that
10 that many folks mentioned in this community was that
11 there was a significant presence of White and Asian
12 population in that area.

13 Moving south here toward Rossmoor, which is -- it's
14 this little red bit here, but the name has not shown up.
15 We received a couple of different communities of interest
16 submissions from here. It was a bit challenging. I've
17 highlighted here, one that combines Rossmoor and Seal
18 Beach, and here's another conception of that, which also
19 includes Los Alamitos.

20 But there was some ambiguity about -- between the
21 different submissions we received about, let me see, it
22 looks like eight, there was some ambiguity about whether
23 to include Los Alamitos here in this community. And
24 folks generally expressed a desire to not be included
25 with Hawaiian Gardens, Cerritos, Garden Grove, and Long

1 Beach.

2 Looking here at Buena Park, this was one community
3 of interest submission that we received, and they talked
4 about the community there as having a shared school -- a
5 school district, shared cultural events, as well as being
6 predominantly Hispanic at forty percent, but also
7 including a White and Asian population there at about
8 thirty percent each.

9 And expressed a desire -- I'll turn on some of the
10 other submissions that we received in that area --
11 expressed a desire to be kept with some of the
12 neighboring areas like La Palma, Cypress, Garden Grove,
13 Los Alamitos.

14 And then there was some ambiguity here about whether
15 they wanted to be kept with Anaheim. So some of them
16 expressed a willingness to be kept in a district
17 community -- so I'll turn off some of the other ones --
18 some of them expressed a willingness to be kept in a
19 district with the western portion of Anaheim, but
20 preferred not to be combined with this eastern portion.
21 But some of the submissions that we received from the
22 Buena Park area did request kind of a larger conception
23 of what they saw as their community that didn't include
24 that eastern portion of Anaheim.

25 One more thing that I'd actually just like to say

1 for the Commissioners, a couple of times here I'm going
2 to be showing overlapping communities of interest. And I
3 was -- I'm doing that just because I want to convey how
4 some folks have different conceptions in the same areas.

5 If those are ever obscure, or making it hard to see,
6 please, please let me know. I took a look through all
7 these, and I thought they were all visible but I -- you
8 obviously know since you're looking at them.

9 So we're going to move now, here, a little east. So
10 this is a submission that we were receiving from Yorba
11 Linda. And so what they were talking about here is the
12 foothills communities in Anaheim Hills, Orange, Tustin,
13 Villa Park, having a shared appreciation of activities
14 such as horseback riding, trail riding, a similar sort
15 of -- many folks living in single family homes. It's a
16 sort of rural, more rural environment. And they request
17 it to be kept separate from areas like Diamond Bar,
18 Hacienda, or Chino Hills, which you can see up to the
19 north.

20 Moving a little bit south here, and continuing to
21 talk about Anaheim. This is a community of interest that
22 we received. They were specifically talking about the
23 east side of Anaheim, but it and -- so it also expressed
24 similar desires to another community of interest which
25 are going to turn on right now, which was to be kept more

1 with similar economic, working-class areas.

2 And especially, they say, Latino or Latina
3 communities including, Anaheim, Santa Ana, and Stanton.
4 Stanton, you can see right here, Santa Ana here. But
5 both of them indicated a preference to be kept separate
6 from what you can see here, which is the east side of
7 Anaheim, which is Anaheim Hills.

8 So next I'm going to talk about Little Saigon, which
9 we received several submissions about. So again, I'm
10 going to show you all the different community of interest
11 submissions that we received -- well, not all of them,
12 but several and representative sample of some of the
13 different ways that people defined Little Saigon
14 geographically. And then I'm also going to just talk
15 about some of the common characteristics that folks
16 described there.

17 So folks who're identifying a Vietnamese culture
18 identity and community, and especially a desire for,
19 potentially, a Vietnamese representative. And you'll see
20 here this community of interest, which I just turned on,
21 does stretch all the way to the coast, and includes some
22 of the coastal communities, but that wasn't universal.
23 And here I'll turn off some of the earlier definitions
24 that folks gave of Little Saigon so you can see.

25 And so this is one more of -- one more conception of

1 Little Saigon there. And so cities that many folks
2 listed were Westminster, Garden Grove, Fountain Valley,
3 and the portion of Santa Ana west of the Santa Ana River.

4 So the next group of communities of interest I'm
5 going to talk about is -- it's not necessarily
6 geographically concentrated in a particular area of
7 Orange County, but we did receive several submissions
8 from folks who were talking about different Asian
9 communities. Either the Asian community broadly, or
10 specifically, for example, I'll share one which is, folks
11 were talking about the Cambodian community in Orange
12 County.

13 And these were -- these were, quite frankly, they
14 were from all over Orange County, so I'm just going to
15 share these. But I'll just note that this might require
16 a bit more digging to try and identify where these
17 communities are concentrated. So this first one was more
18 up in the north, and that was similar to some of the
19 earlier communities of interest, which I shared, where
20 folks were talking about the northern, predominantly
21 White, as well as Asian communities there.

22 This was one which covers some of those areas I
23 talked about with Little Saigon, but then stretches down
24 further to pick up some of the beach communities, like
25 Huntington Beach or Newport Beach.

1 This, which I just turned on, is in Santa Ana, and
2 they specifically talked about the Cambodian community
3 there.

4 This covered the short of Seal -- here, I'll turn
5 off a couple -- but short of Seal Beach up in the north
6 this community of interest covered just about all the
7 coast and what's described as an area where there's a
8 concentration of Asian folks in Orange County.

9 And so again, I share those because in the case of
10 the Cambodian example, there wasn't necessarily another
11 one showing that. In the case of Little Saigon, we
12 received a lot of testimony of the specific area, talking
13 about a specific Asian community. But I want to note
14 that we also did receive some examples of testimony in
15 other areas that weren't necessarily limited to just
16 that, that one area.

17 So shifting inland now to talk a little bit about
18 Tustin and Irvine area -- let me zoom out a little bit.
19 And if you'll bear with me just one moment, I've got to
20 scroll my notes here. Actually, I apologize. I'd like
21 to just take a step back.

22 I just want to share a little bit more of the
23 written testimony that was provided in relation to some
24 of the broader Asian community -- community of interest
25 testimony in -- that I just shared.

1 One note that folks shared, especially in this, was
2 you can see here up on the on the border, folks talked
3 about there being significant Chinese, Korean, and
4 Filipino communities on the Orange County, San
5 Bernardino, Los Angeles Corridors. All right.

6 So focusing in now on North Tustin -- well, Tustin
7 and Irvine. So we received several folks who talked
8 about the relationship between Tustin and Irvine. And
9 I'm going to share some of -- kind of the commonalities
10 among the written testimony that we received. And then
11 I'll show a few examples of some of the different ways
12 that people defined this area.

13 Several people noted that the Tustin Unified School
14 District extends into Irvine. Several people talked
15 about a similar sort of small town identity and feel that
16 there are similar demographics, care about environmental
17 issues, bike lanes, a shared library system, similar
18 housing. And they also talked about both being older,
19 established communities with long-time homeowners.

20 And so I'm going to show a few different communities
21 of interest. Many of them just talked about Tustin and
22 Irvine. But one area where there was some disagreement
23 was about whether Newport Beach should be or should not
24 be included in this. So I'll show a few examples, one of
25 which will include Newport Beach.

1 This is the first one. There was a second. There's
2 a third which is fairly similar to the second. And then
3 I'm just going to turn this on off because I don't want
4 to make it too much of that.

5 So here's another one. And this one you can see
6 this excludes Newport Beach, but it does include some of
7 the other beach communities in the Tustin, Irvine, along
8 with that core. And then here's one which does include
9 Irvine, and talks about that relationship here with a
10 portion of Tustin, and then also includes Newport Beach.
11 And so that was in the written testimony, including or
12 excluding Newport Beach was something that a number of
13 folks talked about.

14 Okay. So shifting south now specifically -- let's
15 see, so this was a community interest from Northeast San
16 Juan Capistrano. Folks talked about there being a number
17 of retirees, and they especially noted that they felt
18 that this community here was separate from some of the
19 beach communities. More middle class, they described it,
20 and they also talked about it as Old Orange County, so
21 the canyon area, near the Cleveland National Forest.

22 And so they asked to be with San Clemente, Mission
23 Viejo. And here I'll show another example of a similar
24 community sort of area. They said they did not feel they
25 had a connection to San Diego County. And they said they

1 felt separate, as I said, from the beach communities.

2 And so this is -- this is another example of one of
3 these inland communities that was talking about feeling a
4 separation from -- or feeling that they didn't
5 necessarily have a connection to San Diego, to the beach
6 communities. And then here was one that was connecting
7 both of these areas.

8 That said, although this group is unified in wanting
9 to be kept separate from San Diego, there were some folks
10 who did feel that there was a connection with the beach
11 communities. So that is -- that's the inland communities
12 that I'm going to talk about.

13 I'm now going to talk about the Coast of Orange
14 County. And so I'm going to start off just by talking
15 about the folks who would like to see the entire coast
16 kept whole, and then I'll talk about folks who had
17 preferences for seeing a northern coast community or
18 district, southern coast community or district, and then
19 some of the disagreements folks had about whether they'd
20 like to see a district cut into San Diego, or whether
21 they want to keep this orange community separate from San
22 Diego.

23 So this is one conception of what we saw of a
24 potential Orange Coast coastal community. And let me
25 just pull up the description here about what folks were

1 saying about this area. So people talked about this area
2 being united by the PCH, the Pacific Coast Highway. They
3 especially talked about environmental concerns, about the
4 coastline and the ocean.

5 Several of them talked about -- and here I'll show
6 another example here -- several of them talked about the
7 ocean -- or sorry -- surfing as a hobby. And while many
8 of them drew these boundaries just within Orange County,
9 some of them did reach out into Los Angeles. As you can
10 see here, some of them did include portions of Los
11 Angeles in their conception of the Coast of Orange
12 County.

13 And so they spoke about surfing both as a hobby, but
14 also as a commercial and academic -- economic endeavor.
15 That said, many of them did indicate that -- this last
16 one which I shared aside -- many of them did indicate
17 that they saw themselves as separate from Long Beach, and
18 they implicitly asked to be kept separate from Long
19 Beach, so that there'd be a border here.

20 That said, folks were not unanimous in asking for a
21 coastal district. Some people did indicate that they
22 would prefer to have a coastal district, but only for a
23 portion of the coast.

24 And so I'm going to talk about, again, first what
25 some folks talked about for the north. And here's one

1 conception of what that community looks like. And here
2 I'll zoom in a little. So it's Newport Beach here toward
3 the south, up through Seal Beach in the north. And so
4 what folks -- a lot of folks in this northern portion
5 talked about was that they love the police department,
6 they're family oriented.

7 And many of them talked about wanting to see Seal
8 Beach, Los Alamitos, Rossmoor, Cypress, and La Palma
9 included. So their conception of the beach reaches up
10 here to include a portion of the city that borders Los
11 Angeles. And you can see here how it reaches in more
12 inland in some of the submissions that we received.

13 And several of them also said that they would prefer
14 to be kept separate from Los Angeles County, in general.
15 And here I'll turn one off so you can see what this
16 particular example was.

17 Los Angeles County in general, Long Beach
18 specifically, as well as the more southern beach
19 communities. And here I just have one more proposal or
20 conception of what a Northern Orange County Beach
21 community might look like.

22 So shifting now to the south, here in San Clemente,
23 and also including in some of the unincorporated areas,
24 we did receive some testimony here from folks who
25 requested that there be a Southern Orange County coastal

1 community of interest considered in a district. And they
2 talked about beautiful landscape, good schools. They
3 talked about wanting to include San Clemente, San Juan
4 Capistrano, Dana Point, Laguna Beach. And they
5 explicitly said that they want to be excluded from San
6 Diego County, and they expressed displeasure with the
7 current configuration of the districts.

8 But of course that was not unanimous. There were
9 also some folks in that same area who described that they
10 did like -- this was their community, and they did feel
11 that there was a significant similarity between them and
12 other coastal communities in Northern San Diego,
13 including Oceanside and Camp Pendleton here.

14 And so here's another example of another -- here,
15 I'll zoom out to show this one -- here's another example
16 which included some more of Orange County and a little
17 bit less of San Diego, but similarly felt that there was
18 a connection between the communities here in Northern San
19 Diego and Southern Orange County.

20 And so those submissions noted the highway corridor,
21 common shopping areas, common beach and outdoor
22 recreation, as well as a suburban -- exurban community,
23 and that there's no large city that anchors the area. So
24 they feel a commonality here.

25 So I'm going to transition now to San Diego. But

1 before I do, I just wanted to pause and just note, one
2 area where -- had I more than an hour, one area where I
3 would like to talk more would just be about this inland
4 area, and particularly in the north along the border with
5 Los Angeles. That's an area where I think a number of
6 folks submitted kind of conflicting testimony. And it's
7 certainly important, since there's a significant
8 population there.

9 So if Commissioners, after this, are looking for
10 more areas to dig into, that's an area I would encourage
11 you to take a look at.

12 One thing I'll also note, is that we're going to
13 return to talk a little bit more about this area and some
14 of the districts that folks proposed, specifically
15 because Chino Hills and the Chino area touch Riverside,
16 Los Angeles, Orange County, and San Bernardino. And
17 there's a number of communities of interest submissions
18 that we'll get to at the end.

19 So moving to San Diego, we received fifty-five
20 community interest submissions for San Diego. Again, I'm
21 going to start in the North. I'm going to work my way
22 south. And so I'll start off here with Camp Pendleton,
23 Camp Pendleton area. There was some disagreement among
24 different submissions that we received about whether
25 people in this area wanted to be kept with Camp Pendleton

1 or not. And I'll show some of the proposals from the
2 folks -- first show some of the proposals from folks who
3 did ask to be included with Camp Pendleton.

4 So this here is a submission which highlighted these
5 two areas. These are both census-designated places.
6 This is Camp Pendleton, I believe, main side, and Camp
7 Pendleton South. That said, the actual boundaries of
8 Camp Pendleton, as a military base, are a bit more
9 expansive. So I'm going to just turn that on right now
10 so you can see where that area is.

11 So that's right here. So this entire area is Camp
12 Pendleton Marine Corps Base. And so I just -- I note
13 that because many folks requested to be kept with Camp
14 Pendleton, but in their submissions they only selected
15 these two census-designated places. And so I imagine
16 that that might be something we would want to check to
17 confirm whether they were referring to this area as a
18 whole, or this is just these census-designated places
19 specifically.

20 So starting off with this community of interest,
21 with Camp Pendleton, this specific submission talked
22 about the relationship with Oceanside, and that was a
23 commonality among many of the submissions that we
24 received. So here's another community of interest
25 submission where the person drew Oceanside together with

1 the areas of Camp Pendleton.

2 And so if you'll give me just a moment to scroll,
3 I'll pull up some of the factors that folks talked about
4 in describing this community.

5 So of course, folks talked about there being
6 military families there, many folks on active duty
7 economic and social ties between Camp Pendleton and
8 Oceanside, Camp Pendleton here and Oceanside. There was
9 some disagreement here.

10 Here, I'll show another community of interest where
11 someone was asking for Camp Pendleton to be included with
12 some of these other areas. There was some disagreement
13 about whether folks wanted Carlsbad to be included as a
14 part of this community. Many folks did mention Fallbrook
15 and Bonsall.

16 And so here's an example of -- and I'll turn off the
17 other layers, but this in green is an example of a
18 community of interest, which took a bit more of an
19 expansive view. They asked for Camp Pendleton to be
20 kept, but they also talked about Carlsbad, which is
21 something that some of the other communities of interest
22 didn't, or indicated they felt wasn't necessarily a part
23 of that.

24 And so one thing that these last few communities of
25 interest submissions that I just showed you had in

1 common, was that they specifically asked to be kept
2 separate from Orange County. So they were asking for
3 this, presumably this line or somewhere south to be the
4 border of their community or districts.

5 So shifting now to the some of the folks who
6 requested to be kept separate from Camp Pendleton, or at
7 least identified other communities that were separate
8 from the base -- actually, I should clarify. So we're
9 now shifting to folks who live in a similar community,
10 who talk -- but who identified different -- a different
11 community as their primary community than the folks who
12 were in Camp Pendleton.

13 And so some of them will, in their testimony,
14 identify Camp Pendleton as something they want to be kept
15 with. Others indicated that it wasn't. But that was
16 just a divide that we saw when we were looking at how
17 folks wanted to -- how folks saw Camp Pendleton.

18 All right. So this next community, this is based
19 out of Carlsbad. And so this submission indicated that
20 they felt that their community, or rather this collection
21 of submissions, broadly, these folks indicated that they
22 saw Carlsbad and Escondido as being connected, based on
23 similar concerns about environmental issues, like coastal
24 erosion, or sea level rise, and they asked to be excluded
25 or kept separate from some of the rural communities which

1 are east of Escondido.

2 And so I have just one more submission from that
3 group of community of interest testimony. And so again,
4 you can see it's Carlsbad and Escondido forming the core
5 of this community here. The first community of interest
6 which I shared did include Camp Pendleton, or a portion
7 of it, but the others did not.

8 So looking now at similar cities, but now from a
9 different perspective; I'm going to just zoom in a little
10 bit so you can see. Here is San Marcos. Now, we're
11 going to talk about some folks who identified there as
12 being a significant Asian Diaspora community in this
13 area. And they also talked about common outdoor
14 recreation, hiking, and being cities on the border of
15 rural areas.

16 So let me just -- you can see here, they talked
17 about -- let's see -- they wanted Escondido, San Marcos,
18 Vista, and Oceanside. They were seen as -- generally
19 seen as common areas. And so I just have one more. This
20 second community of interest identified those areas as
21 well as a more expansive view of some more of the coastal
22 areas, Carlsbad, Rancho Santa Fe, a portion of Poway.

23 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: John?

24 MR. O'NEILL: Yes, of course.

25 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: This is an area where it

1 seems to me, having a look with the terrain layer on
2 would be --

3 MR. O'NEILL: Absolutely. I will turn that on, and
4 then let me know if there were particular -- would it be
5 helpful if I turned off the cities just for a moment so
6 you can -- yeah, I'll do that. I'll just turn it off for
7 a moment and turn it right back on. But you can at least
8 see here, of course, Escondido, San Marcos, Vista, and
9 then up to Oceanside, and then here you can see the --

10 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Actually, put the cities
11 back on. I think that was -- yeah. It was very easy to
12 see, the whole thing.

13 MR. O'NEILL: Okay. Perfect. Would you like me to
14 keep those on, or did you just want that on for a moment?
15 And I can also, if there was a particular community of
16 interest there that you wanted to see, I'm happy to pull
17 up any of those again. Let me --

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Right.

19 MR. O'NEILL: So this here, this was the folks
20 talking about the -- Carlsbad as their core, and talking
21 about the communities, and less inclined to be with
22 rural -- or rural areas. Here, you can see it including
23 Escondido. And then I'll turn those off.

24 This was the area which was talking about Asian
25 Diaspora communities, hiking and outdoor recreation, and

1 then cities that are on the border of rural areas.

2 So yes, Commissioner Kennedy, thank you. That was
3 an excellent call to turn on terrain for these. I think
4 it's much more clear with them.

5 So here, let me turn on the other. And you can see
6 that that continues as well with some of these others.
7 And this neighborhood, of course, is the San Diego's
8 Rancho Bernardo. Okay. So I'm going to turn off the
9 terrain layer, unless you all immediately asked me to
10 keep it on. But again, I'm very happy to turn that on as
11 soon as anyone requests that. So I'm going to shift --

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That's fine

13 MR. O'NEILL: Of course. I'm going to shift south
14 now a bit and --

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: John?

16 MR. O'NEILL: Yes.

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: This is Patricia. Is it
18 possible to keep the freeways on?

19 MR. O'NEILL: Oh, good.

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Because that's always critical
21 in this --

22 MR. O'NEILL: Yes.

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- in all of San Diego. The
24 freeways define almost everything, and I think that would
25 make it helpful.

1 MR. O'NEILL: Sorry. I apologize. Let me just
2 adjust one thing. I was having some trouble with the
3 freeways with the new update on the mapping tool. But I
4 will -- I'll shift them below the city so it doesn't
5 create a -- and if it's --

6 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. If it doesn't work, it's
7 okay. But the freeway --

8 MR. O'NEILL: Now, that includes --

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- and the water, and the bases
10 is what defines us in San Diego.

11 MR. O'NEILL: Perfect. Okay. So it's -- is that
12 distinct enough to see? You can see it underneath the
13 overlay of the cities?

14 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Not really. Yeah, can you
15 put the blue? You know, did we lose the blue? You know,
16 the usual interstate color?

17 MR. O'NEILL: Yeah. Yeah. I apologize. With the
18 update, it changed the colors, and I didn't catch that in
19 time to adjust that. What I can do is -- gosh, I'm
20 sorry. Yeah, that is really important for talking about
21 Southern California to be able to talk about the freeways
22 here.

23 MR. DRECHSLER: I think how you had it just before,
24 John, where they're -- upon the upper layer.

25 MR. O'NEILL: Over and above the layers?

1 MR. DRECHSLER: Yeah, above, above I think

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah. I think --

3 MR. O'NEILL: I'll shift it so it's over. And if
4 that causes trouble for anyone, please, just let me know,
5 and I'm very happy to turn it off for the moment so you
6 can see it.

7 MR. DRECHSLER: Right.

8 MR. O'NEILL: But hopefully that's helpful for
9 everyone else as you're looking. I apologize for the
10 sparkle here that we now have, but you should be able to
11 see the freeways now.

12 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. If we just realize
13 everyone, right now all the highways are like white
14 instead.

15 MR. O'NEILL: Right, yeah.

16 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: And those aren't open
17 spaces.

18 MR. O'NEILL: Right.

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And don't forget, we say "the"
20 before each freeway down here. We don't just say the
21 number.

22 MR. O'NEILL: Of course.

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Sorry. That was a cultural
24 reference, a California cultural reference.

25 MR. O'NEILL: All right. So just give me a moment

1 as I'm finding where we left off. Okay. So we're
2 actually going to shift a little bit north here to talk
3 about a separate community here in Northern San Diego.
4 Okay. So this, the next four communities of interest
5 which I'm going to talk about, folks identified as having
6 common characteristics of a Mexican population with a
7 significant number of Spanish speakers, as well as being
8 tied together by the local community college system. And
9 so you'll see that although there's some overlap here,
10 there are some differences about what is included.

11 And so you can see that some go in quite far. Some
12 go farther inland, some reached farther north, but they
13 were all identifying similar sorts of communities of a
14 Mexican population with a number of Spanish speakers.
15 And so this community of interest here, this particular
16 submission seemed to include all the areas that all the
17 others talked about, or at least many of them had. So I
18 don't want to say that conclusively.

19 And so this there was some disagreement in the
20 submissions that we received in this grouping, about
21 keeping this sort of area with more of the rest of San
22 Diego, as opposed to reaching north as some of the other
23 districts have done, to take in areas like Murrieta, or
24 Temecula in Riverside.

25 And then again, there was some disagreement here

1 among folks who had stronger or looser military ties
2 about whether Camp Pendleton would be included in their
3 definition of this community of interest.

4 So shifting south to talk about some of these cities
5 just north of San Diego, some communities in this area,
6 so this, some folks talked about there being a rural --
7 agricultural communities, particularly with ties to San
8 Marcos. So let me turn on what they were identifying as
9 their community, which was -- you can see here Emerald
10 Heights here, and Escondido identified as -- they were
11 saying they've got ties to San Marcos. Folks talked
12 about there being a high fire risk.

13 And here was another community of interest, in that
14 general area, talking about similar sorts of -- similar
15 sorts of things; so single-family homes, rural
16 agricultural community, ties to San Marcos, and asking to
17 be kept with the west side of Encinitas, Rancho Santa Fe,
18 and Rancho Santa Fe down here, and San Marcos.

19 So shifting south, here we have Poway -- or here we
20 have Poway, and then we have a submission which is
21 identified as the Poway Unified School District. And so
22 what they particularly noted was -- and here I'll turn on
23 the districts here for a moment so you can see -- what
24 they identified is that their unified school district
25 currently is divided between multiple State Senate

1 districts.

2 You can see here that the Western portion is in
3 Senate District 39. It's some it's a portion of San
4 Diego. And they said the eastern portion is in Senate
5 District 38, and they asked to be held entirely within --
6 for them to be kept whole within -- in State Senate
7 District 38, or whatever the equivalent is.

8 So shifting south: I'm going to talk about a few Los
9 Angeles -- I'm sorry -- I'm kind of talking about a few
10 San Diego neighborhoods. But one thing I will note is
11 that relative to the population of San Diego, and
12 especially in the northern and central portion, there
13 weren't necessarily a lot of community of interest
14 submissions in this area to be -- to be sharing. And I
15 imagine that will potentially be consequential if we need
16 to be making divisions here in drawing lines.

17 I think we could certainly use a bit more feedback.
18 So starting here on the -- I apologize, I got ahead of
19 myself. I had one more before we get to the San Diego
20 neighborhoods.

21 So over here on Lakeside, the request that we
22 received with this community of interest, and I'll zoom
23 in just a little bit, was to be kept separate from El
24 Cajon, which you can see here is in red.

25 Okay. So shifting now to San Diego neighborhoods,

1 this here is Claremont. And so they identified as being
2 a family oriented community bounded by the freeways, as
3 you've noted. So we've got the 5, we've got the 8 -- and
4 I'm afraid I don't know these offhand, but I'm guessing
5 it's the 805 here. But they drew it for us. So we know.

6 And so they -- oh, happily, they described it as:
7 From the 5 to the west, to the 52 to the north, to the
8 805 and the 163 to the east, down to the 8 in the south.
9 And they particularly noted that they want to be kept
10 separate from Mira Mesa, which they said is a geographic
11 distance but also has differing needs.

12 So further south; this community of interest does
13 include the entirety of the coastal area, but I think
14 they just selected all the water. There's no actual
15 population in this. It's here, right there. And so the
16 description was, they identify as a community of
17 interest, it's an expensive place to live, they said, and
18 they said that they would like to be kept with Point
19 Loma, Ocean Beach, and the Midway Sports Arena area.

20 So shifting now to more Southeast San Diego, and I
21 will say that this is an area where we did receive quite
22 a few community of interest submissions. So starting
23 first with one from Azalea Park and Fairmount Park -- if
24 you can give just a moment -- so this community here
25 asked to be kept separate from City Heights; I'll share

1 now some community of interest submissions we received
2 from City Heights. Some of those describe the City
3 Heights in this way and agreed keeping that separate.

4 I'll share two others. These next two, these are
5 both City Heights as well. Those both included that
6 particular area so they disagreed on that point.

7 In terms of City Heights, the descriptions here,
8 many folks talked about there being immigrants from
9 Africa, Vietnam, Haiti, Mexico, and Latin America, a lot
10 of refugees, working families. And several of them
11 talked about Lemon Grove, characterized as an extension
12 of the City Heights neighborhood, and then also La Mesa.
13 The Skyline communities, and the City of El Cajon, Spring
14 Valley, and then, of course, City Heights included in
15 that as well. Okay.

16 So shifting now a little bit further south, some
17 folks spoke about Southeast San Diego. You can see here
18 one definition, or one boundary. The commonalities that
19 several folks identified here were that it was a diverse
20 working class community, significantly Black. And
21 here's, in red, you can see one that's identified as
22 Paradise Hills, and identifying a similar area, and
23 talking about similar needs.

24 I have next, also in a similar area two community of
25 interest submissions, one was, I believe, collected at a

1 community event at a barbershop, and the other at a
2 boxing gym. And so in both, they talked about the young
3 people that they spoke to wanted to see investment in
4 schools, they described their community as being made up
5 of African and Caribbean immigrants. They talked about
6 frustration with law enforcement and frequent stops. And
7 they asked to be with other areas that have a growing
8 Black population. And they requested to be separate from
9 anything north of La Mesa.

10 And so zooming out just a little bit, we heard from
11 some of those folks talking about immigrant communities.
12 We received one submission here which talks about this
13 community of interest is significantly consisting of
14 refugee populations from Africa, the Middle East, and
15 Asia. Talked about family and community being important,
16 and they especially noted -- and I'll just quickly turn
17 on the existing districts -- they noted that they're
18 divided in the State Senate, State Assembly, and
19 Congressional districts, which they said is especially
20 difficult for many of the folks in their community being
21 refugees, trying to navigate the American political
22 system, and generally turning to their community for
23 resources, but the folks in the district in not knowing
24 how to help them, or who to direct them to.

25 So shifting here to South Bay, this community

1 venture submission talked about -- they described this as
2 a mostly Latinx, but has a small Black, mostly military
3 community, asked to be kept with San Isidro, National
4 City, and Chula Vista, and kept apart from Otay Mesa.

5 And so I'm going to zoom out here. And so the next
6 county I'll be talking about, of course, is Imperial.
7 This one will be a little bit quicker given that there
8 are three communities of interest submissions,
9 specifically from Imperial Valley. All of them -- all of
10 the community of interest testimony I reviewed from
11 Imperial requested keeping it whole, which is possible.
12 Imperial County has a much smaller population than the
13 other counties that we've been talking about, which are
14 generally about three million people, or so.

15 And so there was -- I'll mainly just talk about
16 Imperial County, and the communities that folks submitted
17 from there in relation to some of the other areas that
18 they asked to be kept whole with or separate from.

19 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Could you turn on the
20 terrain layer for this one?

21 MR. O'NEILL: Oh, of course. Absolutely. This is
22 exactly when we should, when we're talking about Imperial
23 Valley. Thank you. Okay. So there were two folks here
24 with -- that just submitted the boundaries of Imperial.
25 And I'll just read a little bit of the description here.

1 They identified the community as being rural, Hispanic,
2 and agricultural, and they especially talked about being
3 a renewable energy capital, which is similar to Coachella
4 Valley.

5 And they all -- the other individual indicated that
6 the Lower East Coachella Valley is a nearby community
7 that the Imperial Valley has much in common with. And
8 they talked about the Salton Sea, which you can see here,
9 as well as lack of access to health care and economic
10 opportunities.

11 And so they requested to be kept with the Coachella
12 Valley and separate from San Diego. And so one of them
13 said, and I quote, "We get ignored by our Federal
14 Congressmen." And so you can see here the current
15 Congressional district stretches into San Diego, and so
16 the population is primarily concentrated here in the
17 Southern San Diego. Okay.

18 So moving north to -- or actually just one more
19 while we're on Imperial, one more submission that we
20 received here identified all the cities here in Imperial,
21 and also grouped them with Coachella Valley. And so I'm
22 going to talk next about Coachella Valley. But you'll
23 notice that they're not including all the cities of
24 Coachella Valley in their definition of what they would
25 like to be kept with.

1 And so this person wrote, "Our border status isn't
2 the most significant aspect of our community. While
3 they're significant, we're primarily a rural and
4 agricultural community." And asked to be kept with the
5 Coachella Valley, which they identified as a Latino and
6 agricultural community, and so they asked to be kept
7 with, as I said, the Coachella Valley, and separate from
8 Chula Vista and San Diego.

9 And so they mentioned the current Congressional,
10 which I showed you, and also State Senate districts,
11 which similarly reaches in to pick up a significant
12 population at San Diego, and combines that with Imperial.

13 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: John, could you remind us on
14 the map where Chula Vista is?

15 MR. O'NEILL: Oh, of course. I'm so sorry. Yes.
16 So here, if we zoom in, it's right here in south --
17 southwestern San Diego County, and I'll show you exactly
18 where that is. So it's right here. It's this yellow
19 city here.

20 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you.

21 MR. O'NEILL: And so I'll turn on the boundary lines
22 as well for just a moment. So you can see here, this is
23 the Senate District 40, stretching from Imperial County
24 here, to pick up a portion of San Diego. And then
25 Congressional District 51, which stretches in to pick up

1 a portion of Chula Vista, as well as some of National
2 City, and some of San Diego.

3 And again, I really apologize about the white roads,
4 and I promise I'll have that sorted the next time I talk
5 to you. Okay. So here, let me -- I'm going to turn off
6 the landmark layer just because it's covering up some of
7 the terrain, and it will have the same labels. Okay.

8 So shifting up here to the Coachella Valley, or
9 rather Riverside as a whole, so in Riverside, I'm going
10 to start off, I'm going to, by and large work from east
11 to west. So I'm going to start off with Coachella
12 Valley, and then I'm going to work -- talk about some of
13 the connections back to Imperial County, talk about some
14 of the communities here along the border and their
15 connections to San Diego, especially Temecula, and then
16 come up along the Coast of Orange County. Talk a little
17 bit about some of these valley and mountain communities
18 here, and then transition into San Bernardino.

19 So leading off with Coachella Valley, so I'm going
20 to share first, two committee of interest submissions
21 from Coachella Valley, these both requested that
22 Coachella Valley be kept whole; you'll notice that they
23 differed slightly in their boundaries and what they
24 included in Coachella Valley. And here, I'll just scroll
25 down and I'll be able to give you specifics.

1 So they said it should be kept whole in all
2 districts, and they mentioned that it's currently split
3 in the Assembly districts. And so I'll turn that on so
4 you can see that. They mentioned dedicated news media
5 outlets, radio, and TV -- oh, sorry, newspapers and
6 television, unified government, and intertwined economy.
7 And the other mentioned that: We are large enough to be
8 one district, all of the community should be one
9 contiguous district.

10 And actually the other individual mentioned that the
11 map may be inaccurate due to some technology access
12 issues that they had, and so that's the yellow boundaries
13 they indicated they might have drawn it slightly
14 inaccurately. So that could explain the difference.

15 And so that is -- that is one conception of the
16 Coachella Valley, and that is from some folks who
17 requested that it be kept whole. So I'm next going to
18 talk about some folks who, potentially, are from the same
19 communities but disagree about that, and also about what
20 they would rather be kept with.

21 And so here you can see in red, this is somebody
22 who's also from the Coachella Valley, but they're saying
23 that they would like to have a portion of the Eastern
24 Coachella Valley, as well as the entirety of Imperial
25 County kept whole in a single district. And so this

1 individual talked about the Salton Sea, a long history of
2 migrant and immigrant worker rights, and they also
3 requested that they be kept separate from West Coachella
4 Valley. So it wasn't uniform that folks in Coachella
5 Valley were all asking to be kept whole.

6 So looking now at some possibilities from other
7 folks who talked about what they would like to have
8 Coachella Valley kept with. This first submission talked
9 about Coachella Valley being in a district that extended
10 all the way to the Arizona border, so including Blythe
11 and all the communities along the way. They requested to
12 be -- give me just a second. They requested to be -- or
13 kept separate from Imperial and San Bernardino Counties.
14 They talked about a common climate, geography, and
15 economy. And they, again, as I said, they asked to be
16 kept separate from Imperial.

17 So looking at another conception of that same area,
18 Coachella Valley, this individual indicated that they
19 don't feel a commonality with communities to the east.
20 They did indicate that they would like to be kept with at
21 least some portions of Imperial, some portions of San
22 Bernardino. And you can see here, this is Joshua Tree
23 area, so Yucca Valley, Twentynine Palms.

24 And so in their conception of the Coachella Valley,
25 they defined it as a desert, mountains area, and they

1 included Morongo, and Yucca Valley, again, as I said,
2 Joshua Tree, some of those other communities in San
3 Bernardino as part of what they see as their community of
4 interest.

5 They did say that they would like to be kept
6 separate from Hemet to Temecula. So Hemet is here in
7 red, and Temecula is down south here in blue, as well as
8 Blythe, which I previously mentioned, it's on the far-
9 east border with Arizona.

10 So one last community here that I'll mention, this
11 is actually a community from San Bernardino, but I'll
12 just mention it because it expressly requested -- here,
13 I'll show you, it's in red, so this individual identified
14 these communities as being their community. And they
15 specifically requested to be kept with the Coachella
16 Valley, and kept separate from anywhere else in San
17 Bernardino.

18 And so they identified tourism, desert landscapes,
19 water resources, and wildfires as being common interests,
20 which are relevant to both them and areas in the
21 Coachella Valley. All right.

22 And so shifting now to Temecula; so Temecula
23 currently is kept in a few -- it's in districts, and
24 sometimes it's with Riverside and sometimes with San
25 Diego. And so a number of folks submitted just this

1 boundary as a community of interest. And I'm just going
2 to share what some of those folks said. And I'll also
3 actually just turn on the lines so you can take a look at
4 what it currently looks like.

5 Let me see. So one person talked about this being a
6 bedroom community, retailing and tourism being important,
7 and they talked about wanting to be kept with Riverside,
8 and being kept separate from San Diego. Another talked
9 about seeing Murrieta, Wildomar, Menifee, Hemet, and Lake
10 Elsinore as being common areas of interest, and asked to
11 be kept separate from Escondido, San Marcos, and other
12 communities in San Diego.

13 One individual identified Temecula as being a rural
14 area, and felt that they had a lot of commonalities with
15 other rural areas in San Diego. So that was the Assembly
16 districts. I'll turn on Congressional so you can see as
17 well. And so they asked to be kept with areas and cities
18 of unincorporated San Diego County, like Rainbow, and
19 Pala as having similar cultures and societal attitudes.

20 So there was disagreement about whether Temecula
21 should be with San Diego or Riverside. And several folks
22 pointed to the current districts and their
23 dissatisfaction with how it was currently drawn. If I
24 can just see the map.

25 So taking a look now at some of the conceptions that

1 folks had for a broader Temecula, or Southwest Riverside
2 community of interest -- I apologize. Actually, this
3 was -- this submission from the individual who indicated
4 that they would like to be kept with portions of San
5 Diego.

6 So shifting now, as I said, to look at some of those
7 conceptions of what a Southwest Riverside community or
8 what Congressional district looks like. This was an
9 individual from Menifee describing this as their
10 community. And I'll zoom in a little bit so you can see
11 better. They identified this area and their neighbors as
12 being newly expanding cities with rural roots.

13 You can see here another definition of this
14 community, which stretches all the way from the San Diego
15 border up north to the San Bernardino border,
16 encompassing all of the Orange County border; talking
17 about transportation, schools, and shopping.

18 Here is another community, so this community here in
19 red was in Lake Elsinore, and they were explicitly asking
20 to be kept separate from some of these areas further
21 north, like Corona. Here we have a community in green
22 right here in Temescal Valley. And they described shared
23 shopping, and community centers, and they asked to be
24 kept with Lake Elsinore, as well as Corona. So there
25 was, again, some disagreement here as folks were defining

1 their communities and saying they would or would not like
2 to be kept with some of the neighboring communities.

3 So moving north here to Corona, again, we see
4 something similar. There were two communities of
5 interest here identified in Corona, both talking about
6 lower-income individuals, concerned about rent control
7 and schools, and asking to be kept separate from Norco,
8 which is here. It's this pink, this pink community here
9 to the north. We also received a submission from an
10 individual in Norco asking that all these communities be
11 kept together, and identifying their commonalities as
12 being an older population, a high number of -- and a high
13 number of veterans. Okay.

14 So shifting now to talk a little bit about Riverside
15 and especially some folks want to talk about the
16 relationship to the Downtown Riverside. We had a
17 submission here from community in Jurupa Valley,
18 Rubidoux, who asked to be kept separate from Downtown
19 Riverside. They said that they felt that the current
20 State Senate districts looked gerrymandered.

21 And so they felt that they were in the shadow of
22 Riverside City. Here are some folks up in the north side
23 of Riverside asked to be kept with Downtown Riverside.
24 They said they had commonalities of being old,
25 established communities.

1 And then here we have another community identified
2 as UC Riverside. And the individual said that they would
3 like to be kept apart from Downtown Riverside, and
4 instead with Lake Elsinore, Perris, Moreno Valley, and
5 Palm Springs, if possible.

6 So shifting a little bit south here, we received a
7 couple of different -- here's two submissions from
8 Perris, and so it's a couple of different conceptions
9 about what their community is from Perris. So here is
10 the first one which encompasses Riverside, Moreno Valley,
11 and Perris, and the second takes in, again, Perris,
12 Moreno Valley, but also includes, for example, Lake
13 Mathews.

14 And so with these communities, what they talked
15 about was public transport, March Air Base being
16 significant for the economy, it being a fast-growing
17 community. And several of them talked about diversity as
18 being important.

19 And so this submission here, which is a bit of a
20 larger community of interest, talked about similar sorts
21 of aspects as the two preceding that I showed in blue and
22 yellow, and also has expressed some concern with the
23 current boundaries. Specifically, they felt that the
24 District was gerrymandered with partisan intent.

25 Moving further south -- or rather, this is what I

1 meant to talk about with Perris. There were two
2 different conceptions here. One individual here was
3 submitting a community of interest talking about Perris,
4 Moreno Valley, and Riverside. And another talked about
5 Perris and Moreno Valley being together, but indicated
6 that they felt that San Jacinto and Hemet were more their
7 shared community.

8 And so the individual who submitted the community of
9 interest in yellow, talked about an African-American
10 community, with common cultural, and health needs, while
11 the other individual talked about receiving
12 (indiscernible) and health care from these nearby cities.

13 So moving a little bit east here to talk about the
14 Beaumont Pass -- I'm sorry, the Banning Pass, Beaumont
15 and Banning area. So this community -- or these
16 communities talked about common geography, weather,
17 environment, climate and weather -- watershed; and so
18 here's a couple of conceptions. Some of them are more
19 expansive going over the San Bernardino border, some of
20 them kept entirely within Riverside.

21 And so there was disagreement about what they wanted
22 to be kept separate from. The first indicated Hemet and
23 San Jacinto. The second, in yellow, indicated that they
24 would like to be kept separate from the Low Desert. They
25 said it would be a bad addition to the community with

1 different social and cultural views. And the third, in
2 red, indicated that they would like to be kept separate
3 from mountain and desert, San Jacinto Valley, and urban
4 Moreno Valley.

5 So moving north to San Bernardino, so we had eighty-
6 seven community of interest submissions here, many of
7 which were on the border with Los Angeles, and especially
8 down here in the Chino, Chino Hills, Ontario area. And
9 so to start, just by noting there were also some
10 submissions that talked about San Bernardino, and San
11 Bernardino in relation to some of the counties to the
12 north.

13 And let me just turn off the terrain for a moment so
14 I can show the counties a little bit more easily.

15 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: John?

16 MR. O'NEILL: Yes.

17 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Just as an FYI. I believe we
18 are scheduled for a mandatory lunch break in about ten
19 minutes. And if you don't finish before that, that's
20 totally fine. We can come back and finish up afterwards.
21 But I just wanted to let you know that before you get
22 going.

23 MR. O'NEILL: Okay. Wonderful. I apologize for
24 running a little bit late, but like I said.

25 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: No. Not at all; not at all.

1 MR. O'NEILL: 281 communities of interest, so I was
2 trying to fit them all in here --

3 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Absolutely.

4 MR. O'NEILL: -- in sixty minutes. Okay. Okay. So
5 I'll at the pace I've been going. I hope that's all
6 right. I won't try and -- try and rush through it then.
7 I'll still try and be expeditious.

8 So with San Bernardino, but I'm really just -- what
9 I'm going to start first is, I'm just going to talk just
10 very briefly about San Bernardino in relation to some of
11 the counties to the north. Willie (ph.) already, in his
12 presentation, showed some of those configurations, so I'm
13 not going to duplicate that, as I said, but I did want to
14 just share kind of some of the commonalities, so that I
15 saw in looking at some of the submissions that people
16 provided, talking about what they were looking to see
17 from San Bernardino looking north.

18 And I'm going to talk about the High Desert, and
19 I'll just work my way southwest and I'll end on, as I
20 said, Ontario, and then Chino, and the Chino Hills area.

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Great. John, could you put
22 the terrain back on, when you're talking about, you know,
23 the High Desert?

24 MR. O'NEILL: Yeah. Yeah. Okay. So looking north,
25 the commonality that I've seen across folks identifying

1 other counties that they would like to be kept with
2 generally included Inyo County here, as well as -- just
3 going a little bit north -- Mono and -- oh, and of
4 course, San Bernardino, which is similar, I think, to one
5 of the current districts.

6 And so what they were identifying was this Eastern
7 Sierra Corridor connected by the rural environment, and
8 the transportation corridor along Highway 395,
9 collected -- connected by the Sierra Mountain Range, as
10 well as closed off from the rest of the state by its
11 mountains, which Willie talked a little bit about in his
12 presentation. As well as shared tourism economies,
13 national parks, and outdoor recreation.

14 So shifting now to talk just a little bit about some
15 of the communities of interest that were identified in
16 San Bernardino. Okay. So this first one here was -- is
17 called Morongo Basin. And so they identified the
18 community of interest as having shared environmental,
19 recreation, and tourism economy, a risk of forest fires.

20 And I'm not showing it here, but there was another
21 community interest submission that just consisted of
22 Joshua Tree, and noted that they felt that Joshua Tree
23 had a different culture than the rest of the High Desert.

24 One challenge in this area was that some communities
25 of interest submissions were seeing Morongo Basin aligned

1 with Victor Valley, here to the northwest, while others
2 were seeing them as having closer ties to the Coachella
3 Valley. So there was disagreement on that among folks in
4 this area.

5 Moving a little bit northwest, this submission was
6 from Big Bear. And so here -- just give me one second.
7 So this, this submission talked about their community of
8 interests being tied together by common rural, tourism
9 needs, and also note that they associate with neighboring
10 mountain and desert areas. And so they asked to be --
11 this is, again, from Big Bear -- they asked to be kept
12 with mountain communities in San Bernardino County,
13 communities like Lake Arrowhead, Crestline, and
14 Wrightwood, and to be grouped with rural communities that
15 share their tourist economies, like those in Joshua Tree
16 and Morongo Basin. They asked to be kept separate from
17 dense urban communities, like San Bernardino or Fontana.

18 So this is another community of interest submission
19 that encompasses many of the same cities but this -- and
20 communities, but this one was coming from down here.
21 This community right here -- this city right here is
22 Rancho Cucamonga, and the portion to the northwest is
23 Alta Loma, which is a formerly a -- a farming community
24 that that merged with the city, and which they talk about
25 in their submission.

1 They identified as being a more rural part of Rancho
2 Cucamonga, and agriculture, and wildfires being
3 significant issues there. They asked to be kept with
4 Wrightwood, San Antonio Heights, the High Desert, and
5 other rural areas, and kept separate from Fontana and
6 Ontario.

7 And so this is another submission. Again, this is
8 coming from Alta Loma and asking to be kept with similar
9 areas, but they had a slightly different conception of
10 which areas they would like to be kept with, or what they
11 saw as their broader community. And so again, talking
12 about the rural -- broader rural communities in San
13 Bernardino, but again, folks had differing definitions of
14 them. Okay.

15 So this portion is a little bit different.
16 Previously, I was focusing on the single community and
17 talking about what other folks saw as their
18 commonalities. And with this one, I'm talking about
19 folks who generally grouped many of the same cities or
20 communities together, but were coming from different
21 areas.

22 So previously we saw this submission, which was from
23 Big Bear Lake or -- Big Bear Lake. We saw these two in
24 yellow and red, which were both coming from Alta Loma.

25 And so next we're going to see one from the Victor

1 Valley -- Victor Valley area. So this is a group that
2 several of the others had indicated they would like to be
3 kept with.

4 In this submission, the individual identified common
5 infrastructure needs, a shared court district, work --
6 shared -- a shared court district. Sorry. So in their
7 testimony, they identified that due to budget cuts for
8 some court needs, civil or family, they need to travel to
9 Barstow, while for others that need to travel -- Barstow
10 folks need to travel to Victorville, and also just,
11 broadly, a shared culture.

12 So they asked to be kept with Barstow, and they more
13 broadly defined this as -- or their community, they're
14 more broadly defined as -- they specifically listed all
15 these county borders and the state border, and they asked
16 for everything north of the 40 to be included with them
17 as a community of interest.

18 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: John. I think before we move
19 on, we are right up --

20 MR. O'NEILL: Okay. Sorry, right up at time. Yeah.

21 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: We are right up at time. No.
22 But this is great. And when we come back, we can most
23 certainly take the time to finish this, because I think
24 this is super important and really great. So maybe we
25 can pick up right where we left off when we come back

1 from that break.

2 MR. O'NEILL: Okay.

3 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: If that sounds good for
4 everyone. I just wanted to -- oh.

5 Yeah, go ahead, Jane.

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. I also want to say
7 because Sara, we lost Sara there for a bit.

8 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Yeah.

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: And John mentioned some
10 other areas that if he had a bit more time, he would
11 really like to get into, the intersection of Orange and
12 LA, and then the Canyons of Orange and San Bernardino, I
13 think it was, or is it in -- across?

14 MR. O'NEILL: Certainly that would --

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: And I think we would all
16 appreciate a bit more information about that, like taking
17 it to a temperature read. I'm getting a few nods.

18 MR. O'NEILL: And if I may? Commissioner Andersen,
19 I apologize. I do have to say, I'm not prepared to
20 discuss it, but I did want to flag that as an area which
21 absolutely deserves further discussion, and on a future
22 presentation I'd be more than happy to discuss. But just
23 given the time constraints, I thought I wouldn't be able
24 to get to it.

25 So in this presentation what I do is, I identify a

1 couple of those, kind of what I saw as representative
2 communities of interest from those areas to share. But
3 in one example, for example -- gosh -- Upland, Ontario, I
4 show five, but there's about forty different submissions,
5 and many of them are talking about very differing needs.

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay.

7 MR. O'NEILL: So I wanted to flag it, but I'm not
8 ready to talk about that today.

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. But when we come
10 back, if you could just kind of just do that with the map
11 it would be really --

12 MR. O'NEILL: Oh, absolutely. Of course, yes.

13 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- it would be really
14 helpful.

15 MR. O'NEILL: Yes.

16 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: And then we can say, okay,
17 these are areas that we -- that we will be coming back to
18 with a little bit --

19 MR. O'NEILL: Yes.

20 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- more information than,
21 you know, just a quick, "that area".

22 MR. O'NEILL: Right.

23 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I think would be very
24 helpful. And so time-wise you would need about fifteen
25 minutes, or so or does it -- do we need to pin that down?

1 MR. O'NEILL: Yeah, I can -- if you give me just a
2 moment, I can look really quickly to see. Yes, I would
3 say probably -- certainly quicker than twenty minutes,
4 but that's probably fair. Yeah.

5 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. So when we come back,
6 we'll finish up, you know, this tour of San Bernardino
7 and surrounding areas with John for about fifteen to
8 twenty minutes.

9 And then just briefly, just as a preview, we'll then
10 move on to a conversation about our line drawing
11 processes. There are a few documents that have been
12 posted as handouts for this meeting. Apologies, they
13 were posted a little later than anticipated. So please,
14 if you can, spend some time during the lunch break just
15 to review those.

16 My preference is to do that during the lunch break,
17 if Commissioners are okay with that, just so that we
18 don't prolong the day. But if folks really feel like
19 they would prefer to have additional time beyond the one-
20 -hour lunch break to read them, please let me know.

21 We'll try to go through those documents that have
22 been posted. One of them is a document coming from
23 the -- jointly, from the Line Drawing and Legal teams,
24 our consultants, which Karin Mac Donald will join us, and
25 help us answer any questions and make sure that we

1 understand their perspective in terms of the next few
2 weeks. We also have a document from the Line Drawing
3 Subcommittee to discuss the receiving district -- public
4 district map proposals and ideas.

5 And then I believe Russell and Trena will give us an
6 update as well in terms of the conversations around the
7 playbook and their next steps.

8 So with that, Chair Fornaciari, I will hand it back
9 to you.

10 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. Great. Well, we'll break
11 for lunch and return at 1:30. So we'll see you then.

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

13 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Welcome back, California. We're
14 continuing our tour of the COI input that we've received
15 so far. And I will turn it back over to John to
16 continue.

17 MR. O'NEILL: Thank you, Commissioner Fornaciari.

18 So we just, before the break, wrapped up speaking
19 about some of the communities in the High Desert. And
20 we're going to now talk about some communities in
21 Southwestern San Bernardino, and some of them will still
22 express some commonality with the High Desert,
23 potentially.

24 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: John, before we --

25 MR. O'NEILL: Yes.

1 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: -- before we get started
2 there were. Were there any that crossed the LA, San
3 Bernardino County lines between Antelope Valley and
4 Victor Valley?

5 MR. O'NEILL: So up north here in the less populated
6 areas?

7 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

8 MR. O'NEILL: Yes, there were a few. And I'm sorry,
9 I don't have those ready to pull up, but there were some
10 folks who did talk about them.

11 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you.

12 MR. O'NEILL: And I did. I was able to pull up
13 roads, I apologize, I didn't have that earlier. And let
14 me just turn on cities as well. We're going to talk
15 about the Highland area.

16 So this community here was described as East
17 Highland. And so what they talked about in terms of what
18 they see as aspects that connect their community were
19 wildfires, public safety, and being rural. They asked to
20 be with rural areas like Crestline. Wait. Let me zoom
21 in so you can see the cities here. Crestline, Lake
22 Arrowhead, Running Springs, and Big Bear, that are
23 connected along Highway 330.

24 And they also talked about Yucaipa, Oak Glen, and
25 Mentone with Highway 38. And so they requested that they

1 be kept separate from urban areas like Redlands, here in
2 red. And so again, this was a community of interest
3 submitted by someone identifying their community as
4 Highland.

5 Here's another community of interest, and this is
6 submitted by someone also from Highland. And the way
7 that they described their community of interest was they
8 said that they've got a commonality in terms of poor
9 environmental quality concerns, and that they're less
10 rural and more urban. And so this is contradictory to
11 what the other person was indicating about their
12 community.

13 So this person requested to be with communities like
14 Redlands, San Bernardino City, and be kept separate from
15 rural areas like Running Springs, Lake Arrowhead, and Big
16 Bear. And so they reported that they don't like being
17 joined with rural areas in their current district.

18 So shifting just a little bit south to Redlands; I'm
19 going to talk about just a couple of community of
20 interest submissions from this area. So this particular
21 submission talked about there being a shared government
22 structure, common recreation, connected by transportation
23 infrastructure and environmental concerns, specifically
24 between Redlands, Yucaipa, and Mentone -- and yeah, let
25 me just zoom in a little bit better, so you can see. So

1 you can see that there.

2 And so they didn't like that they're divided in
3 their current district that they see their community as
4 being divided. So you can see in the Congressional
5 lines, State Assembly, and then they're kept whole in the
6 existing State Senate district.

7 So another community of interest in this general
8 area, and this was from a Grand Terrace, which is here to
9 the south. And so you can see that they describe their
10 community as being wealthier than some of the neighboring
11 communities that they're currently in a district with, so
12 San Bernardino and the areas to the north. And so they
13 identified Redlands and Loma Linda as being communities
14 they would rather be connected to. And that's it for
15 that one.

16 So again staying in the same area, this was the
17 larger -- a larger description of this broad area and
18 community of interest. And so what they talked about
19 were there -- that there are shared transportation
20 routes, common travel and shopping interests, and
21 exist -- and they especially like following existing city
22 and county boundaries. And so they emphasized that the
23 mountain and desert area should be kept together, rural
24 communities. And so they asked to be held -- kept
25 entirely within Riverside County. And again, they said

1 mountains share more in common with desert than valley.

2 Valley is urban metro suburbs.

3 In a similar area, and again, this is looking at
4 Redlands and the surrounding area, this person identified
5 their community of interest as consisting of -- and I'm
6 quoting here, suburbs, commuting, traffic, school needs
7 for families, lack of good internet recreation, logistics
8 and wildfire. And they noted that they were divided on
9 all ten -- sorry -- on all three levels of districts ten
10 years ago.

11 And so they -- the way that they described it is
12 they said they were cracked in their Congressional
13 districts. And you can see here that it divides this
14 area, this community. They said they are gerrymandered
15 in their State Assembly district. So again, their
16 community is split.

17 And then they described, and I'm quoting here in all
18 these lines, they characterize their State Senate
19 district as being "bananas". And they requested to be
20 kept with, again, Redlands and Yucaipa, and kept apart
21 from communities to the west, Lake Wrightwood, Rancho
22 Cucamonga, and San Bernardino.

23 So shifting west here to the Fontana and Rialto
24 areas, we received a number of submissions from this
25 area. And folks who talked about -- had community of

1 interest boundaries similar to this. They identified
2 this community as being lower income, blue collar. They
3 characterized it as having lots of people of color,
4 especially Asian, Latinx, and African-American.

5 And by the way, when I say Latino, or Latinx, or
6 people of color, what I tried to do was use the actual
7 terms that folks were using to describe the community or
8 the neighboring communities, to the extent possible.

9 So they talked about some of the African-American
10 neighborhoods there having ties to -- sorry -- having
11 ties in Fontana and Rialto, but that this community being
12 distinct from the City of San Bernardino.

13 And so just looking at a couple of other submissions
14 from this area, in this case, someone was recommending
15 connecting with Ontario, in another case that were
16 reaching the other direction, and in this case, they were
17 actually advocating for connection to San Bernardino.

18 And so they were -- again, they were sometimes
19 combined with San Bernardino, and sometimes also with
20 Bloomington. So there was disagreement. But Fontana and
21 Rialto were consistently representing the core of what
22 these folks were identifying as their community.

23 So staying again, here, which is this core of
24 Fontana and Rialto; this was a larger area that somebody
25 identified as a potential community of interest

1 reflecting these similar interests. And then there's one
2 more that I wanted to show that also shows just a larger
3 conception of what that would be. And so again, there's
4 some disagreement about whether this cuts into Riverside,
5 and if it does, how much that picks up, and also in San
6 Bernardino, about which communities it includes.

7 So the last two areas that I'm going to talk about
8 this is where, in the first area I'm going to talk about
9 Ontario and Upland. And so you can see here in San
10 Bernardino, there were about maybe forty-one different
11 submissions, just about this area, specifically tying
12 together those two communities. And many of them just
13 had slight differences in terms of their boundaries.

14 So I'm just going to show five community of interest
15 maps that I pulled as kind of representative examples,
16 but I'll talk just a little bit about some of the -- some
17 of the common interests that some of the folks talked
18 about in these areas.

19 And then also -- here, let me turn off Fontana,
20 Rialto. Okay. So in the -- but this again, this is an
21 example of one of those areas where there were a number
22 of submissions, especially on the border. And there was
23 just some significant disagreement about what that
24 community of interest was, and what it should be combined
25 with. So I wanted to flag that to the Commission as an

1 area for additional analysis.

2 So what folks were identifying here was the creation
3 of quality jobs and housing, young people and families,
4 significant growth of cities, and here I'll just show
5 another one of the communities where folks were talking
6 about similar aspects. A large blue-collar workforce,
7 unions, the economic importance of the Ontario airport
8 was mentioned. I don't have it. But one individual, I
9 believe, submitted actually an example showing -- kind of
10 based around the Ontario airport.

11 Folks talked about struggling school districts.
12 Some of them talked about the relationship with Cal Poly
13 Pomona. And you can see here that this one stretches
14 over to incorporate -- both of these stretch over to
15 incorporate a portion of Pomona.

16 But then again, there was some disagreement about
17 what is included and what doesn't get included. So some
18 folks did include -- reached into Los Angeles, included
19 some portions like Claremount -- sorry -- Claremont
20 and -- or Pomona. And here you can see that some folks
21 were reaching farther north to include areas like
22 Fontana, or even stretching in to include some portions
23 of San Bernardino.

24 So just one other area they'll note where there was
25 some disagreement. Again, keeping this core of Ontario,

1 and often including Ontario in Upland, sometimes folks
2 were reaching down further to include Chino, some folks
3 were asking to exclude that, and some folks were reaching
4 farther to include even more communities to the south.

5 That said, a couple of folks did mention that they
6 were satisfied with their existing Congressional
7 districts. So I'll just put that on for a moment, which
8 is Congressional District 35. So it has here Chino,
9 Ontario, Pomona, and then stretching east to pick up
10 Fontana and a portion of -- it looks like Bloomington.
11 Okay.

12 So the last grouping that I'm going to talk about
13 just before I say a couple of words to sum up is here
14 with Chino and Chino Hills, which is right at the
15 intersection of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and San
16 Bernardino. And there was, again, a fair number of
17 submissions, and again, some considerable disagreements.
18 I'll just share, four community of interest boundary
19 maps, and then also some characteristics that some folks
20 talked about.

21 So this here was just -- this was a grouping of
22 Chino and Chino Hills. Some folks did want those
23 together. Some folks disagreed and wanted them separate.
24 Sometimes they grouped these communities with more Inland
25 city -- Inland Empire City, so cutting into San

1 Bernardino or Riverside. Some folks were keeping these
2 communities as the core and then reach into Los Angeles
3 or into Orange County in some examples, as you can see
4 from this red community of interest map.

5 And again, some folks reached considerably. And so
6 I'm showing this one, which includes Whittier and
7 Fullerton, you can see, but that wasn't necessarily,
8 universally, the case. There were some folks who
9 indicated, for example, that they wanted to be kept
10 separate from Whittier, Hacienda Heights, Rowland
11 Heights, La Habra, West Covina, Diamond Bar, Walnut, and
12 in this case Chino Hills. So that was an individual in
13 Chino expressing that.

14 So unfortunately, I'm less helpful than I wish I
15 could be. But just identifying that this particular
16 corner in this grouping of cities was one where we did
17 receive a fair amount of testimony. And I did want to
18 share that as a potential area where that could be some
19 challenging decisions. But there wasn't necessarily a
20 universal agreement on what the community was, or what
21 the boundaries were, what the way was to go there.

22 So let me just -- let me just say a couple last
23 comments about some of the descriptive characteristics
24 that some of the folks talking about this area, with
25 Chino and Chino Hills mentioned, and many of them

1 mentioned shared shopping, recreation, and topography, as
2 well as those being growing communities and the business
3 networks being important.

4 So that is, that's the last of the community of
5 interest that I was going to talk about. If it's all
6 right, I just want to say a couple words, summing up a
7 couple thoughts.

8 Well, actually, the first thing is right, so I said
9 at the outset, there were 281 communities of interest
10 submitted just in this region, just through the community
11 of interest mapping tool. And I received tremendous help
12 from Sivan, and the Mapping Team just in processing
13 those, identifying patterns, and pulling those out. And
14 that was enormously helpful.

15 In this presentation when we talked about 128
16 communities of interest, so there's a fair number that
17 that didn't appear. And I'm just noting that, because I
18 want to make sure that you know where there's potential
19 gaps here. Areas where I didn't talk as much, and where
20 we did receive a fair number of submissions, as
21 Commissioner Kennedy noted, there were a couple of
22 submissions up here crossing into another region.

23 And I would especially note, as I talked about here,
24 there were a fair number crossing to Los Angeles. I
25 tried to show some representative examples, but then also

1 down in Orange County. So the region border areas is one
2 where I think that that certainly require some further
3 studies, since folks, communities aren't necessarily
4 defined by the boundaries of our outreach zones, or of
5 the counties. I did try to show at least a few to give
6 us a sense of what some of those communities are. But I
7 think it certainly needs some more looking.

8 Just one last thing that I just wanted to say, if I
9 might, as I was looking through all this community of
10 interest testimony, and again, this is only the
11 submissions submitted through the community of interest
12 mapping tool, and only the submissions that were
13 submitted by September 1st; if you can see it, what I
14 just turned on is a layer which is the Indian
15 reservations.

16 And so there are a fair number in San Diego, as well
17 as in Riverside, but I didn't see a lot of submission
18 from these communities. And it's possible that I missed
19 it, but that just seemed like one area where you might
20 want to, potentially, do some additional outreach.

21 So that is that's all I have on the presentation.
22 Very happy to field any questions, but I know you also
23 have a very busy agenda. So I will be happy to hand that
24 off to the Chair if you need to move on.

25 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: No problem. Thank you so

1 much. This was really helpful. Questions or comments
2 from Commissioners for John?

3 Commissioner Kennedy, and then Sinay.

4 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I wanted to thank John for
5 that last mention. I did reach out to all of the tribal
6 nations in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. We, of
7 course, heard from the Luiseño yesterday. And I was
8 poised to ask Karin and Andrew if we had such a map
9 layer. So I'm happy to see that we do, and at some point
10 look forward to taking a closer look at that. Thank you.

11 MR. O'NEILL: If I can say something just very
12 quickly. I just want to note that the map that I showed
13 was of Indian reservations. And so often there will be
14 additional tribal lands beyond that. So I just want to
15 make sure that -- I'm not capturing all of it, but I just
16 want to note that it did appear to be a community there,
17 and want to make sure we are talking to.

18 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Marcy, did you want to respond
19 to that comment in particular?

20 DIRECTOR KAPLAN: Yeah. I just wanted to add that
21 I'll flag this for the leads, also, as additional follow
22 up as well. Thank you for highlighting that.

23 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Perfect.

24 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: If that could be for all of
25 the state, please?

1 DIRECTOR KAPLAN: Yes. Thank you.

2 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Commissioner Sinay.

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Well, I know -- well, first I
4 want to say thank you, John. That was a really good,
5 thorough report, and it would be helpful if all the
6 mappers kind of gave those last pointers to us. And
7 also, I really appreciate when you said in San Diego,
8 this area we haven't gotten as much, which ironically, is
9 the area that usually has the loudest voice in San Diego
10 so -- but I really did appreciate that. And I wanted to
11 highlight that that was really, really helpful for us, as
12 Commissioners, as well as for our field team.

13 Regarding Native Americans Indigenous tribal lands,
14 you know, we have done outreach, we have -- you know,
15 we've brought them to present to us and stuff, and the
16 truth is, it's going to be a lot like Zone B where you
17 just have to keep going back, and going back, and making
18 relationships.

19 You know, I just got an invitation last month after
20 reaching out to the north -- to the far north, all the
21 different tribal groups up there. I just got an
22 invitation last month to speak to one of the rancherias
23 on North Coast, and I did meet with them and talked to
24 them a little because it takes so long to build that
25 trust and relationship, that I didn't want to say, oops,

1 sorry, we closed the doors.

2 But that that's just something we're going to have
3 to keep in mind. And with north -- with a lot of the --
4 we did present -- our very, very first presentation, I
5 keep joking that my very first presentation, and my very
6 last presentation was actually with a tribal community,
7 because the first one was with all the chairs of Southern
8 California.

9 And what I've been doing, is if you do have any
10 relationships, and Marcy, maybe you can share this also
11 with the field team, is I've been sending other
12 information that might not be about redistricting. Like
13 if I see grant opportunities for tribal communities, I'll
14 send it to them as well. And yeah, just anything that
15 I've been seeing that might help build that relationship
16 and that trust, and not just make it only about
17 redistricting. And that's, I think, where some of the
18 doors have started opening up.

19 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. Commissioner Turner.

20 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Uh-huh. Thank you. I just
21 wanted to, first of all, thank the mappers for the
22 information that they've been sharing, and to kind of
23 name that. I think that we really are just improving
24 each time. I think the kind of description, and the
25 commentary we're getting now is so much more helpful than

1 some of the initial kind of descriptors that we were
2 receiving. And so I wanted to name that because this has
3 been very beneficial, and as well as, I had an
4 opportunity to look -- look at some documentation about
5 Joshua Tree, and what have you, which just seen, and I
6 know we couldn't do our tours like we want it to, but
7 being able to flip through some of that and seeing the
8 actual terrain while the mapper was doing their thing,
9 and giving the commentary, it just has made a huge
10 difference for me.

11 And I just wanted to name that because if there's an
12 opportunity, even as we move forward, to be able to keep
13 what you're doing now. And also, I don't know, maybe
14 there is that -- maybe I can do it on my own. But if
15 there's a way we can start to show a visual as well as
16 some of those places, I think it'll make a difference.
17 It has for me.

18 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you, Commissioner
19 Turner. And I think that's such a great point that you
20 raised, right, that I think that we've improved as we've
21 moved on, and this has been a little bit of a trial and
22 error kind of process, right. And when we first started
23 by looking at Los Angeles, we kind of said, let's jump in
24 and see how it goes, and we can make changes and
25 adjustments. And I think that I think that we're seeing

1 that happening, and things like being able to turn on the
2 terrain, and get additional feedback from the mappers and
3 outreach staff.

4 Yeah. Commissioner Turner.

5 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. Because what I forgot
6 to say, add in, with the whole Morongo Valley, and Joshua
7 Tree, and Twin Palms, and all of that, you know, most of
8 those I feel like I know California, I've been here all
9 of my life in California. But until I looked at it, I
10 was like, oh man, that's like some real camping, rough
11 terrain stuff that I would just not have pictured
12 otherwise, you know. And I can't even imagine what else.

13 We know California is diverse, diverse geography.
14 And it's one thing saying it, but actually being able to
15 see it. And that was just pictures. And so I feel like
16 we -- you know, we just because of circumstances, we
17 probably have been robbed a little bit of being able to
18 go into some of those areas. And it's like, yeah, I'd
19 love to go. And then like, hmm, maybe I won't do the
20 camping thing. And you know. But it was helpful seeing
21 it.

22 And yeah, so I just appreciate it. And we've got to
23 find a way, Commissioners, to ensure that we have a full
24 appreciation for the whole of our beautiful California,
25 all of the land.

1 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Absolutely. Absolutely. And
2 certainly I know that there's some talk. I think
3 Commissioners Kennedy and Sinay are talking about having
4 a geographer, or doing a geography lesson. But
5 certainly, you know, Commissioner Andersen and I, at a
6 minimum, can take this back and figure out. You know,
7 for some of the areas, I think as we've moved on from one
8 region to another, we've seen changes in how we've
9 present -- how this information has been presented.

10 So you know, so think about, especially even next
11 week when we're giving direction, if there's ways that we
12 can kind of incorporate and catch up in some of the areas
13 that we started with, that we didn't necessarily receive
14 all of that information.

15 Commissioner Kennedy.

16 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: So three suggestions. You
17 know, this is in the absence of lots of road trips to see
18 things in person. Number one, something like Google
19 Earth, you know, get down to the street level and you
20 know, pick points, or whatever, and just kind of look
21 around. You can poke around. You can't talk to people,
22 but you can poke around and see what the place looks like
23 on Google Earth.

24 Second of all, you know, counties and cities have
25 websites. Some of them have convention and visitors

1 bureaus. You know, those are going to give you something
2 of an idea of these places. I often find myself looking
3 up places on Wikipedia. And I think, you know, if I had
4 to do it all over again, one of the first things I would
5 probably do is read all fifty-eight county entries in
6 Wikipedia from top to bottom, and drill down from there.

7 But you know, I even discovered, I think I read in
8 one of these articles that there's actually a county seat
9 in California that's not incorporated. I'm like --

10 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: What? How does that work?

11 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: That just seemed a bit odd,
12 but you know, it's out there. So you know, those sorts
13 of things can help us fill in some, but not all of these
14 gaps. But I would encourage all of us to think outside
15 the box, and figure out where we can fill some of these
16 gaps. Thank you.

17 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Perfect. Thank you. And my
18 apologies, I didn't realize I wasn't muted.

19 Commissioner Sinay. And then I think we're going to
20 try and wrap up this section and move on.

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And I just wanted to follow up
22 on what Commissioner Kennedy did, and maybe put some
23 context into a statement I said earlier, months ago, that
24 was totally misconstrued. And that was the idea of when
25 we -- when I said: Hey, can we invite other groups or

1 associations to come and present? It would have been
2 groups like the chamber, the visitors bureau, because a
3 lot of them already have videos, and can talk about the
4 different regions. And so I just want to come back to
5 that, and just say I'm sorry I didn't explain it well,
6 but that was the idea, was to give us that visual that we
7 can't have because we're not -- we're not on ground.

8 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. Oh.

9 Commissioner Akutagawa.

10 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I just wanted to ask a
11 question. And maybe this doesn't -- maybe this could be
12 done in a -- in the form of an email to the Outreach
13 Staff.

14 John, you mentioned National City based on the input
15 that we received, and I just took a quick look at
16 National City, and the way you described it, based on the
17 input, is it's a predominantly Latino community. But I
18 know that from my understanding of the Asian and Pacific
19 Islander community, there's a significant Filipino
20 community there because of, you know, the military ties.
21 But yet the input that's been received is not reflective
22 of it.

23 And so I think -- I'm just thinking that there may
24 be other areas that we, as Commissioners, have seen that
25 maybe don't reflect, you know, communities that we know

1 are there but haven't been heard from. I'm wondering if
2 we should also be pointing that out to -- you know, to
3 maybe the Outreach Staff.

4 And it's not -- it's kind of similar to what the
5 earlier conversation at the very beginning about, you
6 know, communities identifying themselves as just Latino
7 communities, or Hispanic communities, but I do know that,
8 you know, those designations, those identifications are
9 important to certain cities and areas as well, too.

10 So I wanted to just, one, note that and say it out
11 loud, but also, I guess in a sense, ask a question about
12 whether or not that needs to be pointed out to the
13 Outreach Team.

14 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Commissioner Fernández. Oh.
15 I don't know if Marcy wants to jump in first.

16 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: I just -- oh. I just
17 wanted to kind of respond to Commissioner Akutagawa's
18 comment. And we have to remember that these are
19 individuals that are calling in. So if I'm Latino, maybe
20 that's what I'm concentrating on, is I'm saying there is
21 a huge -- I'm not saying it's the only community in
22 National City, and I do recall having some callers call
23 in from National City noting that there are huge
24 Filipino. And I do -- I have relatives there, I know
25 that there are huge Filipino communities, as well as

1 Hispanic communities there.

2 But I think we also need to just remember that these
3 potentially are individuals. Their communities of
4 interest, and normally when you submit your community
5 interest you're -- it's what you're -- what you're
6 focusing on. So I'm probably not going to focus on
7 everything else that's in my community. I'm going to
8 focus on those things that are important to me. So I
9 think it's good that it's balanced because we have had
10 other COIs that are -- have different ethnicities, or
11 nationalities, whatever you want to call them, but we
12 just have to remember that they're individuals, based on
13 individual's perspectives.

14 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: That's actually a really great
15 point. And I mean, the other side -- I'll just insert
16 myself here -- the other side piece to this is that, of
17 course, the census data, and the VRA analysis, and
18 everything, with all of that data analysis is coming. We
19 don't have it yet but will also help to fill in some of
20 those gaps perhaps.

21 I think Marcy had had a hand up, as well as
22 Commissioner Sinay. Did either of you want to still get
23 in there and have any last words before we move on?

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Just quickly, Andrew is
25 Filipino and he has done a ton of outreach. But as

1 Commissioner Fernández said they -- that has come up in
2 our conversations, in our COI input public sessions. And
3 I think in National City, one of the big issues -- you
4 know, one of the things, there's a lot of different
5 issues, and that's a city that's been split, and it's
6 always been split in half, half Filipino, half Latino,
7 and they're working on coming together.

8 So it's good feedback that we didn't get COIs from
9 the tool, but we have gotten call in, and Asian Justice,
10 whatever, the group that's been doing a lot of the
11 outreach to the Asians, they did submit that as well.
12 You know, highlighted all the different communities.

13 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you. As we wrap up,
14 Andrew, Karin, any final words on mapping at this stage
15 before we move on to our discussion of processes?

16 MS. MAC DONALD: Yeah. Hello, Commissioners. This
17 is Karin. Nice to see all of you. I'm sorry I missed
18 the earlier session. Happy Saturday afternoon.

19 I actually heard about what happened this morning,
20 and I wanted to just take a minute to apologize for the
21 confusion this morning that arose when Tamina was
22 starting to present. It's pretty clear that there was a
23 miscommunication and that was not on -- you know, that's
24 on the management.

25 So I will just let you know this is not on the line

1 drawers, the Line Drawing Team is completely committed to
2 delivering to you everything that you need, showing you
3 everything that you need. They are not omitting
4 anything, and whatever confusion was caused this morning,
5 really, is on me, on Andrew and on me. And we apologize
6 for it.

7 And you know, as you know, as Commissioner Sadhwani
8 just mentioned, and also, Commissioners Turner and
9 others, we are refining how we are showing you the COIs.
10 You know, we're not perfect. We're waiting for feedback.
11 Sometimes there will be miscommunications, but we will do
12 our utmost best. And whatever you did not see today, you
13 will see -- you will see next week. So I just wanted to
14 make sure that you don't leave today, and you're worried
15 about it this -- you know, this weekend while you you're
16 getting, hopefully, a day of rest tomorrow.

17 We're here for you. And you know, again, this is a
18 collaboration. We're not perfect. And on behalf of,
19 quote unquote, "Management", I apologize for whatever
20 miscommunication there was this morning. So thank you.

21 MR. DRECHSLER: I just want to echo the same as
22 Karin. And thank you, Commissioners, for your time
23 today. And you know, and as Karin said, that we will --
24 we will get this taken care of, and look forward to
25 presenting to you next week.

1 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: -- so much for that. I really
2 appreciate it. I'm sure we all do. And the good news
3 is, we've got lots more time together in the next weeks
4 and months. So I'm sure that we will have a chance to
5 review all of that.

6 I want to move on to the next portion of our agenda
7 for today in which we were going to talk a little bit
8 about our line drawing processes. There's kind of three
9 areas that I think we're going to address this afternoon.
10 The first one is, broadly speaking: How will line drawing
11 work. And to that end, there's a document from --
12 jointly, from the Line Drawing Team and our counsel from
13 Strumwasser, Woocher, and Becker.

14 And so I thought perhaps we could start with that
15 document, review it, talk about it and walk through it.
16 And Karin is here and able to help answer any questions,
17 or help respond a little bit.

18 Second of all, the playbook conversation, I know
19 Commissioners Turner and Yee have been working on
20 drafting and think -- doing that initial thinking for
21 sure on a playbook for us. So certainly provide some
22 time there.

23 And then third, a public and map input session. The
24 Line Drawing Subcommittee was asked to do some forward
25 thinking about what it would mean to accept draft maps

1 from communities, individuals, or community groups on the
2 ground. So we've put together a proposal for the
3 Commission to review.

4 I know that we -- it is 2:05, and we will have a
5 break at 3 p.m. So I think we can at least begin by
6 jumping into a conversation about this document for how
7 line drawing will work; if everyone is comfortable with
8 that.

9 Has everyone had a chance to read it or would you
10 like me to screen share that document? Is there --

11 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: That's not the playbook,
12 that's the one from the -- from your subcommittee?

13 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Yes. This is entitled
14 Playbook Overview, I believe, Mapping Playbook Overview.
15 This technically comes, I suppose, from the Line Drawing
16 Subcommittee, but we did not, ourselves, write it. This
17 actually came from our Line Drawing Team, and Legal Team,
18 helping to really define the line drawing phases that
19 we're about to enter into, as well as charting out some
20 information for how to give direction to the Line Drawing
21 Team next week.

22 So next week, as you recall, September 15th, 17th,
23 and 18th, we'll be meeting to discuss all of these COIs,
24 and kind of go region by region to provide direction to
25 the Line Drawing Team. And there was a lot of questions

1 about: What does that mean, provide direction? What kind
2 of direction? What might that look like?

3 And so this document really is meant to help lay out
4 exactly what type of direction the Line Drawing Team is
5 looking for. And I think we can also, you know, just
6 share the -- a member of the Strumwasser & Woocher team
7 will also be there with us during the times when we
8 are -- when we're meeting to give direction. And my
9 understanding is the VRA portion is not -- it's not done
10 yet, but at a minimum, there might be some guidance that
11 we could begin to receive.

12 So in terms of this, I want to spend a little bit of
13 time actually, looking at the document before we go into
14 a discussion, since it is fairly new to all of us. So as
15 you'll see in the opening page, there are some
16 definitions really, of some of the key terminology that
17 we anticipate using including, "preliminary directions",
18 "visualizations", which are those hypothetical district
19 boundaries that we're going to be developing in October
20 week by week; taking the opportunity to take multiple
21 stabs at getting these maps right, and considering
22 different options that might be available to us.

23 Public plans, these are the submissions from the
24 public, potentially using the redistricting tool that's
25 going to be available to them through the Statewide

1 Database, or not, right. There could be individuals or
2 organizations out there that have Maptitude, or some
3 other kind of mapping software that they would want to
4 submit to us.

5 And then finally, the statewide plans. So in phase
6 one, which is really next week, it's providing this
7 preliminary direction. And the document really lays out
8 some very specific kinds of ways to give direction.

9 I'm not going to go through all of those but just --
10 in great detail, but of course, you know, that you can
11 see the four points they're thinking about providing, if
12 there's strong preferences that we want to provide for
13 visualizations, exploring different possibilities, right.
14 Do we want to include city X or city Y in this kind of
15 area? Do we want to keep portions of Orange County with
16 San Bernardino County, or do we want to try and split
17 them up?

18 I'm sorry, my screens are all moving around here.
19 Multiple options as well as flexibility, and I think the
20 key piece for next week to remind ourselves, is that
21 we're not trying to make any final decisions. We won't
22 even have census data in front of us yet, so we're not
23 really even hitting on that first criteria yet.

24 But based on what we've heard and what we know, what
25 do we want to -- what do we think we want to do, right?

1 And we're fourteen, very wonderful and opinionated
2 people. And I think we need this time and opportunity to
3 start having those conversations. We've been in a
4 listening mode for a very long time, and so this will
5 really be our opportunity to think through: Well, what if
6 we did it this way? What if we did it another way?

7 Moving on to the phase two visualizations; again,
8 this is the agenda that we have planned out for October.
9 All of those dates are -- you know, we had committed to
10 where we're meeting about three times -- three times per
11 week, looking region-by-region each week, and working
12 with the mappers to really begin developing those various
13 visualizations.

14 So some key pieces here, that they will not be
15 complete plans. The whole purpose is to demonstrate some
16 of those tradeoffs, right, of what happens if you keep
17 this community together, but cut off -- that necessarily
18 might mean you cut off somewhere else. What happens if
19 you deviate from equal population a little bit more, or a
20 little bit less, right? So thinking about the various
21 tradeoffs that we all have in front of us to decide on,
22 and also, reminding ourselves that they may or may not be
23 interchangeable, right?

24 Especially as we're working from section to section,
25 if we make major changes in Los Angeles, that might

1 influence how we want to end up districting the Central
2 Valley, or San Diego, or anywhere else, right. So at the
3 end of the day, the map is interconnected, and so really
4 being cognizant of that, right, and remembering that we
5 can continue to make refinements throughout.

6 So I'm going to stop there. That was just a very
7 brief overview of that document. I know Karin is here
8 and available to help lead us through anything that I
9 might have missed, or certainly also to respond to any
10 questions. So at this point, I'll open it up for
11 questions, comments, discussion.

12 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Actually, before you do
13 that, I just want --

14 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Yeah.

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- also just a couple of
16 things. In terms of dates, if we just go back to the
17 very first part of the document, the preliminary
18 direction, that is next week, September 15th, 17th, 18th.
19 For visualizations, that's the first -- that's October,
20 parts of November, being the first -- second week of
21 October, fourth week of October into November.

22 That public plan idea, that's what we're talking
23 about, the third week of October. It's just the three
24 days of that week. And it's just to add, and to get into
25 or after we discuss this, what we're thinking were there.

1 But that's just that one-third week in October. The rest
2 of -- and then the statewide plans that will be fourth
3 week of October, a little in November, the idea being;
4 this is our plan to come up with the draft maps. That's
5 what we're talking about here. That's what this document
6 is about.

7 It's sort of the -- so with that -- and also what I
8 really want to bring your attention to, for next week, if
9 you look down on the third paragraph of that phase one,
10 it says,

11 "Within each area, the Line Drawing Team might
12 ask the Commission for preliminary direction
13 with advance of those meetings. It's
14 recommended that the Commission review all
15 public data it has collected for each region."

16 That means we have homework to do. And for your --
17 you know, write this down: On the 15th, we'll be looking
18 at LA; on the 17th, we'll be looking at the coastal areas
19 and San Francisco; where on the 18th, we'll be hitting
20 the north central, and also southern in those different
21 sections.

22 So in terms of, you know, laying out your -- sorry,
23 like I see question on the face -- the northern area
24 inland, and including like Central Valley, that whole
25 section, and then down through the south, like you did

1 today, they'll be in different sections. So that's just
2 a quick overview in terms of which we'll get into.

3 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you so much for that,
4 Commissioner Andersen. I definitely left out a lot of
5 pieces there, so I appreciate that.

6 I am seeing lots of hands. So I saw Commissioner
7 Ahmed first, and then Commissioner Kennedy, Commissioner
8 Yee. I thought I saw ones before also.

9 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Commissioner
10 Sadhwani. And I answered my own question. I was going
11 to ask Jane -- I'm sorry -- Commissioner Andersen, if
12 those regions were posted anywhere, and they are posted
13 on the website, for our review, so I don't have to take
14 notes. Thanks, Commissioner Andersen.

15 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: And we can certainly send them
16 out via email if it's helpful as well.

17 Commissioner Kennedy.

18 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay. If they're on the
19 website, that I'll find it, and that was my question as
20 well. Thank you.

21 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: All right. Commissioner Yee.
22 Oh. Commissioner Fornaciari. I'm sorry, one second, I
23 saw --

24 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Yeah. I want to say that
25 Commissioner Sadhwani and I are going to work together to

1 get another schedule out for you all, that'll have the
2 times for all three dates, because there is going to be a
3 business meeting shoved in there somewhere.

4 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Yes. But we're working to
5 accommodate everyone's schedules, and it's -- these are
6 moving targets, things are pretty fluid right now. Thank
7 you for that.

8 Commissioner Yee.

9 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you. So this is a work in
10 progress, and so you're setting out for phases. But just
11 to be clear, you're only giving details then on the first
12 two phases. And so phases three and four, we'll expect
13 that at some time, in more details?

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

15 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: I see Karin Mac Donald shaking
16 her head.

17 MS. MAC DONALD: Yes. We're working on it. Thank
18 you so much for that question, Commissioner Yee. And
19 yes, these are the first two phases. And the hope is
20 that that will give us something to think about until
21 early October. But hopefully next week we will have the
22 document with the additional two phases ready for your
23 review.

24 COMMISSIONER YEE: Perfect. Thank you.

25 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Actually, just a quick --

1 sorry, to just jump in on that one. In the public plan,
2 a little bit of the next document does go into that
3 phase, that week of October portion of that, so that
4 there's a little bit more information. It's not in the
5 same format and stuff that we're -- that Ms. Mac Donald
6 just said.

7 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: I have, in the order that I
8 saw, at least, was Commissioners Sinay, Kennedy,
9 Akutagawa, and Fernández.

10 Commissioner Sinay.

11 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I wanted to say thank you to
12 both groups that worked on both documents, because they
13 were very clear, and are starting to lay out things in a
14 way that helps us be in a common language. Because I
15 think a lot of this is in our head, but we all have
16 different words for all of it. So I definitely
17 appreciated this.

18 It's funny, because one of my questions were, are
19 there different phases? And then when you all said there
20 was. I was like, oh, yeah, look, it says phase one and
21 phase two on here. So I guess I'm not good at reading
22 headers, I'm really -- so I thought that was really good.

23 And this, I think is probably for the other
24 committee and -- subcommittee and the Playbook Committee,
25 but I feel like we keep not talking about VRA, and that

1 to me is such a critical place to start. And the last
2 Redistricting Commission said, "Don't do anything until
3 you really understand VRA." And so I may be jumping the
4 gun here, and I apologize if I am, but I didn't want to
5 walk away without saying that.

6 But again these, both of these documents are putting
7 my crazy, stressed out mind -- yes, Neal is laughing at
8 me right now -- my crazy, stressed out mind at ease, and
9 allowing us all to be on the same page.

10 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Very good. I am so glad to
11 hear that, VRA most certainly. My understanding, and
12 maybe, Karin, if you have any additional updates, my
13 understanding is that we will have a training on RPV, and
14 kind of thinking about, not the statistics of it, but how
15 do we make decisions using it on September 23rd.

16 I'm not sure if we're going to have the analysis
17 done by the 28th and 29th, but it's still my great hope
18 that we will. But I have not confirmed that yet from the
19 Strumwasser Woocher team.

20 MS. MAC DONALD: If you'd like me -- would you like
21 me just to weigh in, Commissioner Sadhwani?

22 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: I would love it.

23 MS. MAC DONALD: Okay. Thank you so much. And
24 yeah, thank you for bringing that up Commissioner Sinay.
25 Mr. Becker and the Strumwasser & Woocher team will be in

1 attendance on those three days, on the 15th, 17th, and
2 18th. And I believe our RPV analyst might actually also
3 be there. So I'm not -- that one is a question mark to
4 me because I probably wasn't properly paying attention.

5 I'm not sure whether she's going to consult with
6 them before or whether she will be there. The idea is
7 that they may be able to weigh in and suggest, perhaps,
8 some preliminary direction that you may give on the 15th,
9 and on the 17th, and on the 18th, already. So they will
10 be able to give you something.

11 This analysis is under way. And if you remember
12 back to when Joseph Levitt gave his initial presentation
13 to you, he was talking about this iterative process.
14 How, you know, there will be a preliminary process, then
15 there will be additional analysis done, then one goes
16 back, one refines, one does more analysis. And I think
17 this is the first phase now that we're going to see, is
18 some level of preliminary analysis that is being done.

19 And again, as Commissioner Sadhwani just said, they
20 are preparing a more -- a comprehensive training for you,
21 and you know, will present information as they were
22 getting it to you also. I hope that makes sense.

23 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: And what I'm thinking is,
24 perhaps we can just -- it should be on the agendas and
25 all, but maybe just a bullet-pointed a schedule of what's

1 kind of happening over the next couple of weeks, perhaps,
2 might be helpful.

3 I have in this order, Commissioners Kennedy,
4 Akutagawa, and then Fernández. Commissioner Sinay, do
5 you want to get back on that list?

6 COMMISSIONER SINAY: (No verbal response)

7 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay. Got you.

8 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you. I'm just
9 wondering if that -- if the listing of what areas are
10 going to be dealt with on which dates can be specified
11 down to the Outreach Zone level.

12 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: I believe they can. So we've
13 kind of -- as you saw, as we reviewed the COI -- in the
14 COI tool testimony, we were trying to make that
15 transition from outreach zone to the regions that the
16 mappers, the Q2/Haystaq mappers are kind of responsible
17 for. So it does largely kind of cross over. Like, so
18 far today we did A, C, E, I think this morning. So we
19 can go through and include those outreach zones that are
20 that are associated with them.

21 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay. And second, on the
22 Playbook document, as far as phases, I took the
23 opportunity last night to reread the -- I guess, the
24 introductory twenty-five pages, or so of the 2010
25 Commission's Final Report, that was submitted with the

1 maps.

2 And it seems to me, and I think I put this in the
3 initial Gantt chart as kind of a tickler, you know, this
4 is a point in time where we could very easily be --
5 easily enough, or more easily than later when we're
6 really under the gun, putting that part of the final
7 report together. And do, you know, a great job on those
8 introductory sections before it gets into describing each
9 individual district.

10 So I would encourage us to think: Okay, is this
11 something that falls under the Line Drawing Subcommittee,
12 or does it fall under someone else? Who is going to be
13 responsible for all or any part of it? And how can we
14 get that initial drafting of the portions; that are not
15 dependent on the actual districts, underway sooner rather
16 than later? Thank you.

17 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: That's a great suggestion.
18 Thank you.

19 I had Commissioner Akutagawa.

20 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Thank you. Mine is
21 just a clarification question. When I look at the
22 website, I appreciate what Commissioner Ahmad said;
23 September 15th says Los Angeles. September 17 says
24 Central California. September 18 says Coastal and
25 Southern California. I just wanted to -- I mean, I'm

1 going to assume that what is on the website is correct.

2 I think Commissioner Andersen, I thought I heard her
3 say differently. So I just wanted to make sure that
4 there's alignment.

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: You're correct. I actually
6 confess. I was just looking on the website. I did not
7 see what Commissioner Ahmad was saying. But it was
8 switched. Originally we were talking about having, on
9 the 17th was going to be the Northern Inland California,
10 Central Valley, you know, essentially B, D, F, and G for
11 our purposes. And that is being switched.

12 That will now be on the morning of the 18th, where
13 the coastal areas, which were our Zones A, C, E including
14 the Bay Area, that's going to be on the morning of the
15 17th.

16 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: So right now it says,
17 "Coastal and Southern California on the 18th."

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Correct.

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: So you're saying it's --

20 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Everything is swapped now?

22 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: The portions that are
23 swapped are the Coastal Bay Area is swapped with the
24 Northern Central Inland -- Northern and Central Inland,
25 those two. Southern is still on the afternoon of the

1 18th.

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. So now --

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Does that make sense?

4 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Commissioner Andersen, why
5 don't we just write that down?

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay.

7 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: And we will update that
8 website --

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you.

10 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: That's exactly, yeah.

11 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: -- at the end of the day.

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah.

13 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: When I called them for
14 the --

15 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: And then I think also with
16 that bulleted list of dates, and times, and things.

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah.

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: But I really appreciate
19 Commissioner Akutagawa bringing that up, because for the
20 public's -- you know, looking forward for next week, it
21 is: The 15th is LA, the 17th is going to be the coastal
22 areas, the 18th will be Inland, Central Valley, and then
23 Southern.

24 Now, if we do finish an area earlier, we will move
25 to the next one. Or if we need more time on a section,

1 we will drift over into that next area. But that is the
2 plan. So I just wanted everyone to know that. And
3 thanks for bringing it up. That wasn't quite on the
4 website.

5 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Perfect. Commissioner
6 Fernández.

7 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Thank you. Yes. I also
8 wanted to thank you -- thank you all for this document.
9 It was wonderful. Actually, it kind of did set the stage
10 in terms of moving forward. So thank you.

11 I just had a couple of comments on it. One of them,
12 Commissioner Sinay kind of touched on it. But I kind of
13 what -- came away from just wanting to ensure that -- we
14 all know this, but that we have the criteria and the
15 specific orders that we need to go through. So it's that
16 before our preferences. So it's just -- and I didn't
17 really get that in the document. So I don't know if
18 maybe we need to be intentional, and maybe spell that
19 out.

20 And then the other thing was, it's kind of minor,
21 but I think it's me because my -- I don't want to even
22 want to say "vocabulary", but visualization, I was again
23 trying to -- I was talking to Commissioner Akutagawa -- I
24 wasn't -- I was trying to think of how would I explain
25 what that meant to my mom, and it's kind of a confused --

1 it can be a confusing term, because I think what we're
2 trying to say is scenarios or options, and if you read
3 the document, we do talk about scenarios, and we do talk
4 about options.

5 And I mean, I know it's not a big issue, but for me,
6 it kind of took me a while to grasp what we were talking
7 about. And then I got it. And I was like, well, we're
8 trying to make sure that we're inclusive and wanting to
9 include as many people as we can. And sometimes we may
10 need to look at some of the words that we use, but. So
11 that's a minor thing. Of course, I'm not going to fight
12 on it or -- that's not something I'm going to die on, but
13 maybe just something we want to think about.

14 But again, I just -- it's a really good document.
15 And thank you. And thank you for noting like the dates
16 and of each phase. So I really appreciate that. And it
17 just shows that we're going to be really, really busy the
18 next few months. So thank you.

19 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Absolutely.

20 Commissioner Sinai. And then Director Kaplan.

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thanks. Just a few things;
22 what is really important about this document is having
23 read all the reports last month and really trying to
24 figure out what was up ahead. And the reports, I mean,
25 yeah, the one -- the legal ones, the one from the

1 Commission, 2010 Commission, I don't know how many -- but
2 yeah, all the different reports that kind of said what
3 happened in 2010, and try to get a feel.

4 One of the things they did say, "Visualization is an
5 actual word that's used in this field," and it wasn't
6 explained well last time. So it stressed out the public,
7 and they didn't really realize that there were scenarios
8 or options. So this document does exactly that. And so
9 I thank you all for doing that, because we're -- you
10 know, that was important.

11 I am a little nervous, and I keep being the one who
12 jumps in, even though I'm not on the Playbook
13 Subcommittee, but there doesn't seem to be a clear
14 delineation between what we need done by the Playbook
15 Subcommittee and what the Line Drawing Team is doing.
16 And the Line Drawing Team seems to be running with the
17 line drawers, and not allowing that space that we all
18 need to have public conversations, not just the Line
19 Drawing Subcommittee with the line drawers.

20 But that's why we have the Playbook Subcommittee, is
21 to bring a lot of these issues to us. So I am a little
22 nervous that we're going to start looking at things
23 before we've had a deep conversation. And I'll say it
24 again, I really believe in having conversations before
25 anything is put in front of us. And so I just -- if

1 there could be some clarity on that piece, because I
2 think, really, the priority right now goes to the
3 Playbook Subcommittee over the line drawing piece.

4 Because if we don't get this right now, in
5 September, how we want to work together, and how we want
6 to talk about these things, and what are some of the
7 challenges, and we don't do it as a group, we're going to
8 have a lot of issues later. So I wanted to call that,
9 and put it up -- put it out there just so that I can
10 better -- I, and all of us, can better understand how
11 those priorities are happening.

12 The other thing is at the last meeting, I believe it
13 was our last business meeting, yeah, as with all of you,
14 it's kind of blurs in. But I did mention my concern
15 about the management of both of our Line Drawing Team and
16 of our Legal team. And it's not that that -- we didn't
17 have the diversity that we've been really striving
18 through all the way through, in our staff, and then on
19 the Commission. And I understand why that's the reality.

20 But we are working -- and I want to come back and
21 say, we are working on trying to bring in those different
22 voices, and those voices of color are important in
23 talking about RPV, and the racial polarizing voting, and
24 what we can be doing around Voting Rights Act.

25 And I know that Commissioner Sadhwani is an expert

1 in this, but we also need to bring outside voices as
2 well. And Commissioner Sadhwani and Commissioner
3 Fornaciari are working on where to put it on the agenda.
4 But I don't want to lose that because that piece is
5 really important to have someone from California who
6 understands the complexities of it.

7 And I know all our experts understand that. But
8 California is very unique. And any time I've worked on
9 race and ethnicity issues with people outside of
10 California, I always have to remind them of how different
11 it is in California versus other places. And we focus on
12 the data that -- you know, that helps, but it doesn't go
13 far enough.

14 Again, I totally support all the teams that we've
15 brought on, but I do want to make sure that we are
16 hearing those other voices complementing what we're doing
17 and moving forward. And I'm not working on my own. I am
18 working with the Commissioners and sharing that.

19 On the actual document, I had some questions, but I
20 didn't know if they were pertinent now, or if they're for
21 as we move along. And for example, one part we say: We
22 may have conflicting communities of interest, and we know
23 we will, because today some -- you know, they showed us
24 some of those conflicts.

25 And with the tools that exist now, that digital

1 tools, instead of waiting for people to call in, can't we
2 create like surveys that we put out, and we put on social
3 media, and we collect that data, in that way, so we
4 get -- we can hear from more people, versus just hearing
5 from those who have the time -- who are paying attention,
6 and who have the time to call in. And so there was just
7 some of those little minutia -- yeah, little details that
8 might not be what we need to discuss today.

9 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay. Thank you. Director
10 Kaplan.

11 DIRECTOR KAPLAN: Sorry. Just wanted (audio
12 interference) identify that you're going to be sending
13 the updates on the upcoming meeting, so we can update the
14 schedule later. So thank you for sending it.

15 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: I'm sorry. I'm sorry. I
16 didn't hear what Director, what you --

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: You cut out there for a bit.

18 DIRECTOR KAPLAN: Oh. I just wanted to let -- I had
19 raised my hand earlier in the conversation. Just to say
20 thank you for sending the upcoming dates, and info, and
21 I've flagged to Fredy, so we'll be updating the website
22 later when we get that.

23 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: All right. Yeah, and we
24 will -- Commissioner Andersen and I will work on just
25 making sure we have the right dates, and zones, and

1 coordinating zones for the regions, and all of those
2 kinds of things, and send those over to you.

3 Other questions, comments; we've got a lot of great
4 discussion here?

5 So Commissioner Sinay raised a number of points
6 here. I just wanted to kind of follow up on a couple of
7 them. First, I mean, in terms of playbook and line
8 drawing, I mean, I think the Playbook Subcommittee was
9 formed specifically so that the line drawers wouldn't
10 continue to take on more items. And they're next up on
11 the agenda. So certainly we are going to hear about
12 their forward momentum, in very short time.

13 In terms of all of the additional trainings and
14 speakers that you'd like to bring on, I'm just trying to
15 get a sense of -- like the sense of the Commission, if
16 you will, to have additional trainings and speakers on --
17 I think it's on -- I'm not exactly sure.

18 Commissioner Sinay, do want to be a little bit more
19 clear about what the trainings would be on the census, or
20 what aspect in particular?

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So as you mentioned,
22 Commissioner Kennedy and I are kind of working on
23 different questions and things that have come up. And
24 Commissioner Kennedy has mentioned that -- well, I think
25 you did, but one on geography and just kind of

1 understanding geography. The second is understanding
2 Census 2020, and the race and ethnic components and how
3 they've changed.

4 And some of that, I believe came up before but --
5 for instance, a lot of people are saying the Black
6 community in California has decreased in size. That is
7 true, if you look at the census data, at just Black. But
8 if you look at the census data as Black and "other", it
9 has actually increased. If you, or you know, Latinos,
10 we've always kind of -- since 1990, we've had the
11 opportunity to check that -- you know, that were Latino
12 and a different race, but this -- but Blacks, Asians,
13 Others, have not kind of had to choose one or the other.
14 I mean, if you're Afro-Latino, or Asian-Latina, you
15 can't.

16 But there are some nuances in the data, that if we
17 want, we can actually go deeper and understand our
18 communities better than the unilateral, you know, kind of
19 the simple ways that we've been defining them in the
20 past. So it is -- the data is different than the data
21 was in 2010, and we actually have more information than
22 we ever have had about communities.

23 But as that article that Commissioner Kennedy
24 shared, social identity is a construct that changes, that
25 evolves, and is dynamic. And as a White Latina and

1 learning that fifty percent of White Latino -- you know,
2 that White Latino, the number dropped by fifty percent,
3 that was interesting.

4 And that's where that Brown is getting Browner
5 article from Manuel Pastor was interesting to me, but
6 when the state demographer spoke, and he said: Well, now
7 the census can actually reclassify people if your
8 ancestry doesn't match what they expect your race to be.
9 That raised some questions for me because as I've checked
10 "Latina", as I always do, I checked White, and then for
11 ancestry, I just put "Latin-American", because there was
12 no Peruvian-Mexican, -Argentine in there.

13 And I didn't know how far back they wanted me to go.
14 Did they want to go to my Russian-Italian roots from
15 five -- four or five generations back? But if someone
16 were to read that in the census that they might have just
17 put me as "other", versus kept me as White.

18 So there's a lot of different complexities in this.
19 And the idea was to have someone who's been looking at
20 this in California, and Tom Wong has agreed to do it.
21 And he's at UCSD, and he's written a lot around
22 immigration and refugees. And I found out, in talking to
23 him, that he's actually working with the Black Census and
24 Redistricting Hub. But looking at the data the way it
25 is -- the way it's presented in 2020, and understanding

1 these dynamics that are different than from 2010.

2 And then the third one, only if we want it, because
3 she had offered it, and Commissioner Kennedy has a
4 contact as well, is Dita (ph.) who heads -- who did head
5 up the 2020 Census complete count, had said you know:
6 When the data comes out if you'd like me to come back,
7 and talk more about the data, and the body of data, or if
8 you have any questions, let me know.

9 And Commissioner Kennedy also has a contact. She's
10 been working on one of the National Committees on those
11 pieces. So those were the three that kind of had come up
12 at different times.

13 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Yeah. And I think, you know,
14 those are really important distinctions to make in the
15 census. And of course, there's a lot of exciting and
16 interesting components to the census. I guess I'm just
17 trying to get a sense. We have a pretty strong agenda
18 moving forward over the next couple of weeks. So I think
19 you've mentioned three different trainings. I'm just
20 trying to assess the desire of the Commission to have all
21 three of those, or have any portion of them, or how to
22 prioritize those along with all of the other components
23 that we have, moving towards line drawing beginning in
24 October.

25 Commissioner Fernández, I think I saw your hand.

1 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Yeah. I guess I'll just
2 give my opinion on the training. I think that ever since
3 the census information has come out, I have really delved
4 into it, the information. I personally don't feel like I
5 need additional training on the race and ethnicity
6 portion of it; geography, that might be a good maybe half
7 hour, an hour session.

8 But again, I just think that, as you mentioned, our
9 agenda is full, and there's been so many articles and
10 there's so much information out there that we could
11 individually look into if we don't feel comfortable
12 with -- as we move forward, with the data that we have.
13 So personally, maybe geography for me, thank you.

14 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Commissioner Turner.

15 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Definitely geography. The
16 value I find in discussing and receiving training from
17 different voices is interpretation of the data as we're
18 receiving it, to ensure that we're on the same page in
19 how we're actually taking in the information. So I do
20 support -- I support Commissioner Sinay's suggestion that
21 we find an opportunity with the changes, the different
22 nuances in the 2020 Census over the previous census data
23 that's been made available, I think would be advantageous
24 for me, as a Commissioner.

25 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Commissioner Akutagawa, and

1 then Kennedy.

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I want to also
3 support what Commissioners Sinay and Turner are saying.
4 I think we can definitely look at the different reports,
5 and publications, articles, and other things that have
6 come out. And obviously it has the perspective of the
7 person who is writing it. But it would be interesting to
8 hear, I think, a discussion amongst all of us as well too
9 around that data.

10 I know that we have a rather full schedule, so I
11 don't know if -- where and how long it would take, and if
12 it's possible to squeeze into the current meetings that
13 we have. I think I would, honestly, prefer not to add
14 another meeting, but if it is possible to squeeze it in
15 somewhere, that would be -- that would be preferable,
16 even if it's adding maybe an extra hour to a current
17 meeting. I don't know.

18 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: That's helpful. I think I
19 saw, Commissioners Kennedy, Vázquez, and Turner.

20 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yeah. You know, adding an
21 hour or something to an existing meeting on the calendar
22 is fine. I think we're at a point in the process where
23 we have to acknowledge that, you know, we have hard
24 deadlines. And if we need to do something that requires
25 us to add a meeting to the calendar, we need to add the

1 meeting to the calendar. Thank you.

2 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Commissioner Vázquez, did you
3 still have a question?

4 COMMISSIONER VÁZQUEZ: Everything I agree with has
5 already been said on this issue. Thank you.

6 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. Commissioner Turner.

7 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. Appreciate the
8 thought. Yes. Let's add the time that's needed. But
9 with that, I wanted to say, one of the things that -- and
10 I don't know if I got it into the Lessons Learned or
11 not -- but for the next training, even for the refresher
12 VRA and the next training that's coming up, I'm hopeful
13 that we think of them in terms of a real training. I'm
14 finding that a lot of our trainings are matter-of-factly
15 in their -- it feels like the target audience is for
16 those that are the professors, and those that should do
17 this as a living. And the position that we took on was
18 for all Californians everywhere.

19 And so I'm grateful for the volumes of material that
20 we receive to read and what have you, but if we're going
21 to have a training, I think the trainings should be
22 training and not just a matter of fact, read through the
23 slides, et cetera.

24 So that if it's going to be an hour, let it be a
25 really good training, scenarios, test for understanding,

1 interaction, as opposed to reading a presentation. And
2 so going forward, this will be the opportunity to get it
3 right. And I just wanted to name that. I want our
4 trainings however -- whatever the length of time that it
5 needs to take, I think it should be one that is
6 accessible to all Commissioners, and not based on prior
7 information, or proximity to the information.

8 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: That is a great point. Okay.
9 So we will move forward and work -- Chair Fornaciari and
10 I will work on the schedule over the next couple of
11 weeks, of the currently agendized meetings, and if need
12 be, add additional time, or go later into the evenings so
13 that we can accommodate all of these requests.

14 If we're feeling good about the document that came
15 from line drawers and Strumwasser & Woocher, and Mr.
16 Becker, I think we can move on to the playbook.

17 So if Commissioner Yee and Commissioner Turner want
18 to talk a little bit about that?

19 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you, Commissioner Sadhwani.
20 So we'll be turning our attention to what's the third
21 handout for today. I apologize that the naming is very
22 confusing indeed. You know, you had these two different
23 subcommittees working on these matters, and this whole
24 week, and it developed in a very fluid and complicated
25 manner.

1 So we do have these separate documents, even though
2 they address overlapping concerns. I think the goal
3 eventually is to merge everything into something called
4 the Mapping Playbook. And that'll be the full merged
5 plan. But for now, we have these variously named
6 documents. And I apologize, that it is a bit confusing.

7 So with the Mapping Playbook Subcommittee that
8 Commissioner Turner and I worked on, we're not ready to
9 present the whole thing to you yet. There is a full
10 draft, a two-page draft, but we've been advised to hold
11 off on publicly discussing it until our Legal Team has
12 had a chance to look through it. And also, we are
13 receiving some further comments from Ms. Mac Donald as
14 well. So we're waiting to do all of that before publicly
15 discussing the full document.

16 So what I'd like to do now is just give you an
17 overview of it. I sense we're picking up the pace here.
18 It would be great to get some of these thoughts into our
19 minds, collectively, some of the questions that the
20 document opens, and start thinking about them. We don't
21 necessarily have to settle anything today, although any
22 progress we make towards that would certainly be helpful.

23 So let me share the screen and walk you through
24 this. Okay. So these are selected discussion items. I
25 have the full outline for you here, but not all the

1 details. So the full draft document currently is about
2 two pages long, so this is about half of the full
3 document.

4 So the goal here is to get a set of mapping policies
5 and strategies together before we actually start mapping,
6 partly just to give us direction, and answer questions
7 that we'll have to answer at some point along the way in
8 any case. And the other reason is to have policies in
9 place before we start looking in detail and making
10 decisions about different COI input, submissions, and so
11 forth, so that we are not cherry-picking based on just
12 whatever criteria each of us -- each of us has.

13 Can I enlarge a bit? Let's see. Yeah. Okay.

14 So point one, population data on mapping based
15 exclusively on the California redistricting database that
16 the Statewide Database will provide to us. This answers
17 the question, you know, some may ask: Can we adjust, you
18 know, based on more recent elements, or so forth? The
19 answer will be no. Everything will be based on that
20 redistricting database.

21 Two, our sixth statutory criteria: Equal population,
22 number one; number two, VRA compliance. Of course, we
23 are responsible for Section 2, the VRA Subcommittee is
24 recommending that we also make a good-faith effort to
25 meet Section 5, nonretrogression standards. As you know,

1 those are currently not being enforced after the 2013
2 Shelby decision.

3 Nevertheless, to meet those standards may well be a
4 good idea for at least two reasons: Number one, it's just
5 a good idea to support voting rights in that manner.
6 Number two, as you know, H.R.4 of the John Lewis Act is
7 still in Congress, still hanging in the balance. If it
8 does pass, it will reintroduce some of these VRA
9 enforcement provisions. And so why not be in line with
10 those if they are to -- if they were to come back into
11 play through our work.

12 But that we need to discuss further with our VRA
13 Counsel, and see if that intention, and that language
14 makes sense, and whether it's something we actually do
15 want to commit ourselves to.

16 Contiguity, so observe that one point, so never use
17 point contiguity that says you have two districts and
18 they just touch on a point like that, does that count?
19 And the policy will be no; that does not count. You
20 cannot just have point contiguity in creating a district.
21 It has to be more than that.

22 (D) Communities of interest. Okay so D(1), this
23 is -- addresses the question, what are we -- are we going
24 to look at existing maps? Are we going to start with the
25 existing maps? It also raises the question of whether

1 we'll look at local maps, you know, supervisorial
2 districts, in city council districts, local school
3 districts, things like that.

4 And so the thought we're proposing is that such
5 districts absolutely reflect relevant COIs, that's why
6 they were drawn, you know, by somebody at some time,
7 including our predecessors, the 2010 Commission. But
8 they're not included in statutory considerations. You
9 know, the six criteria that are set out, do not include a
10 consideration of existing boundaries.

11 So our thought is to vary how much to consider
12 existing districts on a case-by-case basis, depending on
13 such factors as population shifts, COI input, and VRA
14 considerations. So to certainly have them on the table,
15 but not too many kind of one size fits all. We always
16 start with, you know, existing districts, or a role like
17 that, and to consider them, but on a case-by-case basis.

18 Two, the question that was just raised earlier: Okay
19 you have different -- and the obvious question, if you
20 have different COI input submissions that disagree, or
21 even oppose each other, how do you weigh them? So here
22 are some guidelines. Generally give greater weight to
23 those that aid in satisfying other criteria, statutory
24 criteria, out of the six criteria, especially higher-
25 ranked ones. Or that seem to represent a larger segment

1 of the community, you know, that may be a subjective
2 call.

3 More closely fit the statutory COI definition, in
4 that whole long paragraph that sets out: How to
5 understand COIs, or are given by someone actually in that
6 COI. It was a question at times, you know, people were
7 giving COI input about places near where they live, or
8 maybe not even near where they live, somewhere other than
9 where they live, to give somewhat more weight to COIs
10 given by -- submissions given by people living in those
11 COIs.

12 Number three, the question of how to count or weigh
13 the number of submissions for a given COI, and this is
14 really tricky, because obviously it means something.
15 It's if a community organized, and there's lots of people
16 that call in, or a particular community-based
17 organization is well organized and well-motivated. Or
18 they're just lots of people in a particular community of
19 interest that, you know, have strong feelings, that
20 obviously counts for something.

21 On the other hand, you know, one lone submission by
22 someone in an, otherwise, not highly organized COI could
23 count for a lot. You know, there's really no telling.
24 Meanwhile organizations that have organized call-in
25 efforts, now, they come in all flavors. And you know,

1 and needy neighborhoods, business interests, so on, and
2 so on. So how do you weigh one against the other?

3 So the thought is that, you know, COI inputs are not
4 votes. You're not just counting numbers and making
5 decisions that way. But they are, in the end, aids to
6 identify and define points, right. No matter how many or
7 how few submissions we get, therefore the quantities,
8 whether many or few should be duly considered, but are
9 not decisive. So that's our thought at the moment.

10 And number 4, it may be helpful to supplement COI
11 testimony with research, you know, from other sources
12 other than testimony, chatting with Ms. Mac Donald a bit
13 about this, and she notes that, you know, there are of
14 course, tons of data out there from all kinds of sources,
15 including American Community Survey, and so forth, but
16 that is very uneven and sometimes, you know, less
17 accurate than you would think, or more data than you
18 would think, and so to be used only with great care.

19 There's also the thought, of course, of traveling,
20 and visiting some of these places in person, and getting
21 information and impressions that way. In the end, COI
22 testimony alone may or may not be sufficient to define a
23 given COI.

24 Just this morning, or earlier, we talked a little
25 bit about Indian reservations in the south part of the

1 state, and not getting many COI submissions from that,
2 and may be motivated to do more research, and so you
3 know, directing our Outreach Team to fill in some of
4 those gaps, to have end data, and any more information
5 that (audio interference). Okay. So that's number 4;
6 number 5, compactness, of course; and number 6, nesting.

7 The other big area of discussion, probably mapping
8 sequence, so looking at the 2010 experience, and chatting
9 with our line drawers, this is our proposal. Now, the
10 question is, how to merge this with the line drawing
11 phases' document that we just looked at. And the answer
12 is, I don't know. It's not at all clear in my mind how
13 we merge these two, how to sequence it out.

14 But the thought here, on this side of this part of
15 the playbook, is to start with VRA districts, and those
16 would be for the Congressional, Assembly, and Senate
17 districts, and maybe even plan to put out our first
18 official draft maps on those districts.

19 The first official draft maps, they don't have to be
20 for the whole state, it could be just for VRA districts.
21 That's a possibility. Now, from there to go to the
22 Assembly districts, since that's the largest number of
23 districts, the smallest districts, and so will involve
24 the most detailed considerations of communities and
25 boundaries.

1 Working generally from north to south is a thought,
2 then go from there to Senate districts, half as many of
3 those, then the Board of Equalization districts. And the
4 2010 Report, recommended, yeah, or reminded: Don't forget
5 those. Apparently, that, yeah, a very -- that was a --
6 had to be a catch for their process, making sure there
7 was enough time for that.

8 That could probably be done, you know, in a day or
9 two, maybe, is the thought, but to make sure there's time
10 for that; and then the Congressional districts. So
11 that's a thought. A lot of different reasons for doing
12 things in different orders, but this is one way that
13 seemed to make sense.

14 Okay. So that's the draft so far. Let me stop
15 share. And again, not trying to nail down any of this
16 yet, but certainly prepared to try to make some progress,
17 and get us closer to a final playbook.

18 Okay. I see Commissioner Ahmad, and then
19 Commissioner Toledo.

20 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Commissioner Yee,
21 for that overview. Just a quick question, I've heard
22 redistricting being talked about as starting in LA, and
23 then kind of spilling outward. So can you talk a little
24 bit about the context behind starting, generally, north
25 from south, versus the whole starting from LA and

1 spilling outward theory? I just need a little bit more
2 clarification around those two approaches.

3 COMMISSIONER YEE: Excellent question.

4 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: If you have them. Yeah.

5 COMMISSIONER YEE: I really don't, actually. I
6 mean, that was something that came from 2010. I didn't
7 quite understand it myself, other than just mentally
8 starting with one, and then going down -- and we are
9 required to number from north to south. So starting, you
10 know, just mentally it seemed more tidy, but in fact it
11 may not be the way to go. And so we can certainly keep
12 it on the table.

13 Commissioner Toledo.

14 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you, and thank you to
15 the Committee for putting this thoughtful piece together.
16 I'm just curious on a question on the contiguity portion
17 where it says -- and you don't have it up, but it's, you
18 know, never; essentially never doing the point contiguity
19 aspect of it, and I'm just wondering the thought process
20 around that. Is it because the previous Commission did
21 that? Or is there a legal basis for that? Or what was
22 the thought process around that, in terms of limiting our
23 options?

24 COMMISSIONER YEE: I just did a bit of research into
25 what other -- what's best, what's considered best

1 practice. And of course, it has been done, but it's
2 looked at with suspicion because, of course, it opens up
3 all kinds of possibilities for gerrymandering, right?
4 But it is something that we could research more
5 definitely.

6 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: And that's helpful. I mean, I
7 think, you know, it's the risk aspect of it.

8 COMMISSIONER YEE: Uh-huh.

9 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: There's risk to the maps, and
10 that's one of the reasons why this is, potentially, why
11 we would do that. So I appreciate your explanation.
12 Thank you.

13 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. It's a question of whether
14 it would fall outside traditional redistricting
15 practices, you know, which is a phrase you hear a lot,
16 so.

17 Commissioner Vázquez.

18 CHAIR FORNACIARI: So we're up against --

19 COMMISSIONER YEE: Oh, I'm sorry. Yeah.

20 CHAIR FORNACIARI: -- a break at this point. So
21 we're going to have to take fifteen, and we'll get to the
22 questions when we get back.

23 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you.

24 (Whereupon, a fifteen-minute recess was held)

25 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Well, welcome back, California.

1 We will continue our discussion of the playbook. And I
2 will turn it back over to Commissioner Yee to facilitate
3 the questions.

4 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you, Chair. So I want to
5 emphasize that the selected discussion items, the handout
6 that you're looking at, that we posted today is just
7 initial thoughts. These are not decided policies, these
8 are not -- this is not the playbook yet. These are just
9 the draft thoughts for discussion at this point, early
10 point in developing the playbook.

11 And in that light, in a moment I'll defer to
12 Commissioner Turner, and my fellow Mapping Playbook
13 Subcommittee Member, for any comments she has. And then
14 we will take any really brief further questions that are
15 just -- you're really stuck on, but not really try to
16 pursue details of this draft at this point until we've
17 this -- had further discussion with counsel, and so on.

18 So Commissioner Turner.

19 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Commissioner Yee.
20 Actually, I think you're doing a great job. And just
21 again, wanting to call attention to the top of that
22 document that says "draft", this is solely to get kind of
23 some of the creative juices going, possibilities of what
24 could be, and so not at all to determine what's going to
25 happen. So we have to start somewhere. So we're just

1 starting broad.

2 Certainly, we'll take any you know, we have taken
3 notes to some of your initial thoughts, but at this
4 point, we're wanting to just kind of give you a teaser of
5 where we are, and we will get more information, and we
6 will be back in our upcoming meetings. Thank you.

7 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you, Commissioner Turner.
8 Commissioner Akutagawa.

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: It's okay. I'll pass.

10 COMMISSIONER YEE: Okay. Thanks. Okay, anything
11 else that needs to be said right now?

12 Commissioner Kennedy.

13 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: So are we -- Commissioner
14 Turner just said, let's get the creative juices flowing.
15 So are we to let go with these creative juices, or how
16 are we proceeding?

17 COMMISSIONER YEE: I think I --

18 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Well, I probably -- yeah. I'm
19 sorry.

20 COMMISSIONER YEE: Go ahead.

21 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I probably shouldn't have said
22 "Creative juices flowing". Maybe I should say: We were
23 just hoping to awaken your creativity for our future
24 meetings.

25 COMMISSIONER YEE: Right. So we will next revisit

1 this. You know, we'll have a further revision and
2 then -- and next revisit it in public discussion on the
3 15th, probably, or the 17th. So your creative juices
4 make notes on those, and be prepared for that discussion.

5 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: All right. The agenda for the
6 15th, 17th, 18th is going to be packed. So come ready,
7 and come juiced, obviously.

8 COMMISSIONER YEE: Commissioner Vázquez.

9 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Commissioner Vázquez has --

10 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Oh. Sorry. So sorry.

11 COMMISSIONER YEE: (Indiscernible).

12 COMMISSIONER VÁZQUEZ: Yeah. Commissioner Ahmad had
13 a question about sort of the thinking. An issue we've
14 discussed; or at least I know that has been brought up
15 before about sort of where to start, and was just going
16 to respond. But I think my -- if my memory serves me
17 correctly, the thinking that has been proposed about
18 where to start is depending on where you start your
19 choices get more limited as you move through decision
20 making.

21 So LA being really populous, Southern California in
22 particular being really populous, that in terms of sort
23 of where to start, the thinking is, potentially, if you
24 start in a really populous area, you can -- you have more
25 flexibility as you start making decisions. You

1 necessarily make tradeoffs and limit those decisions
2 outward, so starting north to south may, potentially, tie
3 our hands more than we would like as we go south.

4 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you. Okay. That's all we
5 have. Thank you so much.

6 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay. So I think the final
7 piece that we had to discuss for today was a document, a
8 proposal from the Line Drawing Subcommittee on the
9 district map -- the public map input, I think, is what
10 we've landed on as a title, and that document is also
11 posted. Would it be helpful if I share my screen on
12 that?

13 Yes, maybe. Let's see here. Okay. So maybe I'll
14 start us off. And then, Commissioner Andersen, do you
15 want to jump in and share a little bit more?

16 We were asked to take on the issue of people
17 submitting draft maps. So the purpose here is really to
18 receive input on district ideas from the community. We
19 have had several conversations, actually, about this with
20 the Line Drawing Team, how it was run in 2010, what the
21 values of having the ideas from the public could be. And
22 so we've written out kind of this full background here
23 for your review and consideration, very similar to how we
24 have received COI input, right.

25 And we have had both the option for folks to submit

1 COI input through the COI tool, general, you know, public
2 comment that they can -- they could submit a letter about
3 their community of interest, as well as an opportunity
4 for them to come and share their communities of interest
5 before the Commission in a live session. And so that's
6 the purpose of this proposal, is starting to think about
7 what that might look like if we were to do it. And we
8 have received numerous requests from the public to define
9 what those periods might look like, or at least to host
10 them. So this is our attempt to do that.

11 Some of the things that we have discussed is that
12 it's really important to have equity through this process
13 to make sure anyone that wants to submit a district map
14 has the opportunity to do so within the amount of time,
15 at least, that we're -- that we're going to allot for
16 these. And anyone at any point can, of course, always
17 submit through the redistricting mapping tool that the
18 Statewide Database is putting out.

19 Because we don't have a clear sense of exactly what
20 kinds of submissions people would want to necessarily
21 submit, we broke it down into small, medium, and large-
22 sized submissions where a small submission would be about
23 one to three districts. A medium submission would be
24 somewhere between four to about twenty, right? So
25 something more like a region. You want to cover Los

1 Angeles or the Central Valley, it might be more than
2 three districts, but not necessarily the whole state.

3 And then finally, large submissions, which would be
4 one map statewide, so either Assembly, or Congress, or
5 Board of Equalization, et cetera. And we've put some
6 rough timings that we thought might be associated with
7 that. Just like with the COI input sessions, we
8 anticipate that this would require using an appointment
9 system. People would need to send us their maps in
10 advance so that we could see them.

11 And as it relates to actually thinking through how
12 this -- the specifics of how all of the system would
13 work, we would ask for staff to really -- to figure out a
14 lot of those details in terms of the appointment system,
15 and making sure that people are registered and have the
16 necessary information.

17 Commissioner Andersen, do you have any other -- what
18 if I missed?

19 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes. Yeah, I do. Okay.
20 This is you know, essentially there are two phases of
21 public input. And we've been in -- you know, just kind
22 of finished up the first phase. It was just basically
23 the COI input. And that was all before the official
24 California database, redistricting database is released.

25 Once that's released, then we'll be getting -- we'll

1 be sort of moving into phase two, which is, we'll still
2 be receiving COI, I'm quite sure, but we'll also be
3 receiving people's ideas about mapping. Whether it be,
4 you know, they want to do a particular district, they
5 don't like something about something we're doing. It'll
6 be like that.

7 And so that this is -- we have to figure out how to
8 actually frame and organize those meetings, realizing
9 that we'll probably get maps in. We could get, you know,
10 all sorts of different things coming in during those
11 meetings. This particular document, however, is actually
12 laying out really specific for the third week of October,
13 which is the 21st, 22nd, and 23rd. We're actually
14 proposing, rather than waiting until our draft maps are
15 out, and then collecting public input, we're saying,
16 during our visualizations; interim process that we
17 talked about previously, during that we're actually going
18 to take three days.

19 And it'll be very -- very organized, appointment
20 only, but to collect the map ideas from the public,
21 which, as we all know, there are a lot of groups have
22 been following us, and have been prepared to do this, and
23 willing to work with us, trying to work with us.

24 These are, you know, all sorts of different people
25 are interested in doing this. And this would be a time

1 to get those ideas as we're looking at the whole thing,
2 as we're creating our first draft map. That's kind of
3 the point we need to discuss first. Like, do we like
4 that idea? Do we not like that idea? There are pros and
5 cons -- well, actually, I thought there were pros and
6 cons to both. It turns out they're really mostly just
7 pros, because -- and I'll ask Commissioner Sadhwani to go
8 a little bit more into the particulars of that.

9 And so what this particular document is, is this is
10 an attempt on those three days how we would run getting
11 this input, and these would be for maps only. It would
12 not be for COI during this point.

13 And then depending on how that goes, then we can
14 modify and tweak how we do the remaining public input
15 from then on, depending on like, whether it didn't work,
16 or that really did work. So that, so I'd kind of like
17 you to look at this document with -- we want to refine a
18 couple of things, but it's also for, it's like an intro.
19 I think the first point we should talk about is: Do we
20 like the idea of doing it during our process of creating
21 the draft maps?

22 Then this would be particularly for these three
23 days. And then we have the, okay -- after that fact, we
24 can kind of go: Okay, now, now we have it, how do we want
25 to change that? So those are kind of three different

1 sort of things I think we should try to frame this
2 discussion about this document.

3 How did that -- Commissioner Sadhwani, did that kind
4 of help a little bit?

5 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Yes. Definitely, I think it
6 was great. Shall we jump into questions, comments,
7 considerations?

8 I think one of the key questions and pieces that we
9 need to finalize is, as of right now, we have reserved
10 the dates on our calendar, but we haven't actually had
11 that conversation here as a Commission if this is what we
12 want to do. And so we certainly want to make this the
13 time and space for that.

14 Commissioner Fernández. And I'm going to stop
15 sharing screen just so I can see everybody.

16 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Thank you. And thank you
17 for putting this together. This is very helpful. I
18 just, actually just had a clarification, just a couple of
19 things. Again, these meetings will only be if they have
20 maps. They have to have a complete district map,
21 correct? And then the second piece of it was, when we've
22 got potential associations that submit four to twenty
23 districts, or even multiple districts, I mean, how does
24 this -- does each district map then go into our database
25 as a singular community of interest?

1 COMMISSIONER SINAY: (No verbal response)

2 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: And that's my assumption is
3 that it would. So if there's if somebody comes forward
4 with fifty-two Congressional districts, then it would be
5 fifty-two communities of interest that would be entered
6 into our database. And the reason I'm asking this is
7 because, when we move forward and we start drawing lines,
8 we want to make sure we have all of that information,
9 right?

10 All of our communities of interest, plus the
11 different district maps that were submitted to us,
12 instead of having to look at some other -- so I'm just
13 confirming, or kind of clarify, if that's the intention
14 here? Thank you very much for putting this together.
15 Yeah.

16 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I think -- well, Sara, are
17 you there? I thought you froze for a minute.

18 Commissioner Fernández, I think that's -- that's a
19 very, very good question. And basically, we are going to
20 get actual training on this. You know how we've had the
21 COI tool, and we had training on the COI tool, we are
22 going to get training on the redistricting tools that the
23 Statewide Database has put out.

24 And the difference with that tool -- you know, their
25 tool, similar to the COI tool, it actually has -- you can

1 draw the maps, you can draw whatever kind of map you
2 want. You can also document what you're talking about,
3 why you have it together, which most redistricting
4 software, it's just a map, and you have to do a separate
5 document. This will include that.

6 Also, it will go directly into -- to the Commission,
7 and then go into our database. So which, every other way
8 that it will be submitted to the Commission, you know,
9 via email, via something like that, and then we will take
10 the documents and add them to our database.

11 But they will be, if someone submits like, you know,
12 if, say, it as a PDF, it could be one little area, it
13 could be an entire state. It depends on what they want
14 to submit. That's what will be the document that is in
15 our database. And when we go to look at them, we'll look
16 at them as how they fit in whatever area we're looking
17 at.

18 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay. I see Commissioners
19 Sinay and Kennedy.

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you again for these great
21 documents, really is helpful. And I completely support
22 the recommendation to do it in the middle of the process,
23 because you know, doing it at the beginning, you know,
24 let us -- yeah, let us look at the maps first, don't
25 taint us. And then doing it at the end, we may feel too

1 rushed to even listen. So I definitely appreciate having
2 it in the middle of the process. So thank you.

3 My only question, and maybe it's similar to
4 Alicia's, but you know, these are the little minutia that
5 sometimes -- yeah -- that it's like: Wait, do we really
6 need to talk about it or not? But when we talk about
7 large submissions and people have thirty minutes, yeah,
8 the association has thirty minutes, if it's a
9 collaborative map does -- and they're doing it for the
10 whole state, for all four different district maps that we
11 need to do. So a hundred-and -- what was it,
12 Commissioner Kennedy, 182, 172, -75 --

13 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- and-seventy-six.

14 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: 176.

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: If they're submitting 176 maps,
16 do they get thirty minutes for the State Senate, and
17 another thirty for State -- yeah, State Assembly? Or is
18 it thirty minutes for the entire map for all four
19 visions? And if it is collaborative, can they, say,
20 association A is going to take -- take thirty minutes,
21 association B is -- or is it the same map.

22 Yeah, so I think it's important for us to just
23 clarify that it's thirty minutes per map presented,
24 versus thirty minutes per organization presenting the
25 map.

1 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Yeah. And I'll tell you. We
2 actually went back and forth on this one. We thought
3 about an extra-large submission as well as a possibility
4 that -- you know, to include all four maps. It just kind
5 of gets complicated, so I think we're open to discussion
6 and suggestion there about how much time is actually
7 needed.

8 And I think regardless of how much time that we give
9 for any one of these submissions, there's not going to be
10 enough time for anyone to -- you know, to go census block
11 by census block to tell us exactly why they did what they
12 did. But you know, with their submission, they can, of
13 course, provide like a written, you know, document with
14 their reasons for it.

15 And my understanding from Jaime Clark has been that
16 in the Statewide Database redistricting tool, they will
17 actually be able to provide additional input beyond what
18 was in the COI tool, to provide kind of their
19 justification for why they think this is the perfect
20 district.

21 So yes, I think we're certainly open to adjustments,
22 and talking through the timings, and how all of that
23 works. We just kind of wanted to put something on paper
24 to get us -- to get us going. I --

25 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Sorry. You went mute. Do

1 you want Commissioner Kennedy, or Commissioner Turner?

2 Kennedy, okay.

3 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Sorry about that.

4 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thanks. Yeah. On this
5 number of districts, if we're talking one to three
6 districts, if that's, you know, Assembly, Senate, and
7 Congressional for one point in California, I would
8 anticipate, we're going to have quite a few of those.
9 And I, I think, you know, particularly having had thirty-
10 five community of interest input sessions averaging
11 thirty-eight individuals per session, I think that three
12 days of this is not going to be nearly enough.

13 And I know that they have other options. But we've
14 also been saying all along that, you know, nothing will
15 get people engaged more than, you know, the existence of
16 actual maps, and once somebody puts a map on the table,
17 somebody else is going to want to put a map on the table.
18 And I just -- I think we need to dedicate more time to
19 those. Thank you.

20 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Commissioner Kennedy, I'd
21 like to jump right in. These three days are just during
22 the process. As we're creating our first draft map,
23 then, yes, there will be a lot more time. Then we'll
24 have, you know, the public input. We'll have to have
25 more public input meetings. But these are for these

1 particular days.

2 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: But at that later point,
3 they're going to be reacting to our maps, and that's
4 something different from them presenting their own maps.

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: That's a very good point.
6 And that's something, do we want -- do we want to just
7 have -- do we want to draw our own maps, and then let
8 people talk? Do they want to just not present, don't do
9 anything; just let everyone present state maps? This is
10 the question that we want to talk about.

11 The Line Drawing Subcommittee thought a nice balance
12 would be to: We are drawing our maps, and then we're
13 getting some input from the other groups, and then we'll
14 hear from everybody after that. So it's a partial,
15 during the process. That was the proposal. But that's
16 what this discussion is all about.

17 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: That's absolutely right. I
18 just want to chime in really quickly, and just say
19 that -- and absolutely, after the draft maps, we're
20 certainly going to go out there, and I would definitely
21 encourage the Public Outreach Committee to start thinking
22 about what that might look like. Is it only response to
23 the maps, or are there additional draft maps -- you know,
24 can people also come in and share their draft maps? What
25 does that look like?

1 Commissioner Turner.

2 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. I like the timing
3 that you have presented, or the Subcommittee has
4 presented. But I also appreciate, in advance, any group
5 that's going to submit. And so I like the timing per
6 map, as opposed to now insisting that people have to
7 somehow cram it all in. I think that we -- I would want
8 the detail of how they came up with the statewide map.
9 And I think thirty minutes is a good time to be able to
10 share that.

11 And I don't know if we're ready for that part of the
12 conversation, or not, but I'm hoping to have that so
13 broad, and allow the people to kind of weigh in, in the
14 manner that you've outlined it, so that later we are
15 looking for reactions to our maps. I'm trying to -- for
16 us to continue to get new suggestions, new ideals after
17 this long process, particularly if we have not shortened
18 it, or not excluded people from the opportunity.

19 I'd love to open the doors and get it now. And then
20 once we start putting out draft maps. I would like for
21 people to respond to the maps that we put out. Thank
22 you.

23 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you so much.

24 Commissioner Fernández.

25 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Thank you. I was just

1 going to echo what Commissioner Kennedy said. I do think
2 we need more time, especially if -- I can't remember if
3 it was NALEO that said they were the only ones that drew
4 complete maps last time. But theoretically, you could
5 have -- that could be an-hour-and-a-half, right; if you
6 do an-hour-and-a-half of your day by just one
7 organization or association presenting their Assembly,
8 their Senate, and their Congressional; and that's just
9 associations. If we have individuals or some other
10 groups, I don't think three days will be enough.

11 I also feel that the example that you gave in terms
12 of the third -- how you broke down the day, the 1:45 to
13 3:15 was clarification, the line drawers as needed. I
14 think we're going to need that for presentations as well.
15 So I'm just trying to think of where to put more time for
16 the presentations.

17 That was my only -- and then I also agree that doing
18 it right now, or doing it in the middle is a good way to
19 do it. You get some of the information before you
20 actually send out your drafts, instead of receiving
21 everything, you know, as reactionary after we issue the
22 initial draft maps. Thank you.

23 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay; some good ideas there.
24 I'm looking just at -- in order of the hands that have
25 been raised; Commissioner Kennedy, followed by Sinay and

1 Toledo.

2 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you. Following up on
3 Commissioner Fernández's comments about the schedule, at
4 least for Thursday the 21st, and also trying to be
5 responsive to Commissioner Vazquez's wisdom about, you
6 know, giving people time outside of working hours. What
7 I might suggest, for that Thursday, and potentially as a
8 model for other days, is the first session from 9:30 to
9 11, half hour break; second session from 11:30 to 1.

10 Then take a break of some sort from 1 to 4, that
11 could include some informal discussion about
12 clarification to the line drawers, whatever, or just
13 having that time for things that we need to get done
14 during our day.

15 But then come back with another session from 4 to
16 5:30, a dinner break at 5:30 to 6:30, and a final session
17 from 6:30 to 8. Of course, understanding that depending
18 on public comment, and so forth, that could go a bit
19 later. But I'd like to break the day up a little bit
20 since we will be facing some long days. Be responsive to
21 those who aren't going to be able to participate during a
22 standard business day. So I just wanted to throw those
23 ideas out on the table. Thank you.

24 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: That sounds great.

25 Commissioner Sinay.

1 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Sorry. Again, in the report
2 from 2010 one of the things I found interesting was that
3 they said that they spent a lot of time trying to find
4 associations, businesses, groups who would be able to
5 submit these big maps, or district maps, or whatever.
6 And in the end, they didn't really need it. That there
7 weren't as many people as people thought there would be
8 that would present it.

9 And so my recommendation is that we stick to the
10 schedule that -- I mean, you know, you can modify it as
11 Commissioner Kennedy has said, but we don't add extra
12 days unless we need extra days. You know, and I know it
13 sounds like, well, how are we going to do that with the
14 three weeks, two weeks, ten days, whatever the number of
15 days we need to set up agendas?

16 But just to be careful that, you know, as
17 Commissioner Ahmad is very good at reminding me: Don't
18 make an issue where -- yeah, we don't know if that's
19 going to be a problem or not. And according to 2010,
20 they thought it was going to be a big issue and it
21 wasn't; so three days sounds really doable the way it was
22 presented. So thank you.

23 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay. Great. Commissioner
24 Toledo.

25 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I just want to thank the

1 Committee for their work on this. It's very thoughtful,
2 very thorough. I would if -- at this point I would
3 motion to accept at least the dates, the October 21st,
4 22nd, 23rd dates, with the possibility of expanding as
5 needed, or extending as needed, if we needed an
6 additional day. But starting off with those three dates
7 with the possibly -- possibility of extending if we
8 needed it.

9 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Is that of an official motion?

10 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yes, a motion proposed to
11 accept the date --

12 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Right.

13 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: -- proposed by the Committee,
14 with the caveat that we allow for an -- adding additional
15 dates if we needed to.

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I can second.

17 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you. Okay. So we have
18 a motion on the floor, but we also have a whole lot of
19 hands up. So let's get through some of those comments
20 before we tackle the motion and take a vote, or go to
21 public comment.

22 Commissioner Akutagawa.

23 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I want to build off
24 of what Commissioner Sinay just said. I'm wondering --
25 well, one, I'll just start with just the number of

1 groups. I'm wondering if it's possible to put an initial
2 call out, because I think the groups that likely would be
3 interested in it is going to be -- they're going to know
4 in advance of October 21st. And I think, you know, if we
5 could put an initial call out, it would help us to
6 understand whether or not we need to add the extra dates.

7 I also liked what Commissioner Kennedy did say also
8 about allowing some time for us to regroup as a -- as a
9 Commission, and just not do straight presentation after
10 presentation without having some opportunity to discuss
11 the presentations.

12 The other thought I have, and I'd be interested to
13 hear what others would say is, you know, I think -- at
14 the end of the day, we're never going to have enough time
15 for everybody to give their full presentation. And I
16 think, you know, putting some time limits like we've done
17 with the COI inputs may not be unreasonable because,
18 ultimately, and I'm thinking about some of the COI inputs
19 that we got, I think it was on, I want to say Thursday,
20 where some people said they wanted to give their verbal
21 testimony, but that they would follow up with their
22 written testimony, because it was just going to be much
23 more detailed and longer than they wanted to either give,
24 or have the time available to go into a fuller
25 explanation. And it was easier done in writing.

1 And so I suspect that that's probably going to be
2 the same with some of these, you know, district, and
3 statewide, and regional maps. And I'm wondering if it's
4 reasonable to limit that time anyway, and then ask people
5 to submit in writing. And that, you know, if there are
6 additional questions, because they're going to be very
7 distinct groups and individuals, we can also follow up,
8 verses like the COI inputs, you know, we allow that
9 anonymity.

10 And so that may be also another way to manage the
11 time so that then you keep people focused on what they
12 want to present. You know, it's like anything. You
13 know, all of us, given more time, we'll just fill the
14 time. But that doesn't necessarily mean that it's going
15 to add more to the testimony. So I just wanted to put
16 that out there as well too for consideration.

17 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: So just to clarify, maybe I
18 missed it. Commissioner Akutagawa, are you suggesting
19 actually limiting the time a little bit more?

20 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I don't necessarily have a
21 specific amount of time, but I am suggesting, yes, that
22 we do look at, is the time too much? Is it enough? Is
23 it just right? I'm not really sure, but I think that --
24 I think it's okay, for me, I think it's okay that we
25 would limit the time, because I think people will fill up

1 the time.

2 But I also believe that the organizations who likely
3 would submit will also be doing so in writing. And so
4 there may be additional information that they may choose
5 to just add in writing, but they may want to give the
6 highlights of their district maps. And that may be
7 enough for us because one -- I think honestly, I think
8 we'll need to still see it in writing too.

9 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: I would tend to agree with you
10 on that. And just one point of clarification, that
11 individuals can also submit their district maps, but yes,
12 of course, we anticipate organizations doing so.

13 I see Director Kaplan.

14 DIRECTOR KAPLAN: Hi. I don't know if this is too
15 early in discussion, but I just also wanted to highlight
16 it will be helpful for the staff to get a sense of when
17 you want to open up appointments. And also just looking
18 through the current appointment system that we're using,
19 if you were thinking to split up the days based on the
20 different type, like a day for eight-minute appointments,
21 and a day for thirty-minute appointments, and if not,
22 we'll need to work with the subcommittee to figure out.

23 Just given the system that we do have, which is a
24 Google Forum, how are we really able to differentiate
25 with the different times and have it set automatically,

1 to just reduce staff time and coordinating that? So we
2 can work with the subcommittee on that as well.

3 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: That sounds great. Thank you.
4 Commissioner Kennedy.

5 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yeah, I would, you know,
6 basing -- based on Commissioner Toledo's suggestions, and
7 Commissioner Akutagawa's suggestions, I think we need to
8 open the appointments for those days ASAP to get an idea.
9 I agree with Director Kaplan, you know, maybe we can, not
10 by day, but at least by appointment block set aside, an
11 appointment block for this type, of appointment block for
12 that type, maybe as a way of making it easier on staff.

13 But I would say let's get this open as soon as
14 possible. And if there is intense interest in it, then
15 we can move to schedule an additional date. So
16 alternatively, we could put out some sort of survey and
17 just ask, you know, what do individuals and groups want,
18 without it being a formal appointment system initially.
19 But what I would say, let's get moving on this as soon as
20 possible.

21 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay. Thank you.
22 Commissioner Fernández.

23 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Yes. I actually just
24 wanted to clarify. This would be for appointments only,
25 and not like our communities of interest where people

1 could still call in, and if we had time, so if somebody
2 has an appointment and they don't show up, then we'll
3 just have that extra time; is that correct?

4 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: That is correct. And a part
5 of that we --

6 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Okay.

7 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: -- we did think through things
8 like sharing screens, and all of those kind of best
9 practices that we already adopted. So if someone is
10 going to present to us, they'll have to have their map
11 ready in advance and send it to us. So we wouldn't be
12 able to take people on the fly, if you will, so we would
13 only open up for general public comment at the end.

14 And I think as Commissioner Kennedy has kind of
15 pointed to, and others as well, once we open the
16 appointment system, we'll get a better sense of what the
17 demand is for these appointments.

18 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: And then just a minute, my
19 second thing was when I did say that I felt we would
20 probably need more time. I didn't necessarily mean
21 additional days. I just meant to open up that third
22 block of time in the meeting day, so thanks.

23 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: You bet. Thank you.
24 Commissioner Turner.

25 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Uh-huh. Thank you.

1 Definitely love the idea of opening appointments now.
2 But also, I think we should close them after a time, so
3 that those that know they're going to be submitting maps,
4 that that'll be a signal for us. It'll let us know how
5 many -- how long those days need to be. So yes, let's
6 open it, but let's not leave it open-ended, so that for
7 organizations that want to submit, they know they need to
8 get them in.

9 And it would still be early enough, they could still
10 be working on them, they just need to be completed by
11 that time period. But yes, I think open and close. And
12 these will be submitted in writing, in whatever system
13 they will use, and certainly they're going to be sending
14 them to us in writing.

15 I want to hear how they came up with the map. I
16 want to know, you know, who was involved? Where did the
17 people come from? Where do they live? So for me,
18 information like that is what makes it valuable to hear
19 from these organizations. I want to know, did they get
20 this information by polling individuals that actually
21 participated in the process? Or were these experts that
22 just feel they know the region and what -- you know?

23 So that information matters to me. So in addition
24 to, I expect them to submit, I want to hear how they
25 created what they submitted.

1 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: I think that makes a lot of
2 sense, and like really good guidance then to, you know,
3 for folks who are going to come to present, and where
4 they should focus their time, right. I think that makes
5 a lot of sense. Other thoughts?

6 We've had a really robust and great discussion here.
7 We do have a motion on the table to adopt these dates.
8 Uh-huh?

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Sorry. I definitely want to
10 say something just a little bit. These dates are there.
11 Remember, we're trying to put -- you know, we don't know
12 when our draft maps are going to be due. So the idea
13 that we'll just extend this time period for an unknown
14 amount of time could be a bit of a problem. So I just
15 want to bring that forward. You know, the motion has,
16 "And extend dates as needed", you know, this is in the
17 middle of our trying to put together a draft map dates.

18 So I don't know if we're thinking of, you know, how
19 long we're planning on doing that, or if that's going to
20 be left to the subcommittee to work out further. Or I
21 just want a little bit more direction on that, the
22 thinking in that in the motion please.

23 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Commissioner Turner, is that a
24 response?

25 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes, kind of. And I'll second

1 the motion. But I think that directive will come when we
2 open the appointments, and then put a close on it. It
3 will give us an idea. I don't think we're talking about
4 extending it open-ended, but we just do want to kind of
5 advertise, get the information out that this is what
6 we're looking for. And I think we can gauge it from
7 there as far as what will be needed.

8 And I second Commissioner Toledo's motion.

9 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Am I correct to think that
10 there is general agreement to adopt something similar to
11 what Commissioner Kennedy had laid out, of like long
12 days? I think the big questions there will be
13 videography, and ASL, and those kinds of pieces, and I
14 think we would have to figure that out. But to have
15 these very long, long days from 9:30 in the morning until
16 8:00 at night, I think it was, with a break in between
17 where we are working with the line drawer.

18 The line drawer -- I will say, in a previous draft
19 of this document we did have the afternoon session as for
20 presentations, but in talking more with the Line Drawing
21 Team, they felt it really necessary to have like some
22 time each day where we can provide additional direction
23 to the Line Drawing Team if -- you know, if we hear
24 something that's interesting, right; or if we hear
25 something that we would want to have adopted in the

1 visualizations.

2 So I just want to get a sense, as we moving this
3 forward, if we're adopting these dates, are we doing so
4 with the intention of these longer days?

5 Commissioner Fernández.

6 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Yeah. For me, personally,
7 I would prefer it just to be either from 9:30 to 4:30, or
8 if you want it to be from 12 to 8. But having that
9 little block of time in between both sessions, for me
10 personally, it kind of blocks out the whole day for
11 Commission and -- which is fine if there's something
12 happening between, but for me, personally, I think it'd
13 be more efficient to just have it a consecutive time.

14 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Any other thoughts? Oh,
15 Commissioner -- Chair Fornaciari.

16 CHAIR FORNACIARI: I couldn't find my mouse pointer.
17 Thank you. Yeah, I would agree with Commissioner
18 Fernández on that, and I would be fine with moving that
19 meeting to the afternoon into the evening. That's fine.
20 But we do need to talk about, and think about, you know,
21 videographers, and tasks like that, and having as many as
22 that, you know, if we go more than eight hours, and over
23 time, and lining up folks.

24 But you know, I'm supportive of starting the meeting
25 later and having it go into the evening to -- you know,

1 to accommodate folks who can't come during the day.

2 That's all.

3 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Commissioner Akutagawa.

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: The question I know that
5 the legislation to extend the -- I guess the Bagley-Keene
6 suspension or -- so that we could have these Zoom
7 meetings basically has, I guess, been placed on the
8 Governor's desk for signature. Are we talking about in-
9 person meetings for this? Or are we also talking about a
10 Zoom meeting? Because I think -- I'll be honest, I think
11 it just -- that that would also, you know, determine what
12 makes sense too, so.

13 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: In the document we laid out
14 that regardless of whether the -- you know, what happens
15 with Bagley-Keene, that we would try to host the
16 appointments virtually. And you know, certainly we'll
17 figure out based on what comes of that bill, or any other
18 executive orders. But my sense is that it would be
19 virtual.

20 Commissioner Fornaciari.

21 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Oh. I'll pass.

22 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay. Great, so -- oh.

23 Commissioner Turner.

24 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I was going to say I like the
25 9:30 to 4:30 the earlier hours.

1 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: It's helpful feedback. And
2 we'll try to work with Alvaro, and Marcy, and everyone on
3 the staff, and also just figure out what's feasible. Of
4 course, as we all know, we have a lot of other personnel
5 that would be involved in this. So I'm not sure what is
6 or is not possible when it comes to extending, and
7 having, you know, twelve-hour meetings. So we will work
8 on that and get back.

9 But I think at this point, the motion on the table
10 deals with the dates. I think we can certainly move
11 forward with that. I don't know if Alvaro has the exact
12 language, Commissioner Toledo, or Alvaro -- Director
13 Hernandez. Sorry.

14 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: You also have Commissioner
15 Vázquez.

16 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Oh. Sorry about that.
17 Commissioner Vázquez. Thank you.

18 COMMISSIONER VÁZQUEZ: Yeah. I'm pretty sure
19 everyone knows where I land, but I really -- I really
20 just think that the more we can extend into the evening,
21 the better. I feel like it's more community accessible
22 that way. And I also feel like it's really important to
23 me to have community and Commissioners sort of in
24 consensus, and that staff, hopefully staff will then be
25 able to accommodate our vision.

1 So understanding it may be additional cost. I'm not
2 sure I'm completely sold on, you know, a very long
3 twelve-hour day. But if, you know, sort of gauging on
4 interest from the community, I think it's a great idea to
5 put a call out and see like who exactly are -- could we
6 be expecting? I would be more inclined to sort of extend
7 the day to accommodate as many people as possible
8 because, you know, we are community servants.

9 And so I would just like to encourage staff to think
10 about how we can -- how we can accommodate the
11 communities' and the Commission's vision, and not be so
12 limited to -- I would ask staff to figure it out, because
13 I want to figure it out.

14 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Absolutely. I think that
15 that's totally a fair point. And as of right now, what
16 was proposed, and we don't have to stick to that at all,
17 but was one daytime, one nighttime, and one Saturday.
18 Trying to have that in mind that it would hopefully hit
19 different folks during different times that work for
20 them, because also for some folks that this is their job,
21 if they're from an organization, sometimes daytime is
22 better.

23 But in any case, we can figure that out. And I
24 think staff can -- will be amazing at helping us figure
25 out all of those details.

1 Commissioner Toledo, did you have the wording for
2 your -- for the motion?

3 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Sure. Well, let's see, motion
4 to accept the dates -- the dates in the draft map
5 presentation document, October 21st, 22nd, 23rd, with
6 the -- I think we just need to add a clause about: With
7 the ability to -- with the ability to extend as needed,
8 or as practicable if Commissioner -- like I do understand
9 Commissioner's point about making -- Commissioner
10 Andersen's point about not -- you know, that we have to
11 have some kind of cutoff that has to be -- has to be a
12 reasonable amount of time after the 23rd, if needed.

13 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Perfect.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Commissioner Toledo --

15 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I don't know if that addresses
16 Commissioner Andersen's point, but I'm trying to be
17 reasonably practicable.

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. Thank you. I think
19 it does. The idea is, remember, this is just to get a
20 flavor of what people are saying to us during the
21 presentation. It isn't to get absolutely -- hear from
22 absolutely everyone, because that can't happen, you know,
23 unless we want to take three weeks to hear from
24 everybody. So that was the kind of idea. So I think
25 that does. And also it gives us the wiggle room if -- in

1 case of what the Supreme Court says.

2 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay. I think before --

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: And thank you.

4 CHAIR FORNACIARI: I think, unless there's any more
5 comments, and I'm not seeing everybody, but I think we
6 need to take public comment before we go to a vote.

7 Katy, are you there?

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I am, Chair.

9 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hi there. I haven't got
11 to use my instructions all day.

12 In order to maximize transparency and public
13 participation in our process, the Commissioners will be
14 taking public comment for the motion on the floor, for
15 the dates for -- in October. To call in dial the
16 telephone number provided on the live stream feed, it is
17 877-853-5247. When prompted enter the meeting ID number
18 provided on the live stream feed, it is 83267350679 for
19 this meeting. When prompted to enter a participant ID
20 simply press the pound key.

21 Once you've dialed in, you will be placed in a
22 queue. To indicate you wish to comment, please press
23 star 9. This will raise your hand for the moderator.
24 When it is your turn to speak, you will hear a message
25 that says: The host would like you to talk, and to press

1 star 6 to speak. If you would like to give your name,
2 please state and spell it for the record. You are not
3 required to provide your name to give public comment.

4 Please make sure to mute your computer or live
5 stream audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during
6 your call. Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert
7 for when it's your turn to speak. And again, please turn
8 down the live stream volume.

9 And we do not have anyone in the queue at this time.
10 And we will let you know when the instructions are
11 complete.

12 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay. Sounds good.

13 Chair, I think after this, I think we're done. I
14 don't know if there's -- any final comments or
15 considerations. But I think we will want to take a final
16 public comment as well, general review. I'm not sure if
17 this counts.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And the instructions are
19 complete on this stream, Chair. And we do not have
20 anyone in the queue at this time.

21 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay. It sounds like we can
22 go for the vote.

23 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Very well, we'll begin the vote
24 now. Motion to accept the dates in the draft public map
25 presentation document with the ability to extend as

1 reasonably practicable; a motion made by Commissioner
2 Toledo, and seconded by Commissioner Sinay. I will begin
3 the vote.

4 Commissioner Ahmad.

5 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yes.

6 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Akutagawa.

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

8 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Andersen.

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

10 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fernández.

11 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Yes.

12 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Kennedy -- I

13 mean --

14 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

15 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you. That's all

16 right.

17 Commissioner Fornaciari. Sorry about that.

18 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes.

19 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Thank you. Commissioner Le

20 Mons.

21 Commissioner Sadhwani.

22 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes.

23 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sinay.

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

25 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Taylor.

1 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Sorry. I was slow. Yes.

2 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Thank you. Commissioner
3 Toledo.

4 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yes.

5 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Turner.

6 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

7 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Vázquez.

8 COMMISSIONER VÁZQUEZ: Yes.

9 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: And Commissioner Yee.

10 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes.

11 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: The motion passes. Thank you.

12 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. Thank you for that,
13 Alvaro -- oh.

14 Commissioner Le Mons.

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Oh. No. We can't hear you
16 again.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I think he voted, yes.

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Can you do a thumbs up or
19 thumbs down?

20 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: (No audible response)

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Does that count as a vote?

22 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: I can accept it as a vote.

23 CHIEF COUNSEL PANE: Yes. Yes, he can.

24 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: There we go. Counsel says
25 it does.

1 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Very well. Thank you.

2 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. Thanks, Alvaro.
3 Commissioner Turner?

4 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. I just wanted to check.
5 Commissioner Sinay. Did you second that before me, or
6 was that me that seconded?

7 COMMISSIONER SINAY: (No verbal response)

8 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay.

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I did --

10 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I seconded, but I didn't
11 recognize it had already been seconded. I just wanted to
12 make sure for the record.

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah. I had seconded, but I
14 don't know if you thought --

15 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Oh. That's fine then. Nope.
16 That's good. Thanks.

17 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay. So we will take this
18 back and continue to work on finalizing all of the more
19 direct details with staff in terms of developing an
20 appointment system, that might make some small changes to
21 the timings and such things as we think about actually
22 scheduling out those appointments, and the necessary
23 breaks.

24 And we'll take a look to ensure that we're trying to
25 identify times that are scattered between evenings and

1 days, and maximize as much time as possible. But if it's
2 okay with everyone, we'll try and work that out with
3 staff, and have them help lead this process on the
4 logistics.

5 And with that, I think that's all we have. So I'll
6 pass it back to you, Chair.

7 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Thank you, Commissioner Sadhwani,
8 and the Line Drawing Team. I know that was a lot of work
9 you've put forward. Let me see if I can fix my screen a
10 little bit. I'm not trying to distance myself from the
11 Commission. I just had to rearrange my office with my
12 son in town.

13 So let's see. I want to thank everyone for all the
14 great work today; our outreach staff, the Line Drawing
15 Team, really, really helpful.

16 I do want to circle back, though, to an issue or a
17 topic that Commissioner Kennedy brought up regarding the
18 final report, and drafting -- beginning to -- who is
19 going to draft the final report and who's going to begin
20 to do it? And I believe his question is: Is that the
21 responsibility of Line Drawing Team, or someone else?
22 And so I see Sara shaking her head.

23 And the Line Drawing Team has way enough on their
24 plate right now. So I think it needs to be -- so my
25 thought is it needs to be someone else. I feel like Jane

1 is right -- or Commissioner Andersen is ready to raise
2 her hands. So Commissioner Andersen.

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I am going to just say I
4 completely agree. The Line Drawing Team, I believe --
5 Subcommittee -- should be assisting in the details of
6 portions of this report as, you know, the fact kind of
7 portion of it, but certainly does not have the bandwidth
8 to develop the bulk of the report.

9 And I also feel this is a -- it's a Commission
10 report, it should not be from -- as I, you know, I don't
11 need to put words in our -- in Commissioner Sadhwani's
12 mouth, but I mean, from she and I, because we can
13 certainly put down the fact portion of, this is why that
14 line went like this. You know, if you've -- you know,
15 you read the -- last year's report, there are some
16 details in there, which certainly would come from the
17 Line Drawing Subcommittee, from the line drawers
18 themselves. And that part we would oversee.

19 But I certainly see, and would like to see a few
20 Commissioners who have ideas, and have been working on
21 this, you know, raise those hands to say about, you know,
22 writing the report. And I'll be the first to say, I'm
23 not the one to do the writing. I'm a great one to edit,
24 but not to do the original writing.

25 And I thank you, Chair, for bringing that up.

1 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Yeah. I think, and just to
2 continue to follow on to Commissioner Kennedy's point,
3 which I think is a very, very valid one, and is beginning
4 to draft the beginning portions of that report now, I
5 think is a great idea. So I'm kind of feeling like we
6 would need a new committee to volunteer to take the lead
7 in drafting the report.

8 Not that they have to draft the entire report, but
9 you know, certainly put the outline together, begin to
10 draft the beginning, and then receive input from other --
11 and guidance from other folks as needed. But that's just
12 my thought. So please let me know what you're thinking.

13 Commissioner Sadhwani.

14 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: I am not volunteering. I just
15 want to offer that I do believe that a portion of the
16 report, at least, is in the contract for the line drawer.
17 So I just wanted to put that out there that whoever ends
18 up being on this subcommittee should work very closely
19 with them to bring this whole piece together. I'm pretty
20 sure like the details about why we did what we did in
21 each district actually comes from them, just as a report
22 out of the conversation.

23 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. Well, that's good to know.
24 Are they going to do that for a draft maps too or -- I'm
25 sorry, that just came to my mind.

1 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Final, but I could be wrong.

2 CHAIR FORNACIARI: It's only final. Okay.

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. I believe it's final.

4 Yeah.

5 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Now, I've got more hands than I
6 can handle.

7 I see Commissioner Akutagawa, and then Yee, and then
8 Fernández.

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Based on what Commissioner
10 Andersen just said. So are we talking about a super
11 committee? Or are we talking about just a regular
12 committee of two Commissioners? Because that's a lot of
13 work to put on to Commissioners, but I also realize that
14 if you need more people, we are talking super committee.

15 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Yeah. I think, I mean (audio
16 interference) --

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Can I go ahead and answer?
18 What I was kind of thinking is it would be like, well,
19 just an idea -- and again, other ideas, throw them out
20 there. But I was thinking, a subcommittee who would then
21 say, great, and essentially assign out portions of it,
22 would do the kind of overall trying to put the whole
23 thing together, writing portions.

24 As Commissioner Sadhwani said, yes, the line
25 drawing -- the line drawers are contracted to do their

1 portion of it. But the subcommittee would be reviewing
2 that and making sure that, yes, we indeed agree and say:
3 Yeah, here, bingo. This goes into that report. That's
4 how I sort of see that.

5 So it wouldn't be that these two -- the report
6 subcommittee, would be writing the whole report. They
7 would be: Hey, we need a VRA section that you guys are
8 going to help us with. And then, you know, kind of like
9 that, is how I would envision that going on. And you
10 know, what kind of outreach do we do? You know where who
11 is -- you know, all the different components, as I see,
12 it's someone trying to write it all, put it all together,
13 the synthesis, and many portions of which can be started
14 now. But that was my thought.

15 CHAIR FORNACIARI: So I mean, I think that's -- I
16 think that's what we're figuring out right now, right?

17 So I have Russell -- Commissioner Yee. Sorry.

18 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you, Chair. I'm
19 interested. I think the Mapping Playbook will wrap up,
20 you know, sometime fairly soon, and still have time after
21 that. And I'm motivated; but of course, happy to defer
22 to others as well. One question assigning -- you know,
23 getting pieces from contractors is one thing. Would the
24 subcommittee be able to look at pieces from other
25 Commissioners? Or is that a Bagley-Keene issue?

1 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. Good question.

2 Commissioner Fernández.

3 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: I just spoke to my fellow
4 Subcommittee on Materials, and it would be something that
5 we could take on as well, under the materials, because
6 apparently that's something that we really want to do.

7 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. Okay.

8 Commissioner Kennedy.

9 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. You know,
10 one thing that I wanted to say on this is, I think the
11 2010 Commission has given us a good starting point. It's
12 almost boilerplate. Most of the language, if we wanted
13 to, could be used verbatim. I think I would like to go
14 beyond some of what is there and provide additional
15 detail. But it, particularly as far as a starting point,
16 an outline, you know, a lot of the work the 2010
17 Commission has, in this case, left a very solid legacy to
18 build on.

19 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Commissioner Turner.

20 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. I just wanted to
21 name, and I think Commissioner Yee started down the path
22 that for the subcommittees, I appreciate the amazing work
23 that Commissioners Sadhwani and Andersen -- is doing, but
24 it's when -- if the line drawers, since they do not have
25 time to work on it, it is problematic to have to run

1 things through the Line Drawing Subcommittee, or have
2 them comment on it or work with them.

3 And so I just wanted to say that out loud, because
4 we do have to honor Bagley-Keene, and it does slow the
5 process, or kind of halts the other decisions when you're
6 not sure, and you're getting direction from the line --
7 so it's one thing to work with the line drawers, but the
8 Subcommittee Line Drawing Team, we just have to be
9 mindful of that, in that it does cause issues for the
10 other subcommittees.

11 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. Thank you for that. Any
12 other thoughts at this point? But just my reaction to
13 the Materials Subcommittee volunteering was -- my thought
14 was to appoint this to that committee to begin with. Is
15 that -- Commissioner Fernández, I mean, are you -- is
16 that -- are you really on board for this?

17 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Oh. Yes, I'm on board.
18 Yeah. I believe that Commissioner Kennedy is on board as
19 well.

20 CHAIR FORNACIARI: All right. Well, Commissioner
21 Yee. I appreciate you volunteering. I'm just going to
22 appoint to the Materials Subcommittee at this point,
23 since they're already up and running, and been working
24 together. And so I'll leave it to you to think it
25 through what you're going to do. And come back -- well,

1 you have an opportunity sometime next week to give an
2 update on what you've thought through over the past --
3 over the subsequent few days. So appreciate you
4 volunteering, stepping up for this, too, it's going to be
5 a chore. And you know, I think we'll all have an
6 opportunity to go ahead to provide input and feedback,
7 and our thoughts. So thank you, guys.

8 At this point, we need to take general public
9 comment?

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely. In order to
11 maximize transparency and public participation in our
12 process, the Commissioners will be taking general public
13 comment by phone. To give comment, please call 877-853-
14 5247 and enter the meeting ID number 83267350679. Once
15 you have dialed in, please press star 9 to enter the
16 comment queue. The full call-in instructions were read
17 previously in this meeting and are provided in full on
18 the live stream landing page.

19 And there is no one in the queue at this time. And
20 we will let you know when the instructions are complete,
21 Chair.

22 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Thank you. Just a few reminders
23 for the public; our next meeting will be the 15th -- the
24 15th, and the 17th, and the 18th. And during those
25 meetings we will continue to review COIs, we will begin

1 to provide guidance to the Line Drawing Team. As I
2 mentioned, we will have a business meeting in there at
3 some point. And Commissioner Sadhwani and I, and we'll
4 get together and put together a schedule, that we'll
5 publish to let the public and the Commission --
6 Commissioners know what that schedule is. Just help
7 everybody out in general. And I think that's all I had.

8 Commissioner Sadhwani.

9 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Yes. Chair, do you want to
10 update everyone on the conversations that we had had?
11 Remember the last business meeting, there was a
12 discussion about moving meetings for the week of the
13 20th, and we had talked about, and kind of made a plan
14 around a press release, and et cetera, and do you want to
15 just mentioned.

16 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Right. Yeah. Well, so we talked
17 about moving the meeting around, and it just -- the
18 logistics were just a little complicated. So we left the
19 meeting on the 23rd. We are going to do a press release
20 on the 20th in conjunction with the Statewide Database.
21 Okay. Maybe you know better what we're going to do. I
22 read the email. But I'm sorry.

23 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Yeah. I think there was --

24 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Speaking --

25 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: -- the thought was to

1 coordinate more strategically with the Statewide
2 Database, so that we will know when it's about to go
3 live. And Commissioners will be the first ones to know
4 when it's up, and that Fredy could have a press release
5 ready to go, and you know, just press "send" once the
6 database is live. And on the 23rd we could still do the
7 full training on -- and presentation of the data, and the
8 training on the Redistricting Mapping Tool, which I
9 believe is the name of it.

10 CHAIR FORNACIARI: And we expanded the duration of
11 the meeting on the 23rd. It was originally scheduled
12 from 4 to 8, and we made it from 1 to 8 because we just
13 had a lot to do. And I'm so sorry that messes up your
14 calendars, but we'll do the best we can.

15 So Katy, it doesn't look like we have any callers in
16 the queue at this point?

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We do not, Chair. And
18 the instructions are complete.

19 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. Well, unless there's
20 anything else. I want to thank everyone -- oh.

21 Commissioner Sadhwani.

22 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: I do have one other thing. I
23 think Alvaro sent out an email. We have meetings
24 scheduled for the 28th and the 29th. And I just want to
25 throw that out there, if anyone is interested, to come

1 and join us in Sacramento for those meetings.

2 Commissioner Fernández is putting out some
3 suggestions for possible places where we could go out for
4 dinner on the 28th, as many of us as possible, just as a
5 social gathering. So I just wanted to give a shout out
6 to that, and hopefully folks can mark their calendar, and
7 if you're able and feel comfortable, then you know, think
8 about travel, and how you might want to be willing to get
9 there.

10 I'm going to do my best to be there, and would love
11 to meet as many of you as possible.

12 CHAIR FORNACIARI: That would be -- that would be
13 great. So I'm getting a message from Director Hernandez
14 that the press release will go out either on the 20th or
15 the 21st, depending on when the data is made available to
16 the public. And again, we're coordinating this with the
17 Statewide Database. And it's going to include
18 information about the mapping tool. So our
19 Communications Team us working closely with the Statewide
20 Database to coordinate that.

21 With that, then we will adjourn this meeting.

22 (Whereupon, the COI Review Meeting adjourned at
23 4:30 p.m.)

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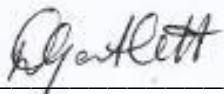
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