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P R O C E E D I N G S

12:00 p.m.

1 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Good afternoon, Californian. And
2
3 welcome to this September 7th business meeting of the
4
5 Citizens Redistricting Commission. I'm Neal Fornaciari
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7 and along with my colleague, Sara Sadhwani. We will be
8
9 hosting the meeting today. I will call the meeting to
10
11 order and ask Director Hernandez to call the roll,
12
13 please.

14 MR. HERNANDEZ: Good afternoon, Chair. I'll begin
15
16 the role.

17 Commissioner Kennedy?

18 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.

19 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Le Mons?

20 Commissioner Sadhwani?

21 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Here.

22 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sinay?

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Here.

24 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Taylor?

25 Commissioner Toledo?

Commissioner Turner? Commissioner Turner? Okay. I
see her screen on, so.

Commissioner Vazquez?

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Here.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Yee?



1 COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.

2 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Ahmad?

3 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Here.

4 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Akutagawa?

5 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Here.

6 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Andersen?

7 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Here.

8 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fernandez?

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Presente.

10 MR. HERNANDEZ: And Commissioner Fornaciari?

11 CHAIR FORNACIARI: I am here. Thank you. Thank
12 you --

13 MR. HERNANDEZ: You have a quorum.

14 CHAIR FORNACIARI: -- Director Hernandez.

15 COMMISSIONER TURNER: And I'm here as well, Chair,
16 Commissioner Turner. Thanks.

17 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Thank you.

18 MR. HERNANDEZ: Thank you.

19 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Thank you, Commissioner Turner.

20 So I'm going to start with a few general announcements
21 before we get into it. I want to just sort of lay a
22 little bit of groundwork for the public where the
23 Commission is at this point and where we're beginning to
24 head.

25 So we are finishing up our second phase, which is



1 the public input phase. We'll be having our three final
2 public input meetings tomorrow, Wednesday, the 8th,
3 Thursday, the 9th, Friday, the 10th. The 8th will be
4 focused on Southern California and we will be providing
5 language services in Cantonese, Japanese, Mandarin, and
6 Spanish. That will be from 3 to 7.

7 Then the 9th and 10th will both be statewide
8 community of interest input meetings and those will also
9 be simulcast in Spanish. And we'll have translators
10 available for all those languages on those days. So
11 we're transitioning from our second phase into our third
12 phase. But that by no means means that the public cannot
13 continue to provide input.

14 We welcome your input throughout this process. So
15 if you have public, if you have communities of interest
16 input that you'd like to provide us and are unable to
17 make it to any of those three meetings you can visit
18 DrawmyCAcommunity.org. That's DrawmyCAcommunity.org and
19 provide your input online.

20 Or you can visit our web page,
21 www.wedrawthelinesca.org. That's www.wedrawthelines.ca.org
22 and browse through our web -- our landing page, our
23 home page and find out there are a number of different
24 ways you can provide input. You can email it, you can
25 mail it, or you can call. And that information is



1 available there.

2 So as I mentioned, we're transitioning into phase
3 three and that's our line drawing phase. And I'm just
4 taking a little time. I've tried to let you all know
5 what's coming up over the next week or so.

6 So today you'll notice we put together a meeting
7 scheduled for you. It's in the agenda handouts. Can't
8 really see that, I guess. But it's in the meeting
9 handouts. It lets you know what we're going to be
10 talking about today and what the timing of today is going
11 to be.

12 And then on the 11th is our next CRC meeting and we
13 will be focused in that meeting on a lot of the -- sort
14 of the groundwork for line drawing and guidelines and
15 discussion and just kind of review some communities of
16 interest input also probably that day.

17 And then the 15th, 17th, and 18th, we're really
18 going to be digging deep into communities of interest to
19 input and begin to think about directions for our -- for
20 line growth.

21 So anyway, I just want to take a few minutes upfront
22 to sort of frame where we're headed, what the transition
23 looks like at this point and let you all be prepared. We
24 are -- we're able to nail things down a little bit better
25 now as far as timing goes, and that's why we put the



1 schedule together.

2 I think our expectations will continue to provide a
3 schedule for folks so they can understand when we'll be
4 talking about their areas and can join in. It's a
5 notional schedule. We'll do our do our best to keep on
6 time.

7 And so today we have a couple of times we're going
8 to be reviewing some COI submissions and then just go
9 through our business meeting work. So with that, I am
10 going to ask Kristian, our comment moderator, to open it
11 for public comment.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair. In order to
13 maximize transparency and public participation in our
14 process the commissioners will be taking public comment
15 by phone. To call in, dial the telephone number provided
16 on the livestream feed. It is 877-853-5247.

17 When prompted enter the meeting ID number provided
18 on the livestream feed. It is 88134025430. When
19 prompted to enter a participant ID simply press pound.
20 Once you've dialed in, you'll be placed in a queue. To
21 indicate you wish to comment, please press star 9. This
22 will raise your hand for the moderator.

23 When it is your turn to speak, you'll hear a message
24 that says, the host would like you to talk. Press star 6
25 to speak. If you'd like to give your name, please state,



1 and spell it for the record. You are not required to
2 provide your name to give public comment. Please make
3 sure to meet your computer or livestream audio to prevent
4 any feedback or distortion during your call.

5 Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for when
6 it is your turn to speak. And again, please turn down
7 the livestream volume. And we do have a caller, Caller
8 5405. And I will bring them in now. Just a moment.

9 Caller 5405, if you could, please, follow the
10 prompts to unmute. You are unmuted. The floor is yours.

11 MR. JOHNSON: Terrific. Thank you. Hello,
12 Commissioners. This is Dylan Johnson from SEIU. First,
13 I just wanted to congratulate the Commission on this
14 momentous week as you wrap up your pre-map public input
15 hearings.

16 I know I've been learning a lot about the unique
17 tapestry of California, just like you have, so I just
18 want to thank you personally for providing that learning
19 experience.

20 But secondly, I wanted to point out that this is
21 also a big week in Sacramento as it is the end of the
22 legislation year. So for your Government Affairs
23 subcommittee, I wanted to point out two pieces of
24 legislation moving forward.

25 The first is SB 594, which makes the necessary



1 changes to the elections calendar to accommodate an
2 additional delay in the deadline for adopting final maps.
3 So that bill passed the Assembly 73 to 0 and the Senate
4 37 to 0 last week, and it's now on the governor's desk
5 for signature. So I'm looking forward to a new GANTT
6 chart in our future on that one.

7 And then the second piece of legislation is AB 361,
8 which extends the Bagley-Keene exemptions through January
9 31st of next year. So 361 was amended Friday and will be
10 eligible for consideration as soon as today. So that
11 issue has been of considerable importance to some
12 commissioners. So it's good to see that issues being
13 addressed by the legislature.

14 So as you start line drawing, you're entering a more
15 difficult phase in your process. Not everyone is going
16 to get what they want.

17 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

18 MR. JOHNSON: Not everyone is going to be happy.
19 You can start a pool and the first time someone uses the
20 word gerrymandering to describe your laborers, because
21 that, sadly, is an inevitability.

22 With that, it is just helpful to remember among all
23 those tensions, there are just a lot of people in and out
24 of the commission laboring --

25 MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.



1 MR. JOHNSON: -- to simply allow the process to work
2 as the voters intended. So thank you all so, so, so
3 much. And good luck today. Thanks.

4 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Well, thank you for calling in,
5 Mr. Johnson, and following along with us. We appreciate
6 that and appreciate the update on those two pieces of
7 legislation. Thank you very much.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And now we have caller
9 2829. If you will, please follow the prompts to unmute.
10 The floor is yours.

11 MS. WESTA-LUSK: Good afternoon -- Hello. Good
12 afternoon, Commissioners. This is Renee Westa-Lusk. I
13 have a question. If Airtable, if it's been updated with
14 more entries. And if -- is there a special instruction
15 to try to find lost entries like -- I brought it up at
16 your last business meeting, and I kept trying to find
17 certain public testimonies that were given and they'd be
18 on the left-hand side of the Airtable.

19 But they would --I couldn't find them anywhere on
20 the right-hand side. And I did take Commissioner
21 Andersen's tip on looking in other areas like in my
22 county, and I couldn't find those testimonies. So I just
23 kind of wanted an update on the Airtable.

24 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay, So we -- oh, go ahead. I'm
25 sorry.



1 MS. WESTA-LUSK: I'm just meant the right side of
2 the Airtable didn't match what was on the left side,
3 which is the pin map. I couldn't find the all the
4 entries that we're on the left side of Airtable in the
5 pin map on the right side. If that clarifies anything.

6 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. I have a question for you.
7 You mentioned -- well, when you called in last week, this
8 one suggestion was to send us an email with the --
9 highlighting the entries that that you weren't able to
10 find. Were you able to do that?

11 MS. WESTA-LUSK: I'm still trying to find all the
12 ones I couldn't find --

13 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay.

14 MS. WESTA-LUSK: -- and put them in an email. I'm
15 in the process of writing the email. It's in a draft --

16 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay.

17 MS. WESTA-LUSK: -- form right now.

18 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. Okay. So I think to be
19 more precise in our answer, we have to see the inputs in
20 question. One thing that is coming to my mind is that
21 some of the written inputs aren't able to be mapped, so
22 to speak, to a specific region, and so there wouldn't be
23 a pin with them, for instance.

24 But we'd have to get the list that you were
25 concerned about or the list of inputs that you have in



1 question in order to answer those questions more
2 precisely.

3 And then to your first question, Director Hernandez,
4 as part of his report, will be discussing Airtable and
5 where things -- okay. Sorry, not going to call it
6 Airtable. I'm going to call it our COI -- our input
7 database and he'll be discussing the database and what
8 the status is on that.

9 MS. WESTA-LUSK: Okay. All right. Thank you. And
10 I'll try to send that email in maybe today. Okay. Thank
11 you.

12 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. That'd be great. It'd
13 really be helpful. And thank you for following along and
14 in calling in. We really appreciate your input. Thank
15 you.

16 MS. WESTA-LUSK: Okay. Thank you. Bye.

17 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Bye.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And that is all our
19 callers at this time, Chair.

20 CHAIR FORNACIARI: I have a question from -- thank
21 you, Kristian -- Commissioner Andersen.

22 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Just along that -- along
23 those lines from Ms. Westa-Lusk, if it says keep our
24 county together. Those often do not have maps -- pin
25 maps that represent it if it's just keep our -- keep our



1 city together. That comment might not necessarily have
2 been map to go with it because that is automatically a
3 criteria.

4 So if it is -- if you're looking for a particular
5 input that says I want whatever county to stay together,
6 that wouldn't necessarily have a pin map. So it's just
7 if you have other combinations or -- then you should
8 expect a pin map. But any issue, send an email.

9 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Commissioner Kennedy?

10 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. In
11 following up on Mr. Johnson's input, I wanted to ask --
12 and I can wait until later in the meeting for the answer.
13 But materials development had developed three new pieces
14 for use, one specifically on gerrymandering and what
15 gerrymandering is and isn't in helping people understand
16 why districts were drawn the way they were drawn last
17 time referring to the final report of the 2010 Commission
18 with the explanation of each of the districts.

19 But I'm not seeing that piece or the one on
20 contiguity or on incumbent anywhere, so if I can just get
21 an answer at some point on what happened to those pieces.
22 Those were finalized, I think, in June.

23 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. Would that be I guess that
24 would be a question for the communication director's
25 report.

1 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Can be.

2 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. We'll put it on hold until
3 then.

4 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thanks.

5 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Thanks. Any other? Yeah, I kind
6 of skipped ahead. Sorry. My fellow Commissioners, did
7 anyone else have a general announcement? Okay with that,
8 then we will go to agenda item 3, Direct reports. We'll
9 start with the Executive Director Hernandez.

10 MR. HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair. And good
11 afternoon, Commissioners and Californians. I want to
12 first thank you all, Commissioners, for your well-wishes
13 and the passing of my grandmother, Mama Julia. Just
14 really appreciate it. Hadn't had a chance to thank you
15 all but wanted to do so publicly. So thank you for that.

16 Our meeting schedule, I just updated the meeting
17 schedule. The dates will not likely change, but some of
18 the definitions or the descriptions of the meetings on
19 that meeting schedule may change moving forward as we
20 fine tune the line drawing activities.

21 As Commissioner Fornaciari -- Chair Fornaciari
22 mentioned, we are down to our last few COI input meetings
23 and it just seems like we started them yesterday just
24 about. It's been three months, if you can believe that.
25 But I wanted to take this time to thank our outreach and

1 communication staff for all the hard work that they have
2 done over the last three months.

3 There was a lot of work that goes on behind the
4 scenes before, during, and after the meetings. Staff
5 have made it look easy and seamless, and I am very
6 appreciative of all the hard work that they have done. I
7 also want to thank our videographers, our ASL staff,
8 close caption, transcribers, language interpreters, and
9 line drawer staff for their hard work, cooperation, and
10 professionalism throughout this whole process.

11 Chair Fornaciari, did I miss anyone? Okay. Just
12 checking.

13 All right. In regards to our data management, I
14 wanted to move --

15 CHAIR FORNACIARI: You're killing me, Alvaro.

16 MR. HERNANDEZ: Okay. In regards to the data
17 management, we are continuing to update the database.
18 It's updated through August 20th at this time. We're
19 going to look to update at the end of every week with
20 another batch of information.

21 What we're doing is cleaning up to make sure that
22 the information is correct, not so much the testimony,
23 but that the field and everything that carries over into
24 the database doesn't have any bugs in it. So that's what
25 we're doing. We want to make sure that when it comes

1 over it is accurate and feels don't overlap other fields
2 and things like that. So that's where we are with the
3 database.

4 Hopefully that answers your question as far as the
5 pin map and things like that. As far as I know, the pin
6 map is not the exact location, it's a general location.
7 So as you filtered through, you might find -- might not
8 find it in the exact city that you're thinking of, but it
9 will be in that general area. But we'll look into
10 updating that information to be more specific or as
11 specific as we can do so. I see a hand up. Commissioner
12 Sinay?

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Sorry, I was -- I hear what
14 you're saying, but I think we do need to be a little bit
15 more specific than we're being right now. I've been
16 looking at the San Diego ones, and with wearing my hat --
17 knowing the community and knowing that we get so many
18 calls around Barrio Logan and South Bay, that was kind of
19 the first thing I looked up.

20 And there's only three pins on Barrio Logan, so we
21 got a -- but if you do a search on the grid, a lot more
22 come up. And so what I'd like to recommend is that the
23 lead -- the staff leads work with the database -- the
24 database team and maybe staff leads, and commissioner
25 leads, if that's helpful.



1 Yeah. Those who know the community well, that can
2 help the database person because they're not going to
3 know all these nuances. And the reason this is really
4 important is Barrio Logan is one of those communities,
5 like many of the communities called in who don't feel
6 heard.

7 And so if they did a really good effort to call in
8 and tell us City Heights, there's a lot of them from City
9 Heights, which is another community that doesn't feel
10 heard. And they were put in the general middle dot. And
11 that's just making them feel even less hurt.

12 So it is really kind of critical for us to try to
13 get it a little bit more accurate on the pin map, not a
14 little bit -- to try to really work with our lead staffs
15 as well as commissioners that possible. I know it's not
16 so much -- the data there and it's accurate if you use
17 the grid, but the visual is not what we would want for
18 those communities who have felt not heard.

19 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Are you going to respond to that,
20 Alvaro? Okay. Commissioner Ahmad, then Commissioner --
21 or Director Hernandez.

22 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Chair. And thank
23 you, Commissioner Sinay, for your thoughts on this. But
24 working with the data management subcommittee, the
25 understanding is that the pin map is pins of those COIs

1 that can be associated with a geographic region. Right.

2 So not all the input in the Airtable or in the
3 database will have a geographic component associated with
4 it. The pins are also centroid. So based off of what
5 the individual submitted as their COI, the center point
6 of that COI. And that's for privacy reasons, right.

7 We don't want to pin exactly where that coin is
8 coming from. So I don't I wouldn't put as much emphasis
9 on the visual to be as exact as the raw testimony because
10 of the limitations that we have to consider when we are
11 presenting the data in that format.

12 Of course, there's probably other ways, like a heat
13 map or some other types of method that we could use. But
14 the way that it is displayed right now is the most
15 accurate way that it can be displayed given the input and
16 the data that we do have from the public. That's all.
17 Yeah. I'll just leave it at that.

18 CHAIR FORNACIARI: I think Director Hernandez had
19 his hand up also.

20 MR. HERNANDEZ: So I just wanted to add that we will
21 take a look at that and see how we can more fine tune it
22 to those general areas that you're referring to. Those
23 neighborhoods in some areas in some instances are not
24 reflective on the map that we're using.

25 So there are some limitations with that as well. So

1 we'll take another look at it and see what we can do to
2 make it more accurate, if at all possible. So thank you
3 for bringing that to our attention. Appreciate that.

4 CHAIR FORNACIARI: So Director Hernandez, where we
5 at with regard to the data in the in the tool at this
6 point? Are we still with the in the August 12th
7 community of interest input through the tool? And where
8 are we at with the testimony that we're getting -- the
9 testimony that we have received into the tool?

10 MR. HERNANDEZ: So we have updated the database
11 through the 20th. And as far as the testimony, we're
12 still doing some cleanup on some of that testimony. As I
13 mentioned earlier, there's some of the fields that
14 emerged together.

15 We're trying to clean it up, not so much the actual
16 what was said, but just clean cleanup on the fields and
17 things of that to make sure that they're carrying over
18 correctly. Our hope is to update through the 27th and
19 hopefully get even further along through the end of
20 August to get it all updated up until then, at the end of
21 the week.

22 I will check in with the data manager at the break
23 and see if I can have an update for you on where we are
24 with the rest of the testimony. Again, we're receiving
25 information from the statewide database as one piece of



1 it. We're also updating the information from letters and
2 emails that we received.

3 And we're also updating information from the COI
4 input meetings that we've had where staff have taken down
5 the testimony of the individuals. So three different
6 pieces that we're pulling together into the database.

7 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Yeah, I think -- so thank you for
8 that. I think you've answered, Ms. Westa-Lusk's question
9 about where we're at. Although it seems like that's
10 through -- from the COI tool.

11 So if you could -- if you could kind of let us know
12 where you're at on incorporating the public testimony
13 received into the database, I think that would go a long
14 way to helping us understand Commissioner Sinay's
15 question, too, because I could imagine that some of that
16 input has not been potentially not in the database yet.

17 MR. HERNANDEZ: Sure thing. I'll circle back with
18 you later today and let you know where we are with
19 everything on the database. Thank you.

20 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. Thank you. And yes, I
21 want to -- I'd like to thank everyone, too, for their
22 hard work. And I'm just going to say everyone so I don't
23 forget anyone this time. And then I also want to comment
24 about the database.

25 It's really challenging to out up a database in the



1 best of circumstances. And this is even more difficult
2 circumstances standing up a database this quickly. So I
3 would encourage the public we've received some feedback
4 that, you know, potentially pieces of data are missing or
5 they're not quite right.

6 Just please, please, please, if you go find your
7 input in there and it's not right, let us know so we can
8 fix it and get it right. We really, really want to do
9 the best we can to get this as right as we can. So
10 please give us the feedback. Don't hesitate to provide
11 feedback if you see something not quite right. So thank
12 you for that. Is that it, Director Hernandez?

13 MR. HERNANDEZ: No, I have a couple more things.

14 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay.

15 MR. HERNANDEZ: Thank you. So our fiscal director,
16 John Fitzpatrick, has informed us that he's planning to
17 transition to a new position outside of the Commission
18 this fall, some time in October. And we've kind of
19 worked out a timeframe. This is going to allow us to
20 find a replacement and also help us ensure the continued
21 staff support for the Commission.

22 I want to thank John for his efforts to date and his
23 flexibility as we move through the final stages of
24 requesting formal access to the CRC appropriations
25 included in the 2021 Budget Act. I'll provide more



1 update as details are finalized. So I want to make sure
2 you aware of that as well. That concludes my report.

3 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Thank you Director Hernandez.
4 Are there any questions? Okay. Communication Directors
5 report?

6 MR. CEJA: Yes. Thank you. Did our executive
7 director have one more thing? I saw his hand up.

8 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Oh, I'm sorry.

9 MR. HERNADNEZ: Yes. I'm sorry, Chair. I wanted to
10 mention that I will be reporting on the Outreach
11 directors report. And the extent of that report is that
12 the information is available on our website.

13 We posted it to our handouts. So if you want more
14 details of that. And then we're going to have two of our
15 staff sharing some information about particular area
16 today as we did last week. So want to share that with
17 you. Thank you.

18 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. Director Ceja?

19 MR. CEJA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I did want to
20 start with an email I received yesterday. Actually,
21 Director Kaplan and I received (audio interference)
22 asking web page differ from other CRC meetings that we've
23 had in the past and how the public's participation will
24 differ in COI review meetings or line drawing directive
25 or whatever we titled our CRC meetings.



1 So I think you covered most of that with your
2 opening, so I'll make sure to put that in writing and put
3 it somewhere on our website as an update as to how folks
4 can continue to participate in our meetings. Nothing has
5 changed from my perspective. Californians still have the
6 ability to call in and give public comment.

7 It's just I think the bulk of the information that
8 we'll be reviewing will be different at every commission
9 meeting. So I'll put something in writing and post it on
10 our website for folks to know how to continue
11 participating in our CRC business meetings. I did want
12 to give a quick --

13 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Director Ceja --

14 MR. CEJA: Yeah?

15 CHAIR FORNACIARI: -- before you go any further, can
16 I can I just ask you to put some thoughts down but run it
17 by the line drawing team before --

18 MR. CEJA: Sure.

19 CHAIR FORNACIARI: -- before you post it because
20 they have the whole vision of how this is going to work.
21 That would be great.

22 MR. CEJA: Sure. Will do. Want to give an update
23 again on the contracts. On Friday, we were hoping to get
24 approval from the Office of Legal Services, OLS, for the
25 remaining radio and billboard contracts. Only one got



1 through, so we're waiting on the rest of them. Actually,
2 one more, one more radio and billboard contractor.
3 Hopefully that'll come through today or tomorrow.

4 We did a hard to get our social media contractor
5 approved. So we're working -- we already had one meeting
6 to transfer over our social media channels and get the
7 approvals to start on social media buys. And then we
8 have two or three other pending contracts and I'll report
9 on those as they get approved.

10 We did put up the social media analytics. Not much
11 has changed since our last meeting, but that is up, so I
12 won't go too deep into that. We do have 15,873 contacts
13 on our database currently. We had ten articles mention
14 California redistricting in the past week, three of them
15 mentioned the Commission.

16 Commissioner Sadhwani spoke to Bloomberg News. And
17 we have a pending interview with KMUD who would like to
18 speak to either Commissioner Toledo or Andersen, not
19 Anderson -- Taylor. Sorry. So I've shot out an email to
20 both. So hopefully we'll get a response soon.

21 We did send out a newsletter for this month on
22 Friday that I think was one of the meatier newsletters.
23 Somebody actually wrote back to me saying, there's too
24 much information in here for me to take in. That's a
25 good thing that you always -- we have we actually have



1 something to say this month and it's all updates on
2 everything that we've been doing. So I think that was
3 one of the better newsletters we've put out.

4 Also, shout out an E-blast today for the last three
5 remained in calling meetings, just lighting the fire
6 under California so that they can continue calling in
7 during those sessions and reminding them also that they
8 still have the option to skip the line and go online and
9 DrawmyCaliforniacommunity.org. And that is the end of my
10 report.

11 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Thanks, Director Ceja. I have
12 Commissioner Kennedy, then Commissioner Fernandez.

13 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Just wanting to get an update
14 on where we stand with transcripts from previous
15 meetings. Thank you.

16 MR. CEJA: So I did check in with Raul. I was going
17 to write you an email about this. I was actually writing
18 it -- was getting final confirmations from Raul. The
19 2010 transcripts are going to require being reformatted
20 for my understanding, and I don't believe we have
21 identified a funding source to do that.

22 So that's an impediment for us to continue doing
23 that and might want to check in with our executive
24 director and Raul on that.

25 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Well, the 2010 website is a

1 separate question from transcripts of this commission's
2 meetings.

3 CHAIR FORNACIARI: I think Director Hernandez has a
4 comment.

5 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yeah. Several of the transcripts of
6 recent meetings are being finalized and prepared to be
7 delivered to us and then we'll post them.

8 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Could we please get just a
9 listing of all the meetings we've held and where the
10 transcripts stand for each meeting?

11 MR. HERNANDEZ: Will do.

12 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you.

13 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Commissioner Fernandes?

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. Thank you, Chair.
15 Now that we do have our database, I'm just wondering if
16 the outreach and communications area, if you want to call
17 the heat map, a pin map, you can see where some areas
18 there isn't as much input. So I'm just wondering if
19 there's some concentrated efforts for those areas that
20 haven't provided as much input as we would like.

21 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Yeah, Director Hernandez?

22 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes.

23 CHAIR FORNACIARI: And then Commissioner Sadhwani.

24 MR. HERNANDEZ: Thank you. So we are doing a gap
25 analysis. Our outreach Director -- Communication



1 Director and I discussed it last week and we are working
2 on that gap analysis to identify those specific areas
3 where we have not reached out or haven't had responses
4 from. So that way our marketing, including our radio
5 ads, things of that nature will be targeted for those
6 areas that have not been reached at this point.

7 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Commissioner Sadhwani?

8 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Yeah. A totally unrelated
9 question for Commissioner -- for a Director Ceja. I know
10 that we now have the public comment and public input
11 sections on our website And thank you. That's so
12 helpful. I think a lot of us are looking for that.

13 I'm just curious, what I'm seeing right now is,
14 though, that for the meeting itself, then we no longer
15 have public comment added to it. So I just wanted to get
16 a sense of have we received any public comment prior to
17 this meeting?

18 And if so, would it appear with this meeting and the
19 on the website or in the public comment and public input
20 sections? I just want to make sure that I'm getting
21 everything and I just don't want to -- I want to make
22 sure I'm not missing out on anything.

23 MR. CEJA: So thank you for that question. It's a
24 good one, actually. I think during the transition from
25 myself to Martin, I didn't mention that. We will

1 continue to place them in both sections. So you'll find
2 public comment in the public comment tab, but also under
3 the meeting so that you can see the most up to date. So
4 we'll continue doing that.

5 And Martin actually has been working -- he worked
6 over the weekend on making sure that all input and
7 comments were tagged based on date. I know in the past
8 they were sort of all over the place because we were just
9 entering as they came in. So now they should be
10 formatted by date.

11 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Perfect. Thank you very much.

12 CHAIR FORNACIARI: So Commissioner -- or Director
13 Ceja, you said the database had 15,000 hits. Is that
14 what you said?

15 MR. CEJA: Our communications database, our
16 contacts.

17 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Oh, okay. Okay. We have 15,000
18 people?

19 MR. CEJA: Yeah. Yes.

20 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Wow.

21 MR. CEJA: Yeah. It's grown over the past few
22 months. We started at 3,000 when I started.

23 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Yeah. Wow. Okay.

24 MR. CEJA: But it's going to --

25 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Impressive.



1 MR. CEJA: It's going to grow more.

2 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Wow.

3 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay, very good. Are there any
4 other questions for Director Ceja?

5 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Just a comment with 15,000 and
6 it sounds like you've been successful at making
7 redistricting sexy. So well done.

8 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Yeah. Very good. Okay. All
9 right. Well, thank you. Were there any questions on the
10 outreach report? Okay. Well, we'll go to Chief
11 Counsel's report. Oh, wait. Commissioner Sinay, did you
12 have a question?

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah. I was wondering, when
14 will we see the updated outreach and communications for
15 this interim phase between -- while we're in the middle
16 of the COI, phase two and phase three, we wanted a
17 special effort during September and we got one -- a plan
18 sort of last time, but we had asked for some more
19 details.

20 And I was wondering -- by our next meeting, we're
21 going to be halfway through the month and it was really
22 for this month. So I was curious when we would get that
23 update.

24 MR. HERNANDEZ: I'll be working on it with Director
25 Ceja and Director Kaplan. Thank you. We'll be working



1 on providing those updates. Unfortunately, we didn't get
2 to it last week, and so we're still working on that piece
3 of it. But thank you.

4 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. All right. There you are,
5 Chief Counsel Pane.

6 ATTNY PANE: Thank you, Chair. Good morning,
7 everyone. I just wanted to briefly highlight, although I
8 thank Mr. Johnson for earlier -- doing this earlier, and
9 Marian will probably have more to say about it. But just
10 to highlight AB 361, as he previously mentioned, the --
11 this bill previously only applied to local agencies and
12 it has now since been including state agencies.

13 And this would allow the Commission as well as other
14 state agencies to continue to meet remotely until January
15 31st of 2022. And that allows for essentially the
16 extension of the provisions that have been extended from
17 the executive order so far. But this will be codified
18 until January 31st of 2022.

19 And Marian, do you have anything you want to -- you
20 think might be helpful for the commissioners to know on
21 that?

22 MS. JOHNSTON: As Mr. Johnson said, it is on the
23 Senate calendar. They're in their last week. So it's a
24 guess as when it's going to come up. But assuming it
25 goes as smoothly as it has so far. It's an urgency bill,



1 which means it'll take effect immediately if it gets it's
2 required two thirds vote. So we'll keep monitoring it
3 and let you know when there's anything to report.

4 CHAIR FORNACIARI: So Mr. Johnson mentioned this SB-
5 594 changes to the election calendar. I guess I should
6 ask him what is -- what are those changes? Do we know?

7 ATTY PANE: I don't know offhand. I'll have to
8 look at that legislation. I can get back to you on that.
9 Unless Marian does off the top of her head.

10 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. Any questions? Is that it
11 Mr. Pane?

12 ATTY PANE: Yes, that's all. That's all we had I
13 think.

14 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay.

15 ATTY PANE: Unless Marian had something.

16 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Marian?

17 MS. JOHNSTON: Just an update since I'm still listed
18 on the Supreme Court calendar as the attorney for the
19 2010 Commission on getting these things that are filed in
20 the Padilla motion. And we just got a letter which I
21 sent you all from community groups supporting the request
22 for the extension.

23 And I'm sure they will be sending you those as they
24 receive them, but I probably get them earlier as a
25 counsel for the 2010 Commission. So I'll keep forwarding

1 those to. The replies are due by 3 o'clock today.

2 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. Well, that's great. Thank
3 you. We should post somehow to. Thanks very much.

4 MS. JOHNSTON: And just send them to Fredy?

5 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Yeah. Or all of us. And then
6 Fredy a copy of -- Director Ceja so we can post them.

7 Thank you. Great. Okay. I guess that's it on the
8 Director's Reports. We will go to -- oh, I got to take
9 public comment. I see Anthony's looking at me.

10 Kristian, can you ask for public comment on agenda
11 item number 3, please?

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Sure thing, Chair. The
13 Commission will now take public comment on agenda item 3.
14 To give comment, please call 877-853-5247 and enter the
15 meeting ID number 88134025430. Once you've dialed in,
16 please press star 9 to enter the comment queue. The full
17 call-in instructions are read at the beginning of the
18 meeting and are provided on the live stream landing page.
19 And there are no calls in the queue at this time, Chair.

20 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. If you could let me know
21 when the instructions are complete --

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Will do.

23 CHAIR FORNACIARI: -- that would be great.

24 Commissioner Fernandez, you have your hand up.

25 COMMISSIOER FERNANDEZ: Just quickly. I'm very



1 appreciative of AB-361 that includes the Bagley-Keene
2 language. But I would also be very supportive of if that
3 does go through, I would still like to make effort for us
4 to meet as a commission together, especially during the
5 line drawing process.

6 So even if we have this extension and we don't have
7 to meet in person, I think it would -- I would appreciate
8 if we could meet in person at least a few times.

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

11 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Thank you, Kristian. Well, I
12 do -- Commissioner Fernandez, I would concur with that.
13 I think the general feeling amongst the commission is in
14 agreement with that, if we can.

15 I see we have a caller, Kristian.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We do, Chair. Just a
17 moment. Caller 2829, if you'd like to give a comment
18 please press star 9. Caller 2829, please follow the
19 pumps to unmute. You are unmuted, the floor is yours.

20 MS. WESTA-LUSK: Yes. This is Renee Westa-Lusk and
21 I just have a question regarding the column or dropdown
22 box where it says public input and there are probably
23 hundreds of letters listed by the date and they give like
24 a general location of where the letter came from that
25 gives public comment. More than public comment. It's



1 public input for the COIs.

2 Are those letters associated with anything on the
3 pin map or are those letters just going to be separate
4 from anything in the Airtable database in the right side
5 of the pin -- right side of the Airtable database, that
6 pin map? And are they going to be listed eventually in
7 the left side of the COI input database on the Airtable
8 website?

9 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Yeah. So the intent is to
10 include all of the input in the database and those pieces
11 of input that can be mapped in a way -- can be mapped,
12 will have the map, will have a centroid, and that will
13 show up on the pin.

14 MS. WESTA-LUSK: Okay.

15 CHAIR FORNACIARI: So I'm sure they're all in there
16 at this point. But that's certainly the intent that we
17 have staff working behind the scenes to input all those
18 pieces of input into the database.

19 MS. WESTA-LUSK: So that includes the letters that
20 are on the website under public input?

21 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Correct.

22 MS. WESTA-LUSK: Okay. All right. Thank you.

23 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Absolutely, yes. Yes.

24 MS. WESTA-LUSK: Okay.

25 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. You're welcome. Thank you



1 for calling.

2 MS. WESTA-LUSK: Thank you.

3 CHAIR FORNACIARI: And we have one more caller.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair. Caller 0514,
5 please follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

6 MS. SHELLENBERGER: Good afternoon, Commissioners.
7 This is Laurie Shellenberger, redistricting consultant
8 for Common Cause. And I'm just calling to flag that
9 we -- Common Cause and its partners filed just about an
10 hour ago an amicus letter in the California Supreme Court
11 in support of your request for clarification and an
12 extension of your of your final map adoption deadline.

13 And that was filed on behalf of Common Cause, the
14 League of Women Voters of California, former Governor
15 Schwarzenegger, as well as Asian-Americans Advancing
16 Justice, Asian Law Caucus, Asian-Americans Advancing
17 Justice-Los Angeles, and the LEO Educational Fund.

18 I'm happy to forward a copy of that brief or your
19 counsel should have received a copy and a notification as
20 well. Thanks again for all you're doing. And I also
21 want to flag whoever posted the schedule for today's
22 meeting.

23 It was really helpful and I know a lot of groups
24 appreciated more detail on how your agenda was look
25 today. So thank you again for all the work you're doing



1 and good luck with your remaining COI hearings this week.

2 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Well, thank you. Thank you for
3 following along. Thank you for participating in
4 providing a brief to the Supreme Court. And you're
5 welcome for the schedule. I thought of you as I was --
6 as I was putting it together. So anyway, thank you for
7 that. I don't think we have any more callers.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: That's all of our callers
9 at this time, Chair.

10 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. Thanks. So with that,
11 we'll move to agenda item 4.

12 ATTNY PANE: So Chair, it looks like Commissioner,
13 Yee has a question.

14 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Oh, I'm sorry. Commissioner Yee?

15 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you, Chair. Yeah. Back to
16 the idea of encouraging meeting together, which I
17 definitely support. I'm wondering, looking at the
18 schedule starting in October. A bunch of these are
19 listed as either Sacramento or Southern Cal.

20 I was wondering if that maybe Director Hernandez
21 could tell us more what the intention is there? Are
22 those plans to get as many of us together in person as
23 possible? We should plan on that? Or what is the nature
24 of that?

25 MR. HERNANDEZ: That is the plan. Yes. And so we



1 kind of broke it up in northern and southern California.
2 We still do not have locations as of yet. We wanted to
3 make sure that staff will be looking into those and
4 following up on some of the content that we made
5 previously when we were scheduling the COI in-person
6 meetings. So we'll be following up to find out.

7 Now, obviously there are still some restrictions in
8 certain areas and those are the only caveat that we have
9 at this point trying to find the locations. Some are not
10 open just yet, that are available. And so we're looking
11 at all different options to see where and when timeframe
12 is available for those meetings. The intent is for the
13 commissioners to attend if they can.

14 COMMISSIONER YEE: And as the time gets closer,
15 should we anticipate staff helping us make arrangements
16 for those trips or should we start to do that on our own?

17 MR. HERNANDEZ: Absolutely. We'll provide
18 additional information on how to schedule any flights as
19 far as the location. Depending on where we're going to
20 be, we'll see if we can block a number of different
21 hotels for the commissioners.

22 Once we have the venue, then we can look at who will
23 be traveling and we'll move forward with that scheduling
24 of the hotels and so forth. But as far as the flights we
25 do have Conquer is available for scheduling of those

1 flights and we'll provide more information as we get
2 closer to that. Thank you.

3 COMMISSIOENR YEE: Very good. Thank you.

4 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Director Hernandez, are you still
5 considering trying to have these meetings hosted at a
6 hotel where we can we can all stay at a hotel and have a
7 meeting in a conference room; is that the idea?

8 MS. HERNANDEZ: We're going to be looking at all
9 options. The hotel is a lot more costly and so that is a
10 consideration we'll have to evaluate as we identify the
11 locations. They're definitely more available than other
12 venues, but there is a cost associated with that.

13 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Right. Commissioner Vasquez.

14 COMMISSIOER VAZQUEZ: Yes. Thank you. Just wanted
15 to also flag that I really, really want us to think about
16 hosting the meetings later into the evening, especially
17 if we are going into these communities and inviting in-
18 person public comment, whatever that may look like
19 safely.

20 Really want us to think about opening up in the
21 evenings and having those meetings scheduled for evening
22 so that folks have time to participate after work.
23 Currently, most of the meetings are scheduled for
24 business hours.

25 And I think most of our community input meetings

1 have been successful again in the late afternoons and
2 evenings when folks are a bit more flexible to either
3 call in or certainly travel from wherever they may be in
4 that community to come give public comment in person. So
5 yeah, really do not want us to lose sight of that as most
6 of the holds on our calendars are from 9 to 4:30 or 9:30
7 to 4:30.

8 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Commissioner Sadhwani.

9 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Not to get us terribly off
10 track, but I would love if there is continued interest to
11 meet. I've had ongoing interest to meet everyone. I
12 actually think it'd be really helpful, maybe as a social
13 gathering, even prior to line drawing in October.

14 I know we have some meetings on the 28th and 29th.
15 Perhaps we could even schedule something for any that
16 felt comfortable or able to travel to meet. AI think it
17 would be really lovely to have an opportunity to meet all
18 of you before we move into that more -- hopefully not,
19 but potentially contentious time period in which we
20 really need to start making some decisions.

21 CHAIR FORNACIARI: I think that's a great
22 suggestion, Director Hernandez. I don't know if -- you
23 had asked me to bring this up. I don't know if I did or
24 he did last meeting. But everyone is at this point
25 welcome to travel to Sacramento and to attend the

1 meetings in the office.

2 But perhaps we should be a little more intentional
3 trying to see if we can schedule some way to get together
4 the 27th to the 30th or something like that, or maybe in
5 the evening after one of the meetings on the 28th or
6 29th. Any other comments? Thoughts?

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Chair, this is Linda.

8 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. All right. Oh, Linda?

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah.

10 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Commissioner Akutagawa. Okay.

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Sorry, I forgot.

12 CHAIR FORNACIARI: That's okay.

13 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Actually, I just wanted
14 to -- I just wanted to support what Commissioner Vazquez
15 said about maybe if we have the option of not having to
16 meet solely in person, I do -- I guess, I'm torn. I'm
17 going to just say that. I do agree that while we're
18 doing the line drawing, meeting in person would be
19 probably helpful.

20 I also want to be just conscious of two things, and
21 I'm going to just name it because, one, I think what
22 Commissioner Vazquez said, I think varying the times
23 would be enabled by having the virtual meetings and then
24 also enable others to be able to follow along in somewhat
25 real time.



1 I do know that the livestream is there, but I don't
2 know. I think there's something different about watching
3 just the livestream while we're all in person versus
4 seeing us. There's pros and cons to meeting on Zoom, but
5 I think they -- people can see and hear us differently
6 versus like having a camera pan through a big room with
7 all of us sitting in a big room together.

8 So I do just want to just put that out there that
9 perhaps there could be some kind of mix of both in-person
10 as well as doing -- maybe considering doing some that
11 would be just virtual and also varying the times as well,
12 too. I also want to just name that for myself right now,
13 I -- who knows what the Delta variant is going to be.

14 I just need to be cautious in terms of the number of
15 times I get on a plane only because my husband is
16 immunocompromised. So I just want to just leave that for
17 myself. So I don't know, I guess if it's close by like
18 it's in Southern California, obviously that's easier.

19 I may just -- I'll just say that it may be a
20 possibility that I may just end up driving myself just to
21 avoid getting on a plane too many times. So I just want
22 to try to be conscious of that.

23 And if we have the option of meeting on Zoom, I will
24 say that it's been more of a relief, I guess, although I
25 miss not being able to meet everybody in person. And I

1 do like the idea of maybe something social where we get
2 to know each other before we start the very difficult
3 process of line drawing.

4 CHAIR FORNACIARI: I thank you for that,
5 Commissioner Akutagawa. I think that is a really, really
6 important point that it will just reiterate. We all have
7 to as individual commissioners, we all have to make our
8 own decisions as to what's best for us.

9 The meetings, even if we are holding them in person,
10 they're going to be also on Zoom. And so the
11 commissioners -- each commissioner has -- and staff have
12 an option of joining in person or on Zoom. And I think
13 that we all have to make our own decisions. I have some
14 health issues, too, that I am concerned about. So I'm
15 going to have to make those kinds of choices myself, too.

16 I see Commissioner Turner has her hand up.

17 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Chair. I actually
18 come behind Commissioner Fernandez.

19 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Oh. When you raise your hand, it
20 doesn't show up on the -- on your little window because
21 you're on a camera, not on your computer.

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh.

23 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Sorry. Sorry.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: But that's okay. I'm also
25 wondering and of course, I'm trying to minimize, I guess,



1 the exposure that we have. And if we're doing it hybrid,
2 where we're also in Zoom and we're also in person, I
3 believe and I think this would be for our chief counsel
4 to look into, we could limit the in-person to just us.

5 And then all public comment could be via telephone
6 so that you're not having to -- you're not having
7 additional people during our meeting at present because
8 you are trying to minimize those that you're being
9 exposed to. So I mean, I think that's something we can
10 also think about as well.

11 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Thank you.

12 Commissioner Turner?

13 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Chair. The other
14 piece is that because we have just a little bit of time,
15 not a lot of time, is that for staff? And I will be
16 looking as well to see where are the best practices for
17 having hybrid meetings, having both.

18 I find that they are difficult to conduct the
19 meeting and have everyone feel included when they're in
20 person and people that are on Zoom and we've tried it
21 once and there were conversations in the room that we
22 felt that we were being left out online.

23 And so just if we're -- and since it looks like
24 we're at some point, that will be the best thing to do.
25 I'm hoping we can try and minimize the challenges of that

1 type of meeting and look into any best practices that may
2 be out there for people that are utilizing both online
3 and virtual meetings and in in person. Typically one
4 side or the other feels left out of the conversation.
5 And so we've got to think that through as well.

6 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Excellent point. And
7 Commissioner Sinay and I as part of the Outreach
8 committee have given that a lot of thought too. So we
9 have some ideas, but I think that's a great point and
10 we'll definitely be keeping that in mind while we're
11 designing the in-person meetings.

12 Okay. Great conversation and great feedback. Thank
13 you. So we'll go on to see what time it is. Okay. We
14 got a half hour. We'll go on to agenda item 4. So under
15 4-A, there is a report on quality of census data and that
16 will -- that part of 4-A will take place at 2 p.m. when
17 we have the state demographer Walter Schwarm and Karin
18 MacDonald from the statewide database. They'll be
19 joining us at that time.

20 So Commissioner Sadhwani, I don't see Commissioner
21 Toledo, but is there anything else from the Government
22 Affairs Committee?

23 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: No, I think that's all that we
24 had for today is that update, that presentation from the
25 later.

1 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay, very good. Thank you.

2 Next step will be Finance and Administration

3 Subcommittee.

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. Oh, did you want to
5 go ahead?

6 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Yes.

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. So we did. We
8 amended the travel policy based on comments that were
9 received last week from the commissioners. So hopefully
10 everyone's had a chance to review it. It was posted on
11 our website. And the only changes from the prior version
12 is if you go to scenario 9, we added an or non-partisan
13 independent redistricting advocacy groups.

14 And then on scenario 10, we removed the limit,
15 limiting it to one day per zone per commissioner. So
16 those were the only two changes we made. If there's any
17 comments and if not, we would need a motion I believe.

18 Right, Anthony?

19 ATTNY PANE: Yes.

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah, I'm looking for a
21 head nod. Okay. Thank you. Okay. Any comments on
22 the --

23 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Commissioner Turner?

24 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah, I just like to say thank
25 you for taking the comments and consideration and



1 upgrading the policy. I don't have any other comments.
2 I think it solves what we're looking for, and I'd like to
3 make a motion that we approve the full travel policy
4 addendum.

5 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Do we have a second?

6 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I can second that.

7 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Is that Commissioner Sadhwani?
8 Is that you?

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: That was Commissioner Sinay
10 I believe.

11 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Oh, Commissioner Sinay. Sorry.
12 Any other discussion or comment.

13 Okay. I guess, Kristian, can you open it up for
14 public comment?

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair. And this is
16 a motion on which item?

17 CHAIR FORNACIARI: A motion to adopt the updated
18 travel policy.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 4-D got it. Oh, 4-B as
20 in Bob. Got it.

21 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Yeah. 4-B, sorry. Got it.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The commission will now
23 take public comment on item 4-B the motion that is on the
24 floor. To give comment, please call 877-853-5247 and
25 enter meeting ID number 88134025430. Once you've dialed



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

6 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. Please let me know when
7 the instructions are done, Kristian. Thank you.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Will do. You're welcome.
9 And those instructions are complete now, Chair.

10 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Commissioner Fernandez, does that
11 look right to you?

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, but it was
13 Commissioner Turner's motion.

14 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Oh, yes. It was Commissioner
15 Turner's. My apologies. Commissioner Turner?

16 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes, I think it does. Thank
17 you.

18 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. Thank you. And it got
19 p.m. on there. So we're good to go. All right. It
20 doesn't seem like we have anyone calling in to comment on
21 this. So Commissioner -- or Director Fernandez, if you
22 could call the roll -- call the vote, or --

23 MR. HERNANDEZ: Sure, I'll call the vote.

24 Commissioner Ahmad?

25 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yes.



1 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Akutagawa.

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

3 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Andersen?

4 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

5 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fernandez?

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

7 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fornaciari?

8 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Yes.

9 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Kennedy?

10 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Abstain.

11 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Le Mons?

12 Commissioner Sadhwani?

13 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Yes.

14 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sinay?

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

16 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Taylor?

17 Commissioner Toledo?

18 Commissioner Turner?

19 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

20 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Vazquez?

21 Commissioner Yee?

22 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes.

23 MR. HERNANDEZ: Okay. The motion passes.

24 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. Thank you. Was there

25 anything else, Commissioner Fernandez?



1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: No, not that I can recall.
2 But I did also want to thank John for all the work that
3 he's done on our budget. We've spent many hours putting
4 the information together, so I really appreciate his
5 knowledge and his efforts to move us forward and make
6 sure that our budget is approved. So thank you very
7 much.

8 CHAIR FORNACIARI: And we will have a budget update
9 for you all very soon. So thank you.

10 GANTT Chart Committee, Commissioner Kennedy. Okay.
11 We'll circle back.

12 Outreach and Engagement, Commissioner Sinay?

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I don't think we have anything.
14 We don't have the plan yet, but we just a reminder to
15 everyone to really reach out to your personal networks,
16 your professional networks, all network, sharing that
17 email, that great email that Fredy just put together for
18 all the last -- that it is the last COI input.

19 They may get it from the Commission, but it takes
20 eight times for people to act. And they'll act if they
21 hear it from someone they know personally better than if
22 they get it just from -- even though Fredy is a wonderful
23 person, they're going to react better if they get it from
24 someone they know.

25 I also encourage you if you know people who are

1 working with students and such to let them know to share
2 it with students and why it's important, because it's ten
3 years. And when you forward it just include the link to
4 the tool and say if you don't want to speak out loud, go
5 ahead and just use our tool. I'm going to say it again.
6 It's easy and it's fun. And all Californians are welcome
7 to participate.

8 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Thank you. Any questions? Okay.
9 Materials Development Subcommittee. So Commissioner
10 Fernandez --

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

12 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Commissioner Kennedy is not --

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right. He's not available
14 right now.

15 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Is not with us.

16 COMMISSIOER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. We've been pretty
17 quiet, which has been kind of a nice little relief. But
18 we did provide feedback to Director Kaplan on the
19 redistricting basics presentation that staff will begin
20 to give as requests come in.

21 And then also we worked with Communications Director
22 Ceja on updating the timeline since our timelines are a
23 little bit off. So that'll be updated as well on to the
24 website. But other than that, I think we're good other
25 than the paper COI that I always ask about. So if we can

1 have an update from Director Hernandez.

2 MR. HERNANDEZ: I knew that was coming.

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I know.

4 MR. HERNANDEZ: So we've run into a little hiccup
5 with the U.S. Postal Service. They need us to go back
6 and change some things on the drafts that we submitted to
7 them for their approval. So upon completing that, we
8 will move it forward.

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you. The one thing I
10 just thought about is I think we can still post it on our
11 website, though, right? I mean, if somebody just wants
12 to download it and send it in themselves, can we post it
13 since it's been approved?

14 I mean, the only thing the only piece that's missing
15 right now is the return address. But if they want to
16 download it, either use it as something as a guide for
17 when they call in or for them to use and then email it to
18 us or mail it. I'm just trying to think of a way to at
19 least get it out there for now.

20 MR. HERNANDEZ: We can definitely post the sheet. I
21 don't know what you want call it -- the worksheet that
22 has the questions on this so I can fill it out. But as
23 far as returning it, they would have to either scan it,
24 send it in, or mail it back to us.

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah, I think that's all we



1 had and that's fine because once it's approved, then we
2 can put the updated version up there. But for now, it'd
3 be nice to have something out there. Thank you. I think
4 that's all. Commissioner Kennedy, did you have anything?
5 And welcome back.

6 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you. My apologies.
7 I've got a vehicle in the shop that I had to deal with
8 the shop. No, I think that's all.

9 CHAIR FORNACIARI: So commissioner -- Director Ceja,
10 you had an answer to Commissioner Kennedy's earlier
11 question about -- it's really a question about what
12 happened to the information about gerrymandering and
13 other things --

14 MR. CEJA: Yeah.

15 CHAIR FORNACIARI: I'd just ask you to share.

16 MR. CEJA: So we did update the FAQs in the actual
17 queue tab on the website, but we haven't updated the FAQ
18 document under the outreach material. So we'll do that
19 today. And re-upload the FAQ document that includes all
20 the FAQs.

21 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. You good to go? Okay,
22 Ray's good -- Commissioner Kennedy is good. Any other
23 questions or comments? Okay. I'm going to circle back
24 then, Commissioner Kennedy, to the GANTT Chart Committee.

25 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: No update for today.



1 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. So like, sounds like you
2 may have an opportunity in the near future. So okay,
3 since you're -- we got you here, Commissioner Kennedy,
4 how about a website update?

5 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: No update at this point.
6 Commissioner Taylor and I will start another review now
7 that some of these recommendations have been implemented,
8 just to make sure we're still on track.

9 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. Very good. Thank you.
10 Data management, Commissioner Turner, Commissioner Ahmad?

11 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yeah.

12 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay.

13 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: No new updates from our end.

14 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. Very good. Thank you.
15 Community Interest Tool, Commissioners Akutagawa, and
16 Kennedy.

17 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: No update other than the
18 statistics that staff is reporting.

19 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. Oh, Commissioner Sinay?

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Did we get the updates from
21 staff because it usually comes from Marcy, and I looked
22 at the report and they weren't there.

23 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I thought I had seen them.
24 Maybe I was looking at the one before.

25 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. I didn't notice them or

1 not notice them in the report. They weren't in the
2 report from -- Commissioner Sinay, they weren't in the
3 outreach report?

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I could be wrong, but I didn't
5 think I saw them.

6 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay.

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: They're not in the report.
8 I'm just looking at it right now. They're not in the
9 report.

10 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. Well, I'll just ask
11 Director Hernandez to ask Marcy to -- if she could update
12 that, please.

13 MR. HERNANDEZ: Just to be clear, Chair, we're
14 talking about the COIs from the statewide database?

15 CHAIR FORNACIARI: The number of COI statistics.

16 MR. HERNANDEZ: Okay. Will do.

17 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Thank you. Okay. Thank you.

18 Commissioner Yee?

19 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you, Chair. I just wanted
20 to share that last week I visited one of the access
21 centers that the statewide database put together, the one
22 in downtown Oakland. And it's lovely. It's a big office
23 space, very accessible ground floor of the state
24 building.

25 The staff member there who seemed to spend most of

1 this time fielding help calls for the COI tool that
2 people call in. But I mean, it's an overwhelming amount
3 of space for like five computer stations where you can
4 play with the COI tool entries.

5 So it's great that they're there. I can't imagine
6 that it gets much foot traffic or how they intend to
7 drive more foot traffic to it. But it is there and it is
8 up and running.

9 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Well, they have a but they have a
10 tool where you can draw a district map and submit it.
11 Right?

12 COMMISSIONER YEE: That's to come.

13 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Oh.

14 COMMISSIONER YEE: After this data gets integrated.

15 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. So that's not going to be
16 curious to see what they're up to.

17 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah, definitely.

18 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Is the tool going to be available
19 online or just in the centers? Does anyone know the
20 answer to that question? I'm not putting you on the
21 spot.

22 Commissioner Andersen?

23 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: It will be available online
24 and it will have like a full sort of GSI pack to it, two
25 different versions of it that will be available online.



1 We're actually going to try and have I don't have the
2 date. It's not at the top of my head. We're going to
3 actually have a -- similar to how we had a COI training
4 tool -- the tool training a little bit. We're going to
5 do the same from statewide database. I believe it's the
6 23rd. I'll put that on the agenda.

7 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Oh, that'd be great. That'd be
8 helpful for not just for us, but for all Californians.

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Right.

10 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Great. Thank you. Oh,
11 Commissioner Yee?

12 COMMISSIONER YEE: Just one little note. So in
13 submitting a COI, one thing I noticed we have other
14 languages which are fantastic. But the very end there's
15 a CAPTCHA, right, click on all the boxes that have a
16 motorcycle. And that CAPTCHA is in English.

17 So at the very end, whatever you've done -- you
18 don't know what a motorcycle is, how to read that, it's a
19 problem. Which I did -- I chatted about that with the
20 staffer. He said to bring it up at the next staff
21 meeting, but not sure what they can do about it.

22 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Well, that's a really good catch
23 and a really good point. Maybe the COI team can inquire
24 with statewide databases if there's anything that can be
25 done about that. Commissioner Kennedy, did you -- okay,

1 I didn't know if you were listening to me or not. Thank
2 you.

3 COMMISSIMER KENNEDY: I was taking note.

4 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. Very good. Thank you so
5 much. I appreciate it. We are at the Incarcerated
6 Populations Subcommittee, Commissioners Kennedy, and
7 Turner.

8 COMMISSIOER KENNEDY: We have had no response to our
9 letter to the Bureau of Prisons Legislative Affairs
10 Office. We had asked for a response by September 1st.
11 So at this point, I think our only task is to continue
12 advocating for availability of the information for the
13 2030 Commission.

14 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Very good. Yeah, thank you. Any
15 questions on that? Okay. Lessons Learned, Commissioners
16 Ahmad and Kennedy.

17 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Keep them coming. We're
18 getting a nice stream of notes that we're compiling, and
19 all of this will be organized and presented as part of
20 our Lessons Learned exercise next year.

21 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Very good. Thank you. Looking
22 forward to that. It's going to be -- it's going to be a
23 lot of work. I mean, you've already put a lot of work
24 into it, but it's going to be really interesting how we
25 capture it and get it for ready for the next commission.

1 So we're in cybersecurity at this point. I don't
2 really have any updates other than I just really, really
3 want to emphasize each of us is the weakest link in
4 cybersecurity. And just to be very, very cautious about
5 not clicking on links on emails that you don't -- weren't
6 expecting, don't know -- not sure where they came from be
7 really, really careful.

8 And even if it's an email from someone that you know
9 if you weren't expecting it you know think about whether
10 you're going to click it or not and maybe give them a
11 call and make sure they sent it. Because oftentimes
12 email accounts get compromised and spam is sent out. So
13 just some ongoing advice from the cybersecurity
14 community. So thank you.

15 Oh, Commissioner Kennedy. Chair, am I remembering
16 correctly that at one meeting we decided to remove the
17 cyber from the subcommittee's name and call it the
18 Security Committee.

19 CHAIR FORNACIARI: We did.

20 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay. So if we are now
21 looking at the possibility of public meetings, we just
22 need to make sure that the Security Subcommittee is on
23 top of that and looks at recommendations from the 2010
24 Commission, etcetera.

25 Plus, we're in a very different environment and in a



1 number of ways from the environment that the 2010
2 Commission operated. But if they had security concerns,
3 we probably have any number of times more security
4 concerns than that. So thank you.

5 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Yeah, Excellent point. We did
6 take a look at the last -- the security policy from the
7 last commission. We began to take a look at that when we
8 thought we were going to be going live in September.

9 And yeah, we do need to come back and revisit that
10 now that it looks like we are -- we're going to actually
11 try to be going live in October. So we'll definitely do
12 that. And thank you for bringing that back. I
13 appreciate that.

14 Any other questions and comments or thoughts? Okay.
15 Legal Affairs Subcommittee.

16 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: I don't believe we have
17 anything to report. We don't meet anymore. So we have
18 limited updates.

19 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. So that completes agenda
20 item 4. So unless there are any other questions and
21 comments, we'll go to public comment on agenda item 4.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Sure thing, Chair. The
23 Commission will now take public comment on agenda item
24 number 4. To give comment, please call 877-853-5247 and
25 enter meeting ID number 88134025430. Once you've dialed



1 in, please press star 9 to enter the comment queue. The
2 full call-in instructions are read at the beginning of
3 the meeting and are provided on the live stream landing
4 page. And there are no callers at this time, Chair.

5 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. But we're waiting to see
6 if any callers join in. I wanted to ask, Commissioners
7 Sadhwani and Yee, I noticed I didn't put number 6 on my
8 schedule here. Did you all have an update? Did you need
9 some time for an update?

10 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: I don't believe we do. We
11 continue to push our legal team to solidify a date for
12 additional training for us, as well as some sense of when
13 some of their analysis might be available to us. We
14 continue to anticipate most likely September 23rd, 28th
15 and 29th. Any anything else, Commissioner Yee that I may
16 have --

17 COMMISSIONER YEE: That's all.

18 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. Yeah, I'm just trying to
19 figure out what the schedule is looking like for the rest
20 of the day. I do have a little bit -- I had allotted a
21 little bit of time in the next session to continue agenda
22 item 4. But it seems like we're done with the agenda
23 item 4. So I didn't know -- Commissioner Sadhwani and
24 Andersen, we have this number 5 update on weekly line
25 drawer discussion. Do you think we want to -- we want to



1 pull that forward to 1:45 to 2? Or do you want to leave
2 it? Commissioner Sinay?

3 COMMISSIOER SINAY: I just wanted to remind you that
4 there is a new subcommittee since the last time we met.
5 You had appointed Commissioner Yee and Commissioner
6 Turner to heard the cats around what's coming --

7 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Right.

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- the different conversations
9 we need to have.

10 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Right. So if you can -- yes.
11 I'm sorry, Commissioner Yee and Turner. I forgot. And I
12 forgot what you called your subcommittee and --

13 COMMISSIONER YEE: We're going with Mapping Playbook
14 Subcommittee.

15 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay.

16 COMMISSINER YEE: And we have a first meeting
17 tomorrow with the Chief Counsel Pane.

18 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay.

19 COMMISSINER YEE: And Commissioner Sinay has
20 provided us with a great deal of useful research she did
21 on her own, pulling together a lot of the 2010
22 considerations and things to think about.

23 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. Very good. Thank you.
24 Thank you for that.

25 Thank you for reminding me, Commissioner Sinay. I

1 appreciate that. So anyway, back to Commissioner
2 Sadhwani and Andersen. I mean, do you want to pull
3 anything forward into that fifteen minutes or we are
4 going to take a thirty-minute break?

5 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: I don't think we have too much
6 to share.

7 Commissioner Andersen, am I wrong? I know that we
8 do in general need to have a conversation about the
9 district maps. I don't think we were prepared to do that
10 today.

11 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay.

12 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Commissioner Andersen, do you
13 have other items to report back on or share?

14 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Just that with that
15 redistricting tool on the 23rd, just the public tone
16 information. But other than that, no, we don't. We're
17 going to have these presentations. So I think we don't
18 really have a great deal to add right now.

19 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. So then I think what I
20 propose -- oh, Commissioner Kennedy?

21 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Sorry. I wanted to raise one
22 thing that I've had on my mind and get a sense of the
23 Commission. Looking at the schedule and understanding
24 that we're supposed to, "receive the redistricting
25 database on the 20th," I see kind of a gap in our

1 schedule and nothing -- there's no formal meeting.

2 I mean, how is this going to land? Is it just going
3 to land in our inbox or -- I'm thinking that it might be
4 useful for us to actually have a meeting and formally
5 receive it, but that may just be me. So I just wanted to
6 get a sense of what others think. Thank you.

7 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. I think that is a great
8 question. You know what I'm going to do? I'm going to
9 let that hang out there because we're up against a break.
10 And I'm going to then -- I think that's something,
11 Commissioner Andersen, and Sadhwani, you all can talk
12 about during the line drawer allotted time in the
13 meeting. We can talk about -- okay.

14 We're going to do -- we're going to come back from
15 break at 1:45. We're going to talk about Commissioner
16 Kennedy's question. And then at 2 o'clock, we have the
17 state demographer and Karin McDonald from the statewide
18 database joining us. So we will see you all back at
19 1:45.

20 (Whereupon, a recess was held)

21 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Welcome back to the Citizens --
22 California Citizens Redistricting Commission business
23 meeting on September 7th. And thank you for joining us.
24 When we left off before the break, Commissioner Kennedy,
25 you just asked the question, and I'd like to -- actually,



1 Commissioner Kennedy, if I could just ask you to sort of
2 restate in your question for us so we can kind of think
3 about that.

4 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Sure. Thank you, Chair. We
5 are expecting to receive the state's official
6 redistricting database on September 20th. But when I
7 look at our meeting calendar, there is nothing on the
8 20th. Nothing on the 21st. Nothing on the 22nd.
9 There's an if needed meeting on the 23rd.

10 I'm just wondering if to reassure everyone that
11 we're on top of this, that we should have some sort of
12 meeting on the 20th or if not the 20th and 21st to
13 officially receive the official state redistricting
14 process. So that was the question that I wanted to get a
15 sense of the Commission. Thank you.

16 CHAIR FORNACIARI: So I mean, do you have some
17 thoughts on what that would look like. I mean, what is
18 officially receiving it? Have any ideas? I mean --

19 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I guess, I could ask Ms.
20 MacDonald what it's going to look like as far as from
21 their end, what is it that they are going to be
22 conveying?

23 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Is she going to walk in and hand
24 us a thumb drive? Here you go, official database.

25 Welcome, Karin. Thanks for joining us.



1 MS. MACDONALD: Hello, everybody. Karin MacDonald
2 from the statewide database here today. And thank you so
3 much for that question, Commissioner Kennedy. We will
4 not be handing you a thumb drive. Rather, we will be
5 delivering the database by making a site live on the
6 state database website so that everybody can download
7 what they need.

8 Just reminding you that there are many clients for
9 the statewide database. It's also the cities and
10 counties, and probably the counties are waiting the most
11 anxiously because they have a very quick turnaround
12 having to be done by December 15.

13 So that is basically what will happen. You will get
14 a letter from us that says we have now you are probably
15 in a nicer and more elaborate way that we have now
16 released the state database and let you know where the
17 website is, which of course you know where it is. It is
18 statewidedatabase.org/redistricting2021. And that will
19 basically be coming from my office and we will send the
20 same letter to the legislature also.

21 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: So perhaps it could be more
22 of that of a press briefing than a meeting. But I think
23 something to mark the occasion to highlight to the public
24 that we're on top of this and we're moving forward and
25 not sitting and waiting three or four days doing nothing.



1 Thank you.

2 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Thank you. Marian?

3 MS. JOHNSTON: If I can just add to Karin's report,
4 ten years ago, the legislative leaders also sent a letter
5 to the commission formally transmitting the statewide
6 database was available. I assume that that process will
7 be followed again this time. So you will have something
8 official.

9 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. Well, I do like the idea
10 that we do a press release on the 20th that acknowledges
11 that we know that that data has been released and we know
12 where to find it. Any other thoughts? Comment? Did you
13 have something? You're pointing at someone.
14 Commissioner Sinay, was that you?

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Commissioner Fernandez has
16 her hand up.

17 CHAIR FORNACIARI: And then Commissioner Fernandez.
18 I'm so sorry.

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Well, I was going to say
20 Alicia's ready and I'll go after her.

21 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay.

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I try to do my hands up on
23 my blank screen, but I guess I don't -- maybe you guys
24 can't see that. I guess a couple of options of maybe
25 moving one of the meeting dates to that date, although I



1 think we're beyond the two week. That's the only problem
2 at this point, huh? Yeah, we're beyond that. But I
3 would be in favor of a press release. Are you laughing
4 at me, Chair? That's okay. It happens all the time.

5 CHAIR FORNACIARI: I'm laughing at Ray because Ray's
6 going to say ten days.

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh. True. So potentially
8 we could move like the 9/18 meeting, which is a Saturday.
9 We could move it to that Monday. No, but it would be a
10 full meeting. I don't know. Or maybe on the -- we also
11 have a full commission only action, only if needed, on
12 the 23rd -- maybe we move that one up. So anyway, I --
13 but my preference would be a press release.

14 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Yeah, I'm reluctant to try to
15 move the meet -- the 15th, 17th, or 18th meetings. Those
16 are all scheduled out in detail in what the plan is. And
17 the line drawing team along -- the entire line drawing
18 team is putting together a schedule of what those days
19 are going to look like, and that will be shared with you
20 once it's finalized.

21 And Commissioner Andersen, did you have a -- oh, I'm
22 sorry. Commissioner Sinay, then Commissioner Andersen.

23 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: My apologies.

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So I do like -- I was one -- I
25 didn't like learning about the data -- our COI database

1 through Twitter by someone that wasn't a commissioner.
2 And so I think it is important when the database is ready
3 that the commissioners get notified and then the press.
4 I think that sometimes we skip this step that the
5 commissioner should be notified first. We're so quick to
6 get it out to the public.

7 The other thing is, I -- if we could have some type
8 of meeting where we talk about the data in kind of like a
9 press briefing, but not just for the press, but for the
10 public, because I'm going to say it again, the data is
11 not the same as before. The ethnicity and racial data is
12 very different than it was before.

13 And it's -- and if you compare Latinos in 2010 to
14 Latinos in 2020, you're comparing apples and oranges.
15 And that piece needs to be understood not just by the
16 commissioners, but by the larger community. It's the
17 same with Black. It is -- the way it was asked, the
18 questions had much more detail. And we need to
19 understand that.

20 And I think that this that would be an opportunity
21 to share the database as well as explain that. The
22 statewide database I think, would be one piece of it.
23 And then we could also invite others to do the other
24 pieces of it. And then I would say the third piece would
25 be understanding the redistricting tool that's being

1 created, the one about districts.

2 So it could be a three-piece day where the public
3 and commissioners are all learning at the same time. We
4 get the database how to use it because some don't know
5 how to use it. Yes. Those who are in the in the know
6 know.

7 But second, we do need to talk about this race and
8 ethnicity question. And I really would like it to come
9 from Latinos, Asian-Americans, and blacks to tell us that
10 that story, because it's a different story than it was in
11 2010. I know that others are more than -- they know -- I
12 know Karin knows and others how to talk about it, but I'm
13 going to say it publicly.

14 We have a very, very, very white line drawing team
15 and legal team. And we need to create spaces where we
16 can hear from experts about some of the other -- about
17 some of the stuff. And so that's why I'm being very
18 insistent that we hear from others about the race and
19 ethnicity question on the census and how we use that
20 data. And finally, that's the new tool.

21 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Commissioner Andersen?

22 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I was going to say something
23 not quite as controversial. I was just going to say in
24 terms of the original, the 23rd was the day that the
25 database was going to be released, which is why we

1 originally had that date, that meeting scheduled on the
2 23rd, to have some sort of, hey, this is a rough idea.
3 This is what we have. Hey, these are the -- these
4 counties have more than a certain number, just kind of an
5 overall, what did we get? What does it look like. The
6 20th, if we could and that -- the 23rd, that is not an as
7 needed meeting. That's a meeting that's going to happen
8 on the 23rd. If it says as needed, please say, oops,
9 sorry. No, that's a real meeting. Do we want to -- do
10 we want to do that right now and say, yes, the 23rd is
11 when we will try to have a little bit of all of this, the
12 redistricting tool training. Do we want to have just a
13 short little presentation of if we can get the statewide
14 database there, it's available to do that to give us a
15 quick little this is what we got. Here it is, just an
16 overview. Try and do all that stuff on that day? I
17 don't think we can move it to the 20th -- well, actually,
18 I have something booked on the 20th. Other people might
19 have already put something on the 20th, but if we want to
20 move to the 21st. But I do like Commissioner Kennedy
21 said, that's like a little something. I don't know if
22 just a press release is an absolute, but a little bit
23 more of just for us to kind of have a just a rough look
24 at the data.

25 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Commissioner Sadhwani and then



1 Commissioner Turner.

2 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Yeah, and I'll just kind of
3 what Commissioner Anderson has provided that we've
4 definitely talked a little bit about the 23rd and the
5 potential of doing a training on the redistricting tool
6 with Karin or someone else from her team, from the
7 statewide database who is developing that tool.

8 And again, that won't come out until after the
9 database is live. So I think -- and Karin could probably
10 respond to this a little bit better, but it sounds like
11 by the 2030 where it'd be available. So I think I
12 completely agree with the notion of a press release going
13 out on the date of, that we've received the database that
14 it is available.

15 And then and then focusing our time, we're already
16 scheduled for the 23rd. So focusing some of our time
17 there on the 23rd to really unpack that to some extent.
18 I think if there's a desire to bring in other scholars or
19 demographers or whomever else, I think that's fine.

20 I will just say, I think our decision to bring on --
21 I just kind of want to speak up in response to
22 Commissioner Sinay's concerns. We have all collectively
23 reviewed all of our applicants. We have collectively
24 made decisions about hiring the very best consultants
25 that we can find.



1 And these are our consultants and -- obviously here
2 before us. I know Karin is here in her statewide
3 database capacity, but I want to uplift that there are
4 many forms of diversity out there. And I think we
5 haven't seen the entirety of the Q2 team. I think we
6 haven't seen -- we have seen the entirety of the legal
7 team.

8 And there is -- there certainly are Latinos who are
9 part of that team, Jewish-Americans who are part of them.
10 So I'd certainly just want to I don't know, perhaps just
11 give some credence to the amazing consultants that we
12 have brought on.

13 And certainly there is opportunity to always bring
14 in additional experts to the field. But I certainly
15 stand in support of all of the folks that we've brought
16 on this far.

17 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Commissioner Turner, then
18 Commissioner Kennedy.

19 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. Thank you, Chair. Just
20 I don't have a lot of news to add. I think I am grateful
21 for the dialog that we're currently having. I also
22 wanted to support the press conference. And yes, if not
23 move the meeting up, I do think it important that we walk
24 through it on the 21st or the 22nd.

25 And if we don't, to Commissioner Kennedy's point



1 earlier, if we don't feel like it's too much time lost,
2 then perhaps the 23rd. But I would want it scheduled in
3 perhaps no later than the 23rd. And I was hoping for it
4 sooner rather than later.

5 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Commissioner Kennedy.

6 COMMKISSIIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. And
7 thanks to all the colleagues for sharing their thoughts.
8 I was taking off on one of Commissioner Andersen's
9 points. If the meeting on the 23rd was originally
10 scheduled for the 23rd in anticipation that that would be
11 the date that we would be receiving the data or gain
12 access to the data, and now we're going to gain access to
13 it on the 20th, depending on what time of day it ends up
14 being, I really believe that we need to move that meeting
15 currently scheduled for the 23rd to either the 20th or
16 the 21st. Again, depending on when the -- when we do get
17 access -- when we do get the official notification.

18 But if that meeting was indeed scheduled for the
19 23rd on the expectation that that would be when we were
20 going to be getting access to the data, I don't see a
21 need to -- I don't see a reason to keep it on the 23rd.
22 Thank you.

23 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. We'll go to Commissioner
24 Sinay and then we have to switch gears to our discussion
25 on the quality of the census data.



1 So Commissioner Sinay?

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you. I do understand
3 that we've hired the best that we can. But I also do
4 understand that we also need to be aware that we need to
5 give space for others to have their perspectives.

6 And also, if there's any way in this field to help
7 this field create a pipeline of leaders and others, and
8 hopefully by some of the staff on the redistricting
9 commission and some of the commissioners and such will
10 end up into the field.

11 And so I do understand that the redistricting field
12 right now tends to be advocates -- are different than
13 that that action and I completely respect and I voted for
14 every single person that we have. But I do think that we
15 need to constantly be aware of how we bring in other
16 voices.

17 So I was not trying to be controversial, but I was
18 trying to state just the fact that we need to be aware
19 of -- there are a lot of other voices out there that
20 might not be academics. We might not be legal. We may
21 not have hired them, but do have expertise that we can
22 benefit from.

23 We have a team, but there's others we can still
24 learn from and benefit from. And it's not just the
25 advocate, but there's a lot of other people. And so I



1 would hope that we would continually make space for other
2 voices and learning from other communities.

3 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Well, thank you. Director Ceja
4 and then -- go ahead, Director Ceja.

5 MR. CEJA: Thank you, Chair. I'll be brief. If we
6 are thinking of moving the commission meeting on the 23rd
7 to the 20th to coincide with the release of census data,
8 we could possibly move up the presentation to the first
9 part of the agenda and invite media to cover the
10 presentation and then ask questions just like any other
11 public -- member of the public.

12 So it would take form of a press conference. But it
13 would be integrated into our meeting. So if you all are
14 interested in doing that, let me know and I'll set it up
15 with the media folks that have covered our work.

16 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. I think at this point, I
17 think, the chair and vice chair and Director Hernandez
18 have heard, the thoughts of the commission. And we will
19 take a look at what we can do as far as rescheduling that
20 meeting. So thank you.

21 And what we can do about -- I mean, part of it might
22 be I don't know that people are already scheduled for the
23 23rd become talk with us and are not available. So we'll
24 have to take some time offline to figure that out. Okay.
25 But thanks for the good conversation and the robust and



1 indeed conversation.

2 Okay. With that, I'm going to turn it over to
3 Commissioner Sadhwani for the Government Affairs
4 Committee discussion of the quality of the census data.

5 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Yes. Thank you. I forgot
6 that we did this under Government Affairs. I was looking
7 to Commissioner Andersen to lead.

8 Yes. So thank you so much, Chair, and welcome to
9 our guests. We have with us today, of course, Karin
10 MacDonald from the statewide database, as well as Dr.
11 Schwarm, who is our state demographer for the state of
12 California. Welcome. And we look forward to hearing
13 more about your work and what you do.

14 I don't think you've come to join us here
15 previously. So really looking forward to the opportunity
16 to hear and learn more from you. Karin is going to kick
17 us off by talking a little bit about their process to
18 build the redistricting database, how it's going, any
19 status updates, and answer any questions that
20 commissioners might have.

21 And then we'll pass it over to you, Dr. Schwarm, to
22 tell us more about the quality of the data as you're
23 seeing it, as well as hopefully to share a little bit
24 more about what you do and your role as the state
25 demographer.



1 So with that, Karin, I will hand it over to you.

2 MS. MACDONALD: Thank you so much, Commissioner
3 Sadhvani, and thank you again for inviting me to give you
4 a quick update. I think Dr. Schwarm's presentation is
5 going to be a lot more exciting than mine. I'm going to
6 just give you a quick update of where we're at with the
7 statewide database.

8 Just to remind you that at the statewide database,
9 we're not just releasing data, we're also releasing
10 tools. So I will first start about the data. You know
11 that we have reformatted the legacy data that were
12 released by the census, and those data are available on
13 our website.

14 And if you haven't looked at the site, please take a
15 look. Again, it's statewidedatabase.org/redistricting
16 2021. That's going to be our portal. If you've been on
17 the statewide database side, you know that we have an
18 incredible amount of data there.

19 So we're trying to just make sure that it's very
20 easy for people to find the data that we are releasing
21 specifically for the redistricting process, and that is
22 going to be our portal. So again,
23 statewidedatabase.org/redistricting 2021.

24 And to remind you the data that we will be releasing
25 as part of the official redistricting database for the



1 state of California. We start with the census data,
2 which we are adjusting. You know a lot, of course, about
3 the inmate reallocation process having discussed it at
4 length and have you've had many presentations on it also.

5 So we will be adjusting those data and that is
6 essentially the data set that we start building from.
7 Our algorithms are tuned to the 2020 adjusted census
8 data. We will be releasing citizen voting age population
9 on the 2020 geography. That is the data set that people
10 will be using for voting rights assessments throughout
11 the state of California on all levels. All different
12 jurisdictions will be using this.

13 Currently, the citizen voting age population data
14 that are available on the statewide database page are on
15 the 2010 geography, and we have to wait for the legacy
16 data to be released to be able to start working on that
17 algorithm again to move those data onto the 2020
18 geography.

19 And just to remind you, in case it ever comes up at
20 trivia night that California lost quite a few census
21 blocks, which of course, doesn't mean that we exported
22 them someplace else. It's just this census every ten
23 years looks at its geography and the then tune their
24 geography.

25 Census blocks is what you use to build districts.

1 And we used to have 720,000 census blocks, roughly, in
2 the state of California for 2010. And for 2020, we will
3 have 530,000 census blocks. So it's a little bit less
4 clicky, though. I really hope nobody who listens has to
5 actually click that often. I hope they will all be using
6 tools where they can use lassos and things like that to
7 actually grab more than one census block at a time when
8 they're building districts.

9 So we will also be releasing electoral data over the
10 last -- from the last 20 years. And that is specifically
11 made available for voting rights assessments, of course,
12 and that includes voter registration data as well as
13 statement of the vote.

14 And you can see all of these data already on the
15 statewide database website. But again, they're not on
16 the 2020 geography. So we will be bringing all of that
17 over to the 2020 geography. It's a lot of work, which is
18 why it takes us 30 days to do it. But I'm happy to
19 report that we're making really good progress.

20 And we have told you that we would be releasing on
21 September 20th and September 20th it is. That is when
22 the database will be out with all of those data sets. We
23 are hoping to be able to get the citizen voting age
24 population data out a little bit earlier. And that, of
25 course, will be incredibly helpful to some of the local



1 jurisdictions that are trying to do some assessments of
2 whether or not, you know, of how to comply with Section
3 2, basically of the Voting Rights Act.

4 So that was the data end. But we were busy in other
5 dimensions also, and those are specifically the software
6 ends. You already, of course, know the DrawmyCAcommunity
7 tool, our COI tool, which has been very successful and
8 people seem to really like it, which made me happier than
9 anything else I have to tell you. I'm just so happy
10 about it.

11 Anyway. So but aside from that, we are also
12 releasing software for people that want to do more than
13 just draw their community, because as you know, the COI
14 tool is to collect data from our fellow Californians,
15 right? There's no data -- there are no data really in
16 the tool. But we will be releasing tools that will have
17 data in them.

18 So specifically, they will have the new census
19 data -- the adjusted census data in them. And we have
20 always talked about three levels of access for this.
21 There is the online tool that will be released. So this
22 is an online redistricting tool and that will most likely
23 be used by people that don't necessarily want to draw an
24 entire -- the entire state of California.

25 Because if you can imagine mapping the entire state



1 of California over the Internet and keeping on -- moving
2 data back and forth that can they can take a minute. So
3 in order to also serve people that perhaps want to draw
4 more than, say, a couple of districts or just one little
5 one region perhaps, we are also releasing a QGIS plug in.

6 So QGIS is an open-source, free of charge, full
7 redistricting package that you can download onto your
8 computer, you can play with it. There is many plug ins
9 available for it. We have designed and are testing right
10 now -- are in final testing of a QGIS plug in for
11 California's redistricting process. So that will also be
12 released as soon as the data are out and we've had an
13 opportunity to integrate the data into the plug in.

14 And then finally, the third level of access is for
15 people that perhaps don't have a computer that they can
16 use or people that need some technical assistance. And
17 that's what our redistricting access centers are there
18 for. They are open already. They opened on the day the
19 legacy data were released.

20 You can get to the locations and the page that
21 basically explains how to get there, where to park when
22 they are open and so forth from again, our state by
23 database page, statewidedatabase.org/redistricting 2021.
24 I'm just going to keep saying that and I'm hoping that
25 people will know where to go. We're trying to make it

1 really easy for people to find things.

2 So at the sites you can use the online tool if you
3 wish. You can use the COI tool if you wish, or you can
4 use the QGIS tool. There is a technical person who is
5 helping the -- who can help. That's the Redistricting
6 Access Center manager.

7 And also for people that want to download the QGIS
8 plug in, if they are experiencing any issues with it or
9 they have questions, we have a very robust online support
10 system that can be accessed. So we're not -- we're
11 working on instructions on how to download QGIS and the
12 plug in and how to get started and so forth. But we also
13 understand that sometimes one needs help.

14 And I am certainly somebody who reaches out to
15 online help a lot and for other reasons, not on
16 redistricting tools perhaps, but any other online things
17 that I'm trying to do. So I think this is going to be
18 very helpful for people also.

19 So we are, again, getting the data out on the 20th.
20 We will then upload the data into the tools and those
21 will be available -- the tools are being translated right
22 now. We have our fingers crossed that the translations
23 are going to be out at the same time as we're uploading
24 the data and that that's not going to create a delay. If
25 it creates a delay, I can't imagine that it will be more



1 than a couple of days.

2 The data set is going to be a little bit different
3 this time than ten years ago, and this is due to really
4 user feedback. We've been working with a lot of the
5 groups that are participating and a lot of individuals
6 that are using the statewide database, and we -- we're
7 basically reformatting the data set so it's easier just
8 to download the entire data set rather than just bits and
9 pieces.

10 So for example, the saving to full data is going to
11 be in one file rather than in separate files by election.
12 So that should save people time. Some of the counties
13 have asked us to please release headers early and we're
14 working on that. That's for people that need to -- that
15 are just setting up their systems right now and that
16 also, of course, need to hit the ground running.

17 So we're going to send out header information
18 probably later this week so that everybody can get ready
19 for what the data look like. And that makes it easier
20 then, to integrate them seamlessly so that they can start
21 mapping immediately as soon as they've downloaded the
22 data.

23 And then, finally, there will be a lot of
24 documentation. Some of the documentation will probably
25 cure insomnia for some of us. And some of it -- we're

1 putting some maps in, so they may be a little bit more
2 exciting to look at. But there will be a lot of
3 documentation also. And that, of course, is essential
4 because people want to know what they're looking at. And
5 so we're also going to put that out.

6 And the goal is to have everything out the week of
7 the 20th. And we're pushing our translators pretty hard
8 right now to make sure that that all happens also. So
9 that is my brief overview. And of course, I am here
10 for -- to answer any questions you may have at this
11 point.

12 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. Thank you so much. It
13 sounds like you've been a little busy. Questions from
14 commissioners. Commissioner Fernandez?

15 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Alicia, you --

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'm just laughing because
17 Executive Director told me that I should start dancing,
18 which nobody needs to see that. I just wanted to make
19 sure I understand you correctly, Karin. So will the
20 documentation be translated in the twelve or fourteen
21 languages also or?

22 MS. MACDONALD: That is -- no, no.

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Just English.

24 MS. MACDONALD: No, I mean, at this point just
25 English.

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay.

2 MS. MACDONALD: But that's a big question. We
3 hadn't thought about translating that into Spanish. So
4 let me talk to the team about that.

5 COMMISSIONER FDERNANDEDZ: Okay.

6 MS. MACDONALD: We haven't had any requests ever for
7 that. And that would certainly delay things --

8 COMMISSIONER FERNQANDEZ: Right.

9 MS. MACDONALD: -- a little bit.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNQANDEZ: Okay. Thank you.

11 MS. MACDONALD: But we can discuss.

12 COMMISSIONER FERNQANDEZ: Yeah, I just wanted to
13 make sure it was clear that you were talking about it's
14 in English. Right. Thank you.

15 MC. MACDONALD: Yes.

16 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: I think I saw Commissioner
17 Yee, and then Commissioner Fornaciari.

18 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you so much, Karin. It's
19 so exciting for all these things to be coming together.
20 So for the redistricting tool and the QGIS plug in, I
21 mean, up to now we've had the COI tool and we've got this
22 whole system set up where the COI tool generates public
23 input to our process. So for these newer tools coming
24 online, is that integration going to happen? Do we need
25 to figure out how to do that? What's the idea there?

1 MS. MACDONALD: Yeah. So from our perspective,
2 we're designing these tools to be already familiar to
3 those in terms of look and feel and kind of usability.
4 We had a really talented UX designer working on all of
5 it. So there was definitely a thread that you will see
6 going from one tool to the next tool. They just have
7 more functionality.

8 Essentially, COI tool, basically data collection,
9 then the online tool using data from the official
10 redistricting database to start building districts. And
11 then the QGIS actually building extensive plans with all
12 bells and whistles potentially, as people wish.

13 So there's a thread there. We are working again on
14 making little videos available and so forth. So we're
15 trying to just make it as seamless as possible from our
16 end and then we will be "marketing them" really via the
17 state or database page.

18 And I'm the first to tell you that we are not good
19 at marketing. We're just we're just not. I mean, we
20 try. We have an Instagram page, I was told. And I'm
21 also not big on marketing, but we just really try to make
22 sure that people can just go to the statewide database
23 page and just get everything there. So it's your one
24 stop shop.

25 And of course, we really welcome any collaboration,



1 with you to make sure that people know that these tools
2 are out. I think we've done a lot of trainings and we've
3 just talked to so many people over the last couple of
4 years. I would be surprised if there were big surprises
5 out there in the state of California at this point with
6 redistricting, because I think people do have a tendency
7 to talk to each other.

8 And even on the local level, we've made sure that
9 the locals know that these tools will be available
10 because we want to make sure that they understand that
11 they need to have handouts, for example, that say -- and
12 this is how you tell your people to just submit a plan to
13 your jurisdiction so it doesn't all end up with you.

14 Because all of the tools are designed to funnel
15 information to you, to the commission. So they're
16 designed for you and for the state process. But they can
17 also be tweaked to be used on the local level. So we're
18 working on that also.

19 COMMISSIONER YEE: So if somebody wanted to draw a
20 district, we're using the online district redistricting
21 tool and wanted that to constitute public input to us on
22 the Commission, how would they go about that?

23 MS. MACDONALD: I'm sorry. Would you please repeat
24 that question?

25 COMMISSIONER YEE: So if somebody used the online



1 redistricting tool to draw a district and -- not a
2 community interest, but a district.

3 MS. MACDONALD: Yes.

4 COMMISSIONER YEE: And wanted that to constitute
5 public input to us, how did they close that loop?

6 MS. MACDONALD: Well, they basically just push a
7 button that says submit to commission.

8 COMMISSIONER YEE: So it's already there, okay.

9 MS. MACDONALD: Yeah. So that was one of the most
10 important things I think, that we wanted to accomplish,
11 was to make sure that things don't get lost on the way.
12 There are -- obviously there's a lot of redistricting
13 technology out there, but how do we know what happens
14 with these plans?

15 So this is a seamless transport from creating a
16 district map. And now I'm done. And now I push this
17 button and here it goes to the commission so that there
18 is a record there. And it definitely makes it to you.

19 COMMISSIONER YEE: Perfect.

20 MS. MACONDLAD: So that was really important to us.

21 COMMISSIONER YEE: That's fantastic. I missed that.
22 It's the same functionality as the COI Tool.

23 MS. MACDONALD: Thank you for that question.

24 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: I think, Commissioner
25 Fornaciari and then Andersen.

1 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Yeah. Thanks, Karin. This is
2 really interesting and exciting. I kind of had a little
3 reaction when you said, we went from over 700,000 census
4 blocks to 500,000 census blocks. So it seems like it's
5 significantly fewer, twenty-five percent fewer-ish in
6 round numbers.

7 And so I'm just kind of wondering, maybe I'm asking
8 the wrong version of, Karin, this question, but is that
9 going to impact us when we're trying to get to plus or
10 minus very few people for congressional districts?

11 MS. MACDONALD: Yeah. Thank you for that question.
12 It is the right version of Karin you are asking. Okay.
13 So we did the block boundary suggestion project and
14 basically the census came out and said they wanted to
15 clean up the block lines. And I think Dr. Schwarm can
16 also talk about this a little bit if he wants to. I
17 don't want to throw more things onto her, onto his
18 already full agenda there.

19 So basically, census every ten years gives an
20 opportunity for the states to participate in what they
21 call a block boundary suggestion. And that means that
22 the states can take a look at the census geography at the
23 block level geography, and then they can make suggestions
24 about what they like and what they don't like.

25 So I can almost guarantee that we will run into some

1 jurisdictions where we're going these block lines don't
2 make sense. I can almost guarantee you that. That
3 happened the last time it happened, the time before, and
4 it can happen to you when you have a lot of blocks. And
5 it can happen to you when you don't have a lot of blocks.

6 Because essentially these are reporting units that
7 the census uses to push data out. It's the smallest unit
8 of analysis that they have. And some of the things that
9 they cleaned up or that we cleaned up -- we suggested
10 they clean up was, for example, medians in San Francisco.

11 Anybody here who's ever been on Venice, you know,
12 Venice, pretty wide street. And then there was that
13 median, all of those little median things, they were all
14 individual census blocks. So those are no more.

15 So there were some pretty obvious ones that we
16 suggested. But then California also -- what we've been
17 doing with -- we've been doing this for the last couple
18 of decades. We don't just sit there with one person and
19 look at these blocks and kind of figure out what makes
20 sense to that one person.

21 We implement that through state by database a
22 statewide project that works with the regional government
23 associations with the individual counties, with some of
24 the cities. And I have been telling them for, really,
25 since the last redistricting when they basically came to



1 us and said our block boundaries don't make sense.

2 I have asked them to please just keep an eye on
3 block boundary suggestions, stay in touch with us and
4 then participate because you get this opportunity to
5 clean up your block boundaries once a decade. And so
6 that's essentially how this came together. Lots of
7 people participated.

8 We sent everything over to census, but then
9 ultimately it is called the Suggestion Project. So we
10 can suggest that they make the ultimate decision about
11 what they want to hold, what they don't want to hold,
12 where they want to make changes. And there's very strict
13 criteria of what we were even able to suggest.

14 So I think overall, I'm guessing that there were
15 some cleanups done. I, just like you, also had a little
16 bit of a reaction going, oh, wow, they really that was
17 more than just the medians in San Francisco on Van Ess
18 that they got rid of. But it's really difficult to
19 evaluate census geography unless you're actually working
20 with it.

21 So I think that we will all figure out what's going
22 on. And Dr. Schwarm and I, our offices, we have talked
23 about collecting data on the census in general and maybe
24 talking about this a little bit. So anything that
25 doesn't work for us, we will most certainly get to the

1 Census Bureau and try to get it fixed for next time.

2 At the very least, it could potentially make it more
3 difficult. You are absolutely right to get to one or two
4 people. But I will also tell you that that is difficult
5 no matter how many census blocks you have. So thank you.

6 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. I know Commissioner
7 Anderson and how to hand-raised. I also just want to be
8 cautious of time. It's already almost 2:30, so I
9 definitely want to make sure we have enough time for Dr.
10 Schwarm. Commissioner Andersen, did you want to ask your
11 question?

12 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: No, it was really just a
13 clarification on Commissioner Yee that not only is -- for
14 the redistricting tool, will it go directly to the
15 statewide database, but then there is a link already set
16 up for adding that to the Airtable database. So this has
17 already been thought through. So those will come in as
18 COI inputs come in. So just a clarification for
19 everybody.

20 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay.

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: And no, that's I look
22 forward to Dr. Schwarm.

23 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Perfect. Wonderful. So with
24 that, let's transition over to Dr. Schwarm and I will let
25 you take it away.



1 DR. SCHWARM: All right. Thank you, everybody, for
2 inviting me this afternoon. Since we're on the blocks,
3 I'll start with that. As Karen pointed out, yeah, I
4 mean, I haven't looked at all of them either, but I do
5 know that there's that boundary suggestion program and
6 then we at the state level -- and because we take some of
7 the count, we use those counties that are not
8 participating themselves and we do it for them.

9 There's also the Decision Participant Statistical
10 Area program where you suggest other things, block
11 groups, places, other geography things as well. And I
12 know for the rural counties, because we largely did rural
13 counties because they don't usually have the resources to
14 do this, we cleaned up, once again, slivers.

15 You've got a river and then you've got a little bit
16 of bank and then you have a road and the little bit of
17 bank between the river and the road ends up being a
18 block. Well, okay, we get rid of those.

19 I also know that the Census Bureau got rid of -- I
20 forget the exact numbers, almost 100,000 water blocks in
21 the way that had the ocean or lake or something in your
22 in any area previously. Sometimes, like Lake Tahoe was
23 split into about 500 different water blocks. They have
24 no people. There have water.

25 It just there was a feature there that made them at

1 one point in time, put a block in there. Remember,
2 blocks are -- outside of the block boundary suggestion
3 program, blocks are largely done by a computer algorithm.
4 So it tries to balance things out there, including
5 suggestions and some other census criteria.

6 So it's not like people are actually doing them.
7 Therefore, they can be kind of -- they can be weird. But
8 I don't think that -- personally, I'm not worried about
9 the reduction in blocks. I think that actually would be
10 a positive thing. However, I don't deal with block level
11 data, and so that's a nice segway into what I do do.

12 I'm a State Demographer, which really means I'm
13 chief of the Demographic Research Unit at the Department
14 of Finance. We are essentially responsible for all
15 demographic data in the state of California. Outside of
16 blocks. Yeah, blocks is Karin. Blocks is what all of
17 you were interested in. High level geography places,
18 Plumas, Counties.

19 We have the state census data center in our -- in
20 the shop and they do largely most of the pre-census work
21 on geographies and on ensuring the fact that places and
22 municipalities and various other things, their boundaries
23 are correct and such that when the census get tabulated,
24 their boundaries work out. And from census periods, LuCa
25 was run out of our office. That was the local area

1 census update program, an attempt to find housing units
2 and to confirm the fact that the census had a good master
3 address frame.

4 And that's one side of the house, the other side of
5 the house does estimates and projections. So if you
6 are -- if you're a municipality in the state and you get
7 money that's based on population from the state, that
8 those moneys are based on estimates from my office.

9 Likewise, if you're doing planning, certainly
10 statewide planning, and health planning and health
11 infometrics planning, all of the denominators used in
12 those plans are also ones produced by the DRU either as
13 estimates or as projections of future population.

14 So we're the official source for state government
15 and most local governments when producing data and
16 putting money to data in for the state of California.
17 We're in finance because finance was perceived to be the
18 most impartial of the government agencies. So yes,
19 that's why we're here.

20 So it's sort of what we do. In other words, we're
21 obviously active the entire decade and for the rest of
22 time we were created in 1947 and so been around for a
23 while. We were at one time the Population Research unit.
24 Somewhere along the line we changed ourselves to
25 demographic research unit and code did not change. So

1 people forgot about us for a little while. At least some
2 people did.

3 But in cleaning up code for the 2020 census, we
4 cleaned up all of the Population Research Unit stuff.
5 And now, of course, people have noticed that, hey, we're
6 supposed to validate the census. What does that mean and
7 what is -- so that's something that really comes to
8 people's attention at this particular point in time. And
9 validating is difficult in some ways.

10 If you look at Karin's side, and if you look at
11 the -- and you look at our own Demographic Research Unit
12 page of the Department of Finance, you'll note that I say
13 that, yes, we did validate in 2020 Census for the
14 purposes of redistricting.

15 If you're going to be doing estimates or something
16 off of it, I don't know yet. Estimates are another
17 issue. They don't involve block level work. They
18 involve counties or cities or larger geographies where we
19 might want to change things based on what we learn in the
20 next couple of months.

21 So one of the big things that was coming forward
22 here is to talk about the sort of how good was the
23 census? There's really no way to know quite yet. Right.
24 In other words, the census itself does a post enumeration
25 survey. This is where they go out and re-survey

1 households and they try to determine what the area of the
2 census was. That is just wrapping up now, and we don't
3 expect to report on that until later next year.

4 We, along with the State of California and
5 Demographic Research Unit, we partnered with RAND to
6 survey about 23,000 households in about 500 different
7 census blocks in California in another attempt to kind of
8 not only look at our administrative data, but also to be
9 able to have a block that was independently surveyed
10 compared to what the census had. That report is not done
11 yet either.

12 That will be December before we get any idea about
13 whether we find radically different information in the
14 blocks that we surveyed versus the census. So it's kind
15 of our own post enumeration survey or commensurate
16 enumeration survey.

17 So absolute answer, don't have one yet. However,
18 population total pretty close to our estimates. We
19 maintain state and county estimates twice a year, all the
20 way through the decade. We had a number that was 143,000
21 higher than the census came in. So in that sense,
22 assuming we're doing a good job and census does a good
23 job, that's a vote of some confidence.

24 There was some thoughts at one point in time that if
25 the census came in a half of a million below our numbers,

1 that this was going to be a cause for real concern,
2 because that would indicate the loss of significant
3 number of people being counted. So total population
4 pretty good.

5 We also maintain race ethnic estimates across the
6 decade by single year of age and gender as part of the
7 projection process. Hispanics came in just about on
8 target. So in terms of a massive Hispanic undercount or
9 something like that, not so much, at least compared to
10 the -- because we're not using census data, we're using
11 driver's license, we're using Medicare, MediCal data,
12 we're using other administrative data sets and also vital
13 statistics -- so the raw, vital statistics from the
14 California Department of Health to build the population
15 across the decade.

16 Hispanics came in okay, not terribly off and not
17 terribly off except for not more than one percent except
18 for in L.A. So maybe a little bit of undercount in L.A.
19 On the other hand, L.A. is a very difficult county to
20 keep track of it just because it's so large.

21 Whites are in terms of the other races, I mean, I
22 will as you get smaller and smaller and here we're
23 talking about the OMB thing. So we don't we don't go
24 into these sub components or anything like that. It's
25 just the standard OMB seven. Whites we're down

1 statewide. We're down to about three percent below what
2 we thought we were going to be down.

3 I think we expected about four and a half percent
4 the loss of white population between 2010 and 2020. It's
5 closer to seven. That's something that's that
6 surprising. And indeed, this mirrors national trends.
7 Now, there's two things that can occur that this could
8 occur. One of them is multi race and other race, i.e.
9 whites deciding either by putting something down this --
10 the first time the ethnicity or their origins was asked.

11 In previous censuses you put down white and that was
12 all you had to do. It was only if you had marked Asian
13 or Pacific Islander or other that you were asked about
14 your ethnic origins. That was extended to all the race
15 groups this time.

16 And we do note that the census did pay attention to
17 those ethnic origins and recoded some people who put
18 white to white and other or other or multi race based on
19 what's in that origin thing, because the likelihood that
20 that origin doesn't go with being white say it like that.

21 So that's a change. And that that may account for
22 the fact that we have a little fewer whites than was
23 expected. The other thing that does exist as well. Last
24 year was and continue -- last year was really bad for a
25 census. A pandemic is the worst possible year to put a

1 census in.

2 We note that -- and you can look at it yourself. We
3 know that areas with wealthy white areas that say a lot
4 like that, Malibu, parts of it's the certain enclaves in
5 greater L.A. County, parts of Atherton have higher
6 vacancy rates than expected and slightly lower
7 population. And those and particularly, I think of the
8 ten cities that are that rank the highest in terms of
9 loss of population or greatest change of population in
10 the negative level between 2010 and 2020, some of them
11 are obvious.

12 There's some fire places in paradise, obviously
13 almost being destroyed. That's number one. The other
14 two or three or four of those are largely these wealthy
15 white enclaves. And the thought, of course, is they may
16 be in California someplace else.

17 Individuals with Malibu houses might be in Tahoe at
18 their summer house up there on a vacation house and have
19 taken the census there because they now consider that
20 they're -- for all intents and purposes, usual residents
21 and usual residents technically has a six-month year,
22 more than six months.

23 If I got to you in October and you had been gone,
24 you could have easily decided that that was your usual
25 residence or they could be in other states. Right.



1 Plenty of individuals in those areas have second homes
2 elsewhere in other states, vacation homes in the Rocky
3 Mountains or vacation homes on islands or in other
4 places. And they may be there.

5 So we don't know that yet exactly. This far too
6 early in the census -- the analysis process to say are
7 these people who are likely in Malibu really now,
8 according to the census, are living over here. Can we do
9 anything about that? No, unfortunately. Census is a
10 point in time piece, right.

11 On April 1st and the people decided on April 1st
12 that their usual residence wasn't their house in Malibu.
13 It wasn't. But it was indeed their house in Tahoe. Or
14 was their house in Idaho or someplace in Sun Valley. And
15 then that's lost population. Nothing we can do about it.
16 Got to live with it for a little while.

17 From an estimates and perspective, perspective, yes.
18 We'll eventually probably have some administrative record
19 information that we can put them back where they were or
20 move them out permanently, i.e., they changed their
21 driver's license to Montana or Idaho or something like
22 that. They left California.

23 So I talked about -- a little bit about multi race
24 and all that. That's the big -- that's the big one.
25 Multi race up went up by fifty percent. We used to have

1 close to 900,000 multi race in California. We now have
2 1.9 million multi race in California.

3 It's difficult and I do not envy you because multi
4 race is a very difficult category and like I say it comes
5 from not only individual checking off multi race
6 themselves but the census also recoded a few individuals
7 when their ethnicity did not match the race that they put
8 in at the top just like.

9 Just like they do this with others, which you can do
10 as well. Sometimes they change -- well, in past they
11 changed genders to make sure that they matched. Various
12 other things. They changed age to make sure it matches
13 your date of birth, i.e. put a date of birth in. But you
14 say that you're 50 when you're really only supposed to be
15 45, but they'll change one of them.

16 I think they change your age and make it figuring,
17 you know, your birth date so similarly that they do some
18 Recode We don't know how much yet. I think actually
19 tomorrow, no, Thursday the census is presenting a webinar
20 about the how much of this proportion was done.

21 So we should have some ideas pretty soon, at least
22 nationally, how much a reassignment was done, which will
23 be nice to know. Other category also a huge increase
24 from like 60,000 to over 300,000 people claiming other
25 race. Who knows. That is that is ultimately from my

1 perspective, the most difficult thing and probably
2 difficult for you as well, because it's not an alb7 race
3 category. It needs to be put someplace.

4 Unfortunately, it's other with something usually.
5 And so generally we try and sweep people into the with
6 category again on that one. So good luck. I mean,
7 there's just something that comes with data usage on that
8 point. So overall, pretty good, I think.

9 I mean, like I say, there's these little twists that
10 that make it difficult to really analyze the point, but
11 not necessarily the I know -- you probably heard from
12 Adidas and we all -- and agree completely with California
13 accounts getting out the thing. I think we did a good
14 job at outreach.

15 I think that a lot of the problems that potentially
16 could have been there were probably ameliorated fixed.
17 It doesn't look like it was as bad as it could have
18 easily been. So in that sense -- so not 100 percent
19 saying that was money well spent in terms of the money
20 that state spent for that. But it was certainly it looks
21 to have been money, pretty well spent.

22 The one piece that is somebody mentioned GQ, Karin
23 had given me a list of some potential questions.
24 Correctional, GQ looks pretty good. We maintain lists of
25 correctional GQ for estimates purposes down to the city

1 level, city jails level, which, of course, Karin, does
2 not have to deal with.

3 Most of those estimates that we had for April 1st
4 matched the census pretty well, i.e. within single digit
5 issues. One or two little differences in certain places.
6 But I think that many of those have to do with, once
7 again, COVID. It's kind of a question. Are they on April
8 1st, were we taking prisoners and transferring to city
9 jails already?

10 We haven't balanced out yet, are we -- the amount
11 we're missing in state correctional facilities, does it
12 equal the amount that we see excess in city jails?
13 That's probably within the next week or two we'll
14 probably have an idea about that. But it doesn't look
15 too bad on the correctional front.

16 Dorms, on the other hand. So our dorms are going to
17 be -- dorms are always an issue. In other words, as a
18 group quarter, it's difficult for two reasons. Number
19 one, as dorms have changed, dorms at one time were pretty
20 obvious, right? You've got people living in a sort of a
21 gang room situation with a common bathroom and a common
22 cafeteria. And that's what a dorm looks like.

23 Unfortunately, or perhaps if you're a college aged
24 individual at this point, dorms don't look like that
25 anymore. Right. They can sometimes resemble far closer

1 as apartments with their own kitchenettes, their own
2 various other things.

3 And while the census did change its GQ definition
4 for the 2020 census to incorporate those things as dorms,
5 some of them get counted as dorms and some of them get
6 counted as apartments. And so there's that aspect.
7 Generally, as we go through, we try -- because we know
8 what our technically housing that is associated with
9 universities more so than the census does, because we
10 don't rely on a definition.

11 We rely on information from the universities
12 themselves. We'll put them back in -- we'll take them
13 out of hostile population, put the population and know
14 where they are at that particular point in time. That's
15 the estimates base. That's what I -- eventually my
16 office will approve and estimate space that people should
17 be using for this with the right amount of GQs in the
18 right places.

19 That's difficult this time because we have counts,
20 because we collect this information twice a year of GQ
21 population. Spring semester and fall semester every
22 year. Unfortunately, spring semester, we got our
23 accounts in February.

24 So we really don't know by the time census goes
25 around, how many of those individuals are still on campus

1 or because of COVID, how many of individuals were told to
2 go home and they're not on campus anymore? And then when
3 they went home, where did they go? Are they at home with
4 their parents? Are they somewhere in -- still in the
5 city, various other things.

6 College GQ, really difficult this time, I have to
7 say. There are huge changes. In other words, we're not
8 seeing complete loss of dorms, but we are seeing
9 thousands of people in some areas missing from what we
10 expected to find in GQ population.

11 Now, are those -- I mean, and the problem -- well,
12 we know and we have a general idea from at least the U.C.
13 about where their students came from originally, at least
14 in terms of in-state U.C. students. So we will
15 eventually try and link up kind of like Karin is doing
16 with the prison population. We will eventually try and
17 link up missing GQ in dorms with do we have extra people
18 in these blocks in certain areas of California?

19 Yeah, are we going to do -- are we legally charged
20 with reallocating them? No. Because that's not
21 something we do. But on the other hand, it will provide
22 us with an idea about if they're in California where were
23 they counted. If we plan on putting them back into the
24 dorms later from our purposes, not for your purposes,
25 where are we going to pull from?

1 Because reasonably, they need to be back in those
2 dorms because they will be there this year. They will be
3 there next year. They will be there at some particular
4 point in time. When do they come back?

5 The rest of GQ the nursing homes doesn't look too
6 bad. At least the big ones that we track. Once again,
7 the numbers that exist there, they're a little bit lower.
8 But on the other hand, at least the couple of ones that
9 I've tracked personally, they correspond, unfortunately,
10 to COVID deaths pretty closely.

11 So the fact that we're seeing some lower nursing
12 home numbers than we expected, some of that is,
13 unfortunately, that COVID claimed some of those victims
14 themselves. Of course, as perhaps Karin has pointed out,
15 differential privacy is a huge -- is this fuzzy lens that
16 sits over some of this data.

17 It makes it really difficult to say exactly, you
18 know, that one person -- is it a missing person? Is it
19 disclosure avoidance? Is it something else? So that's
20 why I say I think both of us have been pretty happy when
21 we've been able to get numbers in the single digits for
22 most things, even in the lower single digits because that
23 seems to be a margin of error that that we can both live
24 with right now.

25 There's COVID on it, there's differential privacy,

1 so disclosure avoidance on it. And there's really no way
2 to really get a finer detail on something at this
3 particular point. I think I'll leave it and take
4 questions at this point to make sure that I'm not running
5 out of everybody's time if there aren't any.

6 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Sounds great. Thank you so
7 much. And I see Commissioner Sinay has a question.

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you. That was really
9 helpful. I have four questions. So let me know if you
10 want me to ask them one at a time so others can ask
11 questions or if I should ask all four. How would you
12 like to do it, Commissioner Sadhwani?

13 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: I think go ahead with your
14 questions.

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. And you had said on the
16 Latino data it comes -- it's coming very close. And then
17 you mentioned some of the data sources that you use for
18 the Latino data. And those data sources just made me
19 wonder, how are you accounting for under-18 Latinos --
20 Latinos under 18, as well as undocumented?

21 Because many of the sources you mentioned, I know
22 that undocumented can get driver's license, but they may
23 not. And so is there a data source that you were using
24 for the under-18?

25 DR. SCHWARM: Yeah. I mean, let me start with

1 Undocs. Undocks, unfortunately, yes, that is a black box
2 from my perspective. I rely on the census. Under 18s, I
3 have school enrollment data and vital statistics data.

4 So in other words, if an individual was born and you
5 know, either their parents checked the Hispanic box or
6 based on, once again, if they if they put no information
7 down on the vital statistics form other than the top
8 half, which is the required by law half, how old was
9 the -- where was the kid born? What was the hospital
10 they were born at?

11 What was -- that that's the required information is
12 the lower half is the stuff that gives the mothers and
13 fathers demographic data. Sometimes that's blank.
14 However, based on the mother's place of birth and
15 potentially last name, we do reassign in -- or we assign
16 individuals to Hispanic or Latino. So that's the births.

17 From the rest of the under-17 population, we do that
18 with school enrollment. Presumably, I would hope that --
19 I would hope individuals, somewhere between the ages of,
20 sort of kindergarten, although not everybody goes to
21 kindergarten, obviously, kindergarten and eighth grade at
22 least are enrolled.

23 We presumably or I don't think presumably -- I will
24 say also being responsible for the K-12 projections that
25 we provide to do the budgeting for that. High school

1 dropouts aren't really that big of a issue as they once
2 were ten years ago. So really an under-12 population or
3 under-18 population as being K through 11 or K through 12
4 is a moderately reasonable way of dealing with them.

5 I used to say -- I used to -- I would normally have
6 said, yeah, okay, we'll look at 16-year-old driver's
7 licenses. But unfortunately, modern teenager modern
8 teenagers don't seem to be following that trend.

9 COMMISSIOENR SINAY: Thank you. The next thing you
10 did bring up Paradise Fire. And it has come up when we
11 have -- when we did our initial conversations in the far
12 north. And how can you say more besides the fact that
13 the numbers weren't there at the census. Is there --

14 DR. SCHWARM: I mean, ironically, the number -- the
15 census numbers for paradise are coming in a little bit
16 higher than our estimates.

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay.

18 DR. SCHWARM: But not by much. I mean about by 500.
19 And fundamentally, our estimates are reliant on --largely
20 reliant on housing construction or housing occupier
21 occupancy. Trailers being moved to a lot is something
22 that we don't really -- we don't track because they don't
23 have to be permitted, particularly in Paradise, where
24 Paradise said, okay, just come. We don't really care.

25 We'll permit after the fact when we get to this

1 particular point in time. So it does look like and you
2 know, this is not necessarily anecdotal. Yes. Members
3 from my office having gone to Chico for other work but at
4 the current at the Chico Card did drive up there and
5 talk, essentially make a city visit. We used to go
6 around and do this all the time.

7 However, in the modern age, we don't do it as much
8 anymore because -- well, we have modern communications.
9 But in terms of a city visit, they drove around various
10 blocks and various other things in paradise. And so this
11 was a pre-COVID, of course, but it was in late 2019.

12 And yeah, I would say trailers are probably where we
13 were off. Population seems to be there. But they still
14 have a relatively reasonably large amount that is in the
15 rest of the county. That I will say.

16 Now, Paradise, yes, the balance of the county line
17 outside of Paradise in that area of the county that
18 burned north of -- northeast of Paradise, that seems to
19 be a much more like they're just gone case. Particularly
20 with the Dixie Fire now burning --

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah.

22 DR. SCHWARM: -- other parts of that area as well.

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And it's hard to know if
24 they're being counted somewhere else or if they were
25 counted somewhere else or not. So it is just -- leaves

1 things a little up in the air.

2 DR. SCHWARM: I would say that the population -- so
3 in a balancing act, to a certain extent, we undercounted
4 Paradise or underestimated Paradise. Yeah. Okay. And
5 then we also underestimated other places in Chico,
6 outside -- not Chico, in Butte County, outside of Chico.

7 So I have to say that it looks as if they're -- some
8 proportion of them, probably all of those that are of
9 working age are probably still in Butte County.

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Those individuals up there that
11 were retirees, I think a lot of them are not there
12 anymore.

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Right. On the dorms, one of
14 the questions -- one of the things that I have been told
15 is even if you can get the dorm data from the U.Cs --
16 from the school. It'll just be straight numbers -- won't
17 be race and ethnicity and age; is that correct? Do we
18 need to account for that or ?

19 DR. SCHWARM: It will be straight numbers, I
20 believe, unless particularly the U.C., unless the U.C.
21 has decided to become radically different in its data
22 disclosure requirements, it will just be the straight
23 numbers. And whether this --

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Is 2010 or 2010, did we get
25 more of the nuances?

1 DR. SCHWARM: I believe that's the same as the 2010.
2 I mean, the race and ethnicity of dorms is there. It's
3 they're based on the information that the -- as much
4 information as the school provides. So in other words,
5 if they happen to have a -- they have a demographic
6 profile of the students that are there and that are in
7 the dorms, then the dorms reflect it.

8 If they provided just numbers, then the census
9 imputed race ethnicity based on other things either what
10 they know about the administrative records for that
11 school, i.e., oh, this is blah, blah, blah college. It
12 has fifty percent Asian-Americans, it's thirty-eight
13 percent whites and it's twenty percent all other races.

14 That's what will become -- that will populate in
15 some way because I'll draw randomly the dorm population
16 if they don't have any information, any specific
17 information about the individual dorms. They will use
18 the universities overall race ethnic thing, which they
19 get from the Department of Education, the federal
20 Department of Education because you have to.

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And my final question -- and
22 Karin won't be disappointed I'm asking this. How does
23 the data look for military bases?

24 DR. SCHWARM: Military base is really good except
25 for -- actually, military bases look almost right on. I

1 was going to say, except for San Diego. But it actually
2 turns out that the carrier group is out literally like
3 two weeks before. So for those of you who are in the
4 Coronado/San Diego, yeah, you lost 5,000 there because
5 the carrier was not boarded at that point in time. It
6 was still up in Seattle.

7 Strange that they home ported -- bothered to home
8 port a carrier in Seattle for four months or five months
9 for repairs and then brought it back down to San Diego.
10 But that's just the way it worked. The only other one
11 that's a bit weird is Camp Pendleton has too few people.
12 Don't know why.

13 I mean, according to Pendleton's own reporting to us
14 at that particular point in time, they -- the census
15 results came in several thousand below that. Is it
16 because between those two times they went someplace that
17 we're no longer in and then got pulled back out? Or is
18 it military accounting? Right.

19 You know that the way we handle residency for the
20 state of California, if you're in California or you're in
21 California. However, where the census handles military
22 residency, it depends on where you're based. So if I --
23 if my home base -- or if I got my orders and I'm still
24 associated with Camp Lejeune, but I happen to be out at
25 Pendleton doing, you know, drills or something like that,

1 getting ready for deployment, I still get counted at Camp
2 Lejeune, whereas for the purposes of the state of
3 California, nope, sorry, you're at Camp Pendleton, so
4 therefore, you belong to us.

5 So that's the only one that's radically different.
6 Everything else is couple of, once again, into these
7 single digit differences and single digit differences, we
8 are attributed to attributing largely to differential
9 privacy or data disclosure at this particular point in
10 time. Sure. Any other questions or?

11 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Any other questions from
12 Commissioners? Commissioner Yee?

13 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you so much, Dr. Schwarm.
14 I'm wondering if you could say more about the perennial
15 question of the Hispanic Latino ethnicity folks and which
16 race they put down and what trends came up this time
17 compared to 2010. If someone marked Hispanic or Latino
18 for ethnicity, white for race, and wrote in Guatemalan
19 how does that get handled?

20 DR. SCHWARM: Yeah, that's a difficult issue in
21 terms of that. If they were down Hispanic, no matter --
22 because it's two separate questions, right? There's the
23 race question and then there's the ethnicity question.
24 If they marked an ethnicity question that was Hispanic,
25 that's where they end up. There's no census recoding out

1 of that.

2 So in some ways, it's almost you know, it's the
3 census form version of one drop. If you clicked on that,
4 it doesn't matter what else you put in any of the other
5 ethnicities or races, you're in the Hispanic bin. Now,
6 if I was white and I'd put Guatemalan. That's a question
7 I don't know yet in other words.

8 I suspect that administrative records were then
9 probably consulted and you were probably moved to
10 Hispanic. That's what's what I hope to find out on
11 Thursday. It's a question we have in. How did they
12 recode on that? Because that's the question.

13 The question that we have is, okay, now that you
14 started to play with the ethnicity, that for the first-
15 time whites and blacks were able to put down. But it was
16 always something that Asian-Americans and Pacific
17 Islanders and I think that's really it.

18 Multi-race could put ethnicities down as well. But
19 it was always something that those particular race ethnic
20 groups could put down. But it was the first time that
21 African-Americans, whites pressed specifically of their
22 ethnicities.

23 What happens if I put down that I was born in --
24 that I put out I was white, but I was born in Zaire. The
25 likelihood that I'm actually white, born in Zaire is

1 pretty small. What is that -- are you right to recode me
2 as multi race? Are you right -- or did you go and put me
3 in African-American? Because most of the time we think
4 they were -- they got recruited into multi race.

5 That's at least where we're going, or at least
6 that's so far with the information Census Bureau has
7 given us. I think we are really interested to know what
8 percentage they're going to tell us nationally was done
9 like that.

10 Now, if I put in -- sorry, Hispanics are always
11 Hispanic. If I'm -- if I put in an ethnicity that
12 doesn't correspond to anything, so let's say, no, I mean,
13 I'm trying to I'm trying to come up with the with an
14 explanation or the common explanation for why we end up
15 with so much more other.

16 I think we understand why we end up with so much
17 more multi-race in the sense that I think there's a
18 strong argument by individuals who have to look at that
19 these days, particularly with '23 and me and with other
20 things. I think that is a bit more focused in people's
21 eyes.

22 And also, remember, this is all self-identification.
23 One of the big issues that come as -- and this will
24 continue to get worse as far as demographers kind of
25 understand it. So I have let's say a mixed-race

1 household of white and black. And for whatever reason,
2 let's say I choose to put down white for most of the time
3 because I'm of another generation and figure that that's
4 most important.

5 So I marked down white over and over and over again,
6 and my children end up being white over and over again.
7 Well, either this time, perhaps I, Black Lives Matter or
8 something like that, decide no, I'm going to multi-race
9 white black and actually identify the fact that that I
10 myself might make multiracial or I put my children down
11 as being white and black because I now feel that they
12 really need to stand up for their race and ethnicity, or
13 the other piece goes, all right, my children have been
14 under my household and I've marked them white for twenty
15 years, now they're out on their own at college and
16 they're like, oh, I can finally fill out the census.

17 I am multi-race or I am black because I don't --
18 it's me now. I'm not listening to what my father said
19 and wrote down on all his forms. I'm now my own person
20 and my own person, I choose to be this. And that is
21 something I think we will see more of every census as it
22 goes along, because we are becoming a more multi-racial
23 country to begin with, with much higher rates of
24 interracial intermarriage.

25 And then there's also this question about self-

1 identification. I think people are really more conscious
2 about their background and their ethnicities and more
3 willing to go ahead and play the game to a certain
4 extent. It's not a game.

5 But go ahead and identify, in other words, oh look,
6 I didn't realize that I had twenty-five percent of my
7 genes or my chromosome, or my -- I'm looking for the
8 wrong word here. My ancestry might have been in -- might
9 have been Asian-American or Asian, because for whatever
10 reason, that's not something I knew. Okay, hey, I'm
11 finally going to go put down that in my box.

12 So like I say, most of everything, except for -- I
13 mean, Pacific Islander and American Indian, are really
14 difficult because they are so small, so few individuals
15 in California identifying that thing.

16 So it's really hard to estimate them because it
17 doesn't take more than a few people changing their ideas
18 or coming in and being and being differently identified
19 in the administrative records or whatever for those two
20 categories to be radically off.

21 I actually do find it kind of interesting and I
22 won't go into doing too much. At least nationally, there
23 was a big push for American Indians to not put themselves
24 in the multi-race category, to just be American-Indians,
25 even if they were American-Indian. That's why this was a

1 this was a relatively strong push by a number of tribes.

2 And you see it nationally.

3 American-Indian identification went up significantly
4 in the census compared to 2010. It's, I think, up by
5 almost twelve percent nationally. Didn't happen in
6 California. In California, we actually lost a little bit
7 of American-Indian represent overall in proportions
8 compared to 2010. They're probably in the other probably
9 in the multi-race. That's but that's just where the --
10 or in Hispanic.

11 I mean is it also true that California is very
12 different when it comes to American-Indians in the sense
13 that, you know, we have a very different population than,
14 say, Oklahoma does or South Dakota or. It's very
15 different than those places and therefore very different
16 self-identifications.

17 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: This is such interesting
18 stuff. And you're pushing all my buttons over here. I'm
19 thinking, yes, race is a social construct. So yes,
20 absolutely. This is very exciting. Other questions from
21 commissioners. Commissioner Fornaciari?

22 CHAIR FORNACIARI: So a lot of people moved after
23 April. A lot of people moved out of the Bay Area into
24 the Central Valley, for instance, and into the Sacramento
25 area. So I guess just sort of in general do you have a

1 feel for how significant that was -- I don't know,
2 relative sense and in particular, does that affect your
3 post enumeration survey?

4 DR. SCHWARM: It's going to be -- it's going to be a
5 good question for our post enumeration survey, because
6 due to COVID, much like the census, our field work -- I
7 mean, the housing unit field work was largely done by the
8 end of February, first week of March, because we -- our
9 intent was not to be in the field the same time the
10 census was.

11 So housing unit counts, that will be interesting
12 because here once again, we wanted 100 percent field
13 operations where the census was using some field, plus
14 some in-office canvassing. So they were looking at
15 satellite photos. We wanted to make sure that we got
16 second units and illegal units and stuff like that and
17 were able to get a better count and idea about whether
18 those were captured in the census.

19 So housing units, not so bad population. We were
20 largely in the field October, November -- well, starting
21 in September, but October, November, and December. So if
22 people hadn't moved during that period of time, they're
23 not going to be in all ours.

24 And whether they were there when the census, you
25 know, if they self-responded which course best possible

1 thing and they self-responded in March, then they'll be
2 in those blocks where they were before pre-COVID. If
3 they were found through non-response, follow up or
4 various other things, then they would be in their new
5 blocks someplace else.

6 The dichotomy that we've only begun to start looking
7 at -- obviously, not block level data, but slightly more
8 aggregated data, I will say that there are some places in
9 the Bay Area and various other things beyond sort of
10 these wealthy enclaves where it does look like
11 individuals would have been we would have expected them
12 to be there, but they're being counted someplace else.

13 Sacramento, El Dorado Hills, at least in terms of
14 the northern areas here. Same thing with same with Dean
15 and then Stanislaus County in terms of the in terms of
16 the south Riverside have more population in a couple of
17 those enclaves much more than we expected.

18 Same with a little bit more in Santa Barbara, but
19 you can kind of see some spread out and some movement
20 that exists in some of these places down there.
21 Unfortunately, we won't really have a good idea on that,
22 whether it's dependent on the census or not.

23 I mean, the one piece that exists as well here, or
24 that's important to remember is if I was in the Bay Area
25 and my IRS tax forms and everything were in the Bay Area



1 and I left and I never filled in a census anywhere place
2 else. And so enumerators kept on coming back to my house
3 not too often, but they came back to my house during non-
4 response follow up and eventually they gave up.

5 They're going to fill in the census results for my
6 house in San Francisco or my house in the Bay Area,
7 assuming they haven't found me anyplace else in the -- in
8 an actual census form that I self-responded to. They're
9 going to fill in that with administrative records.

10 So therefore they're going to fill in the
11 households -- and they will show up in the census, having
12 been filled in from IRS tax returns or Medicare or any
13 one of the administrative records databases that the
14 Census Bureau has access to.

15 So if I moved, but still didn't fill out the census,
16 and I'm sitting here in Sacramento in my new house, and
17 nobody -- and whoever was in the old house filled out a
18 census form, and therefore they don't consider my new
19 house to be a non-responder, then I'm probably still
20 living in my according to the census.

21 I'm still living in my old house in assuming no
22 one -- there's a lot of assumptions in this -- but
23 assuming nobody ever filled the form out or there was
24 nobody home to take a census enumeration at that
25 residence, then that I'm living in my old house in in the

1 Bay Area. Because they would have filled me in
2 administratively.

3 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Right. But most of the movement
4 took place after the census.

5 DR. SCHWARM: Yes. So --

6 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Right. And so I mean, so we --
7 then the underlying assumption there are a lot more
8 people in the Bay Area than there really are. And
9 there's a lot fewer people in Sacramento than there.

10 DR. SCHWARM: Assuming people self-respond, yes. I
11 mean, there you go. I mean, if they self-responded, then
12 yes, you're absolutely right. If they didn't respond and
13 it was actually later on when people were going door to
14 door or etcetera, then they're going to be because that
15 the vast majority of non-response follow up was August
16 and September of last year.

17 So during this sort of lull in COVID at that
18 particular point. But in which case they're going to be
19 in the. Now, you're right. This is right. I mean, why
20 a pandemic is the worst time to have a census. And I
21 don't envy all of your responsibilities because, yes, you
22 might be drawing line -- I mean, you've got to draw lines
23 with the data that you have. Right.

24 But it's true of any census to a certain extent,
25 just like in 2010. It was really easy, though, because

1 not whole lot of people were moving because we were in
2 the middle of our Great Recession and everybody had
3 already been kicked out of their homes. So a lot of
4 people were very, very fixed.

5 But say in 2000 you had a bunch of people moving
6 between April 1st and the time when you were actually,
7 2001 or whatever. Because we still had a good draw in
8 for the dot com because we had not busted yet at that
9 point in time. So we ended up with a lot of people that
10 probably weren't there six months later or nine months
11 later when everybody closed up shop in the Bay Area
12 emptied out. So --

13 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. Well, I hope that that
14 answered your question, Commissioner Fornaciari. I know
15 that we are up against our mandatory break. Is that
16 correct, Chair? Yes.

17 So I really want to thank you, Dr. Schwarm, for
18 coming today and joining us and answering so many
19 questions and just providing us with insights on your
20 assessment of the census data. I found this incredibly
21 helpful. So thank you so much for coming and joining us.

22 And I'm sure we would love to have you back at some
23 point in the future as well. And good luck. Best of
24 luck to you because it sounds like you have much work
25 ahead still. And so thank you so much.

1 Chair, I will hand it back to you. I don't know if
2 there's any additional announcements or anything before
3 we break.

4 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Yeah. I think that we are
5 definitely up against a break. Thank you again, Dr.
6 Schwarm and Karin for joining us for the session. We
7 really appreciate it. And with that, we will be taking a
8 break and we will return at 3:30.

9 (Whereupon, a recess was held)

10 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Well, welcome back to the
11 California Citizens Redistricting Commission business
12 meeting today, September 7th. At this point, we are
13 going to jump into agenda item 5, and that is line drawer
14 updates. So I am going to turn it over to Commissioner
15 Andersen to lead it from here.

16 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Great. Thank you, Chair.
17 Yes. At this point, similar to how we did a presentation
18 on our August 21st meeting, this is actually going to be
19 an overview -- a review of communities of interest that
20 have come in through the community interest tool. And
21 the areas that we're looking at today are inland,
22 Northern California and inland central California.

23 So in terms of looking at our -- what the Commission
24 was using as their zones, it would be Zone B, Zone D,
25 which is the Sacramento area, Zone F, essentially,

1 essentially the Central Valley, and Zone G, which is the
2 Eastern Sierras and gold country.

3 And what I'm going to do will be an initial
4 presentation from our -- outreach staff tell us their --
5 what they've been a little bit of what they get up to in
6 this area, and then we'll turn it over to the line
7 drawers who will walk us through everything.

8 And so I'm going to pass this over to Ms. Ashleigh
9 Howick and Mr. Eduardo. Where is the -- and Jose
10 Eduardo. Thank you.

11 MR. EDUARDO: Good afternoon, Commissioner. Thank
12 you, Chair and Commissioners. Good afternoon again. I
13 guess I'll go first, Ashleigh. Well, I really
14 appreciate -- we really appreciate your time and space
15 and. It's really great to hear all the business
16 meetings.

17 We've been focusing a lot on outreaching. And so
18 we're almost there when it comes to doing it -- the last
19 drive for the next two meetings that are coming up.
20 And I will be -- I am the field team lead for the central
21 California Region, Zone G and F.

22 And yeah, with the combined population of over 4.5
23 million people, the Central Valley and the -- Central
24 Valley, San Joaquin Valley, Central Nevada Mountain Range
25 is one of the largest, as you know, rural and agriculture



1 areas in the nation. And I think when it comes to rural,
2 it's really key to understand and getting context.

3 It is also culturally diverse with more than 70
4 ethnicities and 105 languages spoken. Our outreach team,
5 we have worked extensively in our public outreach to be
6 as inclusive and representative to all Californians in
7 both of the regions.

8 Since joining the Commission in late May of 2021 and
9 with the support of field staff since August of 2021, we
10 continue to build off the commissioners outreach efforts
11 in phase one, which is sort of this strategic outreach
12 plan with a total of fifteen counties to collaborate
13 with.

14 We have strategically established relationships with
15 each of them, and we've reached out to all incorporated
16 cities in each county with community centers -- and also
17 reach out to community centers in census designated areas
18 otherwise known as unincorporated cities, county, and
19 city government entities, including various departments
20 and local agencies such as public libraries, school
21 districts, public servants, health departments, and
22 community-based organizations.

23 And at the start of the public outreach activation
24 phase, there was a high focus on local government
25 entities to leverage their large networks and promote our



1 first two meetings for Zone F, July 12th, and the July 20
2 COI meetings on Zone G.

3 Our outreach efforts also targeted Chamber of
4 Commerce, business associations, local media, and
5 nonprofit organizations that cater to the general
6 population and also to specific demographic groups such
7 as the Jakara Movement, Leadership Council for Justice
8 and Accountability, the Dolores Huerta Foundation, and
9 Hmong Innovation Politics.

10 Our public outreach in August 2021 has been focused
11 to -- we've been able to grow our outreach base as well,
12 and we've been focusing on faith-based organizations,
13 nonprofit organizations, civic engagement, education, and
14 strategic ethnic communities.

15 Some examples include outreach to the Hmong
16 community, Punjabi community, Weehawken Indigenous
17 communities, and other Latinx communities, as well as our
18 continuous communications with the stakeholders, has
19 allowed us to access county and city facilities across
20 three of the most populous counties in Zone F, as well as
21 in three of the most populous counties in Zone G for in-
22 person COI meetings.

23 As we plan to transition to in-person meetings back
24 in July and for the August COI meetings. So we were very
25 fortunate to work with those entities and knowing that if

1 we need to return to in-person, they will be able to work
2 with us. And in working with local Cook County, city,
3 and higher education officials, we also learned that
4 there is an abundance of challenges in these rural
5 communities for Zone G and F.

6 The challenges such as the lack of large facilities
7 and accessibility to those facilities. The conversations
8 with local stakeholders have also allowed us to learn of
9 new partnerships and unique approaches to different
10 communities or to each communities.

11 Our main outreach methods with organizations in June
12 had been via email and phone calls due to the limitations
13 with COVID. But considering the need for continued
14 education on the redistricting process, access to
15 technology, and connectivity issues, we -- our team
16 implemented different strategies in our emails to make
17 the Commission more attractive and essentially to get our
18 message across.

19 A second strategy we learned was that after our
20 emails, we would follow up with the call to make sure
21 that the stakeholder had received the email or that it
22 hadn't gone to their spam folder since we were reaching
23 out to numerous contacts.

24 Also, a consideration was that out of the fifty
25 emails that we would send, let's say in July and even

1 early August, a third of them would automatically reply
2 that they were on vacation. So that's the reason why we
3 had to reach out to phone calls to make sure that they
4 did receive that information.

5 And our last strategy was also to outreach to local
6 newspapers, radio and TV stations, local magazines,
7 social media pages, and most importantly, community
8 calendars. And it has been a successful strategy.

9 And we've received mentions mostly in local
10 newspapers and radio stations and working along with
11 Fredy as well to provide those contacts we've been -- our
12 outreach team has been able to contact them or follow up
13 after their after the press release so that we can make
14 sure that they receive that email again.

15 A lot of the times our emails would go to their spam
16 inbox or they would have never received it because of
17 outdated information. So again, that was -- that's been
18 our work or our efforts in Zone F and Zone G. Any
19 questions I can answer? And I appreciate your time and
20 service.

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Commissioner Kennedy?

22 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I am really happy and very
23 impressed. This is fantastic work. I guess the only
24 thing that I would say is I wish I'd had had this
25 information earlier. It would have given me a much



1 better sense of where we are and how things are going.
2 And I am wondering if there's a way to have brief written
3 reports from the various teams going forward. But again,
4 my bottom line is this is great work on behalf of the
5 commission. I want to thank the team and say keep it up.

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Sorry. I was on mute.
7 Thank you very much, Commissioner Kennedy. Any other
8 questions? No, let's -- well, thank you very much, Mr.
9 Eduardo. And I'm going to pass it over to Ms. Howick
10 where you are. Or did you have additional things to say
11 with your --

12 MR. EDUARDO: That was it on my part, Commissioner.

13 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Oh, okay.

14 MR. EDUARDO: Thank you.

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay.

16 MS. HOWICK: Okay. Hello, Commissioners. So I'm
17 Ashleigh. I am the Northern California Field Lead. So
18 today I'll be discussing outreach Zones B and D. So zone
19 B increases that far northern more counties of the
20 California and is known to be a very rural area with
21 cities and population centers being spread out across
22 large amounts of land.

23 So connections had already been made there by other
24 outreach staff, as well as commissioners to numerous
25 stakeholders before I joined the outreach team in July.



1 Those contacts include the County Farm Bureaus and the
2 California Indian Manpower Consortium, which works
3 together with Native American communities. I have made
4 sure to reconnect with these stakeholders and have also
5 expanded upon those outreach efforts.

6 So I started my outreach with government entities
7 such as the County Board of Supervisors, as well as
8 mayors and the city and town councils in the area. I
9 have made sure to engage these contacts as they already
10 have established relationships within their communities
11 and in the small town, rural areas the sense of community
12 and already having a presence there goes a long way.
13 So they are then able to spread our information in a more
14 impactful and well received manner.

15 So after connecting with the government entities and
16 elected officials, I then switched to organizations and
17 sectors that play an active role in the well-being of the
18 community. This includes family and community resource
19 centers, cultural centers, libraries, and various
20 nonprofits, including the United Way of Northern
21 California, Caring Choices, and the County First five
22 centers.

23 I have also made an effort to conduct outreach with
24 the indigenous communities of the North, such as the
25 Weehawken Tribe. So another example of a sector I have

1 done outreach with in Greek schools in the area. Chico
2 State University being the largest in Zone B. But the
3 community colleges there also have a strong presence.
4 The College of Siskiyou is a prominent higher education
5 school.

6 And Commissioner Sinay and I were actually able to
7 meet with faculty members and we're able to discuss what
8 kind of outreach is the most impactful within this
9 community and how to engage the different communities of
10 interest represented in Zone B.

11 So I have also connected with some of the more local
12 unified school districts and the school boards in the
13 area. So I have also had success connecting with
14 different chapters of the League of Women Voters, not
15 only in Zone B, but in all of my outreach zones.

16 I have also made connections with various Republican
17 and Democrat affiliated clubs and communities and
18 throughout the different counties, as well as Rotary
19 clubs and historical societies.

20 And Zone D includes the greater Sacramento region
21 going east all the way to the Nevada border. So Zone D
22 also contains a large amount of rural areas, especially
23 counties bordering Nevada, but also the agricultural
24 areas of Yolo, Yuba and Sacramento County.

25 Zone D differs though, by also encompassing the city

1 of Sacramento and the other more urban cities surrounding
2 it. So for here, my approach began similarly with
3 expanding upon already made connections and starting with
4 the county boards and city councils.

5 I have also connected with Chambers of commerce in
6 the area, as I have found that they have a strong
7 presence in both the urban and rural areas in Zone D. I
8 have also outreached to a lot of environmental
9 conservation groups which are plentiful in both our
10 capital city in the Tahoe area, like these South Yuba
11 River Citizens League and keeping Tahoe Blue Nonprofit.

12 I have also reached out to various water agencies
13 and organizations that have an interest in the
14 agricultural lands, like the County Farm Bureaus in the
15 Zone and the Woodland Davis Clean Water Agency.

16 So to make sure the diversity of Sacramento is
17 included and represented in the state Redistricting
18 conversation, I have conducted outreach with the Latino
19 community, including the Sacramento Latino Community
20 Roundtable and Latino Leadership Council, the Black
21 community, including the Black Legislative and Capital
22 Association and the Sacramento Black Chamber of Commerce,
23 also the LGBTQ community, including the Stonewall
24 Foundation of Greater Sacramento and the Rainbow Chamber
25 Foundation. Faith-based organizations have also been

1 outreach too including multiple Jewish and Islamic
2 congregations throughout Sunday.

3 So I also having support staff right now in
4 California. Her name is Vanessa who has been a huge help
5 in our outreach efforts. Quite notably, she was able to
6 reach out to the Hmong Integrating Politics group that
7 has a chapter in Sacramento. She reached out to them
8 through social media, and one of their Sacramento
9 organizers actually was able to speak on our Zone D core
10 meeting.

11 And so moving on, challenges for this area, of
12 course, include the tragic ongoing fires in both these
13 outreach zones, which quite understandably is on the
14 forefront of people's minds and in new sources main
15 focus.

16 Furthermore, rural areas challenges include a lack
17 of broadband access and sometimes even a general
18 disinterest in government. I work to get around these
19 new challenges by relying on known and trusted community
20 members, such as the mayors and council members or
21 Resource Center staff to share information and the
22 different avenues of submitting COI input and also trying
23 to find more civically engaged groups in the area and
24 talk with them and build those relationships.

25 So going forward, I will continue to expand upon the

1 relationships I have already made and also go deeper
2 within these communities, particularly in the lower
3 responding areas to find more cultural, ethnic, and
4 faith-based centers to be able to incorporate all that
5 different communities of interest within our great state
6 of California. Thank you.

7 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you. Any questions?
8 Commissioner Fornaciari?

9 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Yeah. No, I just want to echo
10 Commissioner Kennedy's comments and speak on behalf of
11 all of my fellow commissioners to thank you both for your
12 hard work and your feedback. This is really outstanding
13 for us to hear all the work that you both have been doing
14 and the folks you spoke last week to. You're really
15 doing a great job for this commission.

16 And I want to just thank you all for the hard work
17 that you're putting in. And the outcomes and the
18 outcomes are evidenced in the number of calls we've been
19 getting and the number of input we've been getting
20 through the COI tool. So thank you.

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Great.

22 MR. EDUARDO: Thank you, Commissioners.

23 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes. And I totally echo
24 that. Thank you very much. I'm now going to pass this
25 over to our line drawing team, Ms. MacDonald, and she



1 will introduce everybody and march us through what -- the
2 plan and then dive into it. Go ahead.

3 MS. MACDONALD: Hello, commissioners. Thank you so
4 much for inviting me. I am Karin MacDonald with Q2 data
5 and Research and I'm representing the line drawing team
6 today. And Willie is jumping ahead a little bit here. I
7 actually wanted to introduce my colleagues -- my
8 colleague Kennedy Wilson, who I don't know if you can see
9 her. She's waving there.

10 This is Kennedy Wilson from Q2, and then also Willie
11 Desmond from Haystaq. Willie, I can't see you, but maybe
12 you can wave also. They will be providing you with an
13 overview of the COI submissions that came in via the COI
14 tool through 8-26.

15 The area that they will be walking you through
16 corresponds roughly to outreach Zones, B, D, F, and G as
17 Commissioner Andersen has pointed out earlier. Willie is
18 going to start you off with outreach Zones F and G
19 roughly, and he will begin with the Bakersfield area.

20 And then Kennedy will take over by showing you the
21 COI submissions for areas D and G. So with that, Willie,
22 please take it away. Thank you so much.

23 MR. DESMOND: Thank you very much. Grant. Yes, as
24 Karen mentioned, and a couple of people said we'll be
25 talking about many of the inland zones today. For the



1 purposes of this presentation is to present to you
2 basically all of the COI submissions that have come in
3 through the COI submission tool. So these aren't things
4 that have come in through the public input meetings or
5 have been emailed or sent in otherwise.

6 These are all the ones where people went on to the
7 website and drew a district and talked about their
8 community of interest. Our purpose today and I really
9 our intent was to present to you the commissioners who
10 need all this information to make some very important
11 decisions.

12 Just kind of a recap and a summary of what all these
13 qualities are, we're going to try to go through them
14 relatively quickly and efficiently, but this is for your
15 information so that you can really understand what the
16 citizens of California have asked of you.

17 So if there is any questions you have or if there's
18 things that are unclear, if you'd like labels changed, we
19 really want to make sure that this is a process that's
20 useful for you. So feel free to jump in and we can try
21 to make some adjustments if any are necessary.

22 So with that, I will just get right -- started. So
23 we're going to be -- excuse me. We're going to be
24 looking today at -- and it's black and white. I
25 apologize. We're going to be looking today starting in



1 Bakersfield, in County. We have put on the topographic
2 maps to give you a little sense of where the terrain is.
3 If that's, again, distracting or whatever, we can turn
4 that on and off relatively easily.

5 But just to begin, the very first COI that we'll be
6 looking at is named the Seasons. I believe it is a
7 neighborhood in Bakersfield. The thing they talked about
8 there, the person who submitted this, is the how the
9 neighborhood is ethnically and economically diverse.
10 They would like more infrastructure put into things like
11 lighting, biking, and walking and tree coverage.

12 Continuing in Bakersfield, Another COI was submitted
13 talking about the need to respect the communities of
14 color there in some of the important community features
15 that go along with that. Continuing right along in
16 Bakersfield is a downtown Oleander Central Bakersfield,
17 COI.

18 Now, this area shares similar interests values with
19 La Crest and Alta Vista area of Bakersfield. They report
20 being architecturally in social diversity, and they also
21 report that this area is becoming more gay, friendly, and
22 progressive in the recent generations.

23 Finally, in Bakersfield, specifically, we have a
24 southeastern Bakersfield COI. And they talked about the
25 importance of keeping the African-American community

1 together to preserve their influence and to allow them to
2 elect representatives that will really kind of meet their
3 needs and fit their community.

4 Zooming out a little bit, just to kind of wider Kern
5 County, we're going to take a look at a few. The first
6 one is a Western COI or a western Kern COI. Excuse me.
7 They reported that the current District 23 does not make
8 sense for them. They say they have no connection to
9 Lancaster, Santa Clarita, or Palmdale, and they wish that
10 Bakersfield in the metro area should be in a single
11 district because they are a cohesive unit.

12 Next, we have a Kern County COI that talks about how
13 they would like to see a Latino district created for the
14 very first-time kind of centered in Bakersfield. There
15 is several qualities who'll be looking at that deal with
16 the kind of more eastern part of Kern County. This one
17 is called the Indian Wells COI.

18 They first of all, they say Indian Wells is awesome
19 and that's a little community kind of up here in the
20 rural area. But they really want to say that they should
21 be connected both to Kern County and to both of the
22 military bases there.

23 Following right along -- excuse me. Following right
24 along is a Kern River Valley COI. And what they talked
25 about here is the need for small nearby towns like Lake



1 Isabella to be included with these people. They talked
2 about the reliance on recreation and tourism industries
3 and how popular things like the wilderness and outdoor
4 recreation are here.

5 Also that same area received a -- another COI that
6 talked about just how diverse the types of people that
7 come to the kind of rural areas are and how they think
8 it's important to keep those areas together as much as
9 possible.

10 The last one we look at it over here is called a
11 high desert COI. Is what it was named. Excuse me. They
12 ask that you keep Ridgecrest and Trona together. It's
13 extremely important to them because the towns are linked
14 in too many ways to note. They'd also like you to link
15 Ridgecrest, Inyokern, Randsburg, Johannesburg, and Red
16 Mountain with Homewood County.

17 And I'm sorry, excuse they have Homewood County, but
18 I believe it's Homewood Canyon. They also say Homewood
19 Canyon is the only Inyo County location for the district.
20 The remaining parts of Inyo County, if you'll allow me to
21 zoom over a little bit, you can kind of see are over the
22 mountains. And they say that those areas don't really
23 fit with the rest of Kern County.

24 Next, we're going to go to a Central Valley
25 district. That's what it's labeled. I'm going to zoom



1 out a little bit so you can see it. It is some areas
2 kind of north of Bakersfield, as well as Tulare and Kings
3 County. What they talk about here is that this district
4 shouldn't stretch into Bakersfield as you can make one
5 district completely in Kern County.

6 They'd like rural Hispanics in Fresno to be
7 included. And they note that this area is full of
8 working-class rural Hispanics in the areas of King and
9 Tulare County, along with some of Kern in Fresno. It's a
10 majority Hispanic area that should be kept together,
11 according to the person who said that in this particular
12 COI.

13 Okay. Zooming out a little bit more and getting
14 into some of the kind of larger COIs that we'll be
15 talking about where first stop is a mid-central Valley
16 COI. This is on the east side of Bakersfield. And they
17 report that the east side of Bakersfield is very similar
18 to Fresno.

19 So again, the east side of Bakersfield is kind of
20 over here and they think it should be linked up with
21 Fresno. And there's more COIs that I'll be talking about
22 that. But we'll get to those in a sec.

23 Next, we have one that's called a central -- excuse
24 me -- a central California COI. The person who wrote
25 this reported being an immigrant who sees some stark



1 differences in the areas he works and the areas he lives
2 when he travels, other areas for work, he notices just
3 the kind of quality-of-life differences. He feels that
4 South Fresno is more connected with the rest of the city
5 and would benefit from staying with an area that that
6 kind of represents his immigrant and Latinx perspective.

7 He said East Bakersfield and South Fresno are very
8 similar and should be in one district, but the rest of
9 Bakersfield does not have anything in common with this
10 area except for proximity according to the person who
11 submitted this report. He classified his community as
12 Hispanics, Immigrants, farm working, and shared interests
13 and backgrounds, bring us together and similar culture
14 also noting how important family is.

15 Continuing kind of in this area, we have a mid-
16 Central Valley COI. This talks about how East
17 Bakersfield, again, should be connected throughout the
18 valley into south Fresno. And they say East Bakersfield
19 shouldn't be coupled with the rest of the city because
20 East Bakersfield has nothing in common with the rest of
21 the city. Again, talked about this community is being
22 dominated by immigrants, first generation farm workers,
23 working class, and Latino and Hispanic. The next one
24 is --

25 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Willie, can I ask you a



1 quick question?

2 MR. DESMOND: Of course.

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: So as they're -- the
4 description descriptions this, but this is the picture
5 that has been drawn.

6 MR. DESMOND: Yes.

7 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Like, they're saying don't
8 include certain areas, but it's all included in the same
9 COI that they've drawn?

10 MR. DESMOND: We made kind of a conscious effort to
11 try to just present the information as it was turned
12 in --

13 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Correct.

14 MR. DESMOND: -- and not go beyond assuming anything
15 as to what these people are trying to say. So that's why
16 I'm trying to kind of present both sides of it so that
17 you can kind of --

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Great.

19 MR. DESMOND: -- create totality of the picture and
20 evaluate it however you think it is most heard.

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you. So this is
22 unedited. This is what it was. And here we're
23 presenting.

24 MR. DESMOND: These are the coins that were
25 submitted to the tool by people all across California.

1 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Perfect. Thank you very
2 much.

3 MR. DESMOND: Of course. Again, this is another one
4 talking about how East Bakersfield and Fresno should be
5 connected a lot -- very similar to some of the other
6 ones. This next one is called the Rural Central Valley,
7 again, East Bakersfield and Fresno. That's mirrored in
8 the following one, which is called the Central-Central
9 Valley. And again, I'm trying to not show duplicate ones
10 here. So each one of these is slightly different than
11 each other, if you can believe it.

12 They do look very similar, but there are kind of
13 different ones and how all of these are put together. So
14 when there are duplicates, we're omitting those and just
15 kind of talking about the various points of testimony
16 just as another point of reference for you.

17 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: I'm wondering, Willie, could
18 we pause really briefly? I'd be curious just to zoom in
19 and understand this part of, like, Tulare, Visalia,
20 Delano. I know that it looks like a couple of these COIs
21 had specifically omitted.

22 MR. DESMOND: Yes, we can definitely do that. So.
23 If we start with this one, which was the central
24 California one, this just kind of leaves out all of
25 Tulare County. But another one kind of cuts it off a

1 little bit further to the south. The mid-central,
2 central, again, doesn't include Madera, but also excludes
3 Tulare. The rural California one, again, excludes Tulare
4 County.

5 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: And I'm so sorry. These were
6 the ones you were reading the testimony that they said to
7 include East Bakersfield. Is that correct?

8 MR. DESMOND: Yes. The common kind of point of
9 testimony here was that they would like East Bakersfield,
10 if possible, connected with the greater Fresno area.
11 They think that it has that that part of Bakersfield has
12 a lot more to do with, I guess, the more rural farm
13 laborer, Latinx types of populations.

14 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay. Got it. But yet the
15 COIs that were being seen include all of Bakersfield in
16 the entirety of the county -- of Kern County.

17 MR. DESMOND: Exactly.

18 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: I see.

19 MR. DESMOND: And I don't know if that was because
20 of confusion about how to select at a smaller level of
21 geography. But many of the COIs we did receive through
22 the tool link up counties. There are quite a few that go
23 into more kind of discrete areas and things. But again,
24 that's why we're trying to present both the kind of
25 picture that they've submitted as well as the testimony.

1 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. Thank you very much.

2 MR. DESMOND: No problem. Kind of drilling down a
3 little bit closer into to our economy. Several COIs kind
4 of over in this area, just small ones throughout the
5 county that I'll touch on. This one is talking about the
6 town of Exeter. They say it's different than Tooleville,
7 Farmville, Lindsay, and Woodlake socioeconomically and
8 culturally according to demographics and economic levels.

9 There are small rural farms with a charming
10 downtown, lots of history, agricultural, and artistic
11 things in town. But that's not really who they should be
12 linked with. I think more just kind of talking about
13 what makes them special.

14 Also in this area, very, very small in the city of
15 this area, just like a few square blocks. So I'm not
16 sure if this was an actual area or they just wanted to
17 make a comment. But they talk about the Beverly Glen
18 area of Tulare County. And they report that it's an
19 LGBTQ friendly residential neighborhood of mostly single-
20 family homes within the urban center of Visalia.

21 Next, we have the first of several COIs labeled and
22 talking about the Three Rivers area. What this is, there
23 are several -- what's special about this one, I guess,
24 was that they noted that there are several people that
25 live within the park boundaries who maybe don't show up

1 on the map, but actually live in this area.

2 They talk about areas that include Lodgepole, Silver
3 City, and Ash Mountain. They talk about how the
4 community is very heavily tied both economically and
5 culturally to Visalia. Everyone in their community shops
6 for groceries there and runs errands there. They should
7 be with Woodlake and Exeter.

8 In the past, the district wasn't part of Visalia,
9 but was instead part of Bakersfield, which is an hour and
10 a half away. They reported that this is completely
11 inappropriate and that their community is a gateway to
12 Sequoia National Park.

13 Just to kind of, I guess, touch on that, because
14 there is a lot of testimony about this area. I think
15 when you look at kind of Tulare County and look at the
16 Congressional Districts and the current State House
17 Districts and the current State Senate Districts, I think
18 you see why Three Rivers maybe has a lot of comments
19 because they're right kind of on a border and separated
20 from other parts of Tulare County in several of the
21 current districts.

22 Again, I'm not trying to assert anything here. It's
23 just something I noticed pops up in a lot of the
24 testimony is how they're divided by several of the
25 districts in Tulare County. I'll turn these back on.

1 The next COI we're going to be talking about is,
2 again, Visalia, Three Rivers, the 198 corridor. They
3 talk about Visalia, Three Rivers, Farmersville, Woodlake,
4 and Exeter and Ivanhoe all feel connected economically,
5 culturally, geographically, telling you about schools,
6 events, shopping, as all things that bring these
7 communities together.

8 Continuing on in this area, another kind of Three
9 Rivers where they note it's actually five rivers.
10 Geographically, they say the canyon of the Coachella
11 River and its tributaries stretching down to Visalia and
12 the adjoining foothills would make a lot of sense. They
13 say larger urban areas such as Bakersfield and Fresno,
14 Fresno should be excluded as they have completely
15 different demographics.

16 They kind of talk about their community is on the
17 edge of a wilderness, an eclectic mix of residents,
18 retirees, employees, ranchers, entrepreneurs, artists,
19 and crafts people.

20 After that, we have a Three Rivers, Visalia COI
21 again. And this one talks about a strong connection with
22 Visalia. Again, they are located within Congressional
23 District 23, which includes Bakersfield, but think they
24 should be with this area as it's a third as close. And I
25 can make this one slightly darker. I know this spring

1 doesn't pop as well on the kind of gradient map.

2 Following that, we've got a Three Rivers and Visalia
3 again. They talk about how the small size of Three
4 Rivers means that most of them -- people there really
5 kind of associated with Cecelia for work, shopping,
6 health care and all of their kind of services, including
7 faith communities and entertainment opportunities.

8 They talk about the main line of transportation
9 being Highway 198 and the local Amtrak connection. And
10 just how kind of traffic flows one direction, I suppose.

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Willie, I have a quick
12 question, and it might be exactly what they just said,
13 but when they said like Three Rivers and then they said
14 the Visalia. In my mind we were creating COIs that
15 captured it all in one versus little islands. Do we not
16 capture it all together unless they mention that it
17 should be all together or -- you see how it's like the
18 pink island one place and another pink island?

19 MR. DESMOND: Oh, absolutely. So I think, when we
20 draw COIs, we try to make them contiguous if possible, if
21 we have the information. These are citizen's submission.

22 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: All right.

23 MS. DESMOND: So these are all whatever type of
24 shape they want. A lot of times when you look at these,
25 though, you'll notice that they've probably taken things

1 like selected on a city or town layer. And so instead of
2 kind of selecting all the unincorporated census blocks in
3 between those areas, they've really just kind of picked
4 the towns they think make sense and look lumped together
5 into one map.

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. Sorry. I should have
7 remembered. You said that was made by --

8 MR. DESMOND: Oh, no problem. Here to help. So any
9 other questions feel to shout them out. Just going to
10 continue right along because there are quite a few of
11 these. They all are slightly different from one another,
12 although, talking about a lot of kind of common themes.

13 This one is talking about how Tulare is actually a
14 very diverse community. They want a district that
15 includes the areas they frequent and think that they
16 belong together.

17 This one's called the Gateway to the Sequoias. They
18 said they're surrounded by some of the most productive
19 farmland in the United States. They're primarily a farm
20 and suburban community.

21 Again, another one called Three Rivers. They are an
22 economically and politically diverse area. They think
23 Visalia should definitely be included with Three Rivers
24 where most people work and shop. Also, if possible, they
25 would like the areas of Shaver Lake, Oakhurst, and

1 Yosemite interests towns out to Bakersfield -- or not
2 Bakersfield -- excuse me.

3 They are too far and don't have the same interests.
4 I did note that Three Rivers is a small 2,000-person
5 community that isn't incorporated. It needs
6 representation to look out for its interests and help
7 preserve the rural characteristics of the town.

8 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Willy, I wouldn't want -- I
9 guess this is also for the rest of the Commission. But
10 I'm wondering, I'm seeing the congressional district
11 lines on here. Is there a reason why we're showing that
12 in particular or?

13 MR. DESMOND: No, I apologize. I think that might
14 have just been on from some of the ones earlier that had
15 referenced the congressional districts.

16 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay.

17 MR. DESMOND: So I'm happy to turn those on and off
18 as needed.

19 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay. Yeah, I mean, sometimes
20 helpful. And then other times, I think that's --

21 MR. DESMOND: Sorry, there's a lot of buttons to
22 push. So again, if there's anything I can do to make
23 this a little bit easier to follow, just let me know.

24 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. Thanks.

25 MR. DESMOND: Okay. All right. Just getting back

1 to my spot. Okay. This next one in kind of south Tulare
2 County talks about how it's a farming community that's
3 very agriculturally driven, predominantly white. And
4 they report that it can be at times racist.

5 They say the agricultural interests are often
6 protected over the interests of ethnic and inner-city
7 communities in this area. And they report that there is
8 a lack of access to amenities like banking, stores,
9 medical services. And many people have to travel to the
10 east side of Tulare County for medical services.

11 The Farmersville -- this is called a Farmersville
12 area and Latino communities. They report that
13 Farmersville is over ninety percent Latino. They ask
14 that they not be included with districts with Visalia
15 because even though they are very close geographically,
16 they are demographically very different.

17 They share more in common with communities like
18 Lindsay, Woodlake, Ivanhoe, Cutler, Orosi, and Dinuba.
19 Each of these communities is over eighty percent Latino.
20 They talk about their community being a Latino farmworker
21 community whose students attend Farmersville United
22 Schools.

23 Okay. Moving a little bit to the west, over to
24 Kings County, we're going to start with a coin called
25 Hanford, Lemoore linking these two towns. Sorry. They

1 said this is an African-American community and they
2 report barriers to employment, affordable housing, and
3 access to higher education is all key priorities for the
4 black community there, talking about the dire need for
5 resources.

6 Zooming out a little bit to get all of Kings County
7 along with a few parts of southern Fresno. They want to
8 be in the same districts as nearby agricultural, small
9 town and Hispanic majority areas like the Salinas Valley,
10 not with Fresno, not with Bakersfield.

11 They say King's County is an agricultural Hispanic
12 majority county in the Central Valley. They want to be
13 in the same district as other agricultural, small town,
14 Hispanic majority areas.

15 Okay. Eastern Tulare County, excuse me. This is
16 called Three Rivers again. They talk about how Woodlake
17 and the cellular are tied to three rivers and how they
18 never go to places like Portersville or Bakersfield.
19 They also communicate that they rarely go to Fresno and
20 commuted for twenty-two years to teach in Visalia while
21 working and raising a family in Three Rivers.

22 Okay. Moving over to kind of the Inyo, Mono side of
23 the state really quickly. Let me get that center.
24 Sorry. This person would like to see Mono and Inyo
25 Counties kept together and talked about the ties that

1 bind these areas, not just geography, but also a shared
2 watershed in the Owens River, the Los Angeles Aqueduct,
3 the Groundwater basins, wildlife areas, and migration
4 paths, five tribes in the area that all call the Eastern
5 Sierra their homeland and a regional airport and medical
6 services that all are concerns for this area of the
7 state.

8 The Tri-valley, Bishop, Mammoth Lakes, and June Lee
9 area remained just slightly more crystal clear.
10 Significant number of seniors, they say, who would
11 benefit from better representation of someone who
12 understands their rural challenges. They say you should
13 include all of the Eastern Sierra rural counties from
14 Inyo in the South to Nevada, in the north, including the
15 west side of communities near the Sierra Crest.

16 They do not wish to be in a district with San
17 Bernardino, Fresno, or Madera counties. They say they
18 are very different environmentally as well as culturally.
19 And there is -- since they are so much more populated,
20 they just don't get adequate representation when they're
21 included with districts on the other side of the
22 (indiscernible) essentially.

23 In that same area we have Southern Mono County would
24 like to be included with the northern parts of Inyo
25 County due to their shared cultural, economic, and

1 geographic identities, including communities along
2 Highway 395, Bishop, Big Pine, Independence, and Lone
3 Pine. They don't want to be included with the Western
4 Sierras because they're geographically distinct,
5 separate, and largely inaccessible. They note that
6 driving from Mono County to Madera takes approximately
7 seven hours if they're in the same congressional.

8 This next COI is called a -- it's called the Bishop,
9 Owens Valley, Eastern Sierra. Again, they want to be in
10 a district with similar rural communities on the east
11 side of the Sierra Nevada, such as Mammoth Lakes. They
12 do not want to be lumped together with the larger
13 population centers again.

14 They note that Bishop is a community intimately tied
15 to by shared interests and outdoor recreation. The
16 recreation takes many forms hiking, climbing, hunting,
17 camping, all those things. And they say land use and
18 water issues are very, very important to the community.

19 Going out a little bit wider, there's a series of
20 COIs that again, we're all different in how they actually
21 look on the map. Very, very similar, but slightly
22 different. The focus on a lot of these I don't want to
23 speak for all of them is that they believe that there
24 should be some representation on the eastern side of the
25 Sierra Nevadas.

1 So they think this first-person submission talks
2 about how for too long they've been overlooked and
3 underrepresented because the representatives rarely, if
4 ever, make the time to their parts of the districts.

5 They should be with Central Sierra Nevada friends on
6 their side of the Sierra Nevada mountains are from San
7 Bernardino County, Fresno, or Tulare Counties, where the
8 representatives always live.

9 Central Sierra Nevada to them includes ten counties
10 or parts of counties that straddle the Sierra Nevada
11 mountains Inyo, Mono, Alpine, Tuolumne, Calaveras,
12 Mariposa, Amador, and areas east of the Sierra Nevada
13 crest in Placer, Nevada, and El Dorado

14 They also note that U.S. Highway 395 runs through
15 most major towns in this part of the state, and that
16 there are some other kind of east-west roads that go over
17 the mountains. But several of those, particularly in
18 their part of the state, are closed in the winter, making
19 it impassable to go that way in making this to them a
20 noncontiguous district, perhaps for half the year.

21 This one is called the eastern Sierra COI. They
22 talk about Mono and Inyo counties being in the same
23 district. I'm going to try to just -- there's a lot of
24 these I just want to get through them as fast as possible
25 in some ways so you guys have some time to look at

1 Kennedy's presentation and focus on all those COIs as
2 well.

3 So this next one is called the 395 Corridor. We had
4 several COIs on here that are all identical. I'm only
5 going to show this one. They talk about how nobody from
6 Monroe County drives to Fresno or Calaveras Counties.
7 Most people kind of go south and stay on this side of the
8 mountains.

9 Another Eastern ones, they want Mono and Inyo
10 counties to stay in the same district and Ridgecrest,
11 China Lake area as well. They are rural and live on the
12 east side of Death Valley. This is a corridor -- the
13 central Sierra Nevada Community of Interest that runs
14 Eastern Sierras. It's inclusive, open space, public
15 lands, the Sierra Nevada escarpment that escapes to the
16 mountains and parts of the foothill communities on the
17 west slope of the central Sierra Highlands.

18 In that same kind of area is an eastern Sierra.
19 They want to be disconnected from 85. They want to keep
20 Mono, Inyo, and Alpine counties together. They don't
21 want to be in the west side of the Sierra or Madera
22 County. There's no way to travel there, especially
23 during winter. It's a six-hour drive. And they report
24 not having anything in common with the other side of the
25 mountain.

1 Again, Eastern Sierra Assembly District. They talk
2 about tourism, environmental, small business, and health
3 care concerns that unite these areas. They don't want to
4 be included with Madera County. They note that on a map
5 it's contiguous their current district.

6 But in reality, the Sierra Nevada mountains without
7 a road connection make it so you can't drive from one
8 side of this district -- their district to the other.
9 Don't want to be grouped with San Bernardino. They think
10 you should include Alpine, El Dorado, and Glacier
11 Counties, as well as Lake Tahoe.

12 Central Sierra, again talks about Highway 395 public
13 transportation issues and how since this isn't
14 contiguous, US 50 and I-80 across the Sierra Nevada are
15 closed during the winter.

16 Moving up just a little bit, to a district that's
17 called CD-4. They say that Nevada County and the Sierra
18 to be part of the same district because there are areas
19 that people often spend time in together, dropping some
20 of the more southern areas will make it more compact and
21 easier for a representative to connect with constituents.

22 Going a little bit closer to Fresno, we're going to
23 next turn to some districts talking about Clovis and
24 Fresno. This first person says Eastern Fresno County
25 should not be in a district with central and south

1 Fresno. It's a community that has great schools, common
2 tradition, and events, and always been part of the same
3 district.

4 Similar would be this next one, would like to see
5 their community remain the same. North Redstone, and
6 Clovis should stay in the same district. This area has
7 grown a lot, but it still kind of retained its small-town
8 feel, according to this person's submission.

9 Focusing a little bit more on just the area of
10 Fresno, there was quite a few comments from here. This
11 one is called Fresno and surrounding cities. They say
12 the district should reflect all of us, not just the rural
13 farmers. Southeast Fresno should be in the same district
14 as the Sanger. Fresno, Clovis one, again, Fresno and
15 Clovis and the surrounding areas that are heavily
16 interconnected. They should be all come together.

17 The Greater Fresno one that -- excuse me. Just that
18 Fresno should be united. They say Fresno is currently
19 divided between congressional districts and it should be
20 united, especially given that it's possible to draw
21 Districts 21, 22 and 16 to please (audio interference)
22 Hispanic and majority minority.

23 Clovis and Fresno should be in the same district.
24 They also think that Fresno should not be divided between
25 two congressional districts, as that has the effect of

1 minimizing the impact of the city's representation in
2 Washington.

3 This one didn't have any testimony, just a submitted
4 shape. They talked about community -- this this this
5 next one talks about -- excuse me -- this one talks about
6 community issues such as policing, lack of green space,
7 food deserts, and violence, lack of adequate health care
8 and inadequate schools, plus a lack of tech and internet
9 access plus growing and pervasive homelessness.

10 They think because of historical racism and the
11 development of the city of Fresno, along with extreme
12 segregation, the community often lacks representation
13 needed to kind of address these deep structural and
14 economic political challenges from homelessness to police
15 violence to food deserts. They'd like better
16 representation to help address these.

17 Continuing in the greater Fresno area, they talk
18 about how Clovis, Fresno, Selma, Sanger, Fowler,
19 Kingsbury, Parlor, and Del Rey should all be together.
20 They have a lot of challenges, but a lot of positive
21 attributes. They do not want to be with Tulare or Madera
22 Counties. They're smaller populations and more rural
23 areas mean that they have different challenges and
24 opportunities and should have an opportunity to be in a
25 different district.

1 North city of Fresno. That's a great place to raise
2 a family, they report, conduct a business and grow
3 brought together by school districts, traffic issues,
4 churches, and annual cultural events, plus police and
5 fire protections that they all share.

6 North Fresno, it's a wonderful place to live they
7 say. It's the most common geographic places would be
8 from the mountainous portions of Fresno County. They
9 argue that central southern Fresno counties make up their
10 own communities of interest and should be respected as
11 such.

12 A little bit smaller in Fresno is the Old Fig area.
13 They talk about how this is one of the largest
14 concentrations of black people in the city of Fresno
15 outside of the historic community of West and southwest
16 Fresno. This is due to migration, housing availability
17 and racial discrimination -- discriminatory housing
18 covenants that prevented black people from living in the
19 area for a long period of time.

20 They want to be in a district with the Fig Gardens
21 Loop, Shaw and Marina, Barstow and Merlin and Bullard
22 High Desert -- Bullard High area to share the same
23 schools, parks, and shopping.

24 The next one is called the West of 99. It's very
25 similar. They talk about how African-Americans migrated

1 to this area in the seventies and eighties due to
2 developments and the availability of housing. There are
3 Black, Latinx, and Hmong communities here, and the
4 community shares interest in affordable housing,
5 community development, and gaining additional resources.

6 The Southwest Fresno COI, excuse me. They don't
7 want to be in a district with downtown or Chinatown.
8 They think there is different interests and values when
9 it comes to community and economic development.

10 Northeast Fresno would like to be at the heart of
11 District 16, not District 22. The Fresno Tower District
12 is economically and ethnically diverse, with mostly
13 middle and lower income families talking about
14 businesses, sports, art, and local music that brings this
15 whole district -- this whole area together.

16 This next community is called Indigenous Immigrant
17 Farm Working Community. They say that their community of
18 interest is present across several counties in California
19 and a large concentration of them live in Madera County.
20 This COI was only in Fresno, but I'm just telling you
21 what it says. They say their zip codes are 93706 and
22 93721 and would be benefited from keeping in one
23 district.

24 North Fresno is home to many Sikh, Armenian, and
25 Filipino families. They think that Clovis has the same

1 cultural views as North Fresno. Again, another north
2 Fresno, one strongly urged to consider story in Fresno
3 and Clovis. There's another one that did not have any
4 testimony along with it, Central and south Fresno. It's
5 really impacted by housing issues. They report both
6 homelessness and a lack of affordable housing.

7 The community includes sub communities like our
8 district, Southeast Fresno, West Fresno, Highway City,
9 Cawla, and South Sunnyside. We shouldn't be grouped with
10 North Fresno and should -- they have different interests
11 than those communities.

12 Zooming out a little bit again. Bear with me. This
13 area of Eastern Madera County is called the mountain top
14 area. It's rural and conservative. People support each
15 other and are like minded politically. North Fork
16 Yosemite, Lakes Park, Oakhurst, and Coarsegold should all
17 be included.

18 City of Madera is a central California community.
19 They want to know why there are there areas north of
20 Sacramento in their assembly district. They think areas
21 on the valley floor are much more closely related to the
22 city of Madera than areas across the mountains. They
23 have a lot more in common with Fresno, Merced, and even
24 Turlock than we do with Oakhurst, and especially Placer.

25 Very small in Madera is just a little like to be in

1 a district with Chowchilla, Atwater, and Fairmead, which
2 are other rural communities with significant black
3 populations.

4 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Willie, that last one was
5 really small. Is it possible just to zoom in and see?

6 MR. DESMOND: Yeah. And it didn't really match up
7 with exactly what they reported saying. That's why I
8 didn't quite zoom in as much. Oh, sorry. I'm turning on
9 the wrong one. So that one is right here in Madera.
10 Just kind of in -- they might have just selected a census
11 tract or something and kind of the middle of town.

12 I don't want to assume what this is representing.
13 But they talked about how they should be in a district
14 with Chowchilla, Atwater, Fairmead and other rural
15 communities with significant black populations.

16 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: And can you point us to where
17 those other areas that you mentioned are?

18 MR. DESMOND: To be totally honest, I'm not sure
19 where those are. I'd be happy to figure that out and I'd
20 look that up. I was kind of -- we've limited this to
21 just kind of the geographies as presented to us from the
22 COI tool submissions.

23 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay.

24 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. And Willie, if you
25 could, when they're talking about divide us from this or

1 divide us from that, if you could just quickly maybe put
2 the districts on there so we could see, like it's similar
3 to Three Rivers, how they've been cut up --

4 MR. DESMOND: Yeah.

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- Fresno had been cut up.

6 MR. DESMOND: Yeah. Let me turn it on really quick
7 for a little bit and you can let me know if we should
8 leave it on. I think when we get into this next part,
9 you'll see some of Fresno and San Joaquin, and Stanislaus
10 counties are divided. And we do have some testimony that
11 kind of speaks to those issues.

12 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. Thank you. And then
13 then you can turn them off. But as you get into a one
14 that mentioned something, then I would turn that back on
15 just briefly.

16 MR. DESMOND: No problem. That makes perfect sense.

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you.

18 MR. DESMOND: All right. So this next one is called
19 the North Valley COI. They say the North Valley is a
20 very unique region and shouldn't be represented with any
21 part of the Greater Bay Area essentially. Merced County
22 or Colusa are similar economies. The wine growing is very
23 similar to that of Lodi.

24 In Modesto, Merced County shares a dairy and almond
25 industries with the North Valley. They say the Bay area,



1 which includes Stockton, Lathrup, and Tracy, shouldn't be
2 in the district as they've become bay exurbs over the
3 last two decades.

4 They talk about the issues here as agricultural land
5 preservation, the San Joaquin water watershed, and other
6 things, drug use, air traffic -- excuse me -- air quality
7 control and things along those lines.

8 In this similar area is a COI called the Grape
9 Workers of Central California. They ask that you please
10 do not cut their community in half at the Stanislaus, San
11 Joaquin County line. Grape workers deserve a fair voice.

12 They say if it does become necessary to expand the
13 district beyond this community it should not include
14 western San Joaquin County, specifically the urban cities
15 of Stockton, Lathrup, and Tracy.

16 Kind of in that same area, Stanislaus County, they
17 do not want to be in a district with Tracy. They want to
18 be with Lodi because it's much more in tune with their
19 cultural values and agricultural needs.

20 Speaking of that, this next one is called Egg
21 Workers. They want status to remain whole if they show
22 the same interests.

23 Culturally and economically similar District 10 is
24 what this COI is called. They want to keep Stanislaus
25 County together, (indiscernible) and Escalon with

1 Stanislaus County as those two cities are within now,
2 excuse me, San Joaquin County. But people there do much
3 more business and Stanislaus than they do in places like
4 Tracy or Stockton.

5 This is called an East Side Stream Management COI.
6 They talk about how they are concerned with things like
7 water use differences, policies that kind of are not
8 shared across rural and urban communities and how they
9 want that to be considered as you decide where to put the
10 district one.

11 This next one is in Turlock in Stanislaus County.
12 I'll zoom in there a little bit. They say the old
13 District 4 should merge a bit into District 5 as that was
14 too big and the community -- and it didn't share
15 community interest as far as diversity. They said there
16 isn't really anything that brings them together in
17 Turlock or much community at all.

18 Okay. The next one is in Modesto. It is a -- it's
19 called Victory and Praise Modesto Church diversity and
20 socioeconomic mix from business proprietors. Included in
21 their community is the downtown Modesto area.

22 The next one is from it's called Young People of
23 Color and Immigrants and Refugees in Merced County. They
24 say there are many issues facing this diverse working-
25 class families. They're traditionally underrepresented



1 and they need better representation. I'm sorry. Let me
2 move the map really quickly to show you that one. It's
3 down here in Merced.

4 Okay. Next, and getting close to the end -- sorry,
5 we're over 100 at this point -- is a Stanislaus County
6 one. They say they would like Merced be removed from
7 their district and Lodi added. They feel that Lodi is
8 more suited to the common wants and needs of the valley
9 than Tracy.

10 This next one talks about how Stanislaus County
11 needs to be more connected east-west and not north-south.
12 Their destination for Bay Area second homes, retirement,
13 recreation. They need things like water, forest
14 resources to be managed by the representation as well as
15 traffic issues going east and west again.

16 The North San Joaquin, California 9 talks about how
17 Calaveras and Amador Counties, Sacramento up to Elk Grove
18 and Eastern Solano should all be included. They don't
19 want to have Stockton or Contra Costa counties as they
20 are more bay oriented than the rest of the district.

21 The Calaveras County -- just they think it's logical
22 that Calaveras be connected with (indiscernible). This
23 one talks about Lodi, Stockton, Modesto, how Contra Costa
24 County and Tracy, Mountain House area are under the Bay
25 Area influence and do not have commonalities with people

1 in several San Joaquin County limits.

2 They say Dalton and most northern small towns are
3 consumers of the Sacramento, Elk Grove bubble, and that
4 makes their interests different. They also report that
5 while most of Stanislaus County deserves its own
6 representation for having a heavier agricultural
7 influence -- excuse me, Modesto has a larger population
8 that could benefit from a city like representation.

9 As a Stockton native, they see their commonalities
10 more with areas like Lodi and Manteca. These towns share
11 more than just a common metropolitan urban landscape.
12 They have different needs and different futures ahead.

13 In San Joaquin County is the city of Tracy. Oh,
14 excuse me. The big issues they talk about are
15 transportation related. There's also South Stockton.
16 They report that this map was drawn in collaboration with
17 black community members, focusing on where the black
18 community exists and the interests that they all share.

19 They also want to note, though, that the Latinx
20 community and the surrounding area faces similar issues.
21 They have an interest in finding better funding for
22 schools and communities and addressing gun violence, over
23 policing, and many other issues.

24 They also report submitting a second map which will
25 show documenting a different area. They want to be in a



1 district with the south and southeast Stockton City.
2 They do not want to be in a district with West Stockton,
3 which is predominantly white, wealthy community. They
4 would also not want to be in a district with Lodi, again,
5 because it's predominantly white and has historically
6 been -- had more political influence in the county than
7 low-income minority communities.

8 South Stockton, again, this is drawn by that same
9 organization with a lot of the same kind of rationale and
10 reasons I'd given.

11 Up a little bit. This one is called Lodi. It's a
12 farming community with conservative values. They want to
13 maintain a calm, peaceful way of life that brings the
14 values of their community and those around them.

15 Stockton, California. There in Stockton, they would
16 like very much to be allowed autonomy. They have
17 assembly districts represented solely by San Joaquin
18 County residents. And I can turn on that assembly
19 district line really quick too.

20 Okay. Lodi in northern San Joaquin County. It's an
21 agricultural community that has issues such as water and
22 land use of great importance. These interests differ
23 from the rural -- is a rural can be different from those
24 in the East Bay, and more urban areas.

25 Area grape growers and their employees live, work

1 and farm in Lodi, Thornton, Victor, Lockeford, Clements,
2 Campo, and Linden in San Joaquin County, as well as
3 portions of rural Sacramento County.

4 Wine growers and the Associated Agriculture Business
5 are the backbone of these communities, and agriculture is
6 the leading industry in San Joaquin County with \$5.7
7 billion economic contribution to the area.

8 The city of Manteca is a community that lacks
9 broadband communication infrastructure, especially on the
10 outskirts of the city. The Diana, Tracy area is a
11 community that includes a lot of Latinx people who have
12 recently relocated from the Bay Area.

13 The north side of Tracy has been forgotten and is
14 depressed -- excuse me, in desperate need of
15 prioritization for funding an economic and best
16 investment. They would like to be in a district with
17 Manteca and Stockton.

18 And the last one I'll be talking about today is
19 Tracy, where they seem to agree on improving the commute
20 through the Altamont Pass and better paying and more jobs
21 in the area are need. They also say that they could use
22 a college in the area. They're a very diverse community
23 with an ever-growing group of San Francisco transplants
24 coming to our city for affordable housing which can
25 create somewhat of a bedroom commute.



1 And with that, I'd be happy to answer any questions.
2 Or if not, I will turn it right over to Kennedy to kind
3 of continue our path northward.

4 All right. Kennedy, did you want to share your
5 screen? I will stop. Great.

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Great. Thank you very much,
7 Willie. We really appreciate that. And no, I don't see
8 anyone in between as you speak up. But otherwise, if we
9 just dip into Kennedy's presentation, that would be
10 wonderful.

11 MS. MACDONALD: Willie, your screen is still up.

12 MS. WILSON: Yeah. To share my screen, I need --
13 oh, there you go. And he fixed that. Thank you, Willie.

14 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Before we even -- let me just
15 jump in for a second before we get started. Our next
16 mandatory break is at 5. So we have twenty minutes, but
17 I just want to give you a heads up.

18 MS. WILSON: Okay. So I will just begin. Do the
19 first twenty minutes, we can break then.

20 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Sorry. Yeah, but then we
21 will continue after the break.

22 MS. WILSON: Yes. Okay. So I will begin sharing my
23 screen with you all. Hello, commissioners. My name is
24 Kennedy Wilson, and I will begin by showing you COIs in
25 El Dorado County. I'll be covering El Dorado,



1 Sacramento, Yolo, and then up in those areas there. So
2 let's zoom in here to El Dorado. Just wanted to remind
3 you of where it was on the map for anyone not familiar.

4 And our first two COIs I will turn on. And they
5 will come up in blue. So you can see here we have a COI
6 Grizzly -- sorry -- as the map loads -- of Grizzly Flats
7 and then is South Lake Tahoe, Meyers one. And I'm going
8 to head and turn on the Google terrain layer because it
9 is relevant for these next few COIs.

10 So Grizzly Flats here is a small COI that wants you
11 to know that its main concern is fire safety and all of
12 the community rallies behind that. And then we have this
13 South Lake Tahoe, Meyers COI. And as you can see here,
14 this blue area is Tahoe. South Lake Tahoe is there.
15 Meyers is there. Then this COI said that is brought
16 together by being geographically isolated by mountain
17 ranges.

18 So here in this brown area, if you follow my cursor,
19 you can see that those areas are geographically isolated.
20 I'm going to turn off that blue one so that you can see
21 that a little bit better where those mountain areas are.
22 And now I'm going to turn off this layer and we're going
23 to go look at a few counties.

24 So here we are going to zoom out to the county level
25 and our next few COIs have similar testimony and similar

1 geography. I'm going to layer them slowly on top of each
2 other so that you can see those and see those
3 differences. So the first one we have here includes:
4 Nevada, Placer, and El Dorado in Purple. And I'm going
5 to go ahead and add the next one. This one is a version
6 of that and also includes: Amador, Calaveras, and
7 Alpine.

8 And then our next third one that has similar
9 geography is this one that bleeds into Amador, Alpine and
10 then has Yuba and Sierra added. But all of these COIs
11 said they share concerns in resource management,
12 specifically forestry and transportation.

13 The COI said that they value nature, tourism, and
14 recreation. And while they're close, they do feel
15 separate from Sacramento area. And another big thing
16 that they mentioned was that they wanted to split up
17 Congressional District 4.

18 So I'm going to go ahead and turn on those lines for
19 you to see where Congressional District 4 is. And let's
20 have a look. So it's here in green, and I'm going to
21 back out here. And Congressional District 4 cuts out a
22 little bit of Placer here and as we move down, goes down
23 to Fresno.

24 So that is the entire Congressional District 4 In
25 these areas here. And they stated that these northern



1 counties in that area are more Alpine mountain
2 communities. While they don't have the same focus as the
3 southern ones, which have a focus on farming. So now I'm
4 going to begin to turn those lines on.

5 Commissioner Andersen, I see you speaking, but you
6 you're muted.

7 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Could you go ahead and put
8 the terrain on when you're --

9 MS. WILSON: YES:

10 COMMISSIOENR ANDERSEN: -- just about anything has
11 to do with mountains and --

12 MS. WILSON: Yes, mountain communities. I'll just
13 go ahead and do that also while I'm still here. So
14 turning that on, we can see that the mountain is kind of
15 over here. I'm going to turn off those layers so that
16 you can also see it underneath, because even though it's
17 opaque, it's kind of hard to see the mountains still.

18 And so those areas that I just spoke about covered
19 from Sierra, Yuba, Nevada, Placer, Eldorado, Alpine, and
20 Calaveras and this area here, the mountain communities as
21 they call themselves.

22 And so now we will go on to our next COI, which
23 calls itself the Sacramento Foothills COI. And they also
24 expressed similar concern as those COIs before. And so
25 they do not want to be with the farming communities of

1 the Central Valley. And so similar to this geography,
2 but added Sacramento and Yolo.

3 And now we will be zooming in closer to Yolo County.
4 I'm going to turn that turn layer off to zoom in closer
5 so that we can get a better view of Yolo here. It takes
6 a little while. So here we have a Yolo County COI --
7 Western Yolo County.

8 And if you can note, you can see here there's a
9 small pink part that's cut out that is on the Sacramento
10 line and zoom closer and you can see, but that is West
11 Sacramento. And this Yellow COI said that it would like
12 to be known by its agricultural land and their ties to
13 U.C. Davis, which employs a lot of the people within the
14 county.

15 So now we're going to move into Sacramento. And I
16 guess before we do that, I would like to note the shape
17 of Sacramento. Not everyone might be familiar with the
18 shape of the county, and it has, as I like to call it, a
19 little tail here. So it's pretty rectangular and goes
20 off into a little tail.

21 We'll start north and make our way south and then go
22 back out of that just so you could see what those county
23 lines look like. So our next COI will be in northern
24 Sacramento, a little bit in yellow. And I'm going to
25 zoom in here for you.



1 And so this one, as you can see, North Natomas and
2 crossing South Natomas is what we have. And Natomas COI
3 would like you to know that it's has a shared Natomas
4 Unified School District.

5 They do not mind being districted with the more
6 urban parts of Sacramento. And this COI wants you to
7 know it's a flood zone that values safe levees, safe
8 communities, and they would like recognition of their
9 diversity.

10 So now I have a few COIs that are all very
11 geographically adjacent. So I'm just going to turn them
12 on so you can see them all next to each other. And then
13 I'll go in individually and turn those on and off so you
14 can see.

15 So we start with a bigger COI that is encompassing
16 Sacramento and West Sacramento, and it just takes a
17 second for this Google terrain layer to load. And then
18 we have three other ones that lie within this COI. So I
19 will begin to turn those on and you will just see how
20 everything is close together. But everyone has different
21 things.

22 So we're going to start off with the bigger blue
23 COI. And that one wants to encompass Sacramento, West,
24 Sacramento, and the metropolitan areas, as long -- as
25 well as with the suburban areas in that COI as well.



1 And now we will move on to the smaller green COI.
2 And I'm going to zoom in so we can get a little bit
3 closer. And so here we have you can see underneath says
4 East Sacramento. This is the East Sacramento COI that
5 has said it is smaller, affluent community who does not
6 feel it aligns with the ideals of downtown Sacramento.

7 Which leads us to our next COI. And this COI, as
8 you can see, it's a purple kind of brownish color. And
9 there is a tiny bit of overlap right in this area. But
10 this COI has named itself the midtown downtown Oak Park
11 area.

12 This area wants you to know that it does not align
13 with the northern parts of Sacramento, which would be up
14 to Natomas, parts of east Sacramento. So you can see
15 where it does feel that it aligns here. But the other
16 part that does not and some of the Inland Park area as
17 well.

18 They said that those communities are more wealthy.
19 And in the midtown downtown Oak Park area, they have
20 younger residents, that are more lower to middle class.
21 And now we are going to move again lower. I'm going to
22 turn this off. We're going to move one lower and move a
23 little bit more south.

24 In here, we have the Pocket, Green Haven COI that
25 was submitted. And this COI wants you to know that it

1 feels its area tends to get lumped in with Elk Grove, but
2 feels there should be more with Sacramento. And the
3 community wants you to know it has a large AAPI presence
4 with older residents as well as families.

5 So I'm going to zoom out a little bit just so you
6 can see where Elk Grove is with this COI still turned on.
7 So I'm just letting it load. And so as I move up, you
8 can see here we have the Pocket, Green Haven COI that is
9 an orange that I'm outlining. And Elk Grove is here in
10 this yellow tan-ish area that it said it feels not
11 aligned with.

12 And now we are going to continue moving south into
13 that little tail that I described in Sacramento County.
14 Oh, actually, sorry -- we're actually moving a little bit
15 more so to these two COIs. This one is green and blue.
16 There we go, green and blue. I'm going to toggle it kind
17 of on and off so that you can see where that overlap is.
18 On and off.

19 These two COIs have expressed concern with their
20 current city council districts, and they want you to know
21 that they are connected through their concerns with
22 housing, grocery stores, schools, transportations, parks,
23 and business.

24 And now -- sorry, now we are going to be moving down
25 into that tale that I had described before. So turning

1 those off and moving into that COI that calls itself the
2 Walnut Grove COI. So I'm going to zoom out just a bit so
3 we can see all of that tail and all of it together. So
4 this one here, this Walnut Grove -- sorry still loading.

5 This Walnut Grove COI says that it represents the
6 Delta communities in this area and that they have a
7 shared interest in water rights and water recreation. So
8 up from Freeport down to that Isleton area and Walnut
9 Grove is this city right in here.

10 And now we will be continuing to move north in
11 Sacramento. And we have two COIs that show some overlap
12 with each other that I would like to show you next. So
13 we have the Arden Arcade and Carmichael areas here in
14 blue and green. Again, I'll toggle that on and off so
15 you can make sure you see that overlap that's there.

16 This Arden Arcade, Carmichael area would like you to
17 know it is unincorporated suburban area in Sacramento.
18 They do not want to be districted with the urban areas of
19 Placer, which Placer is north of Sacramento. You can see
20 them circling that here. We'll be moving their next.
21 But here's that geographic difference there.

22 And this community wants you to know it's tied
23 together by being diverse in many ways from age,
24 ethnicity, and income. They want you to know they are
25 heavily concerned with improving the condition of their

1 roads and keeping green spaces in their community, making
2 sure their neighbors have housing.

3 Now we will be moving to the north eastern part of
4 Sacramento covering these cities, and I'll be turning
5 these ones off. And here you can see up from Citrus
6 Heights to Folsom down to Rancho Cordova. These
7 communities feel they get districted out with more rural
8 counties though they are a Sacramento suburb. They want
9 you to know that they are connected through
10 transportation and commerce in their area.

11 And now we are going to be moving out of Sacramento
12 and moving north into that Placer area. So I have this
13 COI here. It's a smaller COI in the Roseville -- city of
14 Roseville. I'll zoom in a little closer for you there.
15 And let's just go really close into that COI. So this
16 COI in Roseville wants you to know it is a small
17 community that prides itself on being very diverse.

18 And then we are going to move out and go into
19 Auburn. So let's continue to -- we're going to move a
20 little bit north and Placer County. I'm going to zoom
21 out here. And as right now, I'm just going to turn off
22 that terrain layer so it's easier to move around because
23 it does make it a little slow. So here we go, turning
24 that off just for the purpose of moving around and
25 getting you to see what you need to see.



1 So now we have the North Auburn, New Castle --
2 Auburn, COI here. This COI wants you know it's also
3 unincorporated area in Placer. And that it's concerned
4 with issues of wildfire, water resources, and water
5 management. So I'm going to go ahead and turn those off.

6 And then we're going to zoom a little bit wider,
7 because this next COI is going to cover quite a few
8 cities that are in Placer and Eldorado. So I'm going to
9 turn that on. And as you can see, it covers a lot in
10 this Placer area and then a few cities in Eldorado.

11 So this Loomis COI, as it named itself, is within
12 the Placer and Eldorado Counties. And they want you to
13 know that they value things like being outdoors and
14 supporting a strong local business culture.

15 So now I'm going to zoom out even more because our
16 next COI is -- I'm sorry, Commissioner Andersen, I see
17 you speaking again. I didn't know if you knew you were
18 muted, if you wanted to say something.

19 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, this is great. And
20 when you are in the right place, then you turn the
21 terrain on?

22 MS. WILSON: Yes.

23 COMMISSIOENR ANDERSEN: That would be great. Thank
24 you.

25 MS. WILSON: Of course. And so now I'm going to



1 turn on two COIs that have very similar geography and
2 testimony again, like the other ones. And so I'm going
3 to toggle them on and off and let you see that
4 difference, and then I'll go into explaining their
5 testimony.

6 So we have here a COI that goes into Eldorado
7 Placer, Nevada, and Sierra and has a little bit of
8 northern Sacramento here. And then this next one is
9 going to come in in red. And then it has some of those
10 in El Dorado, Placer, Nevada and in the Sacramento area.

11 And these COIs have expressed being fiscally
12 conservative but socially liberal. These COIs enjoy
13 outdoor recreation and their proximity to the Tahoe area
14 and the Sierra Nevada mountain range. And also, they
15 enjoy their local business and community events.

16 And so now those are these two. And I'm going to
17 continue to go out wider because we have a COI that has
18 similar testimony to them as well, but covers counties.
19 So it covers a wider range.

20 So this here, you can see they have a lot of overlap
21 adding this Sutter. And all three of these COIs have
22 expressed not being happy with their current
23 congressional district because it splits them all up. So
24 I'm going to go ahead and turn on that congressional
25 district lines again and show you the congressional



1 districts that are going on in this area.

2 So we're going to get wider. And I showed before
3 the fourth District, which cut out a piece of Placer and
4 went south down to Fresno. And then this is also in the
5 first District, which has that piece of Placer, Nevada,
6 Sierra, Butte, Plumas, Tehama, Lassen, Shasta, all the
7 way up to Siskiyou and Modoc.

8 Then we also have a part of it in the third District
9 as well, which has these parts of Yuba, Sutter, Yolo,
10 Glen, and Colusa. So instead of being separated and all
11 of those, they would like to be one in this area here.

12 So now I'm going to turn those lines off. And we
13 are going to move to our next COI, which covers the
14 counties of Sierra and Nevada. So here in green, I'm
15 going to move just a bit closer for you to see those
16 county lines down here in this green area as I'm hovering
17 my mouse through.

18 The Sierra Nevada County community COI has said that
19 tourism is important to both of these counties. And I'll
20 turn on that Google terrain layer. And so you can see
21 what's going on kind of behind there in the Tahoe
22 National Forest is right in there as well.

23 And they've said that tourism is important to both
24 of them, and they have deep roots in the forestry and
25 mining industries. To keep their tourism healthy,



1 they've said that they have to keep their forests
2 healthy, and that's a main priority to both of these
3 counties. They are also concerned with fire awareness.

4 And I see you coming off mute and I see it's 4:59.
5 So great place to stop because I just finished that one.

6 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Wow. Outstanding. Well, thank
7 you for that. At this point, we'll take our mandatory
8 break and come back at 5:15.

9 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Sounds good.

10 (Whereupon, a recess was held)

11 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Well, welcome back. And we will
12 continue on with our line drawing team. We'll turn it
13 back over to Kennedy. Thank you, Kennedy.

14 MS. WILSON: Thank you very much. Hope everyone had
15 a good break. So before I continue, since we had a
16 break, I'll just go ahead and show you kind of where we
17 just came from. We were down in Sacramento.

18 We went into Placer and a little bit into Eldorado.
19 We looked at a wider view of El Dorado, Placer, Nevada,
20 Yuba, and Sutter. Then we moved up to this Green COI
21 here that had the counties of Sierra and Nevada.

22 So now we are going to be moving a little bit more
23 west into the counties of Colusa, Butte, and Sutter, and
24 Yuba. So I'll go ahead and turn those -- these ones off
25 and those ones on. So as you can see here, it reaches

1 into all of those counties. And we are going to zoom in
2 to get a closer look at all of them. This COI is
3 surrounding Colusa and surrounding areas. And then it
4 goes over to Gridley. We have the Live Oak, Linda,
5 Olivehurst, and Wheatland.

6 This COI wants you to know as a large immigrant,
7 Latino working-class community, they would like to be
8 recognized and kept away from wealthier parts of Greater
9 Sacramento and Chico. And if you remember, as we just
10 did that review, Sacramento is south of them.

11 So moving down its south here, Sacramento. And you
12 can kind of see that proximity from there to there. And
13 then Chico is further north and actually where we will be
14 heading next. So I'm going to pull us into Butte County
15 and into here.

16 And so our next few coins also have geographic
17 proximity. So I'm going to just turn them on just so you
18 can see them all next to each other and then go through
19 them individually.

20 So we're going to start with the blue here that
21 covers Chico and Durham, go into a northern Chico and up
22 to Cohasset. So let's start off with that blue one. And
23 that COI has called itself Chico Proper, which calls
24 itself the cultural hub of Congressional District 1. And
25 we might as well have a review of those congressional

1 District one lines.

2 And as we zoom out here, I'm sure you all could use
3 getting familiar with it. And I'm just going to turn off
4 that terrain so we can zoom out a bit faster and see
5 that. And so the first District cuts off that Placer,
6 Nevada, Plumas, Butte, little bit of Glen, Tehama, Shasta
7 Lassen, and up to Siskiyou and Modoc.

8 So we will go back in there and I will zoom back in
9 to our COI area. And so -- and turn back on that terrain
10 layer. There we go. So this community also says it sets
11 itself apart in its beliefs from surrounding areas and
12 has provided cultural opportunities through Chico State
13 College.

14 And now we are going to move on to that next COI.
15 Right nestled in there in the north. And I will turn
16 this blue one on this one has called itself Northern
17 Chico that says it feels more suburban and they like for
18 safe communities and good schools in this area.

19 Now -- oh, and we still have those additional
20 district congressional district lines on some of the go
21 ahead and turn those off. But as you can see, all of
22 Butte is in congressional District 1.

23 And now we will move on to Cohasset Ridge COI, which
24 is above that pink one right here. It goes across that
25 line of Butte County and it's hugging right there. And



1 Cohasset Ridge wants you to know that it does not want to
2 be cut off from Chico City Services. So right there is a
3 difference. And it wants to still be -- they said
4 they're taxpayers and they still want the services that
5 Chico has to offer.

6 They said they are a small rural community concerned
7 with things like fire safety and recycling -- garbage and
8 recycling access and water sustainability. Now we will
9 be turning off this Google to rain layer just to move
10 north.

11 We are going into Shasta County. And that is going
12 to take us kind of diagonal and north through to Tehama.
13 So we're going to move through Tehama up to Shasta and go
14 south of Redding into Happy Valley. So we'll turn on
15 that Google Terrain layer and our next COI. There as
16 that loads up to turn this on, and here we have this one.

17 Happy Valley COI wants you to know that it has a
18 community foundation, and this community foundation has
19 fundraisers to help their citizens safety patrol and
20 keeping their community safe. And that is what brings
21 them together.

22 And now that is kind of it for our smaller COIs in
23 this northern California region. And now I'm going to
24 take it to a wider scope. The rest of them are all
25 counties. So I'm going to turn that terrain off again

1 and just to get out so that we can see those county
2 layers a bit faster. So just moving out. Moving a
3 little bit more.

4 I'll turn that layer back on in just one moment,
5 just so you can see, because the -- a lot of like, you
6 know, that there's not a big population, so people cover
7 a lot of counties in these COIs. So I'm going to turn
8 that Google terrain layer back on. And now we will move
9 on to our next COI, which is going to show up in dark
10 blue covering Siskiyou, Shasta, Tehama, Glenn, Butte,
11 Yuba, and Plumas.

12 This COI expressed that there is an LGBTQ presence
13 in these counties and they do not want to be grouped with
14 Modoc and Lassen, but rather counties like Sonoma and
15 Napa, which are down here because they feel that these
16 counties would drown their voice.

17 And now I have, similar to how we've done earlier, a
18 few COIs that differ in geography but have very similar
19 testimony. So I'm going to turn on the smaller one first
20 and have it build. So I'll go slowly so that you can see
21 where those differences in counties are and then I'll
22 give their testimony.

23 So starting off with this one, which covers Shasta,
24 Tehama, and Lassen, then it's going to go red and the
25 overlap will turn purple. And then it went down to Glenn

1 and Colusa and you can see there's some overlap there.
2 And then now is where the big overlap is going to come
3 through and you're going to see a lot more counties added
4 in green and lime green.

5 So that added Siskiyou, Modoc, Butte, Plumas, and
6 Sierra and still has all those other counties in it as
7 well. And then one more, which then just went on to add
8 Sutter and Yuba from all of those.

9 And these COIs here all expressed that they were
10 very rural and this is where people tend to be lower
11 income and they value jobs like farming. They share
12 several national forest, state forests, and lakes and
13 these areas, and they're concerned with changing climate,
14 sadly, wildfires, like a lot of the rest of these
15 northern California communities and water issues.

16 These areas feel they are both alike socially and
17 economically. And this aversion does not include
18 counties like Trinity, Humboldt, and Del Norte because
19 they do not feel coastal counties have the same ideals as
20 them. But as we go on to look at our next grouping of
21 Northern California COIs, it is going to have ones that
22 include Trinity, Del Norte, and Humboldt.

23 So I'm going to go ahead and turn these ones off.
24 And we're going to go into our next one. I'll start off
25 with this and I'll show you it's similarity to before.

1 So turning -- it's kind of a hard overlap to see what
2 these colors in that background. But as you can see, it
3 turns a little bit more pink where it's overlapped pretty
4 much in all of the spaces that that Trinity was added.

5 And then we're going to add Del Norte and Humboldt
6 and you can see where that blue is, that purple overlap
7 and then the red underneath. And then we have one more
8 that's going to make it a little darker. And here just
9 some more overlap.

10 And these counties expressed that they do feel
11 connected, having those coastal communities there with
12 them because they share a common interest in the Klamath
13 River watershed logging and power. And they said that
14 they also enjoy outdoor recreation and activities.

15 And I will show you just above here in Oregon, above
16 that state line is where Klamath Falls is. And Klamath
17 Falls kind of goes out into Siskiyou, into Trinity, into
18 Humboldt, and into Del Norte. And that is where the
19 river watershed is.

20 I'm going to go ahead and turn these COIs off just
21 so you can see that terrain a bit better, too. And maybe
22 just zoom in a smidge for you there. And the Klamath
23 National Forest is just right there. But again, Klamath
24 Falls is here and runs into these counties here, and that
25 is what they feel connects them all together. And that



1 is the end of my presentation. And I hope that you, all
2 the Commission, enjoyed what Northern California
3 residents had to say. Thank you. Oh, and of course, any
4 questions you might have or anything else.

5 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Well, thank you so much,
6 Kennedy, and to Willie. This is really fantastic.
7 Commissioners, questions for Kennedy or Willie, or Karin?

8 MS. WILSON: If I might add one more thing. It's
9 just that I was giving a lot of versions of that Northern
10 California, and we got so many submissions, as you'll see
11 as you go through things as well, that just -- they
12 differ maybe about one to two counties and then say very
13 similar things.

14 And some just send in same exact geography, maybe a
15 little bit of testimony difference. They're all in that
16 Northern California area, very similar in their geography
17 compared to those kind of smaller COIs that you have to
18 deal with in Los Angeles. And you saw that in Sacramento
19 as well. So just a note about what submissions are
20 looking like in this area.

21 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Yeah. No, that's great and
22 super helpful just to identify those -- the differences
23 in the in the regions and what kinds of COIs we're seeing
24 and just observe some of those trends, if you will.

25 Any additional thoughts, comments, questions, need

1 for clarity from commissioners? I'm trying to get
2 through the list just to see everybody and welcome --

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Commissioner Fernandez.

4 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Oh, Commissioner Fernandez?

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you. I was trying to
6 find my raise hand button and I wasn't finding it.

7 Willie, I'm not going to have you go back. And this is
8 probably a question for all of you and Karin also as
9 well, you might want to chime in.

10 There was one COI that you noted, and I can't
11 remember what it was, but I'm just going to I'm going to
12 say something that it might have been like, but we don't
13 want to be included with Stockton and Tracy. And that's
14 nothing to do with Stockton and Tracy. But the COI --
15 the map, they actually drew had Stockton and Tracy.

16 So we just go with whatever they submit regard --
17 because there may be a disconnect between what they drew
18 versus what they said, but we just go with what they gave
19 us. Is that how we're -- oh, now I see everybody. Is
20 that how we're going with this?

21 MR. DESMOND: I think it's really up to you to deal
22 with those kind of contrasting COIs however you think is
23 best. Just like when you get kind of inconsistent
24 testimony during a COI public input hearing, that's
25 entirely possible on the COI submission tool.



1 And so I think it's, you know, however you guys
2 choose to individually deal with those kind of can
3 conflicting testimony and then turn that into actionable
4 instructions for us as mappers. That's the hard part.
5 So that's why they pay you guys the big bucks.

6 MS. WILSON: And I will -- just adding to that, I
7 will say that Willie mentioned this earlier, sometimes it
8 was difficult for people to work that COI tool and if
9 they didn't know to zoom in and then get close to that
10 block level, they just can't -- don't know how to add
11 those areas. So it's really probably more important to
12 listen to the testimony rather than the geography if
13 they're not able to do that.

14 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Yeah, I was going to say that
15 makes a lot of sense that the testimony given but not
16 everyone's going to be an expert map or I think if there
17 are very clear differences, that that might make a lot of
18 sense. I also just wanted to clarify, no one's paying us
19 the big bucks.

20 Commissioner Fornaciari, I think I saw your hand up.

21 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Yeah, I just want to say that
22 that's part of what our Mapping Playbook subcommittee is
23 also going to consider when -- that they'll bring back to
24 us some thoughts on that so that how we're going to
25 handle that.

1 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: That is a great point. Any
2 other commissioners with questions, comments, need of
3 clarity? Okay, perfect. Well, thank you to the Q2 and
4 Haystaq mapping team for being here today and giving us
5 this tour of these northern portions of the state of
6 California.

7 This has been really fantastic as always and really
8 lovely just to get to see more of the mapping team as
9 well as starting this out with the outreach team. And I
10 echo my colleagues thanks and gratitude for all of the
11 wonderful work that you all have been doing.

12 Commissioner Andersen, was there anything else in
13 this topic area? Certainly we can run through the next
14 couple of steps. We will be, of course, doing another
15 session similar to this on Saturday, September 11th.

16 So looking forward to seeing you all bright eyed and
17 bushy tailed on a Saturday as we review the, I believe,
18 the coastal regions and other parts of Southern
19 California that we have not yet had a chance to examine.

20 As a part of September 11th, we'll also be hearing,
21 I believe, from Commissioner Yee and Commissioner Turner
22 about their first takes on the -- I forgot the name --
23 the playbook, though, that they are working to develop,
24 which I think will be a really wonderful conversation.

25 COMMISSIONER YEE: Mapping Playbook --



1 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: I'm sorry? Mapping Playbook.

2 Okay.

3 COMMISSIONER YEE: -- Subcommittee.

4 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: I feel like we need to get
5 this bound eventually because it sounds like something
6 really exciting, like a pocket version.

7 Commissioner Andersen, any other pieces?

8 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Not really at this time.
9 The idea is, as Commissioner Sadhwani said, on the 11th
10 then we'll go through -- the coastal areas is again, it's
11 the entire so it's essentially A, C, and E, and then the
12 southern will be all the other zones except L.A. County.
13 And so you'll see how those all fit together.

14 So that was kind of the plan. So we've kind of gone
15 over everything before we move into the next phase. And
16 you might have noticed that the line drawers said the
17 dates of this. So every time we're getting a little bit
18 more of communities of interest information on there. So
19 they are getting more updated and updated. And on the
20 11th, we'll have a bit more in as well.

21 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: That's right. And just wanted
22 to add a couple of thoughts. Given that the database is
23 constantly being updated and adding more and more, it's
24 definitely on each of us to really do our due diligence
25 and dig into the tool that's available now on the

1 website.

2 Certainly we -- this is a wonderful opportunity for
3 us to really see a broad swath of many of the COI
4 testimony -- COI inputs that we have received through the
5 COI tool. But there's certainly going to be some that
6 aren't shown during this sessions. So definitely spend
7 time reviewing those submissions on the website.

8 And then secondly, just in terms of what comes next.
9 So of course, this week we have a very busy agenda with
10 our final COI input sessions and September 11th Saturday
11 doing this -- another tour of COI submissions.

12 Following that, however, next week we will be
13 meeting to give direction to the mapping team. And so
14 again, and I know we've discussed this before, but I'll
15 just mention it just in case, this will be our -- really
16 our first chance to discuss these COIs.

17 And we'll be working with the line drawing team this
18 week to discuss more about what kind of directions we
19 should be giving, what that might look like, how to
20 structure that conversation with the idea being that the
21 direction that we give next week to the line drawing team
22 before the census data arrives is solely based on this,
23 COI testimony that we've received and will help inform
24 the first visualizations that we'll receive in early
25 October before we begin the actual line drawing.



1 So just a reminder that that's kind of where we're
2 headed with all of this. And I'm really looking forward
3 to the opportunity to just hear what everyone else is
4 thinking about all of this testimony that we have
5 received, both through the COI tool as well as the input
6 sessions and the letters and emails.

7 I am certain that amongst fourteen of us, something
8 that stands out to me will probably be different for some
9 of you. So I'm really looking forward to those
10 conversations.

11 Commissioner Andersen?

12 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, I did have one thing
13 to say regarding the issue of the COI looks one way, but
14 the testimony says something else. During this, the
15 15th, 17th and 18th, the outreach team and the line
16 drawers themselves who've been taking in information will
17 have access to the testimony.

18 So we won't be just looking at those areas and
19 going, okay, well, here's an area here's an area, here's
20 an area we actually say, well, these areas now, what do
21 people say so that we'll be considering the testimony,
22 we'll be able to address those issues. They're not
23 exclusive. You look at one or the other. We'll be
24 looking at both.

25 So and that that's what we'll be addressing. Well,



1 they drew the whole county, but they only really talked
2 about the one and didn't want to separate and they wanted
3 to set things separate, we can say they didn't know how
4 to separate the county, which we did here.

5 That is as public testimony until they found out
6 later. Those are the types of issues that we will
7 address. And in terms of we'll get we'll have much more
8 that are not guidelines per se, but we'll have some ideas
9 about what kind of direction that we really need to be
10 giving.

11 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Looks like that sparked some
12 questions. Commissioner Sinay and then Commissioner Yee?

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I would hope that would have
14 the conversation with the Playbook group first before we
15 go into any of that, because a lot of that is the stuff
16 that the playbook is working on. So it doesn't make
17 sense to have a conversation before they help us guide it
18 and we have all the information and we all have input on
19 it.

20 Because again, I'm a firm believer about having some
21 of these conversations without the COIs in front of us,
22 but having it in general and their guidelines. They're
23 not going to be in stone. But it's important to have
24 these conversations based on values, principles,
25 thoughts, whatever. And not just so it feels like the

1 guide book group needs to be first -- the playbook group.

2 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Commissioner Yee?

3 COMMISSIONER YEE: I just wanted to mention that the
4 2010 commission, when it came to the COIs, all the
5 inputs, they did have the split up the commissioners in
6 the different regions that we would consider, for
7 instance, perhaps splitting by zone leads to be
8 especially familiar with the COIs from those zones.

9 And because there's just no way we can all the
10 experts in the whole state on all the COIs, right. So
11 that may be a suggestion will bring forward and consider.
12 And then when it comes time to give special attention to
13 those parts of the state and the zone leads can help
14 guide that discussion involving the COI input.

15 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: I think that sounds great.
16 And I know that we are in a crunched timeline, and I
17 think it would have been really great if we had had the
18 playbook subcommittee formed a little bit sooner to help
19 us in this process.

20 But I think, we will have our initial conversation,
21 hopefully September 11th. I don't know if Commissioner,
22 Yee, and Commissioner Turner, I'm hoping that that works
23 for you. All we are agendized to have it at a minimum.
24 So hopefully we can at least begin to have some of those
25 ideas set and set before us, before we move into this

1 into this process. And I think, we'll learn as we go as
2 well and hopefully we'll prevail. Any other final
3 thoughts or concerns?

4 Commissioner Kennedy?

5 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Just a question for Karin,
6 really. Do we have a clear sense from you of what you
7 would like to receive as far as guidance, as far as the
8 content or the level of specificity or any other
9 parameters?

10 MS. MACDONALD: Yeah, I'm actually working on
11 something that I'm going to share with the line drawing
12 subcommittee. And then perhaps they can send it out once
13 they've taken a look at it. So I think there will be
14 more information forthcoming, perhaps by tomorrow.

15 COMMISSIOENR KENNEDY: Perfect. Thank you.

16 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Commissioner Turner?

17 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes. I was just going to add
18 thank you. Just going to add that that information would
19 be helpful. We need the Mapping Playbook subcommittee on
20 tomorrow. And so if we have that information in time for
21 that meeting, I think it would probably reduce some
22 rework. If possible, we'd like to have that information
23 so for that conversation.

24 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Perfect. If I may ask, what
25 time are you meeting tomorrow? Just so -- I think we're

1 meeting at 10. We haven't seen it yet, but happy to pass
2 it along or have staff pass it along.

3 COMMISSIONER YEE: 1 to 2 p.m. tomorrow.

4 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay, great. Perfect. We
5 will do that.

6 Commissioner Fernandez?

7 COMMISSIOENR FERNANDEZ: I wanted to mention I know,
8 Commissioner Yee had said something about the 2010 that
9 they had kind of split it up. I don't think they even
10 had a database or a map. So it was like they had the
11 information -- COI input by day. And I don't know how
12 they sorted through it.

13 I think obviously we have an advantage that we have
14 a map and we're able to see all of the input. So I don't
15 know if it would be necessary to split up California
16 amongst the commissioners.

17 I'm just saying that we're in a completely
18 different -- we have a different -- we actually have a
19 database and a data set that we can refer to versus I
20 don't believe they had anything near to what we have this
21 time, which might make it easier.

22 I don't want to say easier, but it would facilitate
23 all of us being able to be more familiar with California
24 altogether at once instead of splitting it up.

25 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Commissioners Sinay?

1 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I think this will be a
2 conversation that the playbook will bring back to us.
3 But I don't think it's an or -- but it's and. The 2010
4 commission was who influenced our thinking on the
5 outreach and engagement in purposely selecting diverse --
6 one diverse parties as well as someone from that region
7 and someone not from that region.

8 And they used it. And I still think it -- I mean, I
9 kind of agree with Commissioner Yee after reading our
10 report. It's helpful to have those two eyes -- have eyes
11 that are specific on that area. But you still have to
12 know all of California as well.

13 But it's those that can take full notes and see
14 what's still missing and what's happening. I do not want
15 to leave that to the staff. I know we have outreach and
16 all sorts of team, but I do think that the commissioners
17 need to be involved in that aspect of it.

18 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: It sounds like this
19 conversation is just starting. And that ultimately we'll
20 continue to think through kind of these logistics on
21 Saturday, particularly as we get greater clarity from the
22 line drawing team in terms of what kind of direction
23 would be helpful as well as the Playbook subcommittee
24 really begins to chart out how we can engage with one
25 another and engage in this process.

1 And so with that, I think, Chair, we'll hand it back
2 to you.

3 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Well, thank you. That was a
4 great update. Let's see, I, too, want to thank Kennedy,
5 Willie, Karin, and the line drawing team for your input.
6 I also want to thank Jose Eduardo and Ashleigh and the
7 whole outreach team for all their hard work and their
8 update today. Really, really helpful and enlightening,
9 too. So thanks to everyone.

10 With that, we have completed all of the items on our
11 agenda. I do need to call for public comment on agenda
12 item 5 and general public comment too.

13 So if we can do that, Kristian. That would be
14 awesome.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Sure thing, Chair. The
16 Commission will now take public comment on agenda item 5
17 and general public comment for items not on the agenda.
18 To give comment, please call 877-853-5247 and enter
19 meeting ID number 88134025430.

20 Once you've dialed in, please press star 9 to enter
21 the comment queue. The full call-in instructions are
22 read at the beginning of the meeting and are provided on
23 the live stream landing page. And there are no callers
24 in the queue at this time, Chair.

25 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. But we will hang on until



1 the instructions are complete and then a little bit
2 longer. The public has heard it a couple of times, but I
3 will just remind the public that we have three more
4 community interest input meetings.

5 Tomorrow will be the zones in Southern California
6 and we will have interpretation in Cantonese, Japanese,
7 Mandarin, and Spanish. And that's from 3 to 7 tomorrow.
8 And then Thursday and Friday from 3 to 7, we will have
9 our final two statewide community input meetings and they
10 will be simulcast in Spanish.

11 All Californians are invited to join in and provide
12 input into any of our public input meetings. But please
13 join us over the next three days or go to our tool at
14 DrawmyCAcommunity.org. That's DrawmyCAcommunity.org.

15 And then finally, as we were just discussing, we
16 will meet back at 11 o'clock a.m. -- I mean, at 9:30 on
17 Saturday the 11th for a continuation of this conversation
18 we have been having this afternoon. So join us for that.

19 Kristian, are the instructions complete?

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The instructions are
21 complete on the stream. And there are no callers at this
22 time.

23 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. Well, very good. I want
24 to thank everyone for being with us and in the support.
25 I thank my fellow commissioners and this meeting is



1 adjourned.

2 (Whereupon, the CRC Business Meeting adjourned
3 at 8:00 p.m.)

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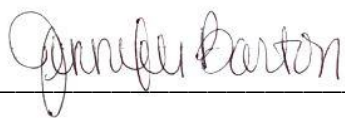
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