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P R O C E E D I N G S

9:30 a.m.

1 CHAIR YEE: Good morning, California. Welcome to a
2 regular business meeting of the California Citizens
3 Redistricting Commission. I'm Commissioner Russell Yee,
4 and I'll be chair for this meeting. Can we have a roll
5 call, please?
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7 MR. SINGH: Yes, Chair.

8 Commissioner Ahmad?

9 Commissioner Akutagawa?

10 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Here.

11 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Andersen?

12 Commissioner Fernandez?

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Here.

14 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fornaciari?

15 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Here.

16 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Kennedy?

17 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.

18 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Le Mons?

19 Commissioner Sadhwani?

20 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Here.

21 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Sinay?

22 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Here.

23 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Taylor?

24 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Present.
25



1 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Toledo?

2 Commissioner Turner?

3 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Here.

4 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Vazquez?

5 And Commissioner Yee?

6 CHAIR YEE: Here.

7 MR. SINGH: You have a quorum, Chair.

8 CHAIR YEE: Thank you, Ravi. Let's go ahead and
9 open the lines for our opening public comment.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Good morning, Chair.

11 CHAIR YEE: Thank you, Katy.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: In order to maximize
13 transparency and public participation in our process, the
14 Commissioners will be taking public comment by phone. To
15 call in, dial the telephone number provided on the
16 livestream feed in is 877-853-5247. When prompted to
17 enter the meeting ID number provided on the livestream
18 feed, it is 98322642969 for this meeting.

19 When prompted to enter a participant ID simply press
20 the pound key. Once you have dialed in, you'll be placed
21 in a queue. To indicate you wish to comment, please
22 press star 9. This will raise your hand for the
23 moderator. When it is your turn to speak, you will hear
24 a message that says the host would like you to talk and
25 the press star 6 to speak.



1 If you would like to give your name, please state
2 and spell it for the record. You are not required to
3 provide your name to give public comment. Please make
4 sure to meet your computer or livestream audio to prevent
5 any feedback or distortion during your call. Once you
6 are waiting in the queue, be alert for when it is your
7 turn to speak. And again, please turn down the
8 livestream volume.

9 And at this time we do have a caller with their hand
10 raised. I like to remind those calling in to please
11 press star 9 to raise their hand, indicating they wish to
12 comment. Right now we have caller 2242. Go ahead. The
13 floor is yours.

14 MR. WELBORNE: Good morning to the members of the
15 Commission. This is John Welborne. I am a Los Angeles
16 resident and the vice president for planning and land use
17 of an association called the Windsor Square Association
18 that has been around since about 1925.

19 We are very supportive of the work you're doing as
20 citizen commissioners and thank you. And I just want to
21 alert that we will be sending in a letter and some
22 background about the greater Wilshire neighborhood in the
23 middle of Los Angeles that unfortunately, and I believe
24 accidentally was split by your predecessor commission ten
25 years ago, and we request that you stop the split and put



1 our neighborhoods right back together. Thank you very
2 much.

3 CHAIR YEE: Thank you.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
5 to our next caller, is caller 1679. Caller 1679, if you
6 will follow the prompts to unmute. Go ahead. The floor
7 is yours.

8 MR. NEILL: Good morning. This is Geoffrey Neill
9 with the California State Association of Counties. I
10 want to start off by thanking all of you for your service
11 and the good work you're doing. And I just wanted to
12 provide a brief comment related to the decision facing
13 you about the timeline.

14 And I just want to -- and we submitted a letter a
15 couple of months ago at this point that was entered into
16 the record and I appreciate that. But just wanted to
17 keep front of mind that the decision about the timeline
18 and about when -- obviously we're not in control of when
19 we get the data from the Census Bureau, but how quickly
20 we can move through the process once we do get that data.

21 Of course, it's not just a state issue. There are,
22 you know, fifty-eight counties, many cities, and special
23 district, and school districts that also are undertaking
24 the same process. And of course, we need to do planning
25 not only around the election calendar, because we not



1 only do redistricting, we also administer the elections.
2 You know, if any changes in law are needed, obviously,
3 the legislature has their calendar as well. And so just
4 a reminder that that the commission's decision here has
5 had spillover effects. And we are all --

6 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

7 MR. NEILL: -- keenly interested in the decision
8 that you make in this regard. Just wanted to -- that's
9 all. Thank you for the time this morning and appreciate
10 the opportunity to speak.

11 CHAIR YEE: Thank you.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And with that, Chair,
13 that is all of our public comment at this time.

14 CHAIR YEE: Very good. Thank you, Katty.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: You're welcome.

16 CHAIR YEE: Let's move on to our director reports
17 and we'll start with our executive director, Director
18 Hernandez.

19 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes, good morning, Chair. I'll
20 start with there's nothing to report for staff and
21 personnel at this time. And then I'll move on to the
22 Protocols and Commission Communication. So last meeting,
23 the Commission approved the schedule through July 31st
24 for the COI input meetings.

25 And you will find today posted is a proposed draft



1 for the August in-person/ virtual hybrid COI input
2 meetings. So I'd like for the Commissioners to take a
3 look at that and we'll have further discussion later on
4 in the Public Input Design Committee section. But I
5 wanted to bring that to your attention.

6 And I am looking for the Commission to decide if
7 that's -- if the dates are beneficial and can we approve
8 those. There is still a lot of work to do as far as the
9 coordination of the actual events, but the dates are
10 the -- are what we need to move forward if we have the
11 dates so we can actually lock down locations and do all
12 the necessary pre-planning that we have to do to have
13 those public input meetings.

14 So that is important for today's meeting to get that
15 moving forward. Obviously, this is a proposed draft.
16 The dates, the way I've put them together, are to
17 minimize the amount of travel that is being done across
18 the state and try to put it in a form that is more
19 succinct.

20 And the travel is from the north down the coast to
21 the south to the central valley where it's appropriate,
22 rather than going from the north to the south within a
23 day or two days. So there is a method to the plan. It's
24 with the idea of driving. A lot of these locations are
25 more remote areas. So there would need to be some

1 driving done. Some areas do not have airports where we
2 would be able to fly into. So those were other
3 considerations that were taken into place.

4 And again, the locations of the actual meetings are
5 not set because we do not have dates to move forward
6 with. So that's why we're asking for the Commission to
7 consider the schedule and make a decision if possible
8 today. Thank you.

9 In regards to the budget, as I mentioned before,
10 we're still working with our fiscal director to come up
11 with the budget for the year end. We have the year-end
12 information for June 2021 and we're putting that
13 together. That concludes my report. Any questions?

14 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Sinay?

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Would you like a motion now for
16 the input meeting schedule to draft -- to approve the
17 draft input meeting schedule?

18 MR. HERNANDEZ: I'm okay if we do take a motion now.
19 I was going to allow for some conversations at the later
20 part of the meeting. But if you're comfortable, I'm
21 comfortable.

22 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Sadhwani?

23 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Two thoughts. I wasn't part
24 of the input session yesterday, but I did receive an
25 email from Karin this morning just asking about setting

1 aside some time to -- no? Okay. Jane says no. The
2 other piece I just wanted to bring up your first point
3 around personnel was I just had a question about data
4 management personnel and if those folks were being
5 brought on, I just wasn't sure what the status of that
6 was.

7 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes, we are still continuing our
8 search for the data manager. We have received another
9 candidate that we would like to take a look at before we
10 make a final decision. So that's kind of where we're at
11 right now.

12 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Oh, I thought the person was
13 already hired.

14 MR. HERNANDEZ: No, we were considering that person.

15 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I see.

16 MR. HERNANDEZ: We were looking at the background
17 check -- not background, but reference checks. And so
18 with that, we want to take another look at this other
19 candidate that we received an application for just to
20 make sure.

21 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Got it. I really appreciate
22 that. So then given that, though, that puts all of our
23 data management internal structure back, it would seem,
24 including our ability to access the COIs being submitted
25 through the core tool; is that correct?

1 MR. HERNANDEZ: I don't think it puts us back. And
2 the reason I say that is because we're still working on
3 the Airtable contract. We're still trying to work that
4 out. So until we have that, we really can't do anything.
5 Although our consultant is working to move forward with
6 that as much as possible.

7 Again, we're still waiting on the contract for
8 Airtable to really get into the details, into the work of
9 Airtable, to get it set up, to get the information from
10 our cloud and import and then have it available to export
11 it to our line drawers.

12 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Commissioner Sinay? No? Okay.
13 Is there anyone from the Public Input Design Committee
14 that wants to speak to whether to entertain a motion now
15 or to wait till later to approve the schedule?

16 Commissioner Andersen?

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I think there are a couple
18 of items to be discussed a little bit later, and so we
19 just do that when it's time. And when the -- comes to as
20 Director Alvaro said -- Director Hernandez said at the
21 PIDC time.

22 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Any further thoughts? If not,
23 let's move on to the Communication Directors Report.

24 MR. CEJA: Thank you, Chair. I want to begin by
25 giving the social media analytics. So that was posted

1 yesterday. The total page likes for Facebook are at 910.
2 The followers for Instagram are at 157. The followers
3 for Twitter are 1,520. The followers for LinkedIn are at
4 201 and we have 55 subscribers for YouTube.

5 As far as the website membership, it's 11,302. It
6 continues to grow. I get pinged every time somebody adds
7 on to our database and we get at least three a day, which
8 is pretty good. It means people are gravitating towards
9 our website.

10 As far as the advertising bids are, we did set a
11 deadline for next week, the 14th, to have all bids for
12 advertising come in at 5 p.m. So hopefully by the next
13 meeting I'll have some sort of announcement about how
14 many we actually received for the advertising services.

15 We were able to reach out to at least three bids per
16 zone. So it's exciting and folks are actually excited to
17 bid on these services. So we'll see how many bids we
18 actually receive. I also wanted to announce that I had a
19 conversation with our executive director about getting
20 additional help for the Comms team.

21 So we're looking at hiring a Comms coordinator to
22 mainly deal with updates to the website and allowing me
23 to actually do some of the media relations and start
24 pitching stories and getting more attention for not only
25 our events, but for our work. So hopefully that'll free



1 me up to do a lot more. And that's all I have for today.

2 We do have two upcoming interviews, one with [In
3 Spanish] -- or tomorrow with Commissioner Sinay. And
4 then the Southern California Newsgroup next week with
5 Commissioner Kennedy. And in the news today, Cecilia
6 sent out the report. The Fullerton observer was plugging
7 our COI input meeting coming up.

8 Bloomberg Government wrote a piece on equity in the
9 redistricting process. And then we got an editorial by
10 Commissioner Toledo in El Tecolote. And also an op-ed in
11 the bay area reported by Commissioner Ahmad. So that's
12 my report for today.

13 CHAIR YEE: Excellent. Any questions for Director
14 Ceja? Thank you for the good work, Director Ceja. Let's
15 move on to our Outreach Director's Report.

16 Director Kaplan?

17 MS. KAPLAN: Hi. Good morning, Commissioners. And
18 the public tuning in. The outreach team is continuing
19 outreach efforts across the state, sharing information
20 and ways to participate in the redistricting process. I
21 want to highlight upcoming communities of interest
22 meetings that the Commission is hosting across the state.

23 On Thursday, July 8th at 10 a.m., there will be a
24 coffee input meeting focused on Orange County. On
25 Saturday, July 10th, focused on San Diego and Imperial



1 Counties. On Monday, July 12th, at 10 a.m., focused on
2 Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mirsad, San Joaquin,
3 Stanislaus, and Tulare counties. On July 15 to 4 p.m.
4 focused on L.A. County.

5 As noted in the past, the public is not limited to
6 the focus counties to provide input at the upcoming
7 meetings and information for all of these meetings, as
8 well as other additional upcoming COI input meetings and
9 CRC business meetings can be found on the meetings page
10 on our website, which is at
11 www.wedrawthelinesca.org/meetings. At this link you can
12 also see the agendas as well as new English and Spanish
13 specific fliers for the upcoming -- several of the
14 upcoming meetings that our communications team helped put
15 together.

16 Additionally, there is a link to register in advance
17 to get an appointment time slot. The public also has the
18 opportunity to not schedule an appointment and call in
19 during the day of the meeting and access codes for the
20 meeting will be available on the lines stream the day of
21 the meeting or by calling our office.

22 Registration closes 5 p.m. two days before the
23 meeting and request for interpretation of public comment
24 or disability accommodations are due five business days
25 in advance of the meetings. And as the Commission



1 highlighted in the past, the COI input meetings are not
2 the only way to provide input to the Commission. We also
3 encourage all Californians to provide input in one of the
4 following ways at our communities of interest mapping
5 tool, drawmycacommunity.org. The tool is available in 16
6 languages -- non-English languages on our website. You
7 can also access the tool on the Draw My California
8 Community icon, by emailing the VotersFirstAct@CRC.ca.gov
9 email, and by mailing our offices.

10 I also wanted to highlight the COI input meetings
11 that the Commission recently held, as well as the
12 participation at those meetings. On 6/26, the Commission
13 hosted a public input meeting focused on the Los Angeles
14 County area. There were forty-nine speakers who provided
15 input and nineteen of those forty-nine had appointments.

16 On 6/28, in the -- in our Zone C which is focused on
17 Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo,
18 Santa Clara, and Solano counties, there were sixteen
19 speakers providing input that day which covered five of
20 the seven counties in that zone. There was one speaker
21 from L.A. County, and eight of the fifteen -- or sixteen
22 speakers had appointments.

23 On July 1st, the Commission hosted a public input
24 meeting that was focused on Del Norte, Humboldt,
25 Mendocino, Lake, Napa, Sonoma, and Trinity Counties. The



1 Commission heard from twenty-seven Californians in total,
2 and they represented all the counties in that zone. I
3 also wanted to provide an update on the COI tool
4 submissions. We now have a total of 639 submissions to
5 the COI tool, which is an increase of 121 submissions in
6 the last week.

7 I also wanted to provide an update on outreach
8 efforts. The Commission continues to conduct
9 redistricting basic presentations through the end of
10 July. Field staff have been supporting with this effort
11 and also helping with recording when necessary. Field
12 staff have been helping to support with scheduling the
13 last -- any other changes that were made.

14 And I also want to highlight outreach that's been
15 happening across the field team for the upcoming COI
16 input meetings. Tomorrow's July 8th COI input meeting
17 focused on Orange County now has twenty-eight people
18 registered.

19 Staff are following up with contacts that held
20 redistricting basics presentations that commissioners
21 have been in contact with, contacts that had engaged in
22 census efforts, and also building contact lists of the
23 various sectors we had highlighted in the phase two
24 planning ranging from local governments, libraries,
25 business sector and CBOs.

1 The 710 San Diego and Imperial COI Input Meeting has
2 nine people signed up. Three of those signed up
3 overnight. And this is consistent with the last few
4 meetings where we we're seeing registration go up in the
5 last two to three days before the meeting.

6 Andrew Amorao, our field lead focused on San Diego,
7 Imperial, and Inland Empire regions, has been focused
8 over the last two weeks on outreach in Imperial and San
9 Diego County. The Government sector has been the most
10 responsive in the region and also has engaged with local
11 libraries who had requested -- who had helped distribute
12 fliers in the region.

13 Staff field leads are also focused on building
14 contacts and fostering those relationships. So that's
15 also taking up some of the time and outreach to identify
16 stakeholders to contact, but also reach a broad range of
17 contacts of the public in the area. I also just want to
18 highlight Commissioner Sinay's coordination with Andrew,
19 and I'm really putting in a lot of outreach support for
20 that COI input meeting as well.

21 For the COI Input Meeting on the 12th, we have seven
22 people signed up so far. This is focused on Fresno,
23 Kerns, Kings, and other Central Valley communities. Some
24 of them more responsive. Contacts have been farm bureaus
25 and local governments, along with Chamber of Commerce.



1 Staff will also be reaching out to more faith-based
2 contacts in the region. And I just want to also
3 highlight coordination that Jose Eduardo has done with
4 Fredy to connect with seven local news outlets in the
5 region.

6 And I also want to highlight that Anne and I have
7 been building on statewide outreach efforts that the
8 Outreach and Engagement Subcommittee had begun, including
9 focusing on government sector focused entities that reach
10 county and city governments, and will also be focusing
11 this coming week on K-through-12 and higher education
12 engagement, among other sectors.

13 Last week, the Commission approved the hire -- I'm
14 sorry --- this was the week before the hire of our
15 Northern California lead, Ashleigh Howick, and she
16 started on July 1. And Sulma and our team have been
17 working to onboard her and provide a hand off of the
18 outreach efforts that the other field leaders had been
19 helping to support for Zones A, B, C, and D. So a lot of
20 Northern California. And I'll have her join at our next
21 Commission meeting so she can be introduced to all the
22 commissioners.

23 I also want to provide some updates on additional
24 efforts moving forward. We are focused on developing a
25 COI tool training. And I also want to highlight that the



1 statewide database has released some additional short how
2 to videos on the tool, and these were included in the
3 Commission's newsletter last week. And we're looking at
4 how to incorporate them into the training as well.

5 I also wanted to highlight that we received the COI
6 Input Meeting flier that has all of the COI Input
7 Meetings back from our language vendor and field leaders
8 have been distributing that. The flier has meeting times
9 through July 12th and after today's meeting we'll go back
10 to the vendor for an update to provide times for the July
11 and August meetings should those get finalized.

12 Each flier also highlights how to request
13 interpretation of public comment in those languages. And
14 so we'll look on other places where we can incorporate
15 that language in our communications. And we will -- we
16 are also working with the communications team to finalize
17 a short digital action toolkit that will help
18 organizations as they are interested in engaging on
19 redistricting. Easy ways that they can help get the word
20 out.

21 And I also wanted to highlight that we -- Anne and I
22 met with Frank Pizzi with the Sacramento County Office of
23 Education. They are finalizing the redistricting
24 curriculum that you all discussed earlier this year on a
25 panel that Commissioner Fernandez and Commissioner



1 Vazquez had helped coordinate. And this is a
2 redistricting curriculum for 11th and 12th grades.

3 We discussed a variety of options to help spread the
4 word once it's finalized and distributed. And we'll be
5 circling back with you all with an update. It was really
6 exciting. We also discussed the COI tool, and so they
7 will be integrating the COI tool into the curriculum as
8 an activity for students to utilize as a companion
9 activity to the curriculum. And so that was a really
10 exciting opportunity. And that is my update if there's
11 questions?

12 CHAIR YEE: A lot going on. Yes. Good work.
13 Commissioner Kennedy?

14 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you for that report.
15 That is fantastic to have all of that. Just a quick
16 question for you. And you had indicated that the
17 Government sector was being very responsive, I've heard
18 that. I had started working with The City of Barstow
19 back in April to try to schedule something, and they now
20 want to schedule something on July 19th, but went to the
21 website and found the speaker request form no longer
22 there. So how are we going to handle requests like that

23 CHAIR YEE: Director Kaplan. And then Commissioner
24 Sinay.

25 MS. KAPLAN: Okay. So at a previous Commission



1 meeting, the Commission voted to close the registration
2 form on June 4th. Other organizations that have reached
3 out for requests. We are sharing the redistricting
4 basics video and other ways to participate.

5 I think as we develop this COI tool training, there
6 will be additional opportunity for staff to then go out
7 and do presentations on the COI tool and then kind of hop
8 off and let the public go into the tool and actually
9 submit public input.

10 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Sinay?

11 COMMISSIONER SINAY: There will be an email that
12 we'll hear -- we'll get from Alvaro for all
13 Commissioners. Please contact Alvaro if you are
14 contacted by an organization who would like a
15 presentation and we'll talk from there. Because we do
16 understand that there will -- there are some groups that
17 are critical and some groups that it took some time and
18 we've passed the deadline.

19 But we do need to keep it --keep to the policy that
20 we passed as a Commission as well as staff has moved
21 forward. And we need staff to focus on phase number 2,
22 which is the COI, communities of input, collecting as
23 much as possible. So if you get contacted, please
24 contact Alvaro.

25 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Any other thoughts?

1 Commissioner Akutagawa?

2 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: I want to just -- I guess I
3 just want to -- if I'm hearing it correctly and I'm
4 saying this because I got to say, it's not sitting well
5 with me. I guess that we would -- we either are going --
6 I mean, I think what's been drilled in, you know, for the
7 purposes of both fairness and transparency is that we
8 can't make exceptions.

9 And if I understood you correctly, Commissioner
10 Sinay, is that there will be exceptions made, which I'm
11 concerned that is just going to open up a can of worms
12 for all of us. Okay. So am I misunderstanding what I
13 heard then? Because I just want to make sure.

14 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Sinay?

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: The policy is as it stands and
16 the Commission is no longer doing communities of interest
17 basics. Having said that, there are some things that may
18 come up that we need to be flexible. We can't be black
19 and white on everything.

20 And we do -- we don't want to be saying no to the
21 community because we do have the community of interest
22 tool kit that's coming out. And we want --
23 unfortunately, some community members have come to
24 commissioners saying, hey, the door got slammed in my
25 face.

1 So we're trying to be more flexible and not flexible
2 in that we will do the presentations. But our answer,
3 our response needs to be let us take in your information
4 and we will get back to you on what we can present or
5 what we can't -- what we can and can't present.

6 But we need to understand who is calling in. And
7 that's why I misspoke. Alvaro and Anthony should be
8 emailed if someone reaches out, because we do need to
9 know what's happening. And Anthony can speak more to the
10 topic.

11 ATTNY PANE: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay. And I
12 think that's -- I think as she just said it, Commissioner
13 Akutagawa, I think that's exactly right. I think we want
14 to make sure that we all are aware of any sort of pending
15 requests that are out there. And as Commissioner Sinay
16 said, we do need to follow Commission protocol.

17 And until and unless the Commission changes that
18 protocol, we need to enforce that. That said, we do want
19 to work with folks to see what we can do to get them a
20 response or some level of feedback. And as Commissioner
21 Sinay said, we want to try to be flexible, but we do have
22 to work within our boundaries as well.

23 But the point of reaching out to myself and Alvaro
24 is so that we all know which -- how many are out there
25 and which one of you have been contacted just so we're

1 all on the same page.

2 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Andersen?

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: On that note, if we are not
4 contacted, but someone in like a zone contacts the staff
5 directly, could you please let the two liaison know what
6 happened in their zone? Because this is obviously an
7 issue that --

8 ATTNY PANE: Sure. Yes.

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- came up was had heavy
10 debate and I was not -- anyway, it's a -- I'm glad that
11 we are doing some sort of accommodation, but I'm
12 certainly glad that this came up for the full Commission
13 so we all know about it.

14 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Fernandez?

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair. And I
16 just want to ensure that regardless of who contacts or
17 which organizations, they are all treated the same and
18 are -- all receive the same response and the same
19 information.

20 CHAIR YEE: Any other discussion on outreach? If
21 not, let's move on to the Chief Counsel Report.

22 Chief Counsel Pane?

23 ATTNY PANE: Thank you, Chair. Good morning,
24 Commission. Just wanted to send some thanks to Marian.
25 She's been lightning fast on the legislative updates, and



1 I know you all appreciate, as I do, the updates she's
2 providing both for redistricting issues in other states
3 as well as some of the Bagley-Keene watches that we're
4 looking here in California.

5 Another just sort of I guess legal personnel update.
6 We were able to successfully start the contracts to a new
7 attorney this week. And so he is just beginning to work
8 with Raul on pending issues. So I think that'll be
9 helpful. And I'm still working some details out with the
10 other retired annuitants hiring.

11 There's just some administrative details that
12 Legal's not spared either as far as some a little bit of
13 delay. And that's okay. But we'll work them out. And
14 again, just thank you again for all of your -- all of
15 your assistance and approval with it. With that, if
16 anyone has any questions.

17 CHAIR YEE: Any questions? Okay. Anything else on
18 any of the directory reports before we go to public
19 comment?

20 Okay. If not, Katy, let's take public comment on
21 agenda item 3, Director Reports.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair.

23 The Commission will now take public comment on
24 agenda item number 3, Director Reports. To give comment,
25 please call 877-853-5247 and enter the meeting ID number



1 98322642969 for this meeting. Once you have dialed in,
2 please press star 9 to enter the comment queue. The full
3 call-in instructions are read at the beginning of the
4 meeting and are provided on the live stream landing page.
5 And at this time we do not have any public comment,
6 Chair.

7 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Wait just a minute. After public
8 comment, we'll be moving into our Subcommittee Reports.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The instructions are
10 complete on the stream, Chair.

11 CHAIR YEE: Thank you, Katy. Okay. Let's move to
12 the agenda item 4, Subcommittee Updates. And we'll start
13 with Government Affairs, Commissioners Sadhwani and
14 Toledo.

15 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I don't think we have
16 anything to report at this time.

17 Pedro, do you have any updates?

18 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I think the only update is
19 that we do intend to send a letter to the legislature
20 just expressing our support for the trail bill -- just
21 support for flexibility with the Bagley-Keene issues
22 around -- just the continuance of the flexibilities that
23 we have to be able to do teleconferencing.

24 So we want to support that in the legislature and
25 just express our position about the importance of



1 allowing for accommodations to improve communication with
2 the public.

3 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes, that's correct. And we
4 are working with Chief Counsel Pane on that project. So
5 more to report very soon.

6 CHAIR YEE: Very good. On the agenda, we also have
7 this ongoing mention of the timeline and the census
8 delay. Just want to check that. Going forward,
9 Government affairs will take a lead on that. I know
10 there's still advice being taken. And it's a big subject
11 that we'll need to address most likely in open session
12 next.

13 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, that's correct. And
14 we'll work to help coordinate those conversations. But
15 of course, the final decisions are most certainly a full
16 commission discussion. And so we'll work to figure out
17 the next steps on that item.

18 CHAIR YEE: Very good. And as we heard even in our
19 opening public comments that certainly a lot of people
20 are waiting for that plane to land. So we'll look
21 forward to that discussion. Okay. Let's move on to
22 find -- okay. I'm sorry.

23 Commissioner Akutagawa?

24 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I'd like to just ask
25 Commissioner Sadhwani and Toledo, what -- when do you

1 feel like this conversation is going to take place?
2 Because I know that lots of people are holding tight and
3 wondering, and as are all of us. And I think it would
4 just be helpful to just mentally have an idea of when you
5 anticipate having the conversation.

6 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Akutagawa, if I could
7 just -- I could help answer that, if that's okay. So
8 Commissioner Akutagawa, I think right now we're still
9 waiting on some -- looking into some further legal
10 wrinkles associated with different options regarding the
11 timelines and what those look like. And I think once we
12 get some feedback on that, I think it might be more ripe
13 for further discussion. But I will certainly defer to
14 Commissioner Sadhwani and Toledo on that.

15 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, I think that's right.
16 And I would just also add -- while we had hoped to have
17 our external legal counsel here today, July 7th, this
18 date just simply didn't work for them to be present. So
19 certainly stay tuned as we continue to engage with them.

20 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: And I would just add, I think
21 we all know that this is an important issue, that we want
22 to get some resolution as quickly as possible. And we
23 also need to make sure that we have done all of our due
24 diligence. So at this point, we're still in the due
25 diligence process and gathering information. But



1 hopefully as soon as we have all the information that we
2 need to be able to move forward with bringing the
3 information back to the Commission so that we can have
4 the conversation and also be able to make a decision at
5 that time.

6 CHAIR YEE: So I know outside counsel will be
7 present at our next meeting on July 13th. Is it possible
8 that there will be a discussion then? I know that you're
9 still waiting on some things that have not arrived,
10 but --

11 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I think it's very possible
12 that we can have a conversation at that point, if not at
13 that meeting, then the next Commission business meeting.
14 But it's very, very possible. That would be the hope if
15 they can get everything together.

16 CHAIR YEE: Very good.

17 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: So at least have the
18 conversation. We might not make the decision, but have
19 the conversation that will ultimately get us to a
20 decision point.

21 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Any further thoughts on that?
22 No? Let's move on to Finance and Administration,
23 Commissioners Fernandez and Fornaciari?

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. So it looks like
25 Commissioner Fornaciari is still on mute. We are

1 continuing to revise the travel policy. We're trying to
2 make it as simple as possible, because as you -- we have
3 all become aware and I have with my many years in state
4 government, it can be quite lengthy if you put every
5 single requirements who are trying to summarize that
6 information for everyone, we get as simple as possible.

7 Also, I talked with Director Hernandez last week and
8 I'll probably be working with the Budget Director on
9 expenditure information because the way we receive the
10 expenditure information from The State Comptroller's
11 office is very different than is normally received of
12 course with other agencies because of course we have to
13 be different.

14 It can't be simple, so hopefully we can work on that
15 and get some information ready for the full Commission
16 and then also, as Director Hernandez mentioned, get ready
17 for your end. Is there anything else, Commissioner
18 Fornaciari? Okay. That's it. Thank you.

19 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Very good. Any questions? If
20 not, we'll move on to Gantt chart. Commissioners Kennedy
21 and Taylor?

22 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Sorry. My screen started
23 floating. Nothing significant to report at this point.
24 Of course, once we have that discussion on the 13th or
25 whenever, we'll then be able to update the Gantt chart on

1 the basis of whatever it is that we do and don't decide.

2 Thank you.

3 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Moving on to VRA Compliance,
4 Commissioner Sadhwani and myself. Commissioner Sadhwani,
5 you want to update us?

6 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Sure. So the VRA
7 Subcommittee this coming week will be working with the
8 counsel to prepare -- they will be preparing a training
9 for the full Commission at our July 13th meeting, which
10 has been agendized.

11 We anticipate that that will be based on the plan
12 that they had shared with the Legal Affairs Committee
13 last week. So it'll be both kind of their plan of action
14 for moving forward as well as intermixing within it some
15 VRA training, kind of as a refresher and hopefully being
16 available to answer questions as we go through.

17 If you have any specific training needs or areas
18 that -- we've had several trainings along the way, it's
19 been a while. So if there are any specific items that
20 you'd like to see incorporated into that training, please
21 do let us know or let Chief Counsel Pane know so that he
22 can pass that along to us to make sure that we are
23 hitting all of those key components.

24 Commissioner Yee, do you have anything more to add
25 to that?

1 CHAIR YEE: I'm trying to recall. Yeah. That's all
2 good. Also recalling that at some point we're seeking
3 Commission action on authorizing our outside counsel to
4 hire a racially polarized voting analyst. And I'm trying
5 to recall whether that was going to happen on the 13th.

6 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes, I think that they were
7 going to update us at minimum. And then, yeah, I think
8 we have to work out the exact details. And part of that
9 depends on when they find their preferred candidate.

10 CHAIR YEE: Okay. So we'll look forward to that.
11 Questions? Commissioner Sinay?

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Is July 13th when we'll talk
13 about what data we will or will not be used.

14 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Hi. Could you give me the
15 fragrance department?

16 CHAIR YEE: I'm sorry. Go ahead, Commissioner
17 Sinay.

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I don't know the number to the
19 fragrance department. Sorry, I was thrown off. Will we
20 be discussing on July 13th what data we will and will not
21 be using for the VRA? And I guess for line drawing maps,
22 that would be with the line drawing group. But it feels
23 like we still haven't had those really important
24 conversations on data -- data outside of the census data.

25 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: For the RPV?

1 COMMISSIONER SINAY: For RPV, yes. Because last
2 time the Commission chose not to look at political voting
3 data and political party data. And others have
4 recommended that we do look at that. So that's still a
5 conversation we need to have. So yes.

6 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Okay. I mean, for racially
7 polarized voting, we would have to look at election data
8 that doesn't necessarily need to be partisan data per
9 say. Certainly, the statewide database collects all of
10 the election data for the state. And so I think it would
11 be the question and what they're laying out in the plan,
12 which will be presented more formally on the 13th, is
13 trying to figure out those areas in which we target that
14 analysis.

15 One of the things that they have suggested is using
16 the current ACS data, the American Community Survey data,
17 which is currently available to identify those areas
18 where we anticipate we might need RPV analysis. So a
19 part of it is how do we be robust in our approach and yet
20 at the same time be cost effective? Right.

21 We don't need to run this analysis in every single
22 corner of the state. So how can we -- how can we be
23 strategic in where that role will lie? So I do think
24 that we can have a great -- a fuller conversation about
25 the data that would be used next week on the 13th.

1 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thanks.

2 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Toledo?

3 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Just a quick question
4 regarding -- it's more of a process question and whether
5 the racially polarized voting consultant will need to
6 get -- whether the Commission will need to secure
7 approval from any state bodies.

8 I believe staff is going to go back and look at
9 whether the subcontractor -- whether the contractor could
10 just hire them on their own without state approval or
11 whether we would still need other approvals. I'm just
12 thinking about timeline and how long it would take to
13 bring on these folks and to get them started. Right.

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Right. I don't know if
15 Anthony or Raul -- Raul is not here with us today, I
16 don't think. But I believe that was going to be a
17 conversation at the staff level. I don't know if there's
18 anything to report back at this stage.

19 ATTNY PANE: Commissioners, I don't have anything to
20 report at this time. But that is a conversation I'm
21 trying to nail down. Yes.

22 CHAIR YEE: And I did check. It is agendized for
23 the 13th that we will probably seek Commission action on
24 approving that authority one way or another. But we hope
25 to have all information before we do so of course.

1 Okay. Anything else for VRA?

2 Commissioner Toledo?

3 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I believe Commissioner
4 Fernandez had something or was she going to pass?

5 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Fernandez?

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah, I was just -- I was
7 going to ask Commissioner Toledo a little bit more about
8 what he was talking about regarding state approvals. Are
9 you talking about the analyst position potentially, or?

10 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: This is the racialized,
11 polarized -- now racially polarized analysis of
12 subcontractor in the -- so our agreement with the --
13 Strumwasser is that they could hire a racialized
14 polarized voting consultant to do the data analysis for
15 us.

16 The question is whether the state has to give -- or
17 whether there's a state agency that has given approval
18 for that subcontract. And so that that was the
19 question --

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay.

21 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: -- or whether they could do it
22 on their own without any additional approval other than
23 our approval.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. So what my feedback
25 to that would be because it sounds like they would be

1 paid by the VRA, so I would -- I believe they wouldn't
2 have to go through, but of course, we'd have to confirm
3 that. Since it wouldn't be a contract with us directly
4 with that racially polarized, I don't believe it has to.
5 But of course, we'd have to confirm that information. So
6 thank you. I just wanted to get an idea of --

7 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: So that's what we're trying to
8 confirm.

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you.

10 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Because ultimately it impacts
11 our timeline. Right?

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right.

13 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Right. And so I think the
14 piece here is like we as the Commission will still want
15 to retain the authority to approve of whomever they
16 select, but at the same time, hopefully not get bogged
17 down by the contracting process.

18 My understanding is that in 2010 it was done through
19 some sort of interagency agreement, but we tried to
20 structure the contract with Strumwasser to avoid that if
21 possible. But certainly we'll look forward to hearing
22 more about the ins and outs of contracting from Chief
23 Counsel Pane.

24 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Anything to add to the
25 discussion? If not, let's move on to outreach and

1 engagement, Commissioners Sinay and Fornaciari.

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: We don't have a lot to report
3 because we are going through the transition and staff is
4 taking on more. We are asking that all Commissioners
5 that are on social media please promote and help engage
6 on social media the we draw the lines. They can promote
7 an at people and all that, but it won't be -- the
8 algorithms won't work as well as us, as if it's an
9 individual.

10 So be creative at people and engage them
11 especially -- it's a lot easier on Twitter. I know on
12 Facebook I've joined some groups that I think would be
13 interested and posted our items on there. We know that
14 social media is not the best outreach, but it is a good
15 outreach and so is op-eds and all that until we can we
16 can do the paid ads, and we constantly need to think
17 creatively just so that we get out of our bubbles.

18 The other piece I wanted to share was that
19 Commissioner Fornaciari and I created an analysis that's
20 on our handouts today on phase 1, and that's all the work
21 that we did. There's one piece missing. I realized
22 right after we did it, we started it and then we never
23 finished it. So we'll add the media piece, all the
24 interviews and op-eds and such that Commissioners have
25 done.



1 So we apologize that we didn't include that. As you
2 look at it, you'll see there's a lot there. And thank
3 you again, Commissioners, for the amount of time that you
4 took to really get the information out to Californians on
5 the work that's been done. So hopefully you'll review
6 it, look at it.

7 If you have any updates or we missed something, we
8 tried really hard to do it well, but it was difficult.
9 So yes, we do agree with some of the callers that say
10 transcripts would be helpful. And please let -- please
11 send your -- any comments you have to Director Kaplan.
12 And she will put them together and get them to
13 Commissioner Fornaciari and I anonymously.

14 Commissioner Fornaciari, anything else you'd like to
15 add?

16 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: No. I think that captured
17 it. Thank you.

18 CHAIR YEE: It's a great document. It's a great
19 summary of -- and overview of all the things we've been
20 doing.

21 Okay. Any other discussion? Thank you, Outreach
22 and Engagement. Let's move on to Language Access. And I
23 believe there's a handout as well today.

24 So Commissioners Akutagawa and Fernandez?

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. So I'm going to hand



1 it off to Commissioner Akutagawa. So I'll start it and
2 then punt it for you football fans out there. We did
3 baseball sometimes now it's football today, so we'll do
4 something else next week.

5 And I can't remember the last meeting or the meeting
6 before we were -- there was a discussion about what the
7 cost would be to provide a somewhat simultaneous
8 interpretation of our public input meetings, which would
9 be -- part of it was have them all in Spanish or if there
10 are requests for different languages.

11 So what we did is we went back and I want to thank
12 Director Kaplan and Director Hernandez and also Anne for
13 their help in obtaining this information. And I know
14 Raul was involved too. So thank you Raul for that as
15 well. And also Kristian. I don't want to leave Kristian
16 out because Kristian helped us as well. So I think it
17 was everybody. It's definitely a village.

18 So what we did is we came up with the costing
19 information Commissioner Akutagawa put together this two-
20 page -- we wanted to make it as simple as possible. And
21 again, I just want to -- we're going to provide the
22 information, but that's not necessarily what our
23 recommendation is, we're just coming back to you with the
24 information.

25 So Commissioner Akutagawa, do we want to go with



1 that? Thank you.

2 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I'm going to -- I'm
3 going to go ahead and I'm going to show the handout in a
4 presentation form just so that -- I'm realizing and I
5 think I spoke about this before, it just makes it easier
6 to just focus rather than just rattle off all the
7 numbers.

8 I know it's also a handout so that, if you prefer,
9 you could just look at the handout as well too. But I
10 figured this might just be easier. What we wanted to do
11 is -- what Commissioner Fernandez and I heard is what
12 are -- what would it cost?

13 Because I know that when she and I looked at the
14 cost, we were -- we felt that the costs were pretty
15 significant and weighing the cost of the interpretation
16 versus all the other things that we wanted to do, we
17 thought, well, it just seemed cost prohibitive. But
18 given the conversation, we thought it would be best if we
19 just gather the information and then as a full
20 Commission, we'll be able to make a decision together.

21 And so what you're seeing is I wanted to show
22 first -- and I just want to thank Commissioner Fernandez
23 because she's the one that really pulled together,
24 working with the staff all together, all the numbers.
25 But what I did is I put the Spanish interpretation first

1 up top, because that was the main part of the
2 conversation that I think we all heard was that minimally
3 we should be providing Spanish interpretation across all
4 of the public input meetings.

5 There was conversation about business meetings and
6 other things like that. I do want to say that what
7 you're seeing here in terms of the cost is solely for the
8 public input meeting, and it is for the cost of being
9 able to have a phone line an audio-only line where
10 somebody who wants to -- they can watch on the live
11 stream, but they want the Spanish interpretation, they
12 would need to call into the audio only line and be able
13 to hear.

14 Now, so this does include the cost for just that.
15 So to be able to listen, but also it includes the cost
16 for the interpreter, for anybody needing interpretation
17 to give public input as well too.

18 So if, we're to provide input for anybody needing
19 interpretation, we were just assuming that we would just
20 have them available -- the interpreter available to give
21 that translation or interpretation service for anybody
22 giving public input. The per meeting cost is 3,453.

23 Based on the timeline of when we could actually get
24 it started, the earliest we could possibly start
25 providing the interpretation would be August 1st. So

1 we're estimating seventeen meetings that we would be
2 providing. Interpretation in Spanish. So the total cost
3 for seventeen meetings is \$58,701. Now, we also know
4 that we are providing -- we are saying that we're going
5 to be able to provide interpretation in other languages.

6 To make it clearer in terms of the cost that we
7 would be looking at, what we did is we looked at the
8 other remaining eleven languages out of the twelve
9 languages that we said that we would provide
10 interpretation and translation in.

11 So for the other eleven languages, the cost to
12 interpret and we were estimating that per language we
13 would have a need to potentially have interpretation for
14 at least two meetings per language. It would be roughly
15 a cost of 4,578 to 5,778. Because different languages
16 have different -- slightly different costs so that it's
17 either going to be 4,578, or it's going to be 5,778.

18 There's no in between, just so that it's clear. But
19 this was the easiest way to present it. Our total
20 estimated cost for seventeen meetings if we were to
21 provide interpretation in any of the other languages, at
22 least two additional audio lines per language or per
23 meeting would be a total cost of 124,272. The total
24 cost, including Spanish, when it's all added together,
25 would be 182,973.



1 Now, I also want to just show you this part real
2 quick, and I'll go back to the numbers. I do want to
3 again say that the costs that we estimated are based on
4 public input meetings only prior to the receipt of the
5 census data. So these are the meetings from in August
6 and possibly into the early part -- or at least into the
7 early part of September.

8 What we also estimated is that we would need to hire
9 three interpreters per meeting, two for the simultaneous
10 interpretation for those who are listening, so in other
11 words, the output from us to the listener, and then one
12 for the person who would want to give public comment. So
13 this is the input. So the one person who would then
14 interpret for someone giving public input. So that's the
15 six minutes that we've been talking about.

16 I mentioned that we would only provide audio lines.
17 It would not be through the Zoom. And if approved, as --
18 I mentioned this also, the earliest we could start would
19 be August 1st.

20 I do want to also just make sure that everybody
21 understands these estimated costs do not include -- do
22 not include costs for if we were to provide
23 interpretation of all of our business meetings, any
24 committee meetings, for example, Legal Affairs and the
25 Public Input Design Committee, any of the line drawing



1 committee meetings, and any public input public comment
2 meetings after the census data is received.

3 And I'll stop here and see if there are any
4 questions. And actually, I'll just stop sharing so that
5 we can all see each other. I could always go back if you
6 want me to share the numbers again.

7 CHAIR YEE: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa.

8 Any questions?

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'm sorry.

10 CHAIR YEE: Go ahead, Commissioner Fernandez.

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Akutagawa, I
12 don't know if we want to -- we did talk about, like, what
13 our recommendation would be. Our recommendation would be
14 to just stay with what we're doing. Where it's a five --
15 you require five advance days' notice if you require
16 interpretation, because there is a tradeoff if you
17 approve or if the Commission approves moving forward with
18 this, then that we feel like the \$183,000 would be better
19 used in our outreach efforts versus the interpretation.

20 And if for some reason there's confusion because
21 we've announced that certain meetings have certain
22 languages associated with them and some people are
23 assuming that means we're going to automatically provide
24 them and they don't submit interpretation requests, we
25 can actually remove those languages from the meetings

1 because it's -- we're still requiring a five-business day
2 advance notice if you want interpretation, if you request
3 for interpretation. So I just I wanted to put that out
4 there as well.

5 Commissioner Akutagawa, did you want to add --

6 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yeah.

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- to that at all?

8 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: We did talk about some
9 different options in terms of what could be done. So one
10 is to stay with the status quo, which is the ask people
11 to give us five days' advance notice so that if
12 interpretation is required, then we can arrange for it.

13 The other option that we did consider and discuss is
14 we remove all the languages that we said we would provide
15 at the remaining meetings that we would start providing
16 interpretation at or just even just beginning now, only
17 because we're concerned that there seems to be some
18 confusion and we would just send a message out.

19 If you need interpretation, please just let us know
20 five days in advance. But we also thought it might
21 create more confusion if we did that, too. So that was
22 something that we considered as well, too. We also did
23 consider should we just automatically for the meetings
24 where we do have languages noted that we would be focused
25 on providing interpretation, should we just automatically

1 provide interpretation for that?

2 We are concerned about doing that because if it is
3 not -- it's a chicken or egg. If we don't provide it,
4 will people not use it? If we do provide it, there's
5 still a will people use it. And we're trying to balance
6 the kind of -- I guess we're trying to balance the cost
7 of the interpretation, which I think we all agree is
8 important.

9 But also we also really felt that the outreach and
10 we're concerned about outreach and we had quite a robust
11 conversation the last time around, the costs of the
12 outreach and how the money from what was supposed to be
13 used for grants then became contracts. We did have a
14 conversation about how that money would be distributed
15 and used.

16 And so these are all the things that we did
17 consider. But what we wanted to do is to present the
18 numbers to the Commission so that you all are aware and
19 also understand, then -- have the full information to
20 understand what trade-offs we're going to need to
21 consider.

22 But as Commissioner Fernandez said, we do believe
23 that staying with what we're doing right now is the -- I
24 guess, the course of action that would at least enable us
25 to kind of balance both. Okay.



1 CHAIR YEE: Turner, Kennedy, and Toledo.

2 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Chair. And thank
3 you to the subcommittee. You addressed, Commissioner
4 Akutagawa, the piece that I wanted to lift up. There was
5 intentionality and a lot of thought that went into which
6 meetings would be for other languages.

7 And so I was wanting to suggest that we do focus on
8 still providing interpretation for those particular
9 meetings in the language that was advertised, and to go a
10 step beyond and advertise not just those language
11 specific meetings, but to also state we already have
12 interpreters on hand.

13 We already have the translation available, and
14 perhaps we can drive individuals into those meetings
15 knowing that we've set up -- we've set aside the date and
16 set aside the particular language. And we have
17 everything that is needed to call in on those days.

18 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Kennedy?

19 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. I guess
20 colleagues are aware that I don't find the status quo
21 very satisfactory. And doing some more research, it
22 looks like The State elections code requires local
23 redistricting bodies to arrange for live translation,
24 which is actually interpretation translation of a written
25 document, interpretation of a hearing held pursuant to

1 this chapter of the election code in an applicable
2 language if a request for translation is made at least
3 twenty-four hours before the hearing. So if local
4 redistricting bodies are expected to provide
5 interpretation with twenty-four hours' notice, I really
6 don't see why we can't do the same at a minimum. Thank
7 you.

8 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Toledo?

9 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I would like to concur with
10 Commissioner Kennedy. I mean, we've done such a great
11 job and in working to be inclusive and to develop an
12 inclusive process. And I think language access is
13 still -- I think it's a challenge across The State.

14 I know in Healthcare we're required to provide
15 interpretation for threshold languages and that there is
16 that minimum rate, that's the minimum bar that healthcare
17 organizations have to do it. And I know that there's the
18 concept locally as well.

19 But from a budgetary perspective and from a thinking
20 forward and strategically, I'm just thinking I know our
21 budget will be used to try to come up with the 2030
22 budget and in that -- so having this line item in there
23 for language interpretation might help not just our
24 Commission but future Commissions as well by including a
25 budget line item for interpretation that would hopefully

1 be able to increase access to the people who don't speak
2 English.

3 And certainly, I think that would be beyond Spanish
4 if that's possible. But I'm just thinking, especially
5 with COVID and our limited time frame and I think we
6 should be doing all that we can to get the message out in
7 as many languages as possible about the work that we're
8 doing and get -- and try to get engagement from non-
9 English speaking people.

10 And I know that we are we're doing that. And I
11 just -- but it would be great to be able to do more if
12 resources allowed. Right? I'm really coming back to
13 that. Thank you.

14 CHAIR YEE: I'm wondering about the role of
15 community partners. Of course, anyone can call in and
16 one can make a request for translation -- for
17 interpretation. But strategically, I mean, if we were
18 engaged with community partners, different language
19 groups, and prospectively planned on certain input days
20 and days when they would especially make an effort to
21 encourage people to call in and say, look, that would be
22 a lot more effective than just waiting for whoever calls.
23 Right? Yeah.

24 Commissioner Fernandez?

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. Thank you, Chair.



1 Yeah. I just wanted to comment on a couple of the
2 comments. First of all, in terms of the twenty-four
3 hours, we'd actually have to go back to the contractor
4 because I'm not exactly sure what the language says, but
5 I don't think it's twenty-four hours. So we have to go
6 back and see what that is or how much of the time we
7 would need.

8 And in terms of whatever is approved or not approved
9 to move forward, there would be a trade off in terms of
10 we -- there would be money that would have to be shuffled
11 from some other area to pay for this, because this wasn't
12 part of the initial -- the ask that we just asked for
13 Department of Finance. I just wanted to throw that out
14 there.

15 There's some money in there for interpretation and
16 translation, but that also includes our materials. So
17 again, whatever decision is made by the Commission, we'll
18 just have to figure out how it's going to be paid within
19 the budget that we have already gone forward with
20 Department of Finance.

21 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Toledo and then Director
22 Kaplan.

23 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Just wondering if there might
24 be an opportunity to go back to the Department of Finance
25 and -- I mean, because this is not an unreasonable -- I

1 don't see this as an unreasonable amount of money for
2 what -- for the return on investment. Right? And given
3 the constrained timeline and everything that's
4 developing, I'm just wondering and curious whether there
5 is -- whether there is any -- a possibility of being able
6 to go back to the Department of Finance and/or for any
7 interest to do so. Thank you.

8 CHAIR YEE: Director Kaplan and Commissioner
9 Fernandez?

10 MS. KAPLAN: I just wanted to --

11 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Sinay, I'm sorry.

12 MS. KAPLAN: -- add, Commissioner Fernandez, the
13 original funding that was allocated was also for
14 interpretation of non-English public input through the
15 COI tool or to the written public comment -- public input
16 through the COI tool or to the Commission to translate
17 into English also. So that's also what the original
18 allocation is for.

19 CHAIR YEE: So Commissioner Sinay. And then
20 Commissioner Fernandez.

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you. I couldn't tell if
22 I couldn't be seen sometimes.

23 CHAIR YEE: Yeah.

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So just a couple of things.
25 Chair, I appreciate what you're saying about community

1 partners, but we've said this before and I'll say it
2 again. We can't push the cost of something like this on
3 to community partners. We got rid of -- we weren't able
4 to do the community grants and we cannot ask community
5 partners to do things for us for free. And we've said
6 that from the very beginning.

7 I guess I'm kind of concerned why this wasn't put
8 into the full budget. If we knew what the cost was. And
9 we knew so many commissioners wanted one when we were
10 pushing for that direction. And I would say, at the
11 minimum, we should be doing the seventeen meetings in
12 Spanish. That's a minimum what we should be doing.

13 Yeah. So that that would be my -- I feel pretty
14 strongly about that should be our minimum. And that if
15 we can do what Commissioner Toledo said and ask for this
16 to be in the budget -- I thought that the budget that we
17 had submitted was kind of our dream budget and we were
18 going to put everything in it. And so I guess I missed
19 that part when we were looking at the budget.

20 CHAIR YEE: Commissioners Fernandez, and then
21 Kennedy, and then Taylor.

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And just to go back, the
23 reason this was not put into the budget is that the
24 recommendation that was approved by the Commission was
25 five advanced days' notice. So that's what we based it

1 on.

2 And then secondly, in terms of, Commissioner Toledo,
3 you asked about the budget. Yes, we can always go back.
4 We've missed the -- they have different times. And I
5 don't want to step on Director Hernandez's toes on this,
6 but I've been in the budget life for many years. And so
7 our next ask would be through the budget change proposal,
8 which would be in the September-ish time frame, I
9 believe, and that would go into the Governor's budget
10 January 10th. So of course, that would be after.

11 And what I meant by shuffling money around, because
12 there is some of our budget -- we don't know -- our
13 budget is our budget, we don't know what we're going to
14 spend. Right? You just estimate -- it's like anybody's
15 budget. You estimate and you may end up not hiring like
16 an IT manager or something like that still there.

17 There may be funding somewhere else that we're not
18 spending as much or there's maybe some funding costs in
19 future litigation costs that potentially -- but at some
20 point we would have to go back to ask for additional
21 funding if we would want to classify it specifically for
22 translation so that it is highlighted for the future
23 Commission. So thank you for bringing that up,
24 Commissioner Toledo.

25 CHAIR YEE: You have about ten minutes before our



1 required break. So we'll go to Commissioners Kennedy,
2 Taylor, and Turner.

3 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. And I
4 neglected to, but I do want to thank the subcommittee for
5 the work that they did. I think this is very helpful to
6 us in moving this discussion along.

7 Just as far as a -- an objective basis and building
8 on what Commissioner Sinay had said, I keep coming back
9 to Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act and the language
10 requirements that are there, which currently require
11 support for Spanish statewide, but then a shorter list
12 than we currently have of languages on a by county basis.

13 So some counties would require support in other
14 languages. Los Angeles County is going to have several
15 languages required beyond Spanish, whereas many counties
16 would not. So I would -- I would say, beyond Spanish, I
17 would like us to look at, okay, where are the counties
18 where there are Section 203 requirements for support in
19 Chinese, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Filipino, and Korean?

20 Those are the ones that, on the basis of the 2010
21 census, had requirements for language support at the
22 County level in certain counties in the state. Thank
23 you.

24 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Taylor?

25 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Thank you, Chair. Just

1 because I heard ROI, return on investment, I would hope
2 that our perspective as we look at this expenditure is as
3 it relates to how we fulfill our mandate and not as
4 whether or not we get something from this investment. So
5 we have a mandate to provide this access. So the only
6 question is whether or not we can afford to do it given
7 our budget. That's what I would think our perspective
8 should be.

9 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Turner then Akutagawa.

10 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I'll just say that was a good
11 adjustment and reminder for me, Commissioner Taylor. So
12 I will pass.

13 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Akutagawa?

14 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I mean, I don't -- if
15 I said return on investment, I don't think I did. But if
16 I did, I don't think that that was what was meant at all.
17 It doesn't apply in this particular case. I think it's
18 just we have trade-offs that we do need to think about
19 given our current budget.

20 And I think that's what I just wanted to present to
21 the Commission. It's not to say one way or the other. I
22 think, if ideally we could be able to provide the
23 languages without having to make the request so that it's
24 automatic. I mean, that would be the best, so that it
25 makes it least -- we put up the least amount of barriers

1 to be able to have that.

2 But at the same time, I'm -- I think we're just
3 trying to balance all of the different competing kind of
4 interests that we have. I think minimally I mean, we did
5 also speak about having Spanish. There's just various
6 kinds of, I think, options that that we all have. I
7 think the question is, what is the appetite of this
8 commission to do? What we need to do?

9 And I will say this, Commissioner Kennedy, in terms
10 of the Section 203, I think that's part of the reason why
11 we try to assign different languages to the different
12 meetings so that we can try to have that with that
13 consideration in mind. And I think I -- we did mention
14 whether or not we should just automatically do it.

15 But I will say this then, that means again, and I
16 said this before, we have to do all of us, each and every
17 one of us has to do a better job in trying to do the
18 outreach that we need to do to get people to participate.
19 We're not even getting English speakers participating.
20 So they have now also become, in a sense, hard to reach.

21 It's going to be -- we know it's going to be even
22 harder to reach those who are non-English dominant. And
23 so we have a very -- a difficult task with the remaining
24 meetings that we all need to also be very mindful of, of
25 what do we do to get people to engage. So I just want to

1 just also say that as well.

2 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Commissioner Sadhwani?

3 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Thank you so much. And I
4 just really want to acknowledge the work of the
5 subcommittee here and really appreciate you going back to
6 this question again. I mean, I think we've been
7 struggling for the entire year on language access. And
8 so I really appreciate all of the work that you've put in
9 to bringing back these numbers.

10 I am fully in agreement with many of the
11 commissioners who have already spoken before me that I
12 think this is a part of our mandate, and I do think that
13 we have the budget to do this. The timeline, I
14 recognize, having dealt now with state contracts a few
15 times, this might take a little longer than we
16 anticipate.

17 I'm not scared by that, though, right? I actually
18 think that what we're seeing is that there's not -- there
19 are community groups that are engaging, perhaps not as
20 many yet. And so my sense is, as we continue on
21 throughout the summer, as well as into the fall, that
22 we're going to have continued outreach.

23 What will bring people out? Personally, I think
24 draft maps will bring people out. So to me, if these
25 seventeen meetings that we have funding for aren't all in

1 August and early September, and some of them are also in
2 October, November, and that timeline still has to be
3 worked out. But when we go back out into the community,
4 that would make a whole lot of sense to me.

5 And my sense is those organizations that are out
6 there, those community partners, are going to be far more
7 engaged at that point in time. That's what I keep
8 hearing, right, is there's a desire for an extended
9 timeline.

10 For me, the numbers don't scare me off. I don't
11 find it terribly cost prohibitive because we do have
12 these funds that we had had earmarked for community
13 outreach and engagement. And I see this as being a part
14 of that. And I think, if you build it, they will come is
15 what I'm hoping for. Right?

16 If we offer offered these sessions in various
17 languages, then hopefully we'll be able to pull more
18 folks into them. And I think what I would love to see
19 and hear a little bit more about is if we are able to
20 plan out those meetings being in Spanish as well as in
21 other languages, can we calibrate that with the ads that
22 we're also buying? Right?

23 So if we know that we are doing a session in Korean,
24 can we make sure that we also have some Korean ads going
25 out to ethnic media as well in advance of that session to

1 make sure that we're pulling folks in? And so I
2 definitely -- I'm very thankful that that that the
3 subcommittee went back and did this work. Thank you.
4 Because I know I was the one originally asking for that
5 with crickets in response. But so I really do appreciate
6 that. And I would be very much in support of figuring
7 out how we could move forward with this kind of program.

8 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Fernandez?

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. Thank you. And thank
10 you everyone for all your feedback. And I just wanted to
11 remind everyone that the cost information is just for the
12 public input piece of it. And I would 100 percent agree
13 with Commissioner Sadhwani that if we do move forward
14 with anything, we have to move forward with additional
15 meetings at -- especially after our draft maps. I think
16 after even the census data, once that's released, I think
17 there's an opportunity for that.

18 So the information you have is obviously lowballed
19 just for the public input. You'd probably have to maybe
20 triple it at least to get to your beyond public input
21 phase. So I just wanted to throw that out there.
22 Thanks.

23 CHAIR YEE: Okay. We have about one minute before
24 break. Does the subcommittee want to continue this after
25 break?

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Well, I think the
2 Commissioners probably want to continue with it beyond
3 the break, right?

4 CHAIR YEE: Okay.

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Thank you.

6 CHAIR YEE: Very good.

7 Commissioner Akutagawa?

8 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I think there's -- to
9 me there there's I guess maybe a couple questions. One,
10 is do we go with just Spanish only, or do we go with all
11 twelve languages? That's one. Do we then keep it at
12 upon request or do we just automatically provide it?
13 Because then we're already going to make a commitment to
14 those costs.

15 And then the third one, there's actually a third now
16 is beyond the public input meetings, are we are we also
17 wanting to see the same interpretation provided for the
18 business meetings and the committee meetings, because
19 then that will also be additional levels of costs.

20 But you have the per meeting cost. It will be the
21 same no matter what, whether it's a business meeting or
22 it's a committee meeting, or it's a public input meeting.

23 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Let's hold those thoughts. And
24 we'll come back in fifteen minutes. We'll be on break
25 until 11:15.

1 (Whereupon, a recess was held)

2 CHAIR YEE: Perhaps the Language Access Subcommittee
3 could repeat just its current recommendation to get us
4 going.

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Well, we didn't have -- our
6 recommendation was to remain as is. But I believe other
7 commissioners may have a different notion. So that's
8 where we're at this point. And again as Commissioner
9 Akutagawa she did point out three different options.
10 Obviously, there's a multitude of options. And just a
11 reminder that the information is for the seventeen public
12 input meetings and it's for eight hour-long meetings as
13 well.

14 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Kennedy?

15 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Two further points on this.
16 One is I continue to believe that we have certain legal
17 mandates that we need to make sure that we are meeting.
18 And so I think it would be prudent before we make a
19 motion and take a vote on anything to first make sure
20 that what we're moving actually meets or at least moves
21 us towards whatever legal mandates we have in this
22 regard.

23 Second of all, there are other offices in state
24 government that deal with this on a much more regular
25 basis whose experience might be useful to us. I have

1 reached out because I will be doing the California
2 redistricting basics to the Voting Accessibility Advisory
3 Committee, which is convened by the Secretary of State's
4 office in, I think, two weeks or less. And the
5 individual who coordinates that body also coordinates the
6 State's Language Accessibility Advisory Committee.

7 So I'm intending to speak with her, and she might
8 even be amenable to joining us as a guest speaker just to
9 share some more about the experience of language support
10 in election related work here in the state. So I just
11 want to offer those two further points. Thank you.

12 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Kennedy, could you say a
13 bit more about legal obligations that you have in mind?
14 What those are and where those are?

15 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Well, I mean, I interpret the
16 Voting Rights Act as applying to us. I mean, it
17 obviously applies to the redistricting that we do. And
18 to me, by extension, it should apply to our work in
19 coming up with those districts and doing our work leading
20 up to that.

21 So to me, and any language requirement in the Voting
22 Rights Act should apply to us in the course of our
23 business in developing the districts that are subject to
24 the Voting Rights Act itself. And so that's why I keep
25 coming back to the mandated languages under the VRA as at

1 least an objective standard to which we might want to
2 hold ourselves.

3 CHAIR YEE: That's the California VRA, I think.

4 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: No, this is the, yes.

5 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Fernandez, then Toledo.

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. I just wanted to let
7 everyone know that we did have the chief -- our chief
8 counsel was involved in the conversations as well. And
9 then also, as anything, the longer we wait often taking
10 action, the further out this pushes the activation. And
11 oftentimes, it's difficult to compare what other agencies
12 do, versus what they can do, versus what we can do.

13 Many other agencies already have delegated
14 authority, so they have other flexibilities within their
15 budget and we don't have that. That's why our contracts
16 are taking so long. So it's just like one piece of it.
17 So I just wanted to just throw that out there in terms of
18 the longer we wait, it's just pushing this out further.

19 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Toledo?

20 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Now, I'm just curious -- and I
21 believe Commissioner Fernandez may have answered this.
22 Has our legal advice from counsel been that we are in
23 compliance with language access regulations so that our
24 current policy as it stands right now is compliant?

25 ATTNY PANE: So Commissioner Toledo, to answer that,

1 there's two pieces that Commissioner Kennedy has raised.
2 One is the VRA piece of it. And we have reached out to
3 our VRA counsel to look at that particular issue that
4 Commissioner Kennedy has looked at.

5 Separately, we do have the Dymally-Alatorre Act that
6 is for California, and 7299.1 says state agencies may
7 utilizing existing funds contract for telephone-based
8 interpretation services in addition to employing
9 qualified bilingual persons in public contact positions.
10 And we do currently have that with the five-day
11 interpretation services. So anything this Commission may
12 choose to do would be still compliant with that
13 requirement.

14 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: So it sounds like we're
15 getting guidance on what we are a requirement, but we are
16 okay on the state requirement.

17 ATTN Y PANE: Yes, you could. From a legal
18 requirement, your interpretation services are currently
19 compliant, but you could choose to provide additional
20 services as well.

21 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you for that.

22 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Andersen?

23 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Commissioner Kennedy, could
24 we get the copy of what the local redistricting groups
25 are -- the language portion? I know you mentioned what

1 code section that was in, but I didn't catch it. Because
2 I think that would actually give us an idea if I believe
3 you're saying is that's -- I guess that's just the
4 twenty-four-hour difference. But if there's a little bit
5 more in that, we should certainly all as Commissioners
6 know what that is.

7 And I appreciate all of this conversation. I do
8 see, as Commissioner Sadhwani brought up, if we do the
9 interpretation for the COI input, that we'll certainly
10 want to then continue. And that's a big discussion to
11 have, but we also need to get the contractors on board.
12 So I appreciate the whole conversation.

13 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Sadhwani?

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Sure. Just to advance this
15 conversation, I'd be happy to make a motion, but before
16 doing so I just wanted to touch base and figure out who
17 on staff would advance this directive if we were to move
18 in such a direction? Someone on outreach staff? So
19 before I make that motion, I just want to be clear about
20 who that would go to. I see Marcy and Commissioner
21 Fernandes raising their hand.

22 CHAIR YEE: Yes, please.

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I believe it would be the
24 combination of Director Kaplan and Executive Director of
25 Hernandez putting everything in motion with then Raul

1 involved in that as well. So it'd be a pretty much what
2 we've done so far to get all the information and get
3 everything going and also someone coordinating with
4 Kristian as well as needed. So it would -- we've got the
5 people in place, but Marcy, please, free to jump in.

6 MS. KAPLAN: Okay. So the more information you
7 clarified today will help in terms of next steps for
8 contacting, such as number of meetings, languages, and
9 hours. So that's some of the components that we'll need
10 for the contracting.

11 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: And if I may, as it relates
12 to contracting, I knew that in the presentation that the
13 subcommittee gave, the date was starting August 1st. Do
14 we see that as a realistic date? And that's a question
15 around state contracting, right? Like what would it
16 actually take to have this started?

17 Because one of the things I'm just kind of toying
18 with is if we approve seventeen meetings, it's just
19 speaking hypotheticals here, would those seventeen
20 necessarily be for August or might a portion of them be
21 in August and a portion also be then later in October or
22 November? Because realistically, perhaps the contract
23 isn't finalized by August 1st, perhaps it's August 15th
24 or 31st. I feel like we keep having those kind of
25 snafus.

1 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Fernandez, then Sinay, and
2 Toledo.

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. I would recommend
4 that if there is a motion, it would be some -- and it's
5 not my motion -- it would be something to the effect of
6 as soon as practicable to implement it and then maybe
7 specify the types of meetings instead of putting numbers.
8 Does that make sense? Like seventeen meetings or -- that
9 would be my suggestion. I'm just trying to word it
10 somehow.

11 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Sinay?

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I was going to say the same
13 thing, that this is -- we're not making a budgetary
14 decision here, but we're making more of a policy decision
15 that we believe that interpretation is critical. Staff
16 can figure out that that other piece. But our role is
17 really to do the policy piece on this.

18 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Toledo?

19 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I'll pass.

20 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Sadhwani?

21 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: So I am happy to make a
22 motion. I haven't written anything down, so let's see
23 how it goes. And happy to take friendly amendments to
24 direct staff to develop a plan to implement language
25 interpretation services at our future community input

1 public meetings as soon as practicable. And that would
2 be for both Spanish and the additional languages.

3 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Sinay?

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I'm worried about the word plan
5 because then it has to come back here and we have to
6 prove it and that's going to push it even longer. So I
7 would recommend taking that out.

8 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Sure. So for the
9 Commission -- for the staff to take action, and implement
10 interpretation services.

11 CHAIR YEE: Director Kaplan?

12 MS. KAPLAN: I'm recommending that you provide more
13 clarity on the number of meetings, or at least arrange
14 something in order for us to integrate into the contract
15 or identification of additional languages.

16 CHAIR YEE: I'm also wondering about the draft maps
17 stage -- whether or not we could even push into that.
18 Commissioner Fernandez, then Sinay?

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, that's what I was
20 going to recommend. Maybe we just specify the type of
21 meetings. And the thing that's unclear will be you said
22 for Spanish. That's very clear. But then you said
23 additional languages. And I don't think your motion is
24 for addition -- for all of the languages, for every
25 meeting.

1 So I think that's what we like -- I'm trying to
2 think like for staff, the parameters they're going to
3 need have to be very specific, not the number of
4 meetings. I wouldn't go that far. I would do like the
5 type of meetings. Is it community of interest input
6 meetings, so that we know it's tangible? Do you want our
7 business meetings? I don't know.

8 I probably wouldn't recommend that or our committee
9 meetings. But then also the meetings like the line
10 drawing meetings, the after pre-draft maps, post-draft
11 maps, I mean there's different types of meetings. And
12 maybe we don't go that far, maybe we just get to like
13 this phase and then next month we come up with, okay,
14 what's the rest of it going to look like?

15 But it would be very helpful if we try to encompass
16 as much as we think we're going to need so that we can go
17 back to the budget and then figure out how we're going to
18 do it, which would be great.

19 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Sinay, Toledo, and then
20 Andersen.

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Commissioner Sadhwani, let me
22 know if I've kind of covered the conversation. To
23 provide interpretation in Spanish for all public input
24 meetings, meaning communities of interest and line
25 drawing as well as provide the -- as well as provide --

1 wait, as well as if feasible change the twenty-four hour
2 to change the request for an interpreted at twenty-four
3 hours from five days.

4 So just for it to be at twenty-four hours. And
5 those meetings that have been highlighted multiple
6 languages that we have the translators there for those
7 languages -- interpreters. Sorry. Interpreters for
8 those languages.

9 ATTNY PANE: So Commissioner Sinay, if I could just
10 make a quick recommendation --

11 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah.

12 ATTNY PANE: Perhaps what I'm hearing in that at
13 least proposed draft motion is one piece is I think more
14 of a policy choice, and another might frankly involve a
15 bit of a contractual piece if we need to go to a twenty-
16 four-hour period.

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Right.

18 ATTNY PANE: So I would recommend that we split
19 those just for clarity purposes. Thanks.

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I was wondering that piece.
21 Thank you.

22 CHAIR YEE: Commissioners Toledo, Andersen, Turner.

23 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I'm just wondering if perhaps
24 the committee might have -- recommend like amendments
25 that they might want to propose to the friendly

1 amendments so that it gets what you need out of the
2 motion. Because ultimately, you've done a great job of
3 putting the thought process together, and we want to make
4 sure that -- and you've heard from the Commission and I
5 think together I think we can come up with a motion that
6 we all can -- all support or as many of us could support.
7 So I'm just wondering what specifics you need
8 specifically for Fernandez and Akutagawa just to help us
9 move this forward.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: It's your turn,
11 Commissioner Akutagawa.

12 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Andersen?

13 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. I think I have it.
14 First of all, there's only thirteen meetings on the new
15 proposed virtual hybrid for August, two in Zone F, and
16 two in Zone K. And so what I would propose -- going with
17 the idea of we're doing it in a couple of phases, this is
18 for public input, the COI public input meetings that
19 those meetings in August have all in Spanish and the
20 appropriate zone languages in them, which is only
21 thirteen meetings.

22 Actually, it might be twelve because F is the 4th
23 and we might not have a locked up by that time. But then
24 F would still have one. So essentially all zones would
25 have one meeting with all the languages for their zones



1 as possible in those particular meetings. So that's my
2 proposal. That's why I propose to have the staff arrange
3 those as possible.

4 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Turner?

5 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Chair. I actually
6 like the proposal that Commissioner Andersen just lifted.
7 I think, and perhaps I should have left it in earlier,
8 but I was still having difficulty thinking through the
9 all-other languages, two meetings per language, and what
10 exactly that looks like and how we believed it would be
11 beneficial just because we named and paid for
12 interpreters to show up that people would show up in
13 those spaces.

14 So that's where my struggle is with this proposal.
15 Good. Of course, with the Spanish interpretation
16 seventeen meetings. We are California. All of that's
17 one. The other to me -- and even trying not to cost
18 justify it, it still seems to me that we have very little
19 evidence of people that would actually utilize those
20 services once we pay for them and put them in a certain
21 place.

22 So I do, of what's currently being discussed, can
23 support what Commissioner Andersen just lifted at least
24 in the zone areas. But to me that whole second part,
25 it's still -- it still feels very loose to me. It still

1 feels like we're going to feel better about it. I don't
2 necessarily know that it's going to do anything.

3 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Fernandez?

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Commissioner
5 Turner, for that comment as well. And also, Commissioner
6 Andersen, I understand you're looking at the August --
7 and I included the -- we include we included the four
8 additional dates, the TBD dates, because I honestly think
9 that we're going to need them. And that's why I don't
10 want us just to be bogged down by August in case we need
11 to move into September.

12 And again, I guess this conversation is going to be
13 for the public input meetings and we're not going beyond
14 that which is great. But I think at the back of my mind,
15 we might -- I might try to budget for that as well, just
16 thinking about it.

17 But I do like what you did with the August and just
18 go with those languages that have been identified for the
19 specific meetings. I think I could support that as well.
20 I would just like want to include the other four meetings
21 though is what I would prefer. Thank you.

22 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Sinay?

23 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I'd except that. I'd accept
24 that modification.

25 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I'm not sure that that's been



1 made a motion yet but I would still like us to think
2 about doing this as a policy versus as a contractual
3 language with numbers and such. And really to think
4 about it -- to provide interpretation in Spanish for
5 meetings focused on public input, meaning communities of
6 interest, and line drawings, I would like that the line
7 drawing in there now so that we don't have to go through
8 this again when we're really busy trying to figure out
9 that piece, plus the appropriate zone languages and that.

10 I mean, I don't want us to continue doing things
11 piecemeal. We keep doing things piecemeal. We take one
12 way. And we try to get quicker. And everything's late.
13 So we don't have time to do this anymore.

14 CHAIR YEE: Okay. I'm not positive we've actually
15 had a motion made. We've had some drafting out loud.
16 Commissioner Sadhwani, wasn't quite clear. Was that a
17 full motion or are we're still trying to draft language
18 around that?

19 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: For me, it was a motion.
20 And I'm happy to accept all of these friendly amendments.
21 I think these are great.

22 CHAIR YEE: Okay.

23 Commissioner Fernandez?

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I want to -- I appreciate
25 with what Commissioner Sinay said, and I completely agree

1 with her that for contracting purposes, budget purposes,
2 planning purposes, it would make sense if we're thinking
3 we're going to need it in the future, then let's do it
4 now. If we want to do a let's wait and see approach,
5 that's fine too.

6 So yeah, I'm just trying to think for staff, if it's
7 something that we feel we're going to also implement for
8 line drawing or excuse me, at a future post-maps -- post
9 draft maps, it would be helpful to do that now again for
10 the budget so we can start looking at the numbers and
11 figuring it out.

12 CHAIR YEE: Director Kaplan?

13 MS. KAPLAN: Yeah. And just to echo that, in order
14 for us to solicit and cost the contracts, we will need to
15 know which link, how many languages. You may not know
16 all of the meetings for those different series, but at
17 least the series of meetings and that -- for how long and
18 how long the meetings will be. So we're going to need
19 some of that detail in order to be able to move forward
20 on that.

21 CHAIR YEE: Chief Counsel Pane?

22 ATTNY PANE: Thank you, Chair. And further
23 clarification, I think will be needed as well on what we
24 mean by interpretation services. Are we talking about
25 interpretation of these meetings into Spanish, for

1 example, or are we providing mechanisms for the public to
2 communicate with the Commission during these meetings?

3 We just want to make sure we have clarification, sort of
4 which direction the interpretation services are supposed
5 to be going for these, and perhaps both. But we would
6 just want to have clarification. Thanks.

7 CHAIR YEE: Commissioners Fernandez, then Andersen.

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I believe, Commissioner
9 Vazquez, did you have your hand up? Commissioner
10 Vazquez? Oh, she's passing. Okay.

11 CHAIR YEE: Sorry.

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: It was a fly. And I
13 believe what Commissioner Sadhwani said, her motion was
14 for interpretive interpretation services for three
15 interpreters, one to provide interpretation for public
16 comment -- or for public input for those that want to
17 provide input. And then two for the simultaneous
18 interpretation. So correct me if I'm wrong, Commissioner
19 Sadhwani. And that's what we -- that's the information
20 we provided.

21 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Andersen?

22 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you. I want some real
23 clarification here because I agree with Commissioner
24 Turner. And even just to Mr. Fernandez, what you just
25 said, the two simultaneous, now what exactly -- what are

1 they doing? Yeah. Could you do elaborate on that? And
2 also then the languages. Does that mean we're actually
3 trying to have someone online for every single one of
4 these at the same time on like -- someone calls in or
5 would you give a bit more discussion? Thank you.

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Is that your background
7 music? Right. I'm sure there'll be a lesson coming up
8 soon.

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I think, Commissioner
10 Akutagawa, did you want to talk about the three? Because
11 we can't -- so two of them will be on the audio. And for
12 simultaneous interpretation, you need to have two
13 interpreters because they switch off. You can't --

14 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: It's like the ASL.

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. It's exhausting. If
16 you had to do 8 hours of continuous interpretation. So
17 they have it's a separate line, it's a teleconference
18 line and its audio only. However, they cannot provide
19 interpretation for anyone that calls in to our meeting.
20 So that's why we would need three. Does that does that
21 clear it up for you?

22 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. And is that for the
23 entire meeting or -- sorry for the jazz trumpet there?

24 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yes. Because for the person
25 who's doing the interpretation for the public comment,

1 they're on a separate line. And it was just going to get
2 too complicated to use the people who are doing the
3 interpretation of what all -- everything else is going on
4 to try to have them switch forward. So it just became
5 much more simpler and cleaner to just have the three
6 interpreters.

7 CHAIR YEE: I'm wondering if, Commissioner Sadhwani,
8 if you have an updated version of the motion.

9 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Well, my sense -- and this
10 is not responding to quite yet, Chair, but my sense is
11 that we approve at this point in time the Spanish
12 interpretation. And I think that this was a discussion
13 from the subcommittee that we maintain the five-day
14 request or perhaps we move the twenty-four-hour request,
15 if practicable, for the interpreters that if requested in
16 a language besides Spanish, as we have those days
17 identified, then we would trigger interpretation for
18 those other languages. Is that reasonable to folks?

19 Commissioner Kennedy -- I'm particularly curious,
20 Commissioner Kennedy, about your thoughts on this. It
21 would be treating the language as somewhat differently.
22 So I want to acknowledge that.

23 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Toledo, you had a --

24 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I just wanted to express my
25 support for Commissioner Sadhwani's thought process here.



1 CHAIR YEE: So if I heard correctly, then the
2 proposal would be to proactively provide Spanish
3 interpretation services and for all the eleven languages
4 provide them per our schedule on request, which is the
5 current practice, perhaps moving to a twenty-four-hour
6 notice, if that's possible.

7 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: That's correct.

8 CHAIR YEE: Okay.

9 Commissioner Fernandez?

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And just for clarification,
11 Commissioner Sadhwani, is that just for the community of
12 interest input meetings -- public input meetings?

13 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: At this point I would say
14 yes, community of interest input meetings in phase one
15 and phase two. Right. So that that includes August, but
16 also whenever we have draft maps and go back out there as
17 well.

18 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Toledo?

19 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I would just -- I think we
20 would want to prioritize the draft mapping process,
21 just -- one because of timing. And it will take some
22 time to get these contracts up and running and to get our
23 processes up. But two, that's probably what more
24 Californians will get involved in this process at least
25 that's what we're -- that's what folks are saying right

1 on the ground. And so perhaps folk prioritizing the
2 draft map process, phase two of our community of input
3 process, right. If we have to do it, we have to
4 prioritize.

5 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Kennedy?

6 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I think if we just went with
7 a generic public input meetings, we have precedent in
8 the -- in our legal framework that makes a distinction
9 between our other meetings and meetings held for the
10 purpose of public input. And that would include both
11 community of interest meetings as well as public input on
12 the draft maps. So if we do it as soon as possible or
13 practicable for public input meetings, then I think we
14 cover what we need to cover.

15 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Toledo?

16 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I like the simplicity of that
17 just because it's easier. It's easy to get lost in the
18 complexity of -- this can become very complex. And we
19 can quickly -- if we can keep it simple, I think it'll be
20 easier for our staff and also for the public to
21 understand as well.

22 CHAIR YEE: Okay. So Director Hernandez?

23 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes. I wanted to share my screen so
24 that we can see the motion as I have captured it, which
25 is probably very limited compared to the discussion that



1 we're having. So I wanted to share that so that we can
2 agree on the actual motion.

3 Commissioner Sadhwani, if you could take a look at
4 that motion to implement language interpretation services
5 in Spanish for future community of interest public
6 meetings -- it should be public input meetings -- and
7 provide other languages for specific zone meetings per
8 request.

9 CHAIR YEE: Let's see. I don't think we're
10 specifying communities of interest. We're just saying
11 public input meetings --

12 MR. HERNANDEZ: Okay.

13 CHAIR YEE: -- which would include community of
14 interest as well as line drawing meetings.

15 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I think this works. As soon
16 as practicable might be added simply to the end. And I
17 think the other piece that I would leave for staff to
18 figure out is providing other language per request and
19 just figuring out if it's feasible to have those requests
20 coming in later than five days.

21 MR. HERNANDEZ: Right.

22 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I think one of the things I
23 heard in Marcy's report back was that there are people
24 signing up within the last two days prior to a meeting in
25 English. And I feel like if we get that from folks in

1 other -- for other languages, we should do our best to
2 honor that. Of course, I don't know what the specifics
3 would be for the interpreter services.

4 CHAIR YEE: Let's see. I think it would be
5 languages, plural. Yeah.

6 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: I think, I -- actually, I
7 think it should be provide interpretation in other
8 languages for the specific zone meetings per request as
9 soon as practicable.

10 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: And shouldn't it be the
11 languages that we've approved? Because otherwise it's
12 just any language.

13 CHAIR YEE: Other approved languages?

14 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Well, technically, we did say
15 that we would try our best to accommodate other languages
16 outside of the twelve if requested. That was part of the
17 previous policy.

18 CHAIR YEE: When we get to the drawing phase, will
19 that be done by zone?

20 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay.

21 CHAIR YEE: By zone meetings?

22 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: There's line drawing and
23 then there's public input about draft maps. So line
24 drawing are actually like business needs.

25 CHAIR YEE: Right.



1 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: So --

2 CHAIR YEE: So the public input about draft maps
3 meetings, will those be by zone, I don't --

4 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Probably.

5 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Probably. Potentially.

6 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Okay. How does this motion look
7 now?

8 Commissioner Fernandez?

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Anthony -- oh, am I --
10 okay. Anthony, can you let me know, do we need to
11 specify what we mean by interpreters -- interpretation
12 services that we're talking about to on the audio and
13 then one for the meeting?

14 ATTN Y PANE: So I think that would be -- that would
15 be helpful. More clarity, as always, preferable. I just
16 didn't want -- I was thinking more of the implementation
17 piece. I didn't want the Commission to think they were
18 voting on a particular application of interpretation and
19 staff thinking it meant something else.

20 So I think the language in the motion is fine. We
21 could certainly provide further detail if the commission
22 wanted, but I just wanted to make sure everyone was on
23 the same page when it comes time to applying the motion.

24 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Can I also just -- I think to
25 the question that was just raised, though, about what is

1 other languages and whether or not we should specify IT'S
2 the -- that it's the either the twelve or even the
3 languages that we're using in the communities of interest
4 mapping tool that the statewide database has created,
5 which does include, I believe, two additional languages.

6 So should we also be much more specific in that area
7 as well, too? And Anthony, I think I'm going to throw
8 this to you.

9 ATTNY PANE: So I guess what -- maybe, Commissioner
10 Akutagawa, to your point, I think when we say in other
11 languages, if the previous policy was any language, then
12 I don't know that we need to delineate. But if we are
13 referring to certain languages, which I believe we had --
14 didn't we have a contract previously regarding specific
15 languages that were approved? Or were we limited in that
16 one?

17 MR. HERNANDEZ: Contracts were for those specific
18 languages. But again, if we were to need any additional
19 language, we would ask and see if we could accommodate --

20 ATTNY PANE: Okay.

21 MR. HERNANDEZ: -- that particular language.

22 ATTNY PANE: So there's nothing new then in that
23 respect then. So I think maybe it would be good to have
24 clarification if the Commission has a sense of what we
25 mean by other languages. If it's any and all and we'll

1 do our best, then I don't know that we need to list all
2 of the languages. If we're talking about certain ones,
3 then I think it would be preferable to list which ones
4 we're thinking about.

5 CHAIR YEE: Okay. To the first question about
6 interpretation services, perhaps we could say motion to
7 implement two-way interpretation services in Spanish. I
8 don't think we actually need the word language there
9 because that's -- okay. To provide two-way
10 interpretation services in -- okay. So are we saying any
11 other languages?

12 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I would be comfortable
13 limiting it to those that are approved. That being said,
14 I do recall we had had collars. This is some -- quite
15 some time ago. We didn't have interpretation services.
16 They would not be covered by our current plan
17 necessarily. I could go either way on this in all
18 honesty. I would look to my colleagues to also weigh in
19 on this question.

20 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Turner?

21 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. On the language, I was
22 going to have motion to implement interpretation
23 services. Like you said, remove the language that's
24 there. And then also I am comfortable with the languages
25 that we've already approved. And that's, I think the

1 subcommittee, and what they costed out, et cetera with
2 those languages. And it does not take away from what
3 we've said about other languages, but I think we should
4 focus on the languages that we've preapproved for this
5 motion.

6 CHAIR YEE: Okay.

7 Commissioner Fernandez?

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And that and that's a great
9 point, Commissioner Turner. We already have a policy
10 that says that if it's in any other language and if they
11 give us five days, we'll try to do what -- we will try to
12 find someone. So we already have that. It's not going
13 to over override it or -- so we still have that option as
14 well.

15 CHAIR YEE: So in a sense, the second half of the
16 motion here is it adding anything to what we already have
17 in place then? Because we already are committed to
18 providing such interpretation services per request,
19 right --

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right. Yes.

21 CHAIR YEE: -- Commissioner Fernandez?

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: But this is making it.
23 This is also providing the two-way interpretation for
24 those approved languages.

25 CHAIR YEE: Okay. So we should say that to then.

1 COMMISSIOENR FERNANDEZ: It says it in there. It
2 says a two-way interpretation.

3 CHAIR YEE: Oh, covering both. Okay.

4 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Chair Yee?

5 CHAIR YEE: Yes, Commissioner Akutagawa. Yes.

6 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: I'm sorry. So I just -- I
7 guess I just want to just state this. So what we're
8 saying is we will provide the two-way interpretation,
9 both in terms of output for people listening and then
10 input for people giving public comment in Spanish as well
11 as the eleven other, so total twelve languages in which
12 we will provide input and output -- so two-way
13 interpretation for any other languages we will provide,
14 as per our policy, we will provide public --
15 interpretation for public comment in other languages, but
16 not the listening or the output two-way interpretation.
17 So I just -- I think just for clarity, I just want to
18 state that that's what I think we're saying here.

19 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Right.

20 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: So we're still aligned with
21 our previous policy.

22 CHAIR YEE: Right. In that case, I don't think we
23 are adding to our previous policy then. Because we've
24 always been committed to interpreting input in any
25 language?

1 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yes. So our previous policy
2 still stands. But what we're saying is that for the two-
3 way interpretation, we are being specific as to when
4 we'll do it in terms of Spanish and then what we will do
5 for the other eleven languages that are part of our -- I
6 guess our -- I don't know if approved is the right word,
7 but the eleven -- the eleven other languages besides
8 Spanish that will be providing two-week interpretations.

9 CHAIR YEE: So if even one person requests to
10 interpretation in Korean, let's say, then that would
11 trigger that whole meeting being interpreted two-way in
12 Korean.

13 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yes, because that is one of
14 our approved languages. But for example, we had somebody
15 who had requested interpretation in Oromo and Somali
16 previously at one of our meetings in February, what we
17 would do is we would do our best to look for an
18 interpreter, to provide interpretation for that person to
19 give public comment. But we will not be providing two-
20 way interpretation. So there would not be a separate
21 line for them to hear the proceedings in their language.

22 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Then I think I'm hearing two
23 different versions of this.

24 Commissioner Andersen?

25 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes. Then I agree we need



1 to modify because this is -- now we need to add another
2 line to add that, basically motion to implement
3 interpretation services are in Spanish, dah, dah, dah,
4 dah, to approve languages, dah, dah, dah, dah, and two-
5 way interpretation in the -- in other languages for
6 public input in the specific zone meetings per requester
7 as soon as practicable, right?

8 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: No.

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Wait, wait.

10 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Because it's not just for
11 public input. The other eleven languages --

12 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: No, the other languages --
13 yeah, the other languages are all approved.

14 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: In addition to those other
16 languages.

17 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: An additional language would
19 only be interpreted for public input.

20 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah.

22 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Public comment.

23 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. Or public comment.

24 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yeah.

25 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: So if we added after -- and

1 provide to interpretation in the approved languages and
2 for other languages only for public comment only for the
3 specific -- no, no -- those that -- go ahead and type it
4 out and then put it before and for other languages.

5 CHAIR YEE: But we're already committed to that.

6 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, it's our policy.

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: So you don't have to add
8 that. But that's already our policy. We don't have to
9 add that piece. It's already on our prior policy that we
10 approved. You don't have to add that language.

11 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: That's right.

12 CHAIR YEE: Okay. All right. Okay.

13 Commissioner Sadhwani?

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, if I may. The way I
15 see this is that we have approved key languages or zones
16 where we have identified that there's a large proportion
17 of people that speak those languages. So essentially
18 what this motion is saying is that we're not necessarily
19 going to do it in those languages, but as soon as we
20 receive a request for that language, it ultimately serves
21 as a trigger in which we then provide that two-way
22 interpretation.

23 So people can listen in in Korean or in Tagalog or
24 whatever other language that it might be. So the second
25 half of this motion is ultimately like a trigger to

1 provide that two-way interpretation so anyone could call
2 in and listen in in that. What I like about that is it's
3 generous. And it creates a space where only one person
4 is needed to trigger that. And it's kind of keeping
5 within that that spirit that we acknowledge that there's
6 a large number of people within those zones that speak
7 those languages. And so once we trigger it, then it
8 would be available to anyone.

9 CHAIR YEE: Okay. So the motion --

10 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Commissioner Turner has a
11 comment.

12 CHAIR YEE: I'm sorry. Commissioner Turner?

13 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. I appreciate that
14 clarification because that is not how I read it. And I'm
15 not necessarily against that interpretation. It's just
16 that part of the discussion earlier that I had hoped for
17 when we invest and ensure that we're making the process
18 available to all Californians, I hoped we would also
19 advertise that as such, that this is what's going to
20 happen.

21 And I think if we wait for one person and if that
22 one person doesn't call in and we don't provide it, I
23 think it's a lost opportunity. The areas that we've
24 named for the large populations -- I think we know from
25 the stats that was given earlier that people will call

1 even if they don't have an appointment.

2 So I think if we're advertising that for this
3 particular day, we're going to be providing or have
4 interpretation services available, the zone meetings, et
5 cetera, if we're talking about that. I'm hopeful people
6 will call in and make the appointments in that language
7 and still holding out that people will call in for those
8 languages even if they have not called in because we have
9 evidence of that. That's what has occurred on a regular
10 basis with people calling in to testify.

11 So I just wanted to name that as well. And again,
12 can go either way, but I'm hopeful that we're advertising
13 those languages and the interpretation services in those
14 different languages for the particular zones that we'll
15 be in.

16 CHAIR YEE: Okay. So that would bring into question
17 the per request language. I'm also thinking the approved
18 languages for the specific zone meetings, is that
19 adequate to specify that we're talking about the zone
20 meetings, the languages that we've set out?

21 So if somebody wanted Korean in a zone where we had
22 not identified Korean as a large population, we would not
23 contemplate providing two-way interpretation for that
24 meeting. It's only the meetings where we've pre-
25 identified a large enough population to advertise and

1 probably provide that; is that correct?

2 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Could you say that one more
3 time, Commissioner Yee?

4 CHAIR YEE: So we have the public input plan and the
5 various zones have various languages associated with
6 them. We're saying we would provide two-way
7 interpretation with or without per request. We're
8 discussing that for those.

9 So let's say there's a zone in which we had not
10 identified a certain language and yet somebody requests
11 to interpretation for that language at that meeting.
12 We're not saying we're providing two-way interpretation
13 for any meeting in any language, any approved language,
14 only the ones we have actually pre-identified. So I'm
15 wondering if the language in the motion adequately
16 specifies that.

17 ATTNY PANE: Chair, I think that -- I think you
18 raise a good point as far as the clarification for that,
19 because if we -- if they are the predesignated ones, then
20 I think we need to make sure that that's going to be
21 reflected in this motion. It's not any language that's
22 going to trigger it. It's specifically designated ones
23 within that.

24 CHAIR YEE: So perhaps in the approved languages for
25 this specific -- I was going to say identified zone

1 meetings for the specific identified zone meetings.

2 Yeah. Either way, I guess they would. Would that be
3 sufficient?

4 Commissioner Sadhwani? I'm sorry.

5 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, no, I think that that
6 makes sense. And that is also my understanding that
7 we're only talking about those -- providing two-way
8 interpretation for those languages we have already
9 approved for our zone meetings.

10 I wanted to just go back to Commissioner Turner's
11 comment and maybe just ask for a little bit more
12 clarification, because I think what I thought I had heard
13 you say earlier was that there wasn't evidence that
14 having interpretation available in other languages beyond
15 Spanish that there wasn't evidence that there was a need
16 for that, which was when I had originally heard that,
17 that's when I made that shift to if requested.

18 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Um-hum.

19 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: But now I feel like I'm
20 hearing, well, no, no, no, we need to have them. And I'm
21 actually fine with whatever the full Commission wanted to
22 do. So I think for me, it's just about clarity of what
23 is the preference. Like, do we want to just say, hey, we
24 said we would do this zone meeting in Mandarin, so
25 therefore it's going to be available, or the alternative

1 was it's available once someone requests it.

2 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yep. Let me let me clarify.
3 Thank you for that. The evidence was when we were
4 talking, I believe it was during the time we were having
5 the conversation about all twelve languages and we had
6 not yet talked about zone specific languages.

7 And so therefore I was saying evidence -- it's not
8 evident even that we're going to need all twelve
9 languages, et cetera. And I was not clear how that was
10 going to be applied. That was that part of the
11 conversation.

12 What I'm saying now about where we do have evidence
13 is, is that people will call in and give their public
14 input, even though they've not made an appointment. And
15 so I'm saying that when we're making an advertising
16 language specific in the zones, when we're doing that
17 advertisement, people very well could call in -- could
18 have it -- appointments.

19 And then because we've advertised, people can very
20 well call in even though they did not have an appointment
21 for that language. So evidence, evidence, but two kind
22 of different points about evidence.

23 CHAIR YEE: Commissioners Fernandez, Akutagawa,
24 Andersen?

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I was just looking at the

1 language that was modified. And it still says per
2 request as soon as practicable. So I'm getting -- now
3 I'm getting confused. Are we. We're going to Spanish
4 for sure. That one's very plain. Spanish for sure.

5 And then are we trying to say we're also going to
6 include like what Commissioner Turner would like those
7 languages that we've identified for specific reason --
8 meetings and then also upon request. So I mean, right
9 now it's not as clear to me.

10 CHAIR YEE: Yeah. We're still debating that point.

11 Commissioner Akutagawa and Andersen?

12 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I'll pass. I think a
13 lot of what I wanted to bring up has been brought up now.

14 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Andersen?

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: This comes down to my
16 comment of -- we only have these many public input
17 meetings left. That's not considered -- these are the
18 COI input meetings. So it would actually be -- and
19 considering we added the four others that aren't just the
20 thirteen for the month of August, September, the COI
21 input meetings, a bunch of the ones that we've already
22 set for languages have already passed.

23 So we would actually have to move all of those and
24 there would be essentially one meeting for each zone in
25 all the languages of that zone. So we would be doing --

1 until we move into for the maps. But for the COI input,
2 we basically be -- and we have to have heavy advertising,
3 so it would actually be like I don't know how many, I
4 don't know the specifics of how many languages in
5 different zones, but I know and one of them is at least
6 four or five.

7 So we'd have Spanish and four or five others. If we
8 add -- we take out a request, that's what we're talking
9 about for that set of public input, a set of public input
10 meetings, because we've all by the time we get the
11 contracts around, even if we say we can do it by August
12 1st, we've missed a ton of the meetings that already are
13 advertised in languages.

14 So I want everyone to know -- consider that. And is
15 that just the staff putting that on? That's how it would
16 have to work.

17 CHAIR YEE: Yeah. I mean for staff it would be a
18 trade-off between pre-arranging interpretation for --it's
19 going to happen ninety percent for sure and making
20 arrangements that have to get triggered with a little bit
21 of a flurry of activity right before the meeting. So --

22 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Oh, I'm sorry. One other
23 thing. Those are also hybrid possibly in-person meetings
24 in August.

25 CHAIR YEE: Yeah. Okay. We've not actually had a

1 second to the motion.

2 Okay. Commissioner Fernandez?

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: No. I'm just going to
4 respond to Commissioner Andersen.

5 The interpretation would also be done virtual just
6 so that you don't have to be there to -- obviously you
7 don't have to be there to listen to it, but if there's an
8 interpretation being made, they will be on the virtual
9 square, not actually in-person. Since we're doing
10 hybrid, you don't have to be on site.

11 CHAIR YEE: So you could have a person -- the
12 translator would be virtual even if the person is in-
13 person? Yeah, okay.

14 MR. HERNANDEZ: Chair --

15 CHAIR YEE: Go ahead, Director Hernandez.

16 MR. HERNANDEZ: If I could just interject here.
17 When we talk about virtual, this is not to have a virtual
18 interpreter. In other words, they're not going to be on
19 Zoom. Okay? Let me just clarify that. It's for them to
20 be on a conference call and sharing the information
21 through the conference call, not to be in the virtual
22 world in a Zoom room or anything like that. So I just
23 want to make sure we clarified that so there wasn't any
24 confusion when we use the term virtual.

25 CHAIR YEE: Very good.



1 Commissioner Fernandes?

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Well, what I was referring
3 to is if a caller needs interpretation, that
4 interpretation will be provided via virtual and they will
5 be in the Zoom meeting with us. The one interpreter
6 would be with us. But the two will not that are doing
7 the simultaneous. The one will be with us.

8 MR. HERNANDEZ: Correct.

9 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Seeking a second to the motion.
10 Commissioner Sinay?

11 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I'll second.

12 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Further discussion in a minute
13 we'll open up to public comment.

14 We have the motion up again, please, Director
15 Hernandez?

16 Okay. The motion is to implement interpretation
17 services -- two-way interpretation in Spanish for future
18 public input meetings and provide two-way interpretation
19 in the approved identified languages for the specific
20 zone meetings per request as soon as practicable.

21 Katy, if we could go ahead and take public comment
22 on the motion on the floor.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair.

24 The Commission will now take public comment on the
25 motion for interpretation. To give comment, please call



1 877-853-5247 and enter the meeting ID number 98322642969
2 for this meeting. Once you've dialed in, please press
3 star 9 to raise your hand and to enter the comment queue.
4 The full call-in instructions are read at the beginning
5 of the meeting and are provided on the live stream
6 landing page. And we do have a caller. And I would like
7 to remind those calling in to please press star 9 to
8 raise your hand, indicating your wish to comment.

9 The caller with the last four 1940, please press
10 star 9 if you wish to comment.

11 At this time, Chair, we do not have any raised
12 hands.

13 CHAIR YEE: Okay.

14 Commissioner Fernandez?

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'm just wondering. I want
16 to address this to Commissioner Turner. Is the motion
17 addressing what your concern was? Because right now, the
18 motion saying you have to let us know ahead of time, even
19 though we've identified potentially Vietnamese for that
20 meeting we still have --

21 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Right. No.

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. This is not
23 addressing your concern, correct?

24 COMMISSIONER TURNER: No, it does not.

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. That's what I



1 thought when I was reading the language again. It didn't
2 seem to address it. Thank you.

3 CHAIR YEE: The motion as it stands. Yes.
4 Currently, the eleven languages have to be triggered by a
5 request.

6 Commissioner Kennedy?

7 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Following up on Commissioner
8 Andersen's comments, are we going to direct staff to
9 shift languages to later in the schedule on the schedule
10 so that we're not missing things? When I look at, for
11 example, I think I was looking at Zone K, so it might not
12 be -- but there's a meeting on -- well on the previous
13 schedule that I have scheduled for August 9th, Zone K
14 languages listed are Tagalog in Arabic.

15 And the subsequent Zone K meeting on September 2nd
16 has no languages listed. So are we going to direct staff
17 to shift those languages to later in the schedule to make
18 sure that we are covering them with this new policy?

19 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Fernandez?

20 And let's take our public comment.

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you, Chair.
22 I'm kind of leaning towards Commissioner Kennedy, but
23 then I'm also leaning towards Commissioner Turner. Then
24 I'm leaning somewhere else where if it's going to be --
25 if they have -- if something has to be triggered to

1 provide interpretation in something other than Spanish,
2 then I say we just remove the languages from the schedule
3 so that there is not this confusion for the public that
4 there's going to be interpretation for those languages.
5 That would be my recommendation. If we move forward with
6 this motion. Thank you.

7 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Let's go to public comment and
8 then to other Commissioners.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, chair.
10 Caller 9290, please follow the prompts to unmute.
11 Go ahead. The floor is yours.

12 MS. ORR: Hi. Thank you so much. My name is Adria
13 Orr. I'm calling in from Asian-Americans Advancing
14 Justice Asian Law Caucus. I want to thank the Commission
15 for again, the consistent and thoughtful work that you're
16 doing on language access for your redistricting process.

17 And I just wanted to uplift a concern regarding the
18 sort of live -- potential live drawing sessions that
19 you'll be doing. I think earlier there was a comment
20 made, kind of distinguishing those from the public input
21 meetings where folks would be commenting on the draft
22 maps. And I just wanted to uplift that any sort of live
23 drawing or live mapping sessions that you do. Even if
24 you're classifying them as business meetings, it would
25 still be really important for community members to be

1 able to understand and engage with those. So I would
2 hope that you would consider also offering Interpretation
3 services for those meetings as well. So I just wanted to
4 uplift that. And again, thanks for all of your hard work
5 on this issue. Thank you.

6 CHAIR YEE: Thank you.

7 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Could we ask -- oh, she's
8 gone. I was going to ask a question of the caller.

9 CHAIR YEE: Let's see, I have Commissioner Turner,
10 then Akutagawa.

11 COMMISSIONER TURNER: That's funny. I was going to
12 say I didn't have my hand up, I did indeed. Yes. I like
13 the idea of totally scrapping the second part and
14 allowing current policy to prevail.

15 CHAIR YEE: Scrapping the second part of the motion?

16 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

17 CHAIR YEE: Okay.

18 Commissioner Akutagawa?

19 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. So I guess just for
20 clarity then, what we're saying is that Spanish would be
21 automatic for all of the remaining meetings as soon as we
22 can implement it. And then for the remaining zones, any
23 of the twelve languages can be requested with the five-
24 days' advance notice. I think that's what you're
25 agreeing to, Commissioner Turner. And then I have a

1 different comment.

2 COMMISSIONER TURNER: That is what I'm agreeing to.
3 And there was also a discussion on the floor about if
4 indeed that can be up to the twenty-four-hours or as soon
5 as possible or what have you. Yes.

6 CHAIR YEE: Let's see, current policy -- does
7 current policy provide for two-way translation --
8 interpretation?

9 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: No.

10 CHAIR YEE: Just meetings.

11 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: No.

12 CHAIR YEE: Or just for input?

13 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Just for making public
14 comment.

15 CHAIR YEE: Yeah. Yeah.

16 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: That's for any meeting.

17 Commissioner Turner, I will say I believe our
18 contract currently states that they need at least three-
19 days' advance notice, but I think that that's something
20 that we could have or direct the staff to look into to
21 talk with the contractor to see if something with a
22 shorter timeline can be accommodated.

23 Also, what I my original comment was actually based
24 on the public comment that was just made. I think for
25 clarification, she was referring to the, I believe, what

1 is the line drawing meetings. But my understanding is
2 that and maybe I'm wrong, but my understanding is that
3 the use of public input meetings was so that it would be
4 inclusive of even those meetings. Am I understanding
5 that incorrectly? And if not, then do we need to make
6 that clarification that that should also be included as
7 well too?

8 CHAIR YEE: I did not take it to include those
9 meetings, no. I don't know if others did.

10 Commissioner Turner, then I think Commissioner
11 Sadhwani.

12 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I was going to say and then
13 once this motion, however it plays out, if need be, there
14 could be a second motion where we could entertain two-way
15 translation in zone-specific languages as needed.

16 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Sadhwani?

17 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: So I just want to understand
18 the direction that we're heading. So for this motion,
19 approving Spanish interpretation two-way interpretation
20 in communities in public input sessions. I did not
21 understand those two to include line drawing sessions.

22 In part, I think we can move forward now with the
23 input sessions. As much as I would love to just move
24 forth and say let's definitely do line drawing, I think
25 it does provide us a little bit of flexibility moving

1 forward. If we're seeing a big rise in callers in
2 Spanish, then we can always move forward and do it.

3 We'll have the interpreter services on board
4 already. If we're not seeing that demand, then then
5 perhaps it's not something that we engage in. So I think
6 keeping it somewhat narrowly defined to public input at
7 this stage still makes sense to me.

8 CHAIR YEE: Okay. So we've had some suggestion of
9 amending the motion further, but as it is, it still
10 stands as originally stated.

11 Commissioner Akutagawa?

12 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: So I did get some additional
13 information in terms of the contractor. The contract
14 does state that they need at least five-day -- four to
15 five business days. However, they will try to
16 accommodate within two days.

17 So what we can propose is to minimally -- we'll do
18 our best to with within two days of notice so forty-eight
19 hours. Anything that is within twenty-four hours is --
20 we're told, is not going to be possible by the two
21 business days. Sorry. Two business days not forty-eight
22 hours. Two business days is going to be the minimum that
23 can be accommodated. I was told that twenty-four hours
24 is not feasible.

25 CHAIR YEE: Okay.

1 Commissioner Sadhwani?

2 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: With the current contract.

3 Sorry, let me let me clarify that. With the current
4 contract. If we wanted twenty-four hours, that would
5 mean a redo the contract, which would then mean pushing
6 it out even further.

7 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Sadhwani?

8 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Okay. So given all of this,
9 I'm comfortable amending the motion to -- and limiting it
10 to just that first half of including Spanish language --
11 two-way Spanish language interpretation in our public
12 input meetings. We can continue to think about and
13 handle the other languages as we move forward. Our
14 current policy will still stand and that would only be
15 for public comment.

16 I'm comfortable with that at this time. I think it
17 was also telling that the premier Asian-American
18 organization called in and didn't -- wasn't asking
19 actually for additional Asian language interpretation,
20 but only that the motion be extended to our line drawing
21 sessions.

22 So I would feel comfortable moving forward with that
23 at this time. And certainly we can also take a second
24 motion or continue to think about those other approved
25 languages for the future.

1 CHAIR YEE: Okay.

2 Director Hernandez, could we see the motion again?

3 MR. HERNANDEZ: One second, Chair.

4 CHAIR YEE: And look at the second half that we're
5 now considering striking. Okay. So the portion that is
6 highlighted in gray, Commissioner Sadhwani is proposing
7 striking.

8 Commissioner Sinay, with your second are you okay
9 with that?

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I'm okay with striking that,
11 but I'm not okay with the other half that she had said
12 about the motion to implement interpretation two-way
13 services just being about the COI public input versus all
14 public input meetings. So if we're going to make it just
15 for COI, then we need a new second.

16 CHAIR YEE: No, I think it was all public input.
17 And then the question is whether to also include further
18 the line drawing sessions, which --

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. When we're saying all
20 public input, that means line drawing, public input as
21 well, not just the communities of interest ones.

22 CHAIR YEE: Well, there's two different kinds of
23 line drawing meetings.

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Right.

25 CHAIR YEE: And a business meeting.



1 COMMISSIONER SINAY: At minimum, we're doing a line
2 drawing where we're getting public input.

3 CHAIR YEE: Okay. There's two different kinds of
4 public input meetings -- line drawing meetings. One is
5 more of a business meeting --

6 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Right.

7 CHAIR YEE: -- where we draw lines. The second is
8 when we purposely go out zone by zone probably to get
9 input about specific lines --

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Right.

11 CHAIR YEE: -- that we've drafted. So we're
12 thinking of the latter, not the former.

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes. Okay.

14 CHAIR YEE: Okay. I lost track of some hands I saw.
15 Commissioner Akutagawa?

16 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I just wanted to make
17 sure -- I guess clarification, because I thought I heard
18 differently. What we did discuss and I believe we agreed
19 to is that two-way interpretation for Spanish that would
20 be automatic for all the remaining meetings that we can
21 implement the interpretation.

22 And then for the other eleven languages, we would
23 provide two-way interpretation, not just interpretation
24 for public comment. So even if we got rid of this, I
25 think we still need to retain the part that said that we

1 would provide two-way interpretation for the approved
2 languages and it would still be upon request.

3 So in some ways I think it does need to remain, even
4 though we will not designate the zones, because to make
5 it easy, people would still have to be -- to make that
6 request. And whether it's, I guess now two days versus
7 five days. But I thought I heard Commissioner Sadhwani
8 say public comment only. But I don't think that that's
9 what we're agreeing to unless I misheard.

10 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Sadhwani?

11 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. Just to respond.
12 That was what I was hearing was that there's -- if we
13 strike this second half, which had been suggested, then
14 we're back to our current policy, which is public comment
15 only. If we want to move forward a second motion and
16 think about all of these other languages, I think we can
17 do that. We can do it still now if we want -- if we want
18 to maintain this.

19 I think the difference ultimately ends up being
20 quite a lot more. If we're talking about any language
21 outside of the zone, then, Panjabi, which I think was
22 only in perhaps one zone, could be requested at -- in all
23 of the zones. Right. And then then we're incurring a
24 greater cost, for example. So I do think that that is
25 challenging and it's not clear to me exactly which

1 direction everyone wants to move forward in.

2 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Turner, and Akutagawa?

3 COMMISSIONER TURNER: So I'm for striking the second
4 and going with the second motion or having it read the
5 motion to implement interpretation services, two-way
6 interpretation in Spanish for future public input
7 meetings and provide two-way interpretation in the
8 approved identified languages for the specific zone
9 meetings period.

10 CHAIR YEE: So that would mean proactively providing
11 those services, and not waiting for any requests.

12 COMMISSIONER TURNER: In the zone areas. Yes.

13 CHAIR YEE: Yeah. It doesn't mean staying with our
14 scheduled languages as assigned to various zones.

15 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

16 CHAIR YEE: Okay.

17 Commissioner Akutagawa and Toledo?

18 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yes. So I would agree with
19 that. I think now that what -- based on what
20 Commissioner Sadhwani said. I mean, I think that that
21 was one of the early concerns is that the all the what
22 ifs like are we just going to get one here, one here, one
23 here, versus if we just say, okay, we will provide
24 automatically the interpretation -- the two-way
25 interpretation for this meeting, even though it is for

1 zone, we have been clear in saying to everybody, anyone
2 from anywhere in California can call into any meeting if
3 it's a convenient day and time for them.

4 And in this case, we'll just also add that because a
5 certain language that they are most comfortable giving
6 input in or even just listening in in, would then enable
7 them to hear what folks are saying. Then that would make
8 it a little bit more easier in terms of people being able
9 to make plans and for us to be able to be more clear
10 about when we will provide those language interpretation
11 services.

12 I think I would be more comfortable with this route
13 than just saying, okay, anytime, anywhere. I mean, if
14 we're concerned about budget, that could really become --
15 on the one hand, we want to be accommodating. On the
16 other hand, it's -- it does seem like maybe this is going
17 to be the best way where it's clear to everybody when
18 we're going to be providing it.

19 CHAIR YEE: Okay. So this would be to strike the
20 per request?

21 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Per request.

22 CHAIR YEE: Okay.

23 Commissioner Sadhwani, you okay with that?

24 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: My sense is we should do the
25 second half as a second motion.

1 CHAIR YEE: Okay.

2 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: It's not entirely clear to
3 me. Like, I understand. I kind of feel like we're
4 talking in circles a little bit that -- on the one hand,
5 we want to be accommodating, we want to provide this to
6 folks. But at the other -- on the other hand, we want to
7 be budget conscious. We're also not sure if this is
8 actually going to have any impact on improving folks
9 coming out.

10 And I think that the Spanish piece is fairly
11 straightforward. I'm fine leaving it if we feel like we
12 have the support of the Commission. I'm just not sure if
13 we're all there yet. I don't know. There's a lot of
14 folks that haven't spoken yet.

15 I think it's also possible just to move forward with
16 the Spanish today and then finalize what exactly it is
17 that we want possibly get more public input on the second
18 half before we move forward with it. From a budget
19 budgetary perspective, it is a lot of a lot of funding.
20 So my sense is still to strike the second half and work
21 on it separately for next week.

22 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Well, it's your motion. You can
23 withdraw the original motion, and repropose it as a --
24 just the first half.

25 MR. HERNANDEZ: Chair, I think just for

1 clarification, it would be helpful to sort of reclarify
2 again what Commissioner Sadhwani's motion is, and if it
3 is still seconded by Commissioner Sinay.

4 CHAIR YEE: Okay. The motion as it's appearing on
5 the screen right now is the motion that's on the floor
6 made and seconded. Commissioner Sadhwani is now
7 contemplating striking the second half. So that could
8 either be an amended motion or a replacement motion. The
9 commissioner said, Why did you wish to do that?

10 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Commissioner Sinay, do you
11 second, regardless of whether or not I strike that second
12 half.

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Got it. I would say let's
15 strike the second half. We'll think about that for the
16 future for our next meeting.

17 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Very good.

18 Okay. Further discussion, Commissioner Toledo and
19 then Fernandez, and then Akutagawa.

20 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: From a budget forecasting
21 perspective, it would be good to be clear about what we
22 mean by -- and I think Commissioner Sadhwani is -- has
23 given some clarity on public input meetings and what that
24 means. But if we -- it would be easier to reduce that,
25 then. I'm just wondering about the business line drawing

1 meetings and should we plan to have those translated at
2 this point or at least project it, because otherwise it'd
3 be harder to add it on in the future, potentially from a
4 budget perspective. Right.

5 So you can budget -- and maybe it's not something we
6 do with this motion, but rather that we just -- that's
7 something the committee can do in terms of budget because
8 there are -- I think the Commission is in favor of
9 translating if it makes sense. Right. If the demand is
10 there and if it fulfills -- there is a mandate,
11 especially if there's a VRA mandate, we would want to do
12 that.

13 So we would want to make sure that the budget is
14 there to submit that requirement. And so that I mean, so
15 that's just I think we just need to make sure that we're
16 forecasting the appropriate budget, even if it -- if the
17 motion here is limited to not all of our meetings, just
18 the public input meetings.

19 CHAIR YEE: So that we contemplate potentially
20 amending for future public input and line drawing
21 meetings.

22 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: That's right. So that we
23 could contemplate having more of our -- well, all of our
24 meetings translated right at that point, especially if
25 there is a requirement to do so. So in worst case -- I

1 don't know if it's worse case scenario, but if there is a
2 mandate to do so we would want to make sure that we have
3 a budget to be able to meet the requirement. There's
4 certainly, I think, a will to do that. But if we had a
5 compliance requirement, then that doesn't make it a
6 little bit different because that becomes a mandate of
7 even more of a bigger thing I guess.

8 CHAIR YEE: Sure.

9 Commissioners Fernandez, then Akutagawa?

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I kind of forgot what my
11 comment was, but I'm kind of remembering right now. It's
12 the story of my life. I do like the motion as it's
13 written now. So thank you, Commissioner Sadhwani.

14 I believe when Commissioner Akutagawa and maybe
15 Commissioner Ahmad, when we came forward and we decided
16 how many meetings we were going to have in Spanish, it
17 was all based on the LEP population. I just want you
18 to -- the magnitude of Spanish is 4.4 million in
19 California. And then the next language is Chinese and
20 it's 633,000.

21 So there's just a significant gap in terms of the
22 language. So I appreciate what everyone's saying. And I
23 do support this motion. And I will probably support
24 another motion if we want to address the other languages,
25 but I just wanted everyone to be aware of the numbers.

1 And for Punjabi it's 80,000 Californians. And so just
2 those numbers. That's kind of like the range. But thank
3 you. I appreciate the conversation and everyone's
4 comments and perspectives.

5 CHAIR YEE: Okay. We have about nine minutes for
6 our required break.

7 Commissioner Akutagawa?

8 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I mean, okay, I guess
9 I'll just say, if we're going to do it separately, that's
10 fine. I think we just need to do -- I would like us to
11 do it both. I think if we're going to do it, we should
12 just do it.

13 Commissioner Sadhwani, you said you were not afraid
14 of the numbers.

15 I think we just need to go forward with it. If it's
16 two separate motions, then let's just do it. I do agree
17 with what Commissioner Toledo also said. I think, with
18 the -- there's to me, there's a difference between our
19 regular business meetings where we're talking about -- I
20 guess, the kind of things that we do.

21 But I think from a line drawing perspective, I
22 think. Given everything that that everyone has been
23 saying, I think we just need to also include the actual
24 meeting where we're actually going through the line
25 drawing and not just the input after the maps are drawn

1 so that people can follow along for the sake of
2 transparency.

3 I know that that's -- I mean, I guess I'm just
4 thinking, look, if we're going to -- if we're going to be
5 committed to doing this and this is what the Commission
6 wants to do to provide these interpretation services,
7 then we -- to kind of parse out what we will do and what
8 we won't do just doesn't make sense to me.

9 If we're going to spend this money, let's just do it
10 and let's do it right. And to me, I think the line
11 drawing meetings are important as -- for everybody's
12 understanding of what our process is. And if we have to
13 provide Spanish interpretation for it, and then also
14 figure out ways in which we will be able to provide
15 interpretation in other languages, if there's requests
16 for it, then we should really seriously think about that.

17 But whatever we do, I think we just need to make
18 those decisions today versus just going back over and
19 over again. I think that as was said earlier, time is
20 going short. These contracts do take time. And it just
21 seems like if this is -- if this is really going to
22 happen, then let's just do it.

23 CHAIR YEE: So Commissioners Sadhwani and Sinay, the
24 suggestion is to add line drawing to the public input
25 meeting, so future public input and line drawing

1 meetings. Do you wish to make that amendment?

2 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Not at this time. I'm not
3 opposed to it by any means in general. I don't think
4 we've thought enough yet about how many meetings that's
5 going to be costing out of all of that. So I think at
6 this time, I think let's just keep it set as is and we
7 can continue to think about this and further -- we're
8 thinking about this this motion out loud.

9 I think in the next week, perhaps we can do some
10 more strategizing and come back with a further motion to
11 potentially include line drawing and/or other languages.

12 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Why don't we take public comment
13 on the amended motion?

14 Thank you, Katy.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: You're welcome, Chair.

16 The Commission will now take public comment on the
17 amended interpretation motion on the floor. To give
18 comment, please call 877-853-5247 and enter the meeting
19 ID number 98322642969.

20 Once you have dialed in, please press star 9 to
21 enter the comment queue. The full call-in instructions
22 are read previously and are provided in full on the live
23 stream landing page. And we do have a caller.

24 Caller 9290, if you will, please follow the prompts
25 to unmute. Go ahead. The floor is yours.



1 MS. ORR: Hi, this is Adria Orr again with Asian-
2 Americans Advancing Justice Asian Law Caucus. Sorry
3 about dropping off after my earlier comment. I had a
4 little of confusion with navigating the phone system for
5 Zoom.

6 I just wanted to call in to comment, to definitely
7 clarify it in case there was any confusion that we did
8 definitely support the motion, the previous motion, which
9 was inclusive of the additional languages and providing
10 two-way interpretation for them.

11 My comment was intended to express a desire to
12 expand that motion to include the line drawing meetings
13 as Commissioner Akutagawa had identified. And I hope
14 that you will definitely sort of re-expand the motion to
15 include those other languages as well, rather than just
16 limiting it to Spanish. Thanks.

17 CHAIR YEE: Thank you.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And I'd like to remind
19 those calling in to please press star 9 to raise your
20 hand indicating you wish to comment. Thank you so much.

21 Caller 7912, if you will, please follow the prompts
22 to unmute. Thank you so much. The floor is yours.

23 MS. COLON: Hi. Good afternoon, Commissioners.
24 This is Jacqueline Colon with NALEO Educational Fund.
25 And I've been tuning in with your conversation in regards



1 to the interpretation services. And I just want to
2 really call in to appreciate the Commission for offering
3 the Spanish language translation two-way for the
4 community to be able to call in to the COI input
5 hearings.

6 We do have a large number of Latino community
7 members throughout the state, so this will definitely
8 help out those that are not fluent in English. Then just
9 also to let you know that we do anticipate that turnout
10 for hearings will increase as we continue to engage our
11 community and mobilize the efforts on redistricting.

12 And we do have quite a few of the community members
13 wanting to need to be trained in Spanish. So we do
14 anticipate them calling in and participating in your
15 hearings in the near future. So thank you again.

16 CHAIR YEE: Thank you.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And that was all of our
18 public comment at this time.

19 CHAIR YEE: Okay. The motion stands. Unamended.
20 It's not including line drawing sessions. We have just
21 enough time to go to a vote. So if there's no
22 discussion, let's take a vote.

23 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes, Chair. I will begin the vote
24 now.

25 Commissioner Ahmad?



1 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yes.

2 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Akutagawa?

3 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

4 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Andersen?

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

6 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fernandez? Sorry.

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Si.

8 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fornaciari?

9 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes.

10 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Kennedy.

11 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

12 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Le Mons?

13 Commissioner Sadhwani?

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes.

15 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sinay?

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

17 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Taylor?

18 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Si.

19 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Toledo?

20 COMMISSIONER TOLEDIO: Yes.

21 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Turner?

22 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

23 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Vazquez?

24 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes.

25 MR. HERNANDEZ: And Commissioner Yee?

1 CHAIR YEE: Yes.

2 MR. HERNANDEZ: The motion passes.

3 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Thank you, everyone. This is one
4 stepping stone in the process. It's not the end of our
5 language access, motions, and provisions. At this time,
6 We'll go to lunch break. We'll be returning at 1:45.
7 1:45.

8 (Whereupon, a recess was held)

9 CHAIR YEE: Welcome back from lunch. We're
10 continuing with agenda item 4-F, Language Access. We
11 just passed a motion regarding Spanish language access at
12 our upcoming public input meetings. Now we can now
13 continue the discussion on Language Access in other
14 directions. And I might note that between two and three
15 this afternoon we have various Commissioners as well as
16 director vendors in and out. So that'll be until about
17 three.

18 So let's continue our discussion of language access.
19 Things that have come up were other matters that have not
20 come up yet. We could also think about other motions
21 that we could entertain. In terms of staff direction,
22 Language Access Committee -- subcommittee do want to help
23 us think about what actually needs to be given in terms
24 of direction?

25 Yes? Commissioner Fernandez?



1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah, I'm sure everybody is
2 for the staff. But I thought it would be important to
3 try to tie this discussion up. Like if there's going to
4 be another motion, let's go ahead and do that so that
5 staff can move forward with whatever direction. If this
6 is the only motion, then that's fine too, and then we can
7 move on to the next. But I do know that -- I believe, it
8 was Commissioner Turner had additional thoughts too in
9 terms that the other languages.

10 CHAIR YEE: Okay.

11 Commissioner Turner, are you here? Let's see.

12 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I am here.

13 CHAIR YEE: Yeah.

14 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes. Yeah, in my --

15 CHAIR YEE: Go ahead.

16 COMMISSIONER TURNER: It is my additional
17 thoughts -- and I think we're ready to entertain emotion
18 was that we would repeat -- well, not so much repeat, but
19 we would allow for the two-way interpretation services
20 for the zones that we were going into, for the languages
21 that were identified in the different zones.

22 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Fernandez?

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And I would support
24 something like that as well, Commissioner Turner. I'm
25 just wondering, Commissioner Andersen, did make a good



1 point in terms of in July there's actually a lot of our
2 meetings are identified with different languages and I
3 was wondering if perhaps we could look at some of those
4 languages and then maybe try to repeat those in August to
5 try to capture at least -- out of the remaining 11
6 languages, at least capture it once.

7 If everyone's amenable -- would be amenable to that,
8 we could go back and have staff go back and identify
9 which zone we could do that in because I believe every
10 zone should have a meeting in August, unless I'm
11 mistaken. But we could figure that out or have staff
12 figure that out instead of Commissioners.

13 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Um-hum. Yep.

14 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Akutagawa?

15 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Thank you,
16 Commissioner Fernandez, for bringing that up. I totally
17 support that. I think if we're going to I and I know
18 that there was -- I think it might have been Commissioner
19 Kennedy that brought this up early on in the early public
20 input meetings because they weren't quite as well-
21 attended.

22 I think someone had brought up a comment or question
23 about whether or not we should shift some of those early
24 languages to one of the later public input meeting dates
25 so that as people kind of get -- kind of in the flow of

1 these meetings and they know that these are happening
2 will make sure that we are covering all the languages.

3 And with thirteen meetings, I believe, remaining in
4 twelve languages, I think we could figure out some kind
5 of reassignment or new assignments of some of the
6 languages that may have already passed so that we can
7 make sure we're covering all of them in the remaining
8 meetings that we do have, that we'll be able to provide
9 those two-way interpretations.

10 And then just for clarification, so I do support any
11 kind of proposal that would include what Commissioner
12 Turner said. I do want to make it clear, I guess ask a
13 clarification question. Will we then or is there an
14 appetite to then have a conversation about the line
15 drawing meetings, or are we going to hold off? Because I
16 know that Commissioner Sobhani was concerned about what
17 is the additional cost.

18 But to be honest, I think it's more how many of
19 those line drawing meetings will there be, because the
20 cost is what we presented. It's not going to change.
21 It's just a number. It's just a matter of how many line
22 drawing business meetings will there be that will then
23 enable us to understand how much more the cost is going
24 to be.

25 CHAIR YEE: Okay.



1 Commissioner Fernandez?

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'm wondering if at this
3 point, although I love the conversation and I was telling
4 Commissioner Akutagawa that we'll probably get a record
5 for the longest discussion on an agenda item.

6 Maybe to try to move it along, we could save the
7 line drawing discussion for a later date and maybe just
8 address the public input portion of it in other languages
9 now. I'm not sure if the remaining Commissioners are
10 okay with that, so I'm just trying to see how we can --
11 because we still have quite a bit of agenda to get to.
12 Right, Chair?

13 CHAIR YEE: We do.

14 Okay. Well, Commissioner Akutagawa?

15 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, sorry. I'm in favor of
16 that. I guess I would like to ask the line drawing
17 committee, do you have -- do you have a sense now or when
18 would you have a sense of how many line drawing meetings
19 we would have?

20 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Chair, you want to --

21 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Sadhwani or Andersen?

22 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: We're sort of talking about
23 that. We haven't actually gotten specifically on it
24 because it depends on how many drafts we're doing.
25 Right. We have 276 maps. How many times?



1 So we have to -- it's a bit of a discussion. But
2 can you -- and it's we'd have to do a bit of training,
3 probably even. I mean, we can give you a ballpark
4 probably by next meeting, because we'll actually get more
5 into this than our subcommittee meetings, but there are a
6 lot of variables on it.

7 Sarah, do you want to say more on it?

8 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. There are a lot of
9 variables. I think part of it also comes down to two
10 things, right? One, how much time do we as the
11 Commission think that we'll need? Right. This is an
12 ongoing question without a concrete answer. So if you
13 wanted me to throw out a number, 15, but that's kind of
14 just based on nothing, right? So just a random guess.

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I'd go from there, depending
16 on the -- because there's final maps. How many? How
17 many? You'll remember there, it isn't just --

18 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Right.

19 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- one session, then they'll
20 be going back, so.

21 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: That's true. So maybe
22 thirty. Maybe not. Maybe less. Hard to say.

23 CHAIR YEE: If anyone is thinking of making a
24 motion, Director Hernandez requests that you type it out
25 and send it to him.

1 So I believe the discussion right now involves --
2 it's providing two-way interpretation for approved
3 languages, including stipulating, including at least one
4 public input meeting for each of the eleven languages
5 other than Spanish.

6 Commissioner Akutagawa?

7 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Does Director Hernandez still
8 have the language that we had previously to start with?
9 I think that that language that got deleted was a good
10 starting place.

11 CHAIR YEE: Director Hernandez is just about to go
12 somewhere he needs to be for half an hour. As for
13 catching him. We can proceed with the motion, but my it
14 might be a little more cumbersome.

15 Commissioner Akutagawa?

16 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Thank you, Chief
17 Counsel Pane. I think you put up the previous motion.
18 So if we were to take that and I think what I heard from
19 Commissioner Turner, I will propose or I would move to
20 implement interpretation services and in parentheses two-
21 way interpretation in the other eleven languages as -- I
22 think as a sign to the remaining -- or as a sign to the
23 zones for future public input meetings, something along
24 those lines.

25 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Since public input meetings

1 include both COI meetings and public input on draft map
2 meetings --

3 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yeah.

4 CHAIR YEE: -- do you want to distinguish those
5 somehow? So if --

6 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: No. That's --

7 CHAIR YEE: Yeah. Yeah. Okay. I'm wondering if we
8 want to go in the direction of stipulating that all
9 eleven languages get covered. And we specified get
10 covered in the series of COI meetings or at least get
11 covered in the combination of COI and draft map meetings.

12 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Isn't that the same as what
13 we would be doing for Spanish? I mean, I think that that
14 was the conversation is keep it simple, according to
15 Commissioner Toledo. Use future public input meetings to
16 keep it simpler.

17 CHAIR YEE: Correct. But if we want to go in the
18 direction of making -- so since many meetings -- many COI
19 meetings have passed already, we could have made the
20 languages -- there is some discussion of adding some
21 language to ensure that all eleven of the approved
22 languages get at least one public input meeting.

23 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Oh, yes, yes.

24 CHAIR YEE: That is one COI meeting or one COI or
25 draft met meeting.

1 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: No. It would be one COI
2 meeting and the draft map meetings.

3 CHAIR YEE: And. Oh, okay.

4 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: And.

5 CHAIR YEE: So that means there would be at least
6 two meetings per --

7 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

8 CHAIR YEE: -- eleven languages.

9 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

10 CHAIR YEE: Okay. So let's make sure the motion
11 reflects that.

12 Commissioner Fernandez?

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I was going to second the
14 motion.

15 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Let's make sure we have the
16 wording of the motion. Is someone --

17 MR. SINGH: Can I --

18 ATTNY PANE: No. I was just going to say, Chair
19 Yee, Ravi is attempting right now to cobble together the
20 motion.

21 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Very good. Sorry, Robbie. I
22 promise you, we were going to wait, but we're not, so.

23 MR. SINGH: That's fine. May I just have
24 Commissioner Akutagawa type that out in the chat, and
25 then I can go ahead and translate that into the motion,

1 please.

2 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Can you send me back the
3 previous language and I'll edit it?

4 MR. SINGH: Absolutely. Thank you.

5 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Kennedy?

6 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: So looking at this, if we're
7 if we're trying even attempting to have the same
8 languages set out against the same zones, our biggest
9 problem is that by the time we get to the 1st of August,
10 three of our four meetings in -- focusing on L.A. County
11 will already have passed. And L.A. County has the
12 largest language requirements.

13 We would we would literally end up with something
14 like Cantonese, Korean, Farsi, Armenian, and Japanese on
15 top of Spanish in that one meeting, which might overload
16 things. So the question then is how do we redistribute
17 those languages or do we schedule another input meeting
18 focusing on L.A. County that would allow us to divide
19 those languages out? Or do we shift those languages to
20 other zones? Thank you.

21 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Fernandez?

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. The intent would be
23 that because the interpretation will be provided virtual,
24 we -- those other languages could actually be attached to
25 different zones. And that's what Commissioner Akutagawa

1 and I did when we first assigned.

2 We didn't assign all of the languages to Los
3 Angeles, even though they had the higher population in
4 those languages. We went to other zones that have also
5 like a somewhat high percentage of that language. So
6 that would be my recommendation is we kind of just
7 disperse it out.

8 CHAIR YEE: So that would involve keeping the
9 current clean meeting schedule and language distribution.
10 Would it involve adding languages to some of the
11 remaining meanings? Yeah, probably right. Yeah.

12 Okay. Let's see. Ravi looks like he's still
13 concentrating.

14 MR. SINGH: Yes, I am working on the motion. Thank
15 you.

16 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Very good. Further discussion?

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Just for the sake of giving
18 Ravi some time, like Farsi, the Mandarin - Chinese
19 Mandarin, Tagalog would shift over for H, the
20 (indiscernible) shift over for J, Vietnamese-Korean would
21 shift all this to the last meeting in August. H, we
22 might have to we might move a couple of the ones from H
23 just to spread it out.

24 But also, as Commissioner Fernandez said earlier, we
25 do have the other four meetings scheduled meetings -- COI

1 meetings for September, which have not been assigned yet.
2 So possibly one of those would become H to divide the H
3 languages up.

4 CHAIR YEE: Statewide meetings?

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Correct. Yeah. It would be
6 a statewide language meeting. So that was a time filler.

7 CHAIR YEE: Okay.

8 Commissioner Kennedy?

9 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I had something that was
10 going to be a time killer as well. And now it has
11 slipped my mind.

12 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Ravi is looking up. So maybe we
13 can --

14 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Oh, I remembered. If
15 Director Ceja has any further thoughts on outreach to
16 foreign language media, what kinds of reactions he's
17 getting in his contacts with them? Is anybody providing
18 any further input on what we can do better as far as our
19 foreign language outreach?

20 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Now Ravi's disappeared, so.

21 ATTNY PANE: I'll be right back with that motion,
22 Chair.

23 CHAIR YEE: Okay. No worries.

24 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Chair, just as a quick
25 question, may I ask, do we have a lot of other items on

1 our agenda for today?

2 CHAIR YEE: We have the remainder subcommittee
3 reports. I don't know if there's anything other than
4 updates for those and then Public Input Design, Legal
5 Affairs, and Line drawing may just be updates.

6 Commissioner Akutagawa and Fernandez?

7 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Just while Ravi is doing
8 this, I'll just share what I sent to him and please feel
9 free to take apart the language. I put, motion to
10 implement interpretation services and then in parentheses
11 two-way interpretation. And it should say, in the
12 remaining eleven approved languages for each of the
13 remaining COI input meetings by zone and for draft map
14 input meetings.

15 ATTNY PANE: And the language --

16 CHAIR YEE: The draft input map meetings are by zone
17 also, I think we said earlier.

18 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yes. Except I didn't take
19 into consideration the -- I guess the tentative meetings
20 in September.

21 CHAIR YEE: Let's take a look at this. Then we'll
22 go to Commissioner Kennedy. Motion to implement --

23 ATTNY PANE: Motion to implement interpretation
24 services in the remaining -- there you go. For each of
25 the COI --

1 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: It should be in the remaining
2 meeting.

3 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Do you want to add bi zone at the
4 very end then too, after implement meetings by zone? So
5 you are not intending to provide eleven languages at
6 every draft -- in every meeting. And perhaps capitalize
7 zone since these are our specific zones.

8 ATTNY PANE: COI input meetings --

9 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Commissioner Fernandez? I'm
10 sorry. Kennedy first, then Fernandez, then Turner.

11 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair.

12 I'm on the same wavelength as you, I think. But the
13 way I read this, having the words "each of" is in fact,
14 telling us that we're going to do each of the 11
15 languages in each of the remaining meetings. So if we
16 remove "each of" then, I think we will get to where we
17 want it to go.

18 Or we could even do what was mentioned earlier,
19 which I think is a good idea. I think it was from
20 Commissioner Akutagawa. I would say that the goal of
21 this is to ensure that each language appears at least
22 twice between now and the end of the process. Not in
23 those words. We want each other twice is the objective
24 here. Thank you.

25 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Fernandez?

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I was on the same -- along
2 the same road with Commissioner Kennedy, where I was --
3 it makes it sound like we're going to do twelve different
4 languages at each meeting. So if we say something like
5 in the remaining eleven approved languages -- wait, at
6 least once for the remaining COI input meetings by zone
7 and at least once for the draft map input, something like
8 that.

9 ATTNY PANE: Why don't we just --

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: So right after "in the
11 remaining eleven approved languages" just put at least
12 once.

13 ATTNY PANE: Go ahead. Yeah.

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh, you could have left
15 that. That's fine. At least one -- okay. For the
16 remaining -- and then at least once for the draft map
17 input meeting. Right before that. There you go.

18 ATTNY PANE: Just once.

19 COMMISSIONER FERNADNEZ: Thank you.

20 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Commissioner Turner.

21 ATTNY PANE: Good job.

22 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Ditto. It was that "each"
23 that got me. We're good.

24 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Other discussion before we get a
25 public comment?

1 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: I think you also need "the"
2 before the -- before between for and draft -- "for the
3 draft map input meetings". Yes. Thank you for that. I
4 was under pressure.

5 CHAIR YEE: No worries. Okay. The motion made by
6 Commissioner Akutagawa, seconded by Commissioner
7 Fernandez, is to implement interpretation services --
8 two-way interpretation in the remaining eleven approved
9 languages at least once for the remaining COI input
10 meetings by zone and at least once for the draft map
11 implemented by zone.

12 Further discussion? Let's go ahead and take public
13 comment on the motion on the floor.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair.

15 The Commission will now take public comment on the
16 motion for interpretation on the floor. To give comment,
17 please call 877-853-5247. Enter the meeting ID number
18 983226429694 for this meeting. Once you have dialed in,
19 please press star 9 to enter the comment queue. The full
20 call-in instructions have been read previously and are
21 provided on the live stream landing page.

22 And at this time, Chair, we do not have anyone in
23 the queue.

24 CHAIR YEE: We will wait a moment. I'm wondering,
25 actually, let's see. The remaining approved -- eleven



1 approved languages at least "once" -- should we not say
2 "each"? Because otherwise it could be taken -- again, as
3 all eleven languages at once. So at least once each for
4 the remaining COI input meetings by zone and at least
5 once each for the draft map input meetings by zone.

6 Would that help?

7 COMMISSIONER FERNADNEZ: Sure.

8 CHAIR YEE: Okay.

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Akutagawa, are
10 you okay with that?

11 CHAIR YEE: Just this once.

12 CHAIR YEE: Yeah. Once each.

13 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Looks good.

14 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Thank you, Ravi. Any further
15 discussion?

16 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: I think on that last change
17 that Ravi just made, I think it should read at least once
18 for each, isn't it? So that it's consistent with the --
19 or is it consistent with the other one? Once each? No,
20 I'm sorry. At least once each. Okay.

21 ATTNY PANE: Yeah.

22 CHAIR YEE: Yeah. Okay. Are there any callers?

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: There are no callers at
24 this time, Chair.

25 CHAIR YEE: Okay. We'll give it just one moment.



1 Director Ceja and then Director Kaplan, had some
2 thoughts.

3 Director Ceja, are you there?

4 MR. CEJA: Yes. Thank you. I was just chiming in
5 to say that my microphone was off earlier and just was
6 responding to Commissioner Kennedy's question. But I'll
7 defer to another time and we can continue with this
8 issue.

9 CHAIR YEE: Okay.

10 Okay. Director Kaplan?

11 MS. KAPLAN: Not sure if you need to update the
12 language to defer to the subcommittee or to defer to
13 staff to identify which meeting will have what languages
14 or if that's assumed in this. Just raising that point.

15 CHAIR YEE: Thoughts?

16 ATTNY PANE: So Director Kaplan, I don't think
17 that's necessary.

18 MS. KAPLAN: Okay.

19 ATTNY PANE: Only because to effectuate this, it
20 will necessarily have to be applied by staff.

21 CHAIR YEE: Thank you. Okay. If there's no further
22 discussion, let's go to the vote.

23 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Ahamd?

24 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yes.

25 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Akutagawa?

1 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

2 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Andersen?

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

4 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fernandez?

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

6 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fornaciari?

7 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes.

8 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Kennedy?

9 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

10 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Le Mons?

11 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yes.

12 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Sadhwani?

13 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes.

14 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Sinay?

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Si.

16 MR. SINGH: I'm sorry. Could you repeat that?

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

18 MR. SINGH: Thank you.

19 Commissioner Taylor?

20 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes.

21 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Toledo?

22 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yes.

23 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Turner?

24 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

25 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Vazquez?

1 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes.

2 MR. SINGH: And Commissioner Yee?

3 CHAIR YEE: Yes.

4 MR. SINGH: The motion passes.

5 CHAIR YEE: Thank you, all. Thank you, Ravi. I
6 will mention to Director Hernandez to give you a raise.
7 Okay. Language Access, anything further?

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Just wondering if you can
9 sense it -- our subcommittee.

10 CHAIR YEE: Well, do you anticipate there will be no
11 more Language Access matters before us? There is the
12 line drawing question, so. Yeah, I think we'll need --

13 COMMISSIONER FERNADNEZ: I was just kidding.

14 CHAIR YEE: Okay. If there's no further business
15 for the Line Drawing -- Language Access Subcommittee,
16 let's move on to Materials Development. That would be
17 Commissioners Fernandez and Kennedy.

18 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair.

19 Listening to speakers at the recent communities of
20 interest input meetings, I realized that we can't assume
21 that all participants in those meetings have seen the
22 California Redistricting Basics presentation. And so as
23 a result, we would probably need to highlight some of the
24 key messages coming out of that presentation during our
25 communities of interest input meetings and potentially

1 future meetings.

2 So we've started developing some draft language that
3 we've shared with staff, and that was posted last week as
4 potential FAQs or whatever use staff would like to make
5 of it. But just highlighting that we probably need to
6 raise some of these concepts and rules and so forth as we
7 go through these.

8 Two of the ones that we've developed and shared, one
9 is on incumbents, one is on gerrymandering, exactly what
10 gerrymandering is and isn't, because there seems to be
11 confusion as to what gerrymandering is and isn't.

12 The one on incumbents highlights that the State
13 constitution says explicitly that communities of interest
14 shall not include relationships with political parties,
15 incumbents or political candidates, because there seem to
16 be a lot of people providing community of interest input
17 that is tied directly to incumbents.

18 So we just want people to be aware of what the
19 Constitution says and how it constrains us in this
20 process. We've also developed one that is currently with
21 Karin MacDonald for review on the concept of contiguity,
22 because it seems like the concept of contiguity may not
23 be firmly settled in people's minds.

24 So we've done these. We've also reviewed the short
25 video scripts that Director Ceja have developed on

1 communities of interest, why participate, and how the
2 commission reviews communities of interest input. And
3 again, the idea is that this language then is available
4 to staff to incorporate into the FAQ or any future
5 presentations where they think it can best be used. So
6 thank you.

7 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Andersen?

8 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you. I really like
9 them. Would you also do one on why my district has to
10 change? Thank you.

11 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Sinay?

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Well, these ones -- will these
13 be the talking points that the chair of the COI input
14 sessions can actually use to address callers so the
15 callers hear the responses right away, because there have
16 been some times when it's like, oh, we can't do that or
17 whatnot, or Is it the idea that it'll just live on our
18 website?

19 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Kennedy?

20 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I'm happy for staff to
21 include it in the run of show document. As I said, it's
22 intended to be a contribution to staff and they can make
23 use of it as and when they believe it's appropriate. I
24 think it's important for these to be in the FAQs. I
25 think the FAQs need to be a living document.

1 But I do also believe that the folks participating
2 in these events need not necessarily a reminder because
3 as I say, they haven't all received the California
4 Redistricting Basics presentation. They haven't gone to
5 the website and sat through a video, read all the way
6 through the presentation. So I think it is important for
7 us to highlight some of these key points as we go
8 through.

9 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Andersen?

10 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Well, I was also wondering
11 if any of these could possibly be used when we break
12 during our COI input meetings. Could some of these, like
13 be on the screen or roll through the screen for --
14 instead of a video? Because a lot of these information,
15 as Commissioner Kennedy said, these people do not know
16 what the rules and regulations are? And I would also add
17 to that is our slide on what are the six criteria?

18 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Anything else on Materials
19 Development? Not sure.

20 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Commissioner Fernandez, do
21 you have anything?

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: No. Thank you so much for
23 covering that. And of course, we've already -- if the
24 outreach and communications feel that they should be
25 translated, then that would -- they have the authority to

1 do so as well. Thank you.

2 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Let's segway right into Website.
3 That's Commissioners Kennedy and Taylor.

4 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I've gone through and
5 developed a second set of recommendations, which are with
6 Commissioner Turner and Yee has already started looking
7 at those. We came up with one more during the course of
8 the day today that we've already agreed on.

9 So once we have agreement on all of them, we'll be
10 putting those through. This time we did it in the form
11 of an outline of the entire website, which is going to
12 help us see what information is covered where, where it
13 might be duplicated, where there might be gaps. So as
14 soon as we have agreed on those, we'll be putting those
15 forward. Thank you.

16 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Let's move on to Data Management.
17 Commissioners Ahmad and Turner.

18 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I think the one just brief
19 update is more of an announcement. Just to note that I
20 think earlier Director Hernandez announced that we had
21 brought on Phil Zigoris on a personal service contract.
22 And just for clarity of roles and what have you, we have
23 ended our engagement with USDR. And so just wanted to
24 announce that so that there was not any perceived
25 conflict and clarity of roles and responsibilities.

1 That's it. You through? That's it.

2 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Moving on. We've sunsetted
3 breach contracts, but that happened after this agenda was
4 prepared. So we're going to K, communities of interest
5 tool, Commissioners Akutagawa and Kennedy.

6 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I normally provide the
7 statistics, but Director Kaplan has already covered that.
8 So unless Commissioner Akutagawa has said anything, I
9 don't at this point.

10 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Moving on then to Director Ceja
11 and Director Kaplan.

12 MR. CEJA: Yes. I just wanted to add that this
13 weekend I'm going to be updating a tab on our website
14 that's called public input. So we've received a lot of
15 COI input. And Ravi can attest to this via email. We
16 get at least three to five a day on input.

17 So we haven't updated that anywhere or put that
18 anywhere on our website. So when we report our numbers
19 from statewide database, it's not it's not the entire
20 picture. We have a lot of emails, so I'll hopefully do
21 that this weekend and report on the actual number that we
22 have on email.

23 CHAIR YEE: Director Kaplan?

24 MS. KAPLAN: Yeah. I was just flagging if you want
25 this to be a part of the Outreach Director Report, that's

1 why I had started adding in the COI input from the tool,
2 or if you want to continue having that be reported by the
3 subcommittee? I can continue to include that in my
4 report as I've been doing. Okay. Thank you.

5 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Andersen?

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Is there a discussion about
7 the -- not just the COI, but the redistricting tool at
8 all? If there isn't, there isn't.

9 CHAIR YEE: Anyone have an update on that -- the
10 separate tool that enables the public to deal with
11 districts? I'm not seeing anybody, so it will probably
12 come up later. Okay. So then --

13 Okay. Commissioner Akutagawa?

14 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: I was just thinking, just for
15 clarification -- sorry. I was a little distracted by the
16 trumpet playing in the background. Actually, not that
17 bad. You're pretty good. Just for clarification, if I
18 heard you correctly, I think you're asking if the COI
19 mapping tool will be able -- people will be able to see
20 the districts or some other layers of information.

21 I think that will come after we get the census
22 information. That's that was my recollection of what the
23 statewide database team had reported to us. So that's
24 probably not going to come until around September.

25 CHAIR YEE: Right. That's right. Because it will

1 require the updated database.

2 Okay. Moving on then, to Cyber Security,
3 Commissioners Fornaciari and Taylor.

4 COMMISSIONER DORNACIARI: We have nothing
5 significant to report at this time.

6 CHAIR YEE: No ransomware attacks. Good.

7 Okay. Incarcerated Populations State and Local
8 Facilities. Commissioners Fernandez and Sinay?

9 COMMISSIONER FERNADNEZ: Okay. I guess I'll go,
10 Commissioner Sinay. Don't you feel that I'm a little
11 drained from our Language Access -- not that I'm
12 drained -- this is a great discussion. So we did have --
13 we did post our recommendations.

14 Initially, Commissioner Sinay and I were waiting for
15 the paper Communities of Interest Tool to be available in
16 order to come forward with recommendation. But upon
17 further discussion between the two of us, we realized we
18 could still come forward with our recommendation and hand
19 it over to Outreach, and they could continue -- Outreach
20 could continue with outreach to the incarcerated
21 populations. And again, this is for the State and local
22 facilities.

23 And so as you know, we did have a panel that
24 consisted of the California Department of Corrections,
25 and we also had a former incarcerated person and then

1 also an advocate for an incarcerated person. It was a
2 great panel. They provided very helpful information for
3 us in terms of how to conduct our -- how to conduct
4 our -- recommendations on how to conduct our outreach.

5 And then aside from that, we also met again with the
6 California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
7 because they have oversight of all of the State
8 facilities in California. And we also met with the chief
9 probation officers of California who oversee the juvenile
10 facilities in California.

11 And the third piece to this was the California State
12 Sheriffs Association, which oversees the adult local
13 facilities in California. So that that would encompass
14 all of the incarcerated people in California. Again,
15 it's local and state. It's not federal.

16 So with that -- so that's kind of the background.
17 And on our recommendations document -- and some of these
18 recommendations are similar to what we've heard in the
19 past from our other panel members.

20 And the first recommendation is due to security
21 concerns and reasons incarcerated people do not have
22 access to the internet. So they could not -- they will
23 not be able to submit any of these interests using the
24 tool.

25 So we recommend that we provide these organizations

1 with the paper communities of interest tool in various
2 languages because there are -- incarcerated people speak
3 multiple languages. Again, I would reach out -- I would
4 suggest that the outreach reach out to the three main
5 stakeholders and -- to find out which languages they
6 would need this to -- the paper COI tool to be
7 interpreted in.

8 Again, we use trusted entities messengers, and we've
9 heard this many times. We heard it through our language
10 access. We probably just about every panel that we've
11 had. So again, there are many community-based
12 organizations that partner with the different facilities
13 and also are able to -- some of them actually have
14 newspapers as well or mailings. So again, partner with
15 those trusted messengers.

16 And the third one is to utilize media. Again,
17 engage in partner with imprisoned media. And also
18 without media outside the facilities to connect with the
19 families, which would be very important, and also
20 identify social media groups for incarcerated people and
21 post in those specific groups.

22 In terms of number 4 public hearings, because they
23 do not have access to internet and they cannot leave the
24 facilities. They're unable to provide input at our
25 hearings. So again, that's why we're going back to the

1 paper tool. And the translation, we already talked about
2 that ensure that we provide the translation in the
3 languages that are needed by the facilities.

4 Public service announcements, because we cannot go
5 out there and provide outreach to the incarcerated
6 people, what they can do, and what they mentioned is they
7 do have like monitors and they can continue to play
8 certain videos.

9 So what we're recommending is that the commission
10 create a short video specifically for incarcerated people
11 that explain redistricting, that their input matters, and
12 that they are be represented in their last home address
13 before incarceration. And again, the facilities would
14 broadcast these announcements, and that would go hand in
15 hand with the paper COI tool.

16 And number 7, as we've been told many times, make
17 sure we use easy to understand language, use trusted
18 messengers. And by doing that, families and formerly
19 incarcerated people will also be reached for these
20 efforts. So that is our recommendation. Thank you so
21 much for my partner, Commissioner Sinay, for coming on
22 this journey -- going down this journey with. Are there
23 any questions?

24 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Vazquez and Commissioner
25 Turner.

1 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Thank you so much for that
2 incredible work and a great report. Just a point of
3 information for the rest of the Commission. So starting
4 next summer, California will actually be closing its
5 juvenile detention facilities -- its state juvenile
6 detention facility. And young people in it currently in
7 state custody, will be transferred back to their home
8 counties.

9 So this is an incredibly, incredibly important
10 opportunity for -- to engage young people in this civic
11 process. Again, a civic process that is available to
12 people of all ages, California residents of all ages. So
13 thank you. Thank you for this.

14 And I'm really hoping that we can get our young
15 people involved in this civic opportunity because we know
16 civic engagement, especially for young people and young
17 people of color, is actually a mental health intervention
18 in of itself and can help with sort of the resilience and
19 healing that we know young people who have been
20 incarcerated absolutely need. So thank you.

21 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Turner.

22 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Um-hum. Thank you,
23 Commissioner Vazquez.

24 I wanted to ask of the Subcommittee if you had
25 opportunity to consider that insert. We had a public



1 comment received a couple of weeks back that had concern
2 about the insert that actually is able to come out and be
3 lost. And I'm wondering if that was -- it was kind of
4 after the fact, but I'm wondering if we've addressed that
5 concern in any way.

6 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Fernandes?

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Well, the paper communities
8 of interest, too. I mean, it's going to be together,
9 right? You'll have the tear-off, but it won't be torn
10 off until the individual turns it off and the tariff will
11 have instructions and information. It gives an example.
12 It has all the information there.

13 And then the individual can fill it out. And before
14 they mail it, they can tear it off and send it in.
15 You could actually probably mail it with the tear off.
16 You wouldn't have to tear it off. But the tariff there
17 they are together and it would be the individual that
18 would tear it off.

19 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Vazquez?

20 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Question that just came to
21 mind. Are we paying for postage -- for return postage?

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right.

23 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Sinay?

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you, Commissioner
25 Fernandez, for putting all of the other and for opening

1 doors that -- we made a good team because we had two
2 different approaches. One thing I wanted to share is
3 Alberto Vasquez, who was the formerly incarcerated person
4 who spoke. He's a former student of mine. A couple of
5 weeks ago, he got his Ph.D. at UCSD. So I just thought
6 that that was -- when I saw that it made me feel -- so I
7 wanted to share it with all of you.

8 The other thing I wanted to share was I was really
9 surprised by how open and excited all the facilities were
10 to help with this. And I think part of it was that they
11 were involved in the census and that kind of opened some
12 doors and some understanding, but they were really
13 excited and they were very positive about it and they
14 were giving us some really good ideas.

15 And so I do feel -- I want to remind us that that
16 we're doing this because they're being counted and we
17 want to make sure that they know that they're being
18 counted. But we're also doing this because of civic
19 engagement as Commissioner Vazquez was saying. And that
20 research shows that those who are incarcerated or
21 formerly incarcerated, the more they are civically
22 engaged, the less likely they are to commit a new crime.

23 And the importance of feeling connected to their
24 community, so that if they don't participate -- if we
25 don't get a high participation rate, we've still given



1 them a connection to the civic world and kind of saying,
2 hey, we want to hear from you. So we can't measure that
3 right away, so -- and I'm bringing this up because we
4 were talking about return on investment earlier, and I
5 agreed with Commissioner Taylor that you can't it's you
6 can't measure. Everything's not in our ROI.

7 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Anything else from State
8 Incarcerated Populations Subcommittee? No? Let's go to
9 the same for Federal.

10 Sorry. Commissioner Fernandez?

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I believe we want a motion
12 right, Commissioner Sinay, or --

13 CHAIR YEE: Oh, I'm sorry.

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

15 CHAIR YEE: Okay.

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Sorry.

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I closed the loop.

18 COMMISSIONER FERNADNEZ: Pardon?

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Closed the loop.

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. Yes.

21 CHAIR YEE: Oh, I'm sorry. Okay. Very good. Could
22 you perhaps provide that motion in writing to --

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I knew that was going to be
24 the second part. I think Commissioner Sinay -- something
25 in the terms of adopting the recommendations and

1 forwarding it to the outreach, something like that. I
2 think, Commissioner Sinay, probably has better --

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah, I do.

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- language for that.
5 Yeah.

6 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. All right. You want me
7 to put it in chat? Sorry, I should have been better
8 prepared.

9 CHAIR YEE: No worries.

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So we want to -- the motion is
11 to accept the recommendations from the Incarcerated
12 Population State and Local Facilities Subcommittee.
13 Well, we had a whole bunch on there. But can we just say
14 that or do we have to say more than that?

15 CHAIR YEE: You need to specify it somehow.

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. So to accept the
17 recommendation. Okay. I got it. I got it. To accept
18 the Incarcerated Population State and Local Facilities
19 Subcommittee recommended -- multiple recommended multiple
20 strategies to educate and activate incarcerated people
21 housed in state and local facilities. Or it has to even
22 be more than that?

23 CHAIR YEE: What I --

24 ATTNY PANE: Could I share what I've captured so
25 far, Chair?



1 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Sure.

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I have it in chat for you.

3 ATTNYPANE: Okay. Okay. I'm catching up still.

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Commissioner Fernandez still
5 helped.

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I think if we just kind of
7 keep it simple and just say that we accept the
8 recommendations provided on July 7th, 2021 by the
9 Subcommittee, I mean, I think since we've already listed
10 up the recommendations and it's noted in the form, I
11 think that would be sufficient.

12 Anthony, do you have a --

13 ATTNYPANE: Just a point of clarification. The
14 motion is currently read is just that the Commission
15 accepts the recommendations. Is there a desire among the
16 Commission to do more than that? Or is, like for
17 example, is there some direction to -- is there some
18 involvement -- is there a piece of this about a direction
19 involvement to staff?

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

21 ATTNYPANE: Because currently it's just the
22 Commission is accepting the recommendations, which is
23 fine. But I just want to make sure --

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay.

25 ATTNYPANE: -- that that's the intention.



1 CHAIR YEE: Perhaps "approves" would be more
2 efficacious.

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay.

4 ATTNYPANE: So if I could make a recommendation,
5 then maybe a motion to accept and/or -- Marian, you
6 suggested "adopts" -- a motion to adopt the
7 recommendations of the -- all right.

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Do we need to -- I mean, does
9 it need to say motion to move the recommendations for
10 our -- a motion to have staff -- do we have to put staff
11 does it -- or is that understood?

12 ATTNYPANE: Well, I don't think there's any other
13 way for the Commission to adopt it other than that. But
14 you could say --

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay.

16 ATTNYPANE: -- motion to adopt the recommendations
17 and direct staff accordingly. Something along those
18 lines if you want. But the only way to adopt the
19 recommendations is for staff to implement them.

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Is that true? Because in the
21 past we didn't get it.

22 ATTNYPANE: Well --

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'm like hey, wait a
24 minute.

25 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I'm just being honest.

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I would just put to
2 implement the incarcerated -- I would just put the
3 incarcerated people -- just the exact title of our form.

4 CHAIR YEE: Yeah. The handout. Yeah.

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. The Incarcerated
6 People, State, and Local Facilities recommendations. I
7 really wish I had the ability to type right now. There
8 you go. And they can get rid -- after recommendations,
9 you could get rid of that. And then if we could spell
10 incarcerated.

11 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Do you want to put the date --
12 oh, the dates already on the motion.

13 CHAIR YEE: Maybe the date for the recommendation.
14 That would be good.

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah, I would put after
16 that, Alvaro, after at the end of recommendations before
17 the period just the recommendations dated July 7th, 2000.
18 That way, at least everyone's on the same page. Thank
19 you.

20 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Very good.

21 COMMISSIONER FERNADNEZ: Oh, did I make the motion
22 or did you make the motion, Commissioner Sinay? I think
23 it's Commissioner Sinay.

24 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Do we have a second? Okay.

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'll second.



1 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Discussion, and we'll open up for
2 public comment in a minute.

3 Commissioner Kennedy?

4 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I don't see really any
5 utility in pursuing a different set of recommendations
6 for reaching out to incarcerated populations, federal
7 facilities. So I would say let's do this for all
8 incarcerated populations.

9 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Fernandez?

10 COMMISSIONER FERNADNEZ: Commissioners Sinay and I
11 have not made contact on the federal side of it. So we
12 don't know what their process is. And also we don't know
13 how open and supportive they will be unless you're aware
14 of that, Commissioner Kennedy. Yeah.

15 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Kennedy?

16 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: But since this is a
17 conceptual approach that we are now handing off to staff
18 to implement, it seems to me that staff will be able to
19 take this conceptual approach and apply it as and when
20 possible, to all incarcerated populations.

21 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Fernandez?

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: So if we just end it with
23 two all incarcerated people in California, something like
24 that, Mr. Kennedy. Right after the date. Okay.

25 Alvaro, did you get that? In California.

1 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Sinay?

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: The only thing that's different
3 with the federal -- those who are incarcerated in federal
4 facilities -- we may have, it's a different message
5 because they're not necessarily being counted in their
6 last home address.

7 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Turner?

8 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah, I was thinking I like
9 the language in theory so that it will apply where it
10 can. And my thought would be where it says motion to
11 adopt for staff to implement the incarcerated people --
12 and I'm wondering if it's federal, state and local
13 facility recommendations dated July 7th to all
14 incarcerated people in California.

15 CHAIR YEE: I understand the intent, but the handout
16 is not -- does not include federal. So you were
17 identifying the specific handout for today, which is only
18 for state and local facilities and then apply that to all
19 incarcerated persons.

20 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay.

21 CHAIR YEE: If we continue -- can continue to take
22 comments on this. But let's go ahead and take public
23 comment.

24 Katy, can we take public comment on the motion on
25 the floor concerning incarcerated persons -- outreach to

1 incarcerated persons?

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair.

3 The Commission will now take public comment on the
4 motion on the floor for incarcerated persons. To give
5 comment, please call 877-853-5247 and enter the meeting
6 ID number of 98322642969 for this meeting. Once you have
7 in, please press star 9 to enter the comment queue.

8 The full call-in instructions have been read
9 previously and are provided on the live stream landing
10 page. And I'd like to remind those who have called in
11 previously to press please press star 9 to raise your
12 hand indicating you wish to give comment about the motion
13 that is on the floor. We do have one raised hand.

14 Caller 9538, if you will please follow the prompts
15 to unmute at this time. Go ahead. The floor is yours.

16 MS. BEST: Good afternoon, Commissioners. My name
17 is Ianna Best (phonetic), and I'm calling on behalf of
18 the California Black Census and Redistricting Hub. As
19 always, we want to thank you for your hard work. And we
20 especially want to thank you for your thoughtfulness in
21 engaging incarcerated population as the State of
22 California continues to intentionally move away from mass
23 incarceration.

24 We also thank you for incorporating much of the
25 feedback you've gotten from the public around this issue.



1 In that spirit, we just had a few questions for the
2 Commission on your strategy. One, in the second
3 recommendation, the strategy document says that you would
4 invest in CBOs engaging incarcerated populations.

5 We were wondering if you can give more detail on
6 what the investment will look like. Would that consist
7 of grants to CDOs or some other form of investment that
8 the investment is in the form of grants? What would the
9 process and timing be for those groups?

10 And two, we wanted to ask if there is -- there could
11 be transparency around accessing submissions that come to
12 you from correctional facilities. In particular, it
13 would be great to have, A, a regular report out on how
14 many paper tools are submitted. B, if possible, reports
15 on how many of them are from these correctional
16 facilities. And C, if possible, flagging these
17 submissions in some way on the Airtable so that the
18 public can see which submissions come from correctional
19 facilities in other forms.

20 Again, we thank you for your hard work and
21 dedication to --

22 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

23 MS. BEST: -- an open and transparent process. And
24 thank you for taking our comment.

25 CHAIR YEE: Thank you.



1 Subcommittee, any response to any of those points?

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: The way I saw investment
3 was time investment in terms of us reaching out and
4 investing our time and our energies with them. We did
5 not, and correct me if I'm wrong, Commissioner Sinay, we
6 did not anticipate grants and any of you who --

7 COMMISSIONER SINAY: We're not going down that road
8 again.

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. Any of you that have
10 been following us, we cannot grant out funds. And then
11 the second part was --

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Also we wanted to -- we were
13 hoping to share this also with some of the facilities who
14 they do have funding for groups and just as a way to
15 encourage them to invest in these groups to do this work.

16 CHAIR YEE: Okay.

17 Commissioner Fernandez?

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'm sorry. The second part
19 that she requested was if there's anywhere to -- if
20 there's some way for us to track them and to know which
21 ones come from a facility. I honestly don't know if we
22 would be able to track that other than looking at the
23 address, the postmarks, where they're postmarked from.
24 Yeah, I'm not sure if we can do that or if we want to do
25 that, honestly.

1 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Sinay and then Commissioner
2 Turner.

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I was just going to say, if
4 anything, we would want to -- we might want to give an
5 aggregate number. But I think as a Commission, we need
6 to discuss the whole idea of confidentiality. And anyone
7 who participates can participate anonymously. And we
8 would want to allow that opportunity to these individuals
9 as well.

10 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Turner?

11 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I think it would be something
12 that would be beneficial to see the fruit of the efforts
13 to reach out to incarcerated populations anonymity can be
14 gained by simply putting some ID on the paper product
15 that is the same number that says it came -- it won't say
16 who it came from, et cetera.

17 But I think that there is a way to provide what's
18 requested and a way then therefore for this Commission to
19 show that our outreach efforts were beneficial to the
20 incarcerated populations and we did yield a result in our
21 efforts.

22 CHAIR YEE: Okay. The motion is still on the floor.
23 Let's see, Commissioner Sinay, are you satisfied with the
24 wording as it was read out?

25 Okay. Commissioner Turner?



1 COMMISSIONER TURNER: And I just lost -- I had that
2 the document up until just now. But I'm wondering on the
3 piece that speaks to investment, I'm wondering for those
4 that still have it up, another quick lead or read, is it
5 misleading in what our intent was as opposed to what is
6 stated and if that needs to be adjusted?

7 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Akutagawa?

8 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I would agree with
9 Commissioner Turner. I think clarity of the word in this
10 particular case is going to be really important. And
11 given the rather long process of which we went through in
12 terms of the contracts and grants, I think I would
13 suggest also -- or I would look at what Commissioner
14 Turner just said. I think if the intention was investing
15 in in the form of some kind of time, I think that should
16 be more specific rather than implying that there's going
17 to be money.

18 CHAIR YEE: So on the handout this is item
19 recommendation 2, first bullet point. First sub bullet
20 point, invest in community-based organizations who have
21 deep roots, established trust and in-depth understanding
22 of the incarcerated population and so forth.

23 Commissioner Sinay?

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: It's kind of redundant, but it
25 can be partnership with trust messengers. And then the

1 next one we connect with community-based organizations.

2 And so it's much broader in that regard.

3 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Connect with instead of invest
4 in.

5 Commissioner Akutagawa?

6 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Would another alternative
7 be -- and I don't know if this is correct or not,
8 Commissioner Sinay. What about work with? Or partner
9 with?

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Well, partner infers money
11 again, so we don't want to go with -- it already says
12 partnerships up above.

13 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay.

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah. And connect can be
15 ambiguous enough that staff can figure out what works
16 best for them. So I'm trying to leave it flexible to the
17 reality.

18 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Sounds good.

19 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Turner?

20 COMMISSIONER TURNER: And again, I want not to just
21 prolong this, but I'm wanting to be clear with what that
22 partner work invest -- I'm curious as to what exactly
23 that means and entail, because there is a thought, a
24 prevalent thought concern that's expressed about the
25 value that will receive from CBOs and how much we're

1 willing to take of what they share.

2 So in our partnering, working with them, what does
3 that action look like? And when we do that, do we trust
4 the information that comes from them? What is what is
5 the ask in this partnership?

6 Because what we said earlier, too, is that perhaps
7 there were different institutions that could -- that have
8 money for the investment. That part makes sense. But
9 what do we see ourselves doing in whatever we're going to
10 term this interaction?

11 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Sinay?

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Well, this is where our
13 conversations with Initiate Justice came in. And in
14 talking to others is they all have different ways that
15 they're reaching out within the incarcerated -- with
16 incarcerated people, their families, and formerly
17 incarcerated. And it included things like -- I think
18 Initiate Justice is one of the one of the few that has a
19 newsletter that goes into the facilities.

20 What they have asked is almost the same thing that
21 statewide -- the groups that we have talked to --
22 statewide partnerships have asked for. Give us the
23 information, give us your newsletter, and we'll cut and
24 paste and put it in our newsletter. Give us the PSA. So
25 everything in here is the material that they have asked

1 to be created so that they can get it out for us.

2 Alicia, I mean, sorry, Commissioner Fernandez,
3 anything you wanted to add to that?

4 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Turner?

5 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you for that response.
6 So I guess my last question would be, is the partnership
7 working with Initiate Justice or with is it with all
8 CBOs?

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: The way there is no official
10 partnership if you know that we're using partnerships in
11 the loose sense of the word. And we could -- there are
12 partnerships within the facilities.

13 So some of the facilities have partnerships with
14 certain nonprofits and they have said we will help you
15 get the message to those organizations that they have
16 partnerships with -- that in other cases, it can be
17 whichever organization who wants to help get the word
18 out.

19 We're not being we're being inclusive, not
20 exclusive. We're leaving it again for the staff, as are
21 working with facilities to identify who are the right --
22 what is the right approach at each facility because each
23 one has different partnerships and different programs.

24 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Fernandez?

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I believe Commissioner



1 Sinay and I covered it. But yes, like, for example, when
2 we spoke with the California Department of Corrections
3 and Rehabilitation, he mentioned that not only do they
4 have internal -- I don't want to say CBOs, but internal,
5 what would you call it -- there max.

6 And I can't think of what they're called, but
7 they're incarcerated people run committees. So that's
8 one advocate and then they also work with external
9 advocates for incarcerated people. And he had a list
10 of -- he said he has a list of different CBOs that they
11 work with. And so they would work. He would work with
12 them to get the information out to them as well.

13 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Let's take a look at the motion
14 once more and have that displayed. Let's see. After the
15 date, July 7th, 2021, I think we want to insert "as
16 amended". So that's substituting "connect" with "for
17 partner with" -- or "invest in" -- I'm sorry -- "as
18 amended" comma.

19 Okay. How does that look, Commissioners Fernandez
20 and Sinay?

21 Okay. Any last discussion? If not, let's go to a
22 vote.

23 MR. HERNANDEZ: Chair, we'll begin the vote.

24 Commissioner Ahmad?

25 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yes.



1 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Akutagawa?

2 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

3 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Andersen?

4 Commissioner Fernandez?

5 COMMISSIONER FERNADNEZ: Yes.

6 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fornaciari?

7 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes.

8 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Kennedy?

9 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

10 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Le Mons?

11 Commissioner Sadhwani?

12 Commissioner Sinay?

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

14 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Taylor?

15 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes.

16 MR. HERNADNEZ: Commissioner Toledo?

17 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yes.

18 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Turner?

19 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

20 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Vazquez?

21 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes.

22 MR. HERNANDEZ: And Commissioner Yee?

23 CHAIR YEE: Yes.

24 MR. HERNADNEZ: The motion passes.

25 CHAIR YEE: Thank you. Thank you, subcommittee.



1 And thank you, everyone.

2 Commissioners Sinay?

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: We believe that our
4 subcommittee can now sunset.

5 CHAIR YEE: Does everyone share that belief? Might
6 there be a follow-up when -- I'm just thinking staff will
7 be implementing this, but there would not be any further
8 direction needed from the subcommittee.

9 Commissioner Fernandez?

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: We can give it to Outreach and
11 Engagement.

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right. It's handed off to
13 them. And if there's any issues or updates, they would
14 provide it -- would bring it forward to the full
15 Commission.

16 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Any objections? Okay. We will
17 sunset the Incarcerated Populations State and Local
18 Facilities Subcommittee.

19 Moving on, item 4-N Incarcerated Populations Federal
20 Facilities, Commissioners Kennedy and Turner.

21 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: One thing that remains
22 outstanding is I had anticipated receiving a response
23 from Senator Padilla's office or at least some update on
24 whether or not he was able to bring our concerns to the
25 attention of the Judiciary Committee of the Senate. So I

1 am going to be following up with folks that I was in
2 contact with and try to make sure that any feedback from
3 his office is brought to the attention of the full
4 Commission. Thank you.

5 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Anything else?

6 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Commissioner Turner?

7 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Keep your mike hot, Commissioner
8 Kennedy and we'll move on to Lessons Learned.

9 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay. Commissioner Ahmad and
10 I have been in contact and we are coming up on the
11 first -- well, we've already passed the first anniversary
12 of the random draw. We're coming up on the first
13 anniversary of the first meeting of the first date, as
14 well as the selection of the final six.

15 And it occurs to us that this might be a good time
16 to pause and reflect a bit before we move into the next
17 phases of our work. So we are working on some discussion
18 questions and are looking at possibly putting this on the
19 agenda for either the short meeting on the 5th of August,
20 or the full meeting on the 10th of August.

21 As in the if there's nothing else, the short meeting
22 on the fifth says only if needed. If it's not needed for
23 anything else, I think it might be useful to use that
24 period for a Lessons Learned session at the one-year
25 mark. Otherwise, we could leave that session for

1 anything that's more urgent and go on the agenda for the
2 meeting on the 10th of August.

3 CHAIR YEE: Very good. Just get that on the agenda
4 builder document and Commissioner Akutagawa will be chair
5 at that time so. Okay, moving on. Item P, IT
6 Recruitment; that has been sunsetted.

7 Q, Line Drawing Subcommittee, Commissioners Anderson
8 and Sadhwani.

9 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Is Commissioner Andersen --
10 no. Okay. I'm sorry. Just got back in the meeting, so.

11 CHAIR YEE: Line Drawing Subcommittee.

12 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Line Drawing Subcommittee.
13 So we continue to meet regularly with the line drawers.
14 We have a standing meeting with them and I don't have
15 anything more to report at this point in time, but when
16 Commissioner Andersen comes back, she might be more on
17 top of it than I am at this moment in time. My apologies
18 to all. Or if Alvaro or Anthony can recall any of the
19 pending issues with that conversation.

20 CHAIR YEE: I believe there was an upcoming
21 presentation of some kind. Was that true? Or did they
22 already have that?

23 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Last time we did just take a
24 look at what is being developed for the pin map. We have
25 attempted to agendize time for the line drawers to come

1 in and present the COIs that we're receiving through the
2 COI tool. However, my understanding is until Airtable is
3 set up, that can't happen. So I believe we've agendized
4 that, but I'm not sure if that's going to still happen.
5 I think that's where we're at. But Alvaro, I saw had
6 something to contribute there, too.

7 MR. HERNADNEZ: Yeah, I also wanted to -- yes, thank
8 you. I'm sorry. I also wanted to share that the line
9 drawer and the Subcommittee will be discussing timeline
10 as well to figure out how much time they will need for
11 the line drawing sessions and start looking at that the
12 schedule for those as we move forward.

13 So that is upcoming. I know many of you are anxious
14 for that as well, so I wanted to share that they are
15 going to be working on that and discussing that further.

16 CHAIR YEE: Okay. That's the last of the
17 subcommittees.

18 Commissioner Siany?

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So this kind of goes with the
20 other question I asked earlier for VRA, but at what point
21 are we going to have a conversation about the census data
22 where some of the weaknesses may be and also some of the
23 changes in population that we already know of since 2020?

24 That's been asked a lot when we've done the meetings
25 like -- so because of the fires in the far north, there's



1 been a lot of population changes. There was a report. I
2 can't remember if I sent it out to Fredy -- for all
3 commissioners or not. That's already kind of showing
4 kind of where the changes are. I'm not advocating one
5 way or the other, but the question is out there regarding
6 the census.

7 And if the census data isn't accurate or whatnot --
8 first, a conversation about the accuracy of the census
9 data, and we've talked about it a little bit in the past
10 with the Director of the California Census. And then
11 what other data can we use to check the accuracy,
12 especially around housing, college campuses, the fire
13 areas, military. There's certain populations that are
14 known to be undercounted. And I have that list
15 somewhere. I need to find it.

16 CHAIR YEE: Let's see, we did have the PPIC report
17 some time ago. That gives us some initial look at
18 population shifts. So that's available already in terms
19 of double checking -- we're obligated by statute to use
20 the database -- that statewide database provides us.
21 Right.

22 We cannot adjust that further. So I don't know -- I
23 don't know what latitude we have. Even if we were able
24 to secure additional analysis or information or data, we
25 cannot construct a further database on our own to use.

1 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And I still feel that that
2 maybe it's just an agenda in the future. It's a
3 discussion of the data, what are its strengths, what are
4 its weaknesses and public conversation about this?
5 Because people have, at least for me, it seems to come up
6 every other presentation I do.

7 CHAIR YEE: I'm wondering which subcommittee might
8 be able to keep an eye on that, since the census data
9 actually come out.

10 Commissioner Toledo?

11 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I would worry about us -- I
12 mean, certainly we I think there's a conversation about
13 the data. But there's potential litigation risk if we
14 are -- that is associated if we're -- if we don't -- with
15 the data. And so we may want to have some of that
16 connected to legal affairs.

17 And we'll be working with our litigation counsel to
18 come up with our strategy and to ensure that we have
19 appropriate framework, litigation framework, because I
20 think the data is one source of potential litigation.
21 It's one of the many, many areas where there might be
22 limitations on so.

23 So I'm just thinking maybe Legal Affairs might be a
24 good place to at least have the conversation with -- or
25 VRA could be the other have the conversation with



1 Strumwasser about potential risk and how we approach this
2 issue and what data sources to use and that sort of thing
3 but maybe starting the conversation there given the
4 potential exposure.

5 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Great concern. We keep that in
6 mind as we wait for the census data to drop.

7 Okay. Anything else on any of the subcommittee
8 reports before we take public comment on item 4.

9 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I just see that Jane is back
10 and we had just finished the Line Drawer Subcommittee
11 meeting. If she had anything additional to add.

12 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Not knowing exactly what was
13 said, I'm sure you did a good job.

14 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Let's go to public comment on
15 agenda item number 4 subcommittee updates.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair.

17 The Commission will now take public comment on
18 agenda item number 4, subcommittee updates. To give
19 comment, please call 877-853-5247. Enter the meeting ID
20 number 98322642969. Once you have called in, please
21 press star 9 to enter the comment queue.

22 The full call-in instructions have been read
23 previously and are provided on the livestream landing
24 page. And we do have a caller with their hand raised.

25 Caller with the last four 5882, if you will please



1 follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6. Go
2 ahead. The floor is yours. Go ahead. The floor is
3 yours. Caller 5882, go ahead. The floor is yours.

4 Please. Can you hear me now?

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can.

6 S3: Okay. Thank you very much. I've been
7 following your conversations today. Thank you, as
8 always, for your work. I didn't catch, however, when it
9 might be possible to get access to the Airtable. It
10 seemed there was some conversation maybe I missed about
11 it not being up and running yet for public consumption.

12 But I know that I think it was Marcy Kaplan
13 mentioned that there were 639 submissions in the COI
14 tool, and I had understood that those were going to be
15 dumped into the Airtable perhaps so that the public could
16 also see what was being submitted. And so I'm hoping
17 that someone can tell me what's going on. Perhaps I
18 missed that conversation today.

19 And I also missed -- and perhaps you didn't have
20 this conversation, a short reflection on the seven COIs
21 testimony so far it had seemed to me that they were
22 poorly attended or they didn't have as much participation
23 as perhaps you would want. And so I had wondered if
24 there was reflections that I had missed on that today.
25 Thank you very much.



1 CHAIR YEE: Thank you. We are up against a required
2 break. We have anymore callers?

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I would like to ask
4 those -- we do have one more caller, Chair.

5 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Let's go ahead with that.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Caller 2829, if you could
7 please follow the prompts to unmute yourself by pressing
8 star 6. Go ahead. The floor is yours.

9 MS. WESTA-LUSK: Hello. This is Renee Westa-Lusk.
10 And I just wanted to comment on the part of the
11 subcommittee meeting. Commissioner Kennedy was referring
12 to, I believe, some handouts that were posted either this
13 meeting or the last meeting.

14 One of them had to do with -- there's certain things
15 that you are required to take from the public input
16 hearings and the handout is entitled, "I want to keep my
17 current representatives. They're doing a good job for my
18 community". But it says community of interests in the
19 first paragraph shall not include relationships with
20 political parties, incumbents, or political candidates.

21 I think it would be a good idea to state that at the
22 beginning of the meeting to remind people whenever you're
23 having the public input meeting so they don't start
24 referring directly to their elected officials or party
25 candidates, et cetera, or their incumbents.



1 Because I remember the first statewide COI meeting
2 you had, there were at least four people that referred to
3 elected officials, and some of them were -- what can I
4 say -- somewhat derogatory, if not directly derogatory.
5 And I don't think that is the type of testimony that
6 should be --

7 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

8 MS. WESTA;LUSK: -- excepted for the COI public
9 input meetings. Thank you.

10 CHAIR YEE: Thank you. Let's see. I see we have
11 another caller.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We do.

13 CHAIR YEE: Can we squeeze that in? If we can,
14 let's go ahead and take that.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

16 CHAIR YEE: Yeah.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Caller 3723, if you will
18 please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6 to
19 unmute yourself. Caller 3723, if you could press star 6
20 to unmute yourself, please. Go ahead. The floor is
21 yours.

22 MS. HOWARD: Thank you. Sorry for that. My phone
23 apparently wasn't paying attention to me hitting star 6.
24 This is Deborah Howard with the California Senior
25 Advocates League. Thank you for taking the call right



1 before your break. I have a question. I believe this
2 morning it was reported that the person that you were
3 hiring for IT didn't check out through their references
4 and so you were going back to interviewing.

5 But then when Commissioner Turner reported out on
6 IT, she reported that you had -- you were no longer
7 working with USDR but you had somebody on staff that was
8 taking over these responsibilities. And there wasn't a
9 conflict, an overlap of responsibilities.

10 So I apologize if I misunderstood that conversation,
11 but I'm hoping that you would provide some clarity on
12 that. And not to truly, this is a sincere I can't wait
13 for the Airtable to be up and running I know like you and
14 a lot of other people, so we can see the community of
15 interest testimony you've been collecting. So that's my
16 comment and my question. I appreciate the response.
17 Thanks so much.

18 CHAIR YEE: Thank you, Ms. Howard. Why don't we go
19 ahead and go to break? And if our callers can wait till
20 after the break, we'll have various responses to these
21 calls, questions about the COI table, questions about
22 this hiring -- recent hiring, and about COI input
23 meetings. Okay. Let's go ahead and go to break. Come
24 back at 3:36.

25 (Whereupon, a recess was held)



1 CHAIR YEE: Welcome back to our what we hope to be
2 our final session for today ending no later than 4:30.
3 Before the break, we had some questions from public
4 comment. I'm wondering if various ones of you
5 commissioners and staff might be able to respond to those
6 questions regarding the Airtable, our community of
7 interest input meetings, and then the IT hiring.

8 I know some of those were mentioned before, but for
9 the caller's sakes, just to reiterate some of that
10 information. Maybe we can work backwards. The IT hiring
11 question, I didn't entirely follow it, but perhaps
12 someone did.

13 Commissioner Akutagawa?

14 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I think what she was
15 asking and it could have gotten confusing. I think
16 Commissioner Fornaciari talked about having to look -- or
17 not having to -- they are looking at another applicant
18 that they got for I believe it was the data manager, I
19 believe this morning that you're talking about.

20 And then separately, what I heard Commissioner
21 Turner talk about is related to the Airtable and the
22 consultant that we're using. The data manager and the
23 consultant are two different -- completely different
24 people.

25 I think there may have been some confusion that it



1 might have been one or the same, but USDR, we no longer
2 are working with them. So there's no conflict of
3 interest in the in the consultant that we are working
4 with. All I got, his name is Phil.

5 CHAIR YEE: Director Hernandez?

6 MR. HERNANDEZ: Just going to follow up. And
7 Commissioner Akutagawa handled that question perfectly,
8 but I was going to address the Airtable question as well.
9 I mentioned it earlier that we are working on the
10 contract and that's really where we are with things.

11 So once we get the contract, we can move forward
12 with our consultant that Commissioner Akutagawa was
13 referencing to implement the Airtable to transfer the
14 information from the COI tool.

15 CHAIR YEE: Okay. And then the question about -- I
16 think, the question about reflection on the COI meetings
17 thus far. Just to say, we certainly did note differing
18 amounts of attendance and interest in the various
19 meetings and what felt like too much scheduled time in
20 some of the meetings. And we definitely are adjusting
21 the length of meetings, the time of day to try to make
22 for a better use of time for everyone, so. As well as
23 continuing our outreach efforts full steam ahead.

24 Okay. Any other responses to any of the callers?

25 Now, let's move on to agenda item 5, Committee

1 Updates. Let's see, I believe Line Drawer has already
2 shared their update, and is not -- doesn't have a
3 presentation at this time, after all. So there'll be no
4 report there.

5 Legal Affairs, only to say we have the VRA counsel
6 coming next meeting, the 13th, using further training as
7 well as to continue pursuing the timeline discussion as
8 we discussed earlier. Which leaves Public Input Design
9 Committee. And I believe this morning is open the topic
10 of the COI meeting schedule going into August and said we
11 would complete that discussion in this agenda item.

12 So Public Input Design Committee, take us away with
13 that and any other items you have.

14 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. Yeah. Why don't we
15 go ahead and start with that? I was going to give a sort
16 of a summary recap of our meeting yesterday, but I think
17 in the interest of ensuring we get to what we need to get
18 to, let's start with that topic.

19 So as Director Hernandez mentioned, there's a
20 handout with proposed meeting dates. And I believe what
21 Director Hernandez is looking for is some discussion on
22 this, if there's any feedback and then a vote, a motion
23 and a vote to accept these meeting dates so they can go
24 ahead and begin to schedule the meetings.

25 So I'll just tell you the process. Director



1 Hernandez and I had a meeting to talk about the schedule.
2 We talked about moving a few of the dates around to make
3 the travel make a little more sense since we'll be doing
4 these -- the intent is to do these in person with a
5 virtual and in-person. But so there will be a travel
6 component for the Commissioners.

7 And I believe he met with at least one or two other
8 Commissioners to get some feedback on the on the
9 schedule. But this is an opportunity for the rest of the
10 Commission to take a look and to provide input. And then
11 the idea would be to begin to book the venues. And he
12 talked this morning about the myriad of logistical
13 challenges of setting up these meetings.

14 So I don't know, Director Hernandez, do you have
15 anything that you want to add there?

16 ME. HERNANDEZ: No, I think you covered it.

17 CHAIR YEE: So this is the handout listed for item
18 3-A when it was first mentioned, although we are now in
19 item 5-A. So three-page handout gives the schedule for
20 August and September for proposed outreach meetings. Any
21 discussion?

22 Commissioner Fernandez?

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. And I just noticed
24 this now. I was in the meeting last night and I didn't
25 even realize it. This is a scheduling nightmare. I

1 guess I'm going to just put it out there like that. And
2 the only, I guess, little bit of concern that I have is
3 for the month of August, which we plan to do the in
4 person. There's only one weekend date. There's only
5 Saturday.

6 And the only reason that's a little concerning to me
7 is if we want people to actually come. It's one thing to
8 attend when it's virtual. You can just log on and attend
9 whenever. But if you want people to actually show up,
10 you might have better response on a weekend. I'm not
11 sure.

12 There might be less people working on those days,
13 but other than that, thank you for the schedule. It
14 works well. It seems to flow better in terms of -- from
15 one venue to the next when you're not going -- doing a
16 lot of back-and-forth stuff. And I'm a person that once
17 I'm out traveling, let's get all the traveling done, and
18 then I can come home and rest. So thank you.

19 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Akutagawa?

20 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: I do have to ask the question
21 and I will say, I will admit this is a little selfish.
22 The August 5th meeting, I noticed that there was a time
23 change and I particularly noticed it because I am
24 supposed to chair it. But I do have a conflict at that
25 time change. And I was just curious as to why it got

1 changed to that time from the previous time.

2 CHAIR YEE: Director Hernandez?

3 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yeah. So if you look at the night
4 before in Zone F, which would be -- Zone F --

5 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Central Valley.

6 MR. HERNANDEZ: -- is the Central Valley: Fresno,
7 Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus and
8 Tulare. Anywhere that you would travel from, you would
9 be traveling that night to set up a meeting or to go to
10 the next meeting. And the meeting was scheduled four to
11 eight. So there was a big gap the following day.

12 That's part of the reason that we moved it ten to
13 two thinking that the Commissioners would be at that
14 location. Let's say, for example, it was in Fresno that
15 the Commissioners would have the Commission meeting in
16 Fresno and rather than waiting until 4 p.m. to start the
17 meeting that we would have the meeting the following
18 morning earlier than later. that was the thought process
19 on that one.

20 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I think this is the
21 challenge of going from being virtual to this hybrid in-
22 person.

23 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: And I'm your vice chair,
24 so I could -- I can --

25 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I mean, I'm



1 completely -- I mean, I had already another thing
2 scheduled that was based on the time that we had
3 previously agreed upon. That's the only reason why I'm
4 asking normally wouldn't even be an issue. So in this
5 case, Commissioner Fornaciari, you will be chairing that
6 meeting -- the entire meeting.

7 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: And it's an if needed.

8 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: So I it sounds like it's
9 going to be needed.

10 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Needed or not.

11 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: It sounds like it's going to
12 be if needed, it will be needed.

13 CHAIR YEE: Note that the four meetings after Labor
14 Day are the as -- are the as necessary ones. Possibly
15 especially useful for picking up languages that we didn't
16 cover elsewhere.

17 Commissioner Turner?

18 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Chair, my apologies. I
19 have to step out for just a second. I'll be right back
20 in a minute or two. Sorry about that.

21 CHAIR YEE: Okay.

22 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah, I wanted to go back to
23 that. That was on the August 4th and August 5th
24 meetings.

25 CHAIR YEE: Um-hum.

1 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay. And August 5th -- oh,
2 okay. You're just the regular chair anyway. I was
3 thinking August 5th Commissioner Akutagawa was based on
4 your area, but it's because you're scheduled to be chair
5 anyway. I see.

6 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Akutagawa, then Sinay?

7 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I am curious as to how
8 many people are going to be actually going in person. I
9 mean, we know that Commissioner Vazquez has already
10 stated that she will not be able to go in person, but is
11 everybody planning to travel?

12 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

13 CHAIR YEE: Yeah.

14 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Then I guess my question
15 would be, for those who are traveling, if you're in the
16 nearby area, are you going to be driving home that same
17 evening or are you going to stay?

18 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Fernandez?

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Are you asking for that
20 specific set for the --

21 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Well, given what Director
22 Hernandez said that he was thinking that 4 o'clock would
23 be too long to wait, but if people are within a short
24 driving distance, my assumption would have been that they
25 would have driven home anyways.



1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Personally, I would
2 probably spend the night on 8/4 because I wouldn't drive
3 back. I think wherever I go, it's -- probably at least
4 and again, the meeting on the fourth is until 8 o'clock
5 and that we could actually go beyond that the 8 o'clock,
6 right, if we have a lot of people.

7 I would definitely spend a night and then just go to
8 the meeting the next -- and personally, I would prefer to
9 just spend the night and then attend the meeting and then
10 drive home versus spend the night drive home and then
11 attend a meeting that evening. For me that would be very
12 draining, but whatever everyone wants to do -- everyone
13 else wants to do will be fine with me.

14 CHAIR YEE: And a lot of these zones are very big.
15 So it may depend on exactly where the meeting is.

16 Commissioner Sinay, then Turner.

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: On a positive note, I'm really
18 excited about looking at August. And I'm very excited to
19 spend two days in the far north. I mean, I think that's
20 going to be really exciting since we've got our zone
21 meeting on the 9th and then the full CRC meeting the next
22 day. That's pretty exciting.

23 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Turner.

24 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah, I was just going to say
25 when the question was asked earlier, it really will

1 depend on where the meetings are. There's about a six-
2 hour span in the Central Valley end-to-end. And I am
3 not -- I would not be an advocate for just making all the
4 meetings in Fresno. So at some point they're going to
5 have to be on one end or the other.

6 And so I'm really curious to do the work with the
7 staff to determine where these meetings are going to be
8 held and whether or not I would then go home to my place
9 in Stockton would really depend on whether it's
10 Bakersfield, Fresno, in which direction we're going.

11 So much of it is still not mapped out depending on
12 where the meetings are being held and how much driving is
13 required to get to the next one. I think it's still all
14 up in the air.

15 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Sinay?

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: To answer that question, I will
17 say I've been in this predicament before. And as a
18 mother of children, I -- and I think a lot of parents are
19 in the same boat, would love a night away. And get all
20 the work and everything that needs to be away.

21 And I think sometimes we forget there's been times
22 that people have said things that were not so nice to
23 folks who do have those responsibilities of family and
24 kids and such. And so I think a lot of us are being
25 really flexible, but there are times that we would

1 rather -- I'm not speaking for you, Commissioner
2 Sadhwani, or Marcy, or Derek, but --

3 CHAIR YEE: I remain inspired by the 2010 Commission
4 and the unbelievable travel schedule they pulled off all
5 together.

6 Okay. Are we going to look for a motion for this
7 schedule, Director Hernandez?

8 MR. HERNANDEZ: Thank you. I wanted to just
9 reiterate that this -- the schedule is, again, a proposed
10 schedule. We can look at it -- the details. But in
11 order for us to secure a facility, we have to have a
12 date. So we have to have that before we can figure out
13 what location we will be going to and then figuring out
14 the time frame for travel and so forth.

15 I did some just rough estimates as far as the -- if
16 it takes over an hour and a half from a location, more
17 than likely we're going to stay in that location because
18 most of the meetings are ending at eight. So you're
19 looking at driving -- the meeting could actually end
20 8:30, possibly even carry over till 9. Now you're
21 looking at drive time.

22 And from a safety perspective, I try not to travel
23 or you know, drive that late at night, especially when
24 you've been listening to public input for a few hours.
25 Don't want to put the commission at jeopardy in any way,

1 shape, or form. So that's a consideration that I wanted
2 to share with you in mapping this out.

3 Also, again, once we have the specific time frames,
4 we'll figure out the locations. And Fresno is only one
5 option in the Central Valley you have Stanislaus as well
6 and several other counties that we would be looking into.

7 I mentioned it yesterday in the Public Input Design
8 meeting that there's a lot of considerations. This is
9 only one of the many considerations. One of the other
10 considerations is that we have to make sure that wherever
11 we go has adequate Wi-Fi so that we can set up our
12 equipment and livestream from those facilities.

13 So that also creates some limitations on where we
14 can go and what places are available to us. So I just
15 wanted to share that with you all as well as we go
16 through and maybe look at this --the actual travel time
17 frames where we're going. And I am looking for some nice
18 locations wherever we go to make sure that you enjoy your
19 stay.

20 CHAIR YEE: Let's see. Director Kaplan, is that a
21 hand? No?

22 Director Hernandez, are you seeking our motion on
23 this schedule?

24 MR. HERNANDEZ: I am seeking a motion to approve the
25 schedule. Locations to be determined.



1 CHAIR YEE: Okay.

2 Commissioners Fernandez, then Turner?

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I was going to make a
4 motion. But if Commissioner Turner still wants to
5 discuss, then we can continue to discuss.

6 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I was going to make a motion.
7 You can make the motion, I'll second it.

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: There you go. I'll second
9 it.

10 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Motion is made by Commissioner
11 Turner, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez. The motion
12 is to approve the proposed COI input meeting scheduled
13 for August and September. It was actually the COI input
14 meetings as well as the business meetings.

15 Okay. Commissioner Kennedy.

16 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay. If we're going to
17 include the business meetings in the discussion, I just
18 want to highlight that we do now have the recall
19 elections scheduled for September 14th, so we may want to
20 consider dropping that day for our full CRC meeting.
21 We're shifting it so that instead of Tuesday, Wednesday,
22 it goes Wednesday, Thursday.

23 CHAIR YEE: Okay.

24 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you very much.

25 CHAIR YEE: Director Hernandez, does that sound easy



1 to switch the 14th to the 16th, perhaps?

2 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yeah, that won't be a problem.

3 CHAIR YEE: Okay.

4 So Commissioners Fernandez and Turner as amended?

5 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

6 CHAIR YEE: Any further discussion? You read my
7 mind, Katy. Let's go ahead and take public comment on
8 the motion on the floor concerning the August and
9 September commission schedule.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair.

11 The Commission will now take public comment on the
12 motion on the floor for the August-September meeting
13 schedule. To give comment, please call 877-853-5247.
14 Enter the meeting I.D. number 98322642969 for this
15 meeting. Once you have dialed in, please press star 9 to
16 enter the comment queue. The full call-in instructions
17 are read previously and are provided on the live stream
18 landing page.

19 There is no one in the queue at this time, Chair.

20 CHAIR YEE: Thank you.

21 By the way, I went over rather quickly over 5-B and
22 5-C. Were there any other items for either of those a
23 Legal Affairs Committee or the Line Drawing Subcommittee?
24 I don't think so. Yeah. Okay. In that case, can we
25 also take public comment as well for item 5?



1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We will also be taking
2 general public comment for item 5. And we do have a
3 caller has is caller 9066. And they do have their hand
4 raised.

5 All right. And I would also like to remind those
6 calling in to please press star 9 to raise your hand
7 indicating you wish to comment right. Up right now,
8 caller 9066, if you will please follow the prompts to
9 unmute. Go ahead. The floor is yours.

10 MS. MUNGARRO: Hi. My name is Gabby Mungarro. And
11 I am the communications manager for the Long Beach
12 Convention and Visitors Bureau. I came to speak today in
13 strong support of keeping Long Beach together in Congress
14 and State Districts. Keeping Long Beach within its
15 current lines will ensure our interests are advocated for
16 in a way that accurately reflects our community.

17 The hospitality and conventions industry is the
18 second largest employer in the city. It is key for the
19 businesses and residents employed by the industry to
20 maintain their collective voice. I ask the Commission to
21 keep Long Beach together when drawing the lines. Thank
22 you.

23 CHAIR YEE: Thank you.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And our next caller will
25 be caller 2829. If you will please follow the prompts to



1 unmute. Go ahead. The floor is yours.

2 MS. WESTA-LUSK: Yes. This is Renee Westa-Lusk. I
3 noticed on the revised schedule you have August 29th left
4 blank. And in the past you had that designated as Region
5 F COI input meeting. Is that being deleted or is it
6 being rescheduled?

7 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Fernandez?

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, I believe that one was
9 moved to August 25th. Is that correct, Director
10 Hernandez?

11 MR. HERNANDEZ: That is correct.

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Because it was Zone F?

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Thank you so
14 much.

15 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Commissioner Fernandez, August
16 25th is Zone I; is that not right?

17 CHAIR YEE: Zone F on the current schedule.

18 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Oh, it's an update on the
19 calendar. Okay.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Should I go to the next
21 caller, Chair?

22 CHAIR YEE: Yes, please.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay.

24 Caller 9089, if you would please follow the prompts
25 to unmute. Go ahead. The floor is yours.



1 MS. ZEPEDA: Hi. Good afternoon. My name is Paula
2 Zepeda. I am the community relations manager for the
3 Long Beach Convention and Visitors Bureau. I would like
4 to voice my support for keeping Long Beach together in
5 Congress and in State Districts. Doing so preserves the
6 integrity of our community and ensures that our major
7 industries are represented with unity.

8 Long Beach Hospitality and tourism industry
9 generates more than \$1 billion in economic impact to the
10 city annually, ensuring that this industry and other
11 major sectors are represented as if one community is key
12 to their success. I ask the Commission to keep on
13 together when drawing the lines for the benefit of its
14 working residents and business community. Thank you very
15 much.

16 CHAIR YEE: Thank you.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And with that, Chair,
18 that is all of our public comment at this time.

19 CHAIR YEE: Okay. I want you to hang on, Katy,
20 because I'm seeing that we're maybe at the end of our
21 agenda today. There is no closed session, so we're not
22 addressing item 6. Item 7 --

23 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Russell -- sorry.
24 Commissioner Yee?

25 CHAIR YEE: Yes.



1 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I just thought I saw a
2 couple more things --

3 CHAIR YEE: Oh, I'm sorry. Okay.

4 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- To finish up.

5 CHAIR YEE: Very good. Let's continue taking calls
6 on the motion, then.

7 Commissioner Fernandez?

8 I'm sorry, Katy, I got that all mixed up. So no
9 more callers in the queue?

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Correct, Chair. No more
11 callers in the queue.

12 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Any further discussion?
13 Approving the schedule as amended. Okay. Let's go to
14 the vote.

15 MR. HERNANDEZ: Okay. The motion is to approve the
16 August-September Commission meeting schedule as amended.
17 We will begin the vote.

18 Commissioner Ahmad?

19 Commissioner Akutagawa?

20 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

21 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Andersen?

22 Commissioner Fernandez?

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

24 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fornaciari?

25 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes.



1 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Kennedy?

2 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

3 MR. HERNADNEZ: Commissioner Le Mons?

4 Commissioner Sinay?

5 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

6 MR. HERNADNEZ: Commissioner Sadhwani?

7 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes.

8 MR. HERNADNEZ: Commissioner Taylor?

9 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes.

10 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Toledo?

11 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yes.

12 MR. HERNADNEZ: Commissioner Turner?

13 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

14 MR. HERNADNEZ: Commissioner Vazquez?

15 Commissioner Yee?

16 CHAIR YEE: Yes.

17 MR. HERNADNEZ: And the motion passes.

18 CHAIR YEE: Thank you, everyone. Thank you,

19 Director Hernandez. And thank you, staff.

20 Moving forward with this very exciting prospect of
21 in-person meetings -- hybrid meetings.

22 Okay. Commissioner Fornaciari, further items for
23 the IGC.

24 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Sure. So we did a couple
25 of things at the meeting yesterday. The first thing we

1 did is kind of talk about how the Zone meetings provide
2 feedback to the staffs. There was a number of pieces of
3 feedback, mostly just technical potential changes for
4 them to make and consider.

5 But and we one of the things we encouraged the staff
6 to do that the communication staff has to consider really
7 focusing like fourteen, ten, seven, five, two days ahead
8 of time in with social media and press releases -- what
9 they can do now and in. And then also a thank you
10 posting after the meeting. And just a reminder for folks
11 to provide other ways to provide input.

12 So we talked a bit about social media and how to
13 make social media most effective. We talked about this a
14 little earlier today. But so sharing that if the
15 commissioners share or like or comment on the posts that
16 they put out, it's much more effective and I guess
17 especially sharing with groups.

18 And so part of the conversation we had is that, you
19 know, for those of us who weren't super deeply familiar
20 with how to do all that stuff on social media that she
21 would be willing to help tutor us. And apparently, it's
22 significantly more impactful on social media if the
23 commissioners do it and engage their network.

24 So we want to make sure we all heard that and can
25 engage with Cecilia if we need to. We also heard



1 yesterday that there are a couple of new videos that
2 are -- being completed that will be included in the --
3 that the videos that we show during our downtime, if we
4 have downtime in future meetings.

5 The topic again came up to as to whether or not we
6 wanted to have the zone leads give a little spiel about
7 the zones and a description of the zones. There were
8 sort of mixed feelings on that. So we decided not to
9 bring that forward as a recommendation.

10 But there was, I think, pretty uniform support for
11 the idea of having the Commissioners engage in
12 discussions about their experiences in the zones. I
13 think all the Commissioners had fun sharing in those who
14 didn't share, had fun listening. And so we could -- we
15 would encourage the commission to continue that practice.
16 And there were some suggestions that we could talk about
17 food, books, and movies. So something for the next chair
18 to think about.

19 Then the other big thing we talked about was there
20 are those four dates in September that we had set -- that
21 we had penciled in for potentially having group input
22 meetings. So we talked a lot about that. Those dates
23 are the -- September 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th. And lots
24 of discussion, lots of pros and cons. We all, of course,
25 definitely want to ensure that we're getting as much

1 public input from all Californians.

2 Although it wasn't unanimous, the consensus from the
3 committee was to not have public input meetings, and some
4 of the reasons for that was how do you identify and
5 define what a group is? How do you weigh group input
6 versus individual input? There are a number of ways for
7 individuals and groups to provide input, know they can
8 join in to our regular meetings.

9 For some organizations are speakers are special
10 interest groups. So we recommend that we keep those four
11 dates open. And as we get a little closer to those four
12 dates that we kind of look at where we're at with input
13 from various regions and sort of identify how we might
14 want to use those meetings to either focus more deeply in
15 given areas or maybe move back and use them as statewide
16 input.

17 And another option that we talked about today was
18 use those -- have opportunities to provide users meetings
19 for some of the language access that we talked about
20 earlier, too. So that's kind of where we're at. But a
21 couple of public comments -- only two public comments
22 during the whole meeting.

23 And before the meeting started, we had a comment
24 from Peter Cannon that I'll share and just kind of
25 summarizing these if I don't get it right, I'll have my



1 fellow commissioners chime in here. But so Peter Cannon
2 had three comments. His first one was what criteria
3 would we use to define groups?

4 The 2011 Commission hosted group presentations to
5 present maps, not COI input and something to the effect
6 that it had -- it has been said that the groups may be
7 delaying the process, which makes sense because they
8 would want to have the last word. That was his comment.

9 And then James Woodson called in with three
10 questions for the Commission to consider. Is the
11 Commission making it easy for all communities to
12 participate in the process? What are the barriers to
13 providing input, including internet and language access?
14 And consider the role of CBOs and uplifting input from
15 communities that are left out.

16 And so I wanted to share what we talked about in --
17 with the Commission, but I think I think we need to make
18 a decision here on whether or not we're going to set
19 those meetings aside for specific for group public input
20 or if we're going to keep those meetings open to use them
21 as I mentioned earlier.

22 So that was our discussion. So I'll open it up to
23 my colleagues to clarify or if I didn't quite catch
24 everything.

25 CHAIR YEE: On the subject of group presentations, I

1 know the Commission did have at least a couple of
2 meetings to do that. I wonder if we could do more
3 research into how that went, what the reasoning was
4 behind it, and whether they would do it again.

5 Commissioner Sinay and Commissioner Turner?

6 COMMISSIONER SINAY: The group presentations last
7 time were for the line drawing aspect of it. It wasn't
8 for the community of interest input.

9 CHAIR YEE: Um-hum.

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And so that's kind of the unity
11 mapping and those things that we've talked about before.
12 So I just wanted to clarify that.

13 CHAIR YEE: Right.

14 Commissioner Turner?

15 COMMISSIOENR TURNER: The three meetings, the 8th,
16 9th, and 10th that we have currently, I'm still wanting
17 to hear from commissioners what would be the harm in
18 having an understanding that CBOs may call in even with
19 community of interest that they've gathered.

20 We want to hear from Californians. We do want to
21 hear the various voices. We're relying on CBOs for a lot
22 of other information that we need. And if indeed they
23 are the trusted messengers that are able to have a
24 certain segment of our community participate, we know
25 that people that are typically underserved are not going

1 to show up at our meetings or cannot show up at our
2 meetings and speak.

3 And so they are trusted partners. They're used to
4 seeing them in the communities, CBOs, and may be more
5 inclined to share their communities of interest after
6 feeling more comfortable, lots of hands-on meetings, the
7 process explained, et cetera.

8 And so with the intentionality that we're putting
9 into a lot of the other language access need for a lot of
10 the other piece parts that we're trying to be so careful
11 about, I'd like for us to also consider being careful
12 about this noted, as you will, that it's a community,
13 perhaps CBOs, that are providing the input. But I don't
14 think there's harm in hearing from it.

15 And we have the days that are set aside and I'd
16 really like to see what is offered. And even if they can
17 get additional input and testimony to us -- public input
18 to us so that will have a broader base of individuals
19 that are responding.

20 CHAIR YEE: So as it stands now, I mean, a CBO
21 representatives could also -- could always call in, write
22 in, and so like any individual. But what we're thinking
23 at these meetings, they would probably be given more
24 time, more than three minutes, right, to present at more
25 length. I think that's the idea. Yeah.

1 Okay. Commissioner Akutagawa?

2 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I do have a question on
3 that. And I think it was what was raised by the caller
4 yesterday is about -- it's a question of, I think,
5 fairness. Do they get more time versus everybody else
6 who may have lots of things to say representing various
7 community organizations themselves?

8 And I think -- I guess the question I have is are we
9 giving one person -- let's just say -- I'm making this
10 up. So I just say let's give them fifteen minutes
11 versus, you know, just an individual saying, I'm calling
12 on behalf of a homeowners' association. They get the
13 requisite three that everybody else is doing.

14 I'm bringing this up mostly because I'm wondering if
15 there's other ways in which we can still be fair, but
16 also still allow a group to be heard within the confines
17 of the policies and the systems that we've set up for
18 public input.

19 So for example, I think we had a caller particularly
20 I think it was so it was from Orange County. They asked
21 if -- would it be possible for their group not to do a
22 group presentation like what we're I think considering
23 right now.

24 But if individual members of the group could present
25 to the Commission as part of their public input time, but

1 to be able to do so in a row so that they could then have
2 a more cohesive presentation, but it would be again
3 within the confines of the rules that we've set up, which
4 is each person getting three, then the next person
5 getting up from their group, giving their testimony, but
6 building upon what the previous person did.

7 Is that an option? Is that something that would
8 make sense? And if we're going to do this, it would at
9 least then be known to everybody so that any group that
10 wanted to do so could also request a time, so that then
11 it's both transparent, but it's also fair to all of
12 California. I'm just thinking about that as an option,
13 another alternative option.

14 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Turner?

15 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. So right now we keep
16 hearing that it may pick up and it will get busier and we
17 certainly hoping that it is, but it's not that now. And
18 so why would we not just allow that group and any other
19 group that wants to participate a block of time, be it
20 group presentations for thirty minutes, an hour, whatever
21 it is we set.

22 And then in that manner, whoever the group is that
23 would want to call in. And the I guess criteria would be
24 that you are representing others and you're not telling
25 us one hour about your neighborhood. So it must be

1 pretty special for an hour to talk about it. But either
2 way, though, that's the criteria set that it is a group
3 presentation and that we're hearing.

4 And if indeed we're inundated with those, then all
5 of a sudden we get more testimony about COIs than we ever
6 thought possible. We can always pivot based on the time
7 element. But right now we're in a place where it's
8 pretty much a desert. We have lots of time to hear
9 however people are going to call in.

10 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Sinay?

11 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I'll be honest, I go back and
12 forth on all of this. I am one -- right now, I think we
13 need to be more flexible than we have been. I feel like
14 we have tried to create policies and we're worried about
15 when we get crowded everything from the three-minute rule
16 to one person at a time.

17 And so I do agree with what is being said that if a
18 group is helping facilitate filling up time slots and
19 it's going to be individuals filling up those slots, why
20 not? If the community is being creative and helping,
21 let's work with them.

22 The other thing -- and I sent the email to you all,
23 but we know that there's a group in San Diego who's doing
24 a big survey right now, and they're going to present to
25 us. And they didn't say, you can call in yourself. They



1 just said, here is a survey. And the question that I had
2 was, well, do they know they only have three minutes to
3 speak? What's going to happen? How much are they going
4 to be able to share from the information they collected?

5 And so I think different groups are doing different
6 types of outreach, and we're just going to have to be
7 open and learn as we go. And then maybe we follow up
8 with the groups afterwards, staff does, say what worked
9 or what didn't work. But I just -- I agree. We are
10 right now. We got the time, so let's use it. We're
11 paying for it in many different ways. So let's just hear
12 and learn.

13 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Turner, then Fernandez?

14 COMMISSIONER TURNER: In the added piece I was
15 saying is, is that because we have the time or that I
16 forgot to say because we have the time. I also would
17 prefer not making them choreograph how they have people
18 come and speak and one behind the other and all of that.
19 To me, that's still us making them do too much.

20 If you're gathering it, I think we should land on a
21 time period for groups that they can call in and do their
22 group presentation, and they have lots of voices stepping
23 up to the mic in that time. Or if they're representing
24 and the people are standing there or however they choose
25 to do it, we would still hear from those voices. I don't

1 want to put processes that makes it difficult for the
2 community to provide us what we need.

3 CHAIR YEE: And we need to have some kind of way of
4 defining what a community-based organization is because
5 it could be any group.

6 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah.

7 CHAIR YEE: It could be the Democratic Party of
8 California. It could be the Petroleum Institute of
9 California. It could be whatever.

10 Commissioner Turner?

11 And watching the clock, we have about two more
12 minutes.

13 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. You want their C-3.
14 You want their -- how do you want them to identify
15 themselves? I mean, they certainly can be identified so
16 that it's just not any group of people. People can be
17 identified different ways. I guess it would depend on
18 what does this Commission want to feel comfortable that
19 they are a CBO attempting to report what they've gathered
20 from the community.

21 CHAIR YEE: Right, because we would be granting
22 access to an organization that general public doesn't
23 have, right, so in terms of additional time to share. So
24 having some way of defining how you qualify for that
25 access seems to me to be important.

1 Commissioner Akutagawa?

2 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I think this is going
3 to be an important conversation. I mean, I'm just kind
4 of thinking about it in two ways. One, I mean, I guess
5 for me, fairness is very important. And on the one hand,
6 do we say that an organization that is a bona fide 501 C-
7 3, which is a nonprofit organization that is a charitable
8 organization, and there's all different other kinds of
9 nonprofit codes, as the IRS would give it to them.

10 But what happens when somebody -- there is an
11 organization that is not a recognized nonprofit by the
12 IRS, because there are a lot of, quote unquote,
13 community-based organizations that are all volunteer run.
14 They may or may not have a tax site tax kind of
15 designation as a not-for-profit organization.

16 And I'm thinking about in a number of especially
17 smaller, diverse communities, and I think particularly
18 you're going to see them in Asian, Middle Eastern, the
19 Hispanic Latinx, and probably some of the black immigrant
20 communities. There's probably very grass roots volunteer
21 run organizations that will not have that, but will be
22 those trusted messengers, maybe willing to at least
23 representative of their group, be able to come and speak
24 on something.

25 And then there's also the whole other gamut. You



1 got homeowners' associations. You have chambers and
2 others that may also feel like, hey, if you're going to
3 accept group testimony, then they should also be given
4 that same equal time as well, too. And I'll just be
5 honest, an hour seems a little long for one group to
6 present if we have multiple groups that will want to
7 present.

8 CHAIR YEE: Okay. I'm wondering, since we're
9 running out of time today, I'm wondering if the PIDC
10 might want to do some more research on this and come up
11 with a proposal to move forward.

12 Commissioner Fornaciari?

13 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. I don't think we
14 need to make this decision today, and it's definitely an
15 important decision that needs some thought and
16 discussion. And I would kind of offer I think this is
17 better to have in the full Commission because we'll have
18 this conversation for three hours in the PID and then
19 we'll just rehash the conversation again in the full
20 Commission meeting. So if we if we choose to have it
21 here and have it the words and come to some conclusion, I
22 think that would be the most effective use of time.

23 CHAIR YEE: Okay.

24 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So I'll add that to the --
25 I'll make sure that's teed up for our next meeting.

1 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Very good. Okay. So that is the
2 end of item 5. We are not covering item 6. Anything
3 further on item 7 in terms of future meeting dates or
4 agenda items as we just mentioned?

5 Commissioner Andersen?

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Given the things that are
7 going to be discussed in this next meeting, this next
8 phase is only four hours. Can we do something about
9 that?

10 CHAIR YEE: I believe not since it's already been
11 announced.

12 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: It can be extended
13 afterwards until all business is done. It starts at four
14 and goes to --

15 CHAIR YEE: Midnight. Yeah. Well, that's up to
16 staff whether they can cover us for that. I would say it
17 is becoming a very full meeting. Yeah.

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I would recommend we all
19 consider that possibility.

20 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Fernandez?

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And if we're going to
22 consider it, it has to be more formal because we have to
23 ensure that we have ASL, and we have the video, we have
24 everything else, because right now they're just planned
25 from 4 to 8 block.

1 CHAIR YEE: The only potential would be to go later.

2 We cannot go earlier? Okay. I will inquire.

3 Okay. Anything else on any items before we go to

4 final public comment?

5 Commissioner Akutagawa?

6 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: I just have a question

7 because I'm not sure. We had I think two people call in

8 essentially giving us communities of interest testimony.

9 Given that we don't have line drawers here, I'm just

10 curious as to how that will be then captured and passed

11 on?

12 CHAIR YEE: Staff? Anyone? Director Hernandez? So

13 the general public comment when community of interest

14 testimony happens to be given, how is that being

15 captured?

16 MR. HERNADNEZ: I'm sorry. Can you repeat the

17 question? I was thinking something else.

18 CHAIR YEE: Sure. When we take general public

19 comment and a caller happens to call in with community of

20 interest input, how is that being captured?

21 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes. So we will have our

22 administrative assistant collect that information, put it

23 in as a public input separate from our public comment --

24 or part of our public comment because it was given during

25 the commission meeting. But we'll also ensure that it's

1 part of the public input folder that we have that will be
2 entering into our database when we have that database
3 available.

4 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Let's go ahead and take public
5 comment on item 5 once again. Sorry. And item 7, public
6 comments for items not on the agenda.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair.

8 The Commission will now take public comment on item
9 5 and item 7. To give comment, please call 877-853-5247.
10 Please enter the meeting ID number 98322642969 for this
11 meeting. Once you have dialed in, please press star 9 to
12 enter the comment queue. The full call-in instructions
13 have been read previously and are provided on the
14 livestream landing page.

15 At this time, Chair, we do not have anyone in the
16 queue.

17 CHAIR YEE: Wait just a minute. So we have our Zone
18 J, Orange County Community of Interest Input meeting
19 tomorrow at 10 to 6. Saturday, Zone K, Imperial and San
20 Diego Counties, 10 to 6. Monday, Zone F, Central Valley,
21 10 to 6. And then our next business meeting next Tuesday
22 the 13th, 4 to 8 or later possibly.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Our instructions are
24 complete, Chair. And we do not have anyone in the queue
25 at this time.



1 CHAIR YEE: Okay. And of course, besides those
2 meetings, as always, we encourage the public to submit
3 their community of interest testimony through our COI
4 tool at drawmycacommunity.org or email or snail mail or
5 phone call.

6 Okay. Is there any other business? If not with two
7 minutes to spare, this meeting is adjourned.

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