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P R O C E E D I N G S

9:30 a.m.

1 CHAIR KENNEDY: Good morning, California. Good  
2 morning, guests. Welcome to the third quarter of 2023.  
3 My name is Ray Kennedy. I am the rotating chair for this  
4 quarter. Today is Monday, April the 10th, and we are  
5 here for our April meeting of the California Citizens  
6 Redistricting Commission.  
7

8 We do have a pretty full agenda today, and so we  
9 will be doing our best to stay on track with the items as  
10 laid out in the run of show. First, the first item in  
11 that line of run of show is the call to order and now the  
12 roll call.  
13

14 So Wanda, would you please help us out with the roll  
15 call?

16 MS. SHEFFIELD: Yes. Good morning, everyone.  
17 Commissioner Le Mons?

18 VICE CHAIR LE MONS: LE MONS: Here.

19 MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Sadhwani?  
20 Commissioner Sinay?

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Here.

22 MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Taylor?

23 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: I am present.

24 MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Toledo?

25 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Here.



1 MS. SHEFFIELD: Okay.

2 Commissioner Turner?

3 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Good morning. Here.

4 MS. SHEFFIELD: Good morning.

5 Commissioner Vazquez?

6 Commissioner Yee?

7 COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.

8 MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Ahmad?

9 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Here.

10 MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Akutagawa?

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Here.

12 MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Andersen?

13 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Here.

14 MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Fernandez?

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Presente.

16 MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Fornaciari?

17 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Here. the commission in  
18 front of Shari here.

19 MS. SHEFFIELD: And Chair Kennedy?

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: Here.

21 Thank you, Wanda. We have a quorum. Just very  
22 quickly, going over the run of show, several of the  
23 subcommittees asked for significant blocks of time in  
24 today's meeting. So after our staff reports, we will go  
25 into subcommittee updates and announcements.



1 First up would be the Legislative Subcommittee,  
2 followed by the Website Subcommittee. Then after the  
3 morning break, we have the Continuity Subcommittee with a  
4 full ninety-minute block after lunch, which is scheduled  
5 for 12:45 to 1:45. We would have the Finance and Admin  
6 Subcommittee with a half hour report.

7 The Acceleration and Deferral Subcommittee on Senate  
8 Districts with a brief ten-minute segment. We then  
9 anticipate having a brief closed session to deal with, I  
10 believe, personnel matters. Then the afternoon break  
11 from 3 to 3:15, followed by the Lessons Learned  
12 Subcommittee. And finally, public comment.

13 I don't know that we will be taking any action on  
14 anything. This is very much an effort to keep the public  
15 apprised of the work that we are doing as we move towards  
16 the end of the fiscal year at the end of June. So that  
17 explains all of the work that is going on as we try to  
18 complete as much of that as possible before the end of  
19 the fiscal year. But certainly on things like the  
20 report, the Lessons Learned report, we do not anticipate  
21 taking any action today on that.

22 Does anyone have any announcements they would like  
23 to share with the Commission and the public? Not seeing  
24 any. Then I will ask Corina to start with her report,  
25 and then we will go to chief counsel for his report.



1 MS. LEON: Thank you. Good morning, Chair. Yes.  
2 Hope you had a wonderful weekend. I know here in  
3 Sacramento it was beautiful. So that was very enjoyable.  
4 As the Chair mentioned, we do have a very busy agenda. I  
5 think we've been working with the UI project and the  
6 Website Subcommittee is invited them to do a demo today.  
7 We're very excited to bring that to and getting your  
8 feedback.

9 Website is coming along. We're getting ready to  
10 migrate that to the CA.gov doing a lot of work with that.  
11 And that's coming along. And I'm working with the  
12 Finance Committee and our budget manager on the report --  
13 finance report that's due in June. A lot of work on  
14 that.

15 And also responding to DOF questions regarding our  
16 budget change proposal. They've been asking a lot of  
17 questions and I hear that's good. And so we hope to have  
18 some news from them soon. That's what I'd like to share  
19 with you. Does anybody have any questions for me? Okay.  
20 I will turn it back over to . Thank you.

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you, Corina.  
22 Chief Counsel Pane, could we get your report,  
23 please?

24 ATTNY PANE: Yes. Good morning, Chair. Good  
25 morning, Commission. I did want to alert all of you and





1 the public to current bill -- it's Senate Bill 544, and  
2 it is the, for lack of a better phrase, an updated  
3 Bagley-Keene revision on teleconferencing.

4 This version of the bill, at least as it currently  
5 stands, is -- allows for the teleconferencing for  
6 meetings, much in the way that this Commission and others  
7 have been able to respond during COVID, where you do not  
8 need to describe with specificity the locations of board  
9 members or Commissioners.

10 It does require one physical location, but the  
11 remaining members are able to be a panelist remotely, and  
12 it is still requires and allows and encourages also the  
13 streaming for the public access so the public can access  
14 the meeting and participate in a meeting wherever they  
15 are. But it does have one physical location for those  
16 interested in appearing physically for any Bagley-Keene  
17 meeting.

18 One thing to note on this, it does not at this time  
19 at least have an urgency clause to it, which means  
20 normally it would be effective upon signature if it were  
21 urgency. This would now be if it were approved, it would  
22 there would be a gap because as you know, there is the  
23 statute sunsets July 1.

24 If this bill were signed, it would be effective  
25 January 1 of 2024. So there would be about a six-month



1 gap where we would kind of go back to more traditional  
2 Bagley-Keene meetings and then we would sort of hop to  
3 the new enacted statute. The positive piece of that is  
4 it would be a permanent change, so there wouldn't be a  
5 sunsetted provision, again, as it currently is written.  
6 That can all change it still. It's still a bill that is  
7 subject to the legislative process, so.

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. And I have Commissioner  
9 Vazquez, Commissioner Fornaciari, and Commissioner  
10 Turner. So Commissioner Vasquez?

11 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes. Thanks so much,  
12 Anthony, for sharing that that bill with the Bagley-Keene  
13 Committee earlier this weekend. I didn't get a chance to  
14 actually dive into the language, and I was just hoping  
15 you could clarify the -- at least as the bill stands, the  
16 streaming -- the language for streaming, because  
17 there's -- I've noticed there is a difference between  
18 sort of streaming so that the public can view and  
19 allowing for public comment and participation virtually.  
20 So I'm just curious if the bill has anything to say about  
21 participation.

22 CHAIR KENNEDY: Chief Counsel Pane?

23 ATTNY PANE: Sorry, I was on mute. As far as my  
24 read of it, Commissioner Vasquez, it does require that we  
25 have some way for the public to access and participate

1 remotely. I don't see -- I'm not seeing if it's requires  
2 the streaming, but it does talk about audio and video  
3 teleconference meetings, enhancing the public's right of  
4 access to the meetings. So and that's in section 2 of  
5 the bill.

6 So I will certainly get all of you -- I can get you  
7 a more sort of bulleted sort of characteristics of the  
8 bill. I'm not seeing a specific requirement for  
9 streaming, but I do see sort of a requirement that there  
10 be a public access telephonically in lieu of the physical  
11 locations.

12 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Got it. Thank you.

13 ATTNY PANE: I will absolutely get you all a list,  
14 if that would be helpful. Kind of the characteristics of  
15 this version of the bill.

16 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah, that would be super  
17 helpful. And I'm actually more -- like most curious  
18 about how this will apply to the legislature, because  
19 there are definitely committees within the legislature  
20 that are now moving to in-person only where during the  
21 pandemic they allowed telephone public comment and now  
22 that is no more. Which has proven challenging for  
23 disabled advocates. So I was just curious. Thanks so  
24 much.

25 ATTNY PANE: I know.



1 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you. Commissioner Fornaciari  
2 is next.

3 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Thanks, Chair. Yeah. My  
4 take on it is to answer Commissioner Vazquez question is  
5 yes, I way I read it was they specifically refer to Zoom-  
6 type meetings and enabling the public to provide feedback  
7 over a Zoom link like we do now.

8 I think it's really encouraging for me that -- there  
9 are three things that I thought were really encouraging.  
10 One, is that they in the in the language, they recognize  
11 that the Zoom type meetings enhance public participation,  
12 enhance the ability for the public to participate. They  
13 also recognize the need for protecting the privacy of  
14 public officials by not requiring to disclose their  
15 address if they're going to participate remotely.

16 And then finally, they recognize that the idea of  
17 remote meeting access enables folks with disabilities or  
18 you know, other reasons that they wouldn't be able to  
19 participate in person to participate remotely. And so  
20 it's encouraging that they've captured all three of The  
21 issues that we were concerned about in in the language of  
22 the bill. And they're moving forward with it.

23 So I'm not -- I don't know if you want, Chair of the  
24 committee, to maybe draft a letter in support of this  
25 bill. We could we could certainly work on that if that's

1 something that the Chair and the Commission once would  
2 like us to do.

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: Chief Counsel Payne, I would see no  
4 problem with that. We have written such letters before  
5 supporting similar legislation. And I would just ask  
6 that you work with the subcommittee on that and make sure  
7 that a solid draft comes to Vice Chair and me for review.  
8 Happy to do that. Okay. Thank you. Commissioner  
9 Turner.

10 ATTNY PANE: Happy to do that.

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you.  
12 Commissioner Turner?

13 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Chair Kennedy, and  
14 Chief Counsel Pane for the report. I wondered if you  
15 could say more in regards to the lack of an urgency  
16 clause with signature that would allow this to take place  
17 right away.

18 And if you had any background or understanding as to  
19 why there will -- well, of course, without the signature,  
20 I understand you to say there would be the six-month gap.  
21 But was there any conversation or are you aware of why  
22 that wasn't an automatic so we don't have to have a gap?

23 ATTNY PANE: Thank you, Commissioner Turner. I  
24 don't have any sort of specific knowledge as to what that  
25 was. The only thing I could probably conclude based on



1 this topic's history and recent history, is that it  
2 seemed that there needed to be a sunset for the last  
3 statutory change, which is why we have a July 1 end date.

4 And this bill doesn't have an end date. And it  
5 doesn't have an urgency clause to it. So I'm concluding  
6 based on -- I believe that the last statutory change did  
7 have an urgency clause attached to it, but did have an  
8 end date. And this one without an urgency clause, but no  
9 end date.

10 I'm concluding based on those pieces that they're  
11 related in that this -- the lack of an end date, but also  
12 the lack of an urgency might make it more likely to pass  
13 is a guess. But I don't have any knowledge. I'm just  
14 comparing it to the last version and what it had and  
15 didn't have.

16 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah, so then I'd lift --  
17 certainly if there is a correlation, I like the no end  
18 date, but if with through further research we find that  
19 there may not be a correlation. If we write something in  
20 support, if we can have some language that would request  
21 or prefer since it's still in draft form the signature,  
22 I'm just thinking it will avoid us having the gap if we  
23 can do so without risking an end date. Thank you.

24 ATTNY PANE: Yeah. If I could just throw one piece  
25 in. This is, I think, related to it. If it's an



1 urgency, it needs to be passed by two thirds. If it's --

2 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay, that's --

3 ATTNY PANE: -- a simple, then you don't have to  
4 wait just a majority.

5 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Um-hum.

6 ATTNY PANE: And so I'm not sure if the two is part  
7 of it as well.

8 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Probably. Thank you.

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: I'll just say at this point that my  
10 sense is that it is the people of California who would  
11 lose out if there is a gap. And so I hope that we would  
12 all keep that in mind as we as we move forward.

13 Commissioner Fernandez, I did see your hand up  
14 briefly.

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I was just going to bring  
16 up the great points that Commissioner Turner, in terms of  
17 the support, trying to close that gap.

18 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Yeah. I think, again,  
19 emphasizing that it's the people of California who will  
20 suffer if there is a six-month gap, is going to be an  
21 important part of our work going forward on this.

22 Any other comments or questions on the chief  
23 counsel's report? Seeing none.

24 Okay. I guess we need public comment on agenda item  
25 number 2, admin updates and announcements. Kristian?

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair. Just a  
2 moment, Chair. All right. In order to maximize  
3 transparency and public participation in our process, the  
4 Commissioners will be taking public comment by phone. To  
5 call in, dial the telephone number provided on the  
6 livestream feed. It is 877-853-5247.

7 When prompted enter the meeting ID number provided  
8 on the livestream feed. It is 86445340935 for this  
9 meeting. When prompted to enter a participant ID simply  
10 press pound. Once you've dialed in, you'll be placed in  
11 a queue.

12 To indicate you wish to comment, please press star  
13 9. This will raise your hand for the moderator. When  
14 it's your turn to speak, you'll hear a message that says  
15 The host would like you to talk. Press star 6 to speak.  
16 If you'd like to give your name, please state, and spell  
17 it for the record. You are not required to provide your  
18 name to give public comment.

19 Please make sure to meet your computer or livestream  
20 audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during your  
21 call. When you're waiting in the queue, be alert for  
22 when it is your turn to speak. And again, please turn  
23 down the livestream. And there is no one in the queue at  
24 this time, Chair.

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. We'll give it two minutes.





1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And those instructions  
2 are complete on the stream and there is no one in the  
3 queue.

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: We'll just make sure that no one is  
5 actually dialing in right now.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Sounds good, Chair.

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. I guess we'll give it one  
8 minute. Okay. So moving on to agenda item number 3,  
9 subcommittee update and announcement. First up is the  
10 Legislative Affairs Subcommittee. I believe that's  
11 Commissioner Akutagawa and Commissioner Fernandez.

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair. We'll  
13 just go ahead and get started. We've been posting most  
14 of the same spreadsheets that we've been posting for the  
15 last year or so we've just been updating them each month  
16 and.

17 The one thing that we wanted to highlight on the  
18 proposed legislative changes moving forward. Those were  
19 the items that had moved forward -- we had voted to move  
20 forward to discuss with the legislature to try to get  
21 bills. We do have one of them, which is defining a day.  
22 So that's number 5 on our -- on that spreadsheet.

23 And Assembly Bill 1761 was introduced by the  
24 Committee on Elections on March 8th, and they're hoping  
25 that will just go through on a consent calendar. But if



1 not, they do have a hearing on April 19th. And on that  
2 date, either Commissioner Akutagawa or I will testify.  
3 Good thing we can do that remotely. Or I guess maybe  
4 Commissioner Akutagawa could fly. Just kidding.

5 But anyway, we do have -- we did post the language  
6 on -- for Assembly Bill 1761. And we also had forwarded  
7 that information in the past. And what we were hoping to  
8 do was vote on that language as it is written, and it's  
9 gone through the Legislative Council.

10 And again, it's already an assembly -- it's already  
11 in the Assembly bill. And I don't know, Anthony, if you  
12 can share that with us on your screen, because you know  
13 my technical challenges that I have.

14 ATTNY PANE: I'll give that a try. One second.

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And it's basically what we  
16 had approved moving forward once we put this on our  
17 lists. And we just wanted -- we need to vote on it  
18 again. I guess, Anthony, per -- just to confirm per our  
19 requirements, we have to vote as a Commission, right?  
20 And it has to be -- not the simple majority, the other  
21 majority, the three, three, and three. There should be a  
22 hand. I guess I should probably look for it to.

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: It's the one that says Legislative  
24 Council's Digest.

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Let me see if I can



1 share.

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I have it if you want me to  
3 share.

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: You guys have it? I mean,  
5 can you see it?

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: We can see it.

7 COMMISSIONER FERNADNEZ: Look at that. Look at  
8 that. Somebody taught me to fish.

9 ATTNY PANE: You beat me to it.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And the item that is being  
11 updated is underlined here on what a day means. That a  
12 day means a calendar day calculated as a period of time  
13 that begins at midnight and ends 24 hours later at the  
14 next midnight. That's the only section that will be  
15 updated in the Assembly bill.

16 And again, they're hoping that it'll just be a --  
17 it'll just go through their consent calendar. So I would  
18 like to make a motion that we approve the language on  
19 Assembly Bill 1761.

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I'll second.

22 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Fernandez has moved and  
23 Commissioner Akutagawa has seconded that we approve this  
24 language that is currently on the screen. Discussion.  
25 And now I can't see hands. So people will have to shout

1 at me if they want the floor.

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And I just want to -- I  
3 don't know how I want to put this, but it has gone  
4 through council. It is in the bill. It is more  
5 difficult to try to make any changes at this point, but  
6 definitely want discussions.

7 VICE CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Yee here?

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Yee?

9 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you, Chair. Just for the  
10 sake of the public, perhaps the committee -- subcommittee  
11 could remind us all that the need for this and how it  
12 improves our work.

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: The need for this is -- I  
14 don't know if we all remember when we -- those long  
15 nights that we worked and I want to say we might have  
16 been a little tired and we went back and forth in terms  
17 of -- so it means three days from is it three days from  
18 the end of today or is it three days from when we make a  
19 motion? Right. And so this would clarify that it's  
20 basically a midnight to midnight, regardless of what time  
21 during the day you made that decision. The clock doesn't  
22 start until midnight.

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Fernandez.  
24 And so that actually -- or for practical purposes, means  
25 that if we had, for example, done something at noon on a



1 Tuesday that required three days. That's not starting on  
2 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, because that  
3 doesn't give you three full twenty-four-hour periods.

4 So if we did something on at midday on Tuesday that  
5 required three days, then Wednesday would be a day.  
6 Thursday would be a day. Friday, all the way to midnight  
7 would be a day. So it wouldn't it wouldn't be effective  
8 until after midnight on Friday.

9 Then I guess the question is, because of that, does  
10 it flip to Monday or is 11:59 on Friday the time when it  
11 actually goes into effect. Anthony, could you help us  
12 out on that?

13 ATTNY PANE: Let me see. So if it would go midnight  
14 to midnight -- so if we took an action on Tuesday  
15 afternoon and we need a full midnight to midnight, that's  
16 Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. Then I guess it would be  
17 12:01 on the next day would be Saturday morning when it  
18 would be in effect.

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: But then except that if the final  
20 day -- okay. So the final day of the period is not, in  
21 that case, wouldn't be the Saturday. It would be the --

22 ATTNY PANE: It would kick over. And that other  
23 piece that -- so the reason why this is sort of deemed a  
24 clarification is because this does the actual, for lack  
25 of a better term, counting the existing piece of the

1 statute and talking about it day says when it isn't. So  
2 you have to kind of combine these two pieces, so you  
3 calculate it and then you look up the next piece, which  
4 is except that if the final day is within -- and this is  
5 all been the case and this is what we use this time.

6       So once we calculated it and we see where it ends  
7 and then is there an additional piece to the statute that  
8 would bump it further or not? But this is how do we  
9 calculate the day in the first place, which we didn't  
10 have. And that's why this is deemed sort of a  
11 clarification rather than breaking significant  
12 substantive grounds because we already have to figure a  
13 day.

14       The question is, how do you how do you calculate it?  
15 What do we mean by that? So that's the clarification  
16 point. And yeah, it doesn't change any of the existing  
17 statutes. So you would have to read it in harmoniously  
18 with the other pieces if it bumps it to -- because it  
19 falls on a holiday or whatever else, then, it pushes  
20 about.

21       CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you for that. And I  
22 realize that I've been the leading proponent of  
23 clarifying this because most colleagues felt that it was  
24 clear to begin with. I still have problems with it in  
25 that if we're looking at counting backwards, in other

1 words, something has to be done at least three days in  
2 advance, if you count back and your third day is on the  
3 weekend, then it's nonsensical for that to become the  
4 Monday because that makes your period less than.

5       So in my mind, if we're counting backwards and we  
6 need a certain number of days, then in fact the -- that  
7 adjustment bit of Sub 2 would also need to specify that  
8 if we're counting backwards it would need to go back to  
9 the Friday rather than defaulting to the Monday because  
10 we're counting backwards. Does that make sense?

11       COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: My head hurts.

12       CHAIR KENNEDY: I know. I know. But I've said all  
13 along that this needs to work in both directions. If we  
14 have to do something a certain number of days in advance,  
15 the definition of day needs to work going in either  
16 direction, whether it's we must wait a certain number of  
17 days until something takes effect or we have to have done  
18 something like posting an agenda X number of days in  
19 advance. So that's why I keep saying it just -- it has  
20 to work in both directions. It's not just one.

21       ATTNY PANE: So to your point, Chair, I think it --  
22 I think it can. I think the difference is and I'm albeit  
23 approaching this more at a 30,000-foot level, what I'm  
24 about to say, but what essentially this means is it's  
25 really not three days. It's an interim full three days

1 minimum. And that's what it is. And then you can and  
2 you can calculate that backwards and forwards.

3       What it really means is to be safe. It pretty much  
4 means four or plus days. You want a three-day dead  
5 period between the action and the effective and the  
6 effective time. And that's what this is calculating.  
7 It's calculating a full three dead days interim before  
8 an -- between an action that's taken that takes place.

9       And it's a fact. And could be more because we have  
10 holidays and weekends and all that which pushes it out  
11 even more. So if you're contemplating not when an action  
12 has already been taken, when it has become effective, but  
13 when do we need to have acted by, you would want to count  
14 three days of time that you have to add in, a full three  
15 days, when you're counting backwards and you have to  
16 account for the weekends and the holidays is as you  
17 suggested, which could mean that it's four or five days  
18 backwards when you're trying to count and plan.

19       But I do think, the benefit of this is it does tell  
20 us all how to calculate it, which we didn't have before.  
21 We were just sort of. Well, is it is it down to the  
22 minute of when you've acted? How are we calculating 24  
23 hours at least this provides -- and the commission has, I  
24 guess, wanted to go -- this was the option B if anybody  
25 recalls that option and we had option B, this was option



1 B.

2 And so at least this provides a mechanism for future  
3 commissions on how to calculate it. But that's what --  
4 that's how I see it. At least it's a full it's a full  
5 three-day interim.

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: Well, I'll go back to my. If we're  
7 talking about a Tuesday and we have to have something  
8 done three days in advance of Tuesday -- so let's say  
9 we're discussing final maps in those final days. And  
10 notice has to be given at least three days in advance and  
11 the third day falls during the weekend, does this tell us  
12 that we have to back the notice up to Friday or does  
13 it --

14 ATTNY PANE: Well, that --

15 CHAIR KENNEDY: -- we can issue the notice on  
16 Monday?

17 ATTNY PANE: No, because it says except that if the  
18 final day of the period within which in act is to be  
19 performed. So it's the final day. So that's only one --  
20 that is a particular day and it's the final one. So I  
21 think there would be a way to calculate it going forwards  
22 as well as backwards. That's when the weekends get  
23 triggered. It's not that the weekends can never be  
24 counted. It doesn't say that.

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right.

1           ATTNY PANE: It's really just it's the final day of  
2 the period. It falls, then it kicks it. And this is  
3 akin to what they have in the Court system. When you  
4 want to file something, if it's filed on a Saturday, it  
5 doesn't count on a Saturday. It either has to be filed  
6 Friday -- counts to Friday or if you're filing it on  
7 Sunday, it counts to Monday.

8           So there's mechanisms in place for sort of a weekend  
9 scenario. This, I would say, is akin to that. It's when  
10 the final day when it would kick on, then okay -- then it  
11 bumps it to the next day.

12           CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. So let me slightly modify the  
13 scenario and say we're talking about a Wednesday. So we  
14 need three clear days before a Wednesday we could post it  
15 on Saturday. Sunday is a clear day. Monday is a clear  
16 day. Tuesday is a clear day. And then by Wednesday,  
17 we're good.

18           COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. Anthony, I'm saying  
19 yes for you.

20           ATTNY PANE: Yes. Thank you.

21           CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Any other discussion on this?  
22 And again, I'm seeing the document on the screen. So if  
23 you have your hand up, you'll need to yell at me. Okay.  
24 No further discussion.

25           Kristian, we will need a call for public comment on



1 this.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Sounds good, Chair.

3 The Commission will now take public comment. To  
4 give comment, please call 877-85305247 and enter meeting  
5 ID number 86445340935. Once you've dialed in, please  
6 press star 9 to enter the comment queue. The full call-  
7 in instructions are read at the beginning of the meeting  
8 and are provided on the live stream landing page.

9 And there is no one in the queue at this time,  
10 Chair.

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. We'll give it a couple of  
12 minutes.

13 ATTNY PANE: Chair, could I just request that maybe  
14 we ask that Corina -- this is a vote on the motion; is  
15 that correct?

16 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes.

17 ATTNY PANE: So is it possible for us to maybe ask  
18 Corina to post the motion Excel spreadsheet? Maybe  
19 Commissioner Fernandez might need to then take down  
20 the -- perfect. Thank you.

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Chair Kennedy?

22 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes.

23 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: This is Commissioner  
24 Andersen. Just a quick clarification here. Now, this  
25 motion is because the way it sort of appears that the



1 acts -- now, the acts excluding Saturday, Sunday, and  
2 holidays, are not referring to our agenda posting, things  
3 like that. That is for an act to be performed, is the  
4 act of posting draft -- draft maps, reports, that sort of  
5 thing. That's not actually just the general agenda; is  
6 that correct?

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: I take it is as anything that has a  
8 requirement that either something be done X number of  
9 days in advance or that something will not take effect  
10 until at least X number of days after.

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Correct. No, I appreciate  
12 that. And that's exactly what this piece says. But in  
13 the legislation, it says it with the exception of the  
14 Saturday, Sunday, and holidays.

15 And I'm just concerned that the way that it --  
16 except when an act must be performed and posting an  
17 agenda is not considered one of our acts that we do; is  
18 that correct? Because if it is, then we have to post our  
19 agendas about, what, twenty days in advance?

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: Well, again, as Anthony pointed out,  
21 it's the weekend days count unless the final day of the  
22 period falls on the weekend. And that's when that  
23 passage is triggered. It's not whether the weekends  
24 intervene. If the weekends intervene, they still get  
25 counted as long as your final day of performing that act

1 falls during the week. Perfect. That's exactly what I  
2 wanted you to clarify. Thank you.

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: You're welcome.

4 Okay. Kristian, we still have no callers?

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: That is correct, Chair.  
6 No one in the queue.

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. On the on the motion, I  
8 think -- and Anthony, help me here. I think it's  
9 important, given what Commissioner Fernandez said, that  
10 this is an action to approve draft language for  
11 becoming -- before it becomes law. And it can't become  
12 law unless we endorse it. So I think we need -- the  
13 language to be very specific on this.

14 ATTNY PANE: I think Corina is working on that right  
15 now.

16 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

17 ATTNY PANE: Commissioner Fernandez, I don't know if  
18 you have thoughts on what the motion detailed language  
19 you or Commissioner Akutagawa could take.

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I was making it easy. Were  
21 just approval to approve the language and AB 1761 as it  
22 stands today instead of having to put the exact language.

23 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, and I agree that was  
24 my intent for the second. I think it's just naming that  
25 we're approving that language in AB 1761.



1 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah.

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: And I don't think it needs  
3 to prior to becoming law. I think it's just motion to  
4 approve the draft language or I don't.

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

6 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Anthony, I don't even know  
7 it has to say draft. It's just actually a motion to  
8 approve the language in AB 1761.

9 ATTNY PANE: Yeah. And we would have a date on it.  
10 So we know what the version was that we approved.

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: Well, so given that we're voting  
12 today, I would suggest that it be as of today.

13 ATTNY PANE: That works.

14 MS. LEON: Okay. That's approving language for  
15 AB --

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: 1761.

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: And it should be approved  
18 language in AB 1761. Yeah. Thank you.

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: Should we put to amend Section 8251  
20 of the government code?

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I don't think it's  
22 necessary. We could --

23 ATTNY PANE: But you could. But if it dramatically  
24 changes like I got an amend and all of a sudden, maybe  
25 1761, it's something else. That's why we would have the

1 date, sort of the date restriction on it. You know, the  
2 language is this date.

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. So then, Corina, on motion  
4 name legislature should be legislative. Okay.

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Shouldn't we say as approved  
6 language that as of April 4, 2023?

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: Well, I guess it would be the  
8 date -- Anthony, the date that we posted it, which was  
9 the 7th, or do we have --

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: It's still the same  
11 language today.

12 ATTNY PANE: Yeah.

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

14 ATTNY PANE: I reckon that we have to wait so that  
15 it's -- coincides with the action the Commission has also  
16 taken.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right.

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I would also say -- let's  
19 see -- defining a day. But anyway that we were talking  
20 about what we're talking about, similar to what  
21 Commissioner Kennedy -- Chair Kennedy was talking about  
22 saying the legislative code, but just a little looser and  
23 that asked to approve language in AB 1761 as important as  
24 duh, duh, duh regarding defining a day.

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Fernandez, does that



1 work for you?

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Sure.

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Akutagawa?

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Sure. That works.

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you.

6 Okay. And just one last change, I think. Can we  
7 change the name of the motion to support for AB 1761?  
8 Okay. And down under motion, seconded by we need  
9 Commissioner Akutagawa's name. Okay. That is looking  
10 good to me.

11 Chief Counsel Payne, does that look good to you?

12 ATTNY PANE: Thumbs up.

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Very good.

14 Corina, please proceed with roll call.

15 MS. LEON: Thank you.

16 Commissioner Ahamd?

17 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yes.

18 MS. LEON: Commissioner Akutagawa?

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

20 MS. LEON: Commissioner Andersen?

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

22 MS. LEON: Commissioner Fernandez?

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

24 MS. LEON: Commissioner Fornaciari?

25 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes.





1 MS. LEON: Commissioner J. Ray Kennedy? I'm sorry.  
2 Commissioner Kennedy?

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes.

4 MS. LEON: Okay. Commissioner Le Mons?

5 VICE CHAIR LE MONS: Yes.

6 MS. LEON: Commissioner Sadhwani?

7 Commissioner Sinay?

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

9 MS. LEON: Commissioner Taylor?

10 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes.

11 MS. LEON: Commissioner Toledo?

12 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yes.

13 MS. LEON: Commissioner Turner?

14 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

15 MS. LEON: Commissioner Vazquez?

16 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes.

17 MS. LEON: And Commissioner Yee?

18 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes.

19 MS. LEON: Thank you. Okay. That passed.

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you, everyone. We  
21 are at this point four minutes behind schedule. So we  
22 will move right on to the Website Subcommittee and the  
23 user interface presentation.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And we did. I'm sorry, we  
25 did have some more items to discuss.



1 CHAIR KENNEDY: Oh, you did?

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: We did not think that this  
3 was going to take so long to get done.

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. How much time do you  
5 anticipate?

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Quickly, I would hope, but  
7 I don't know how that.

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. I will say that for  
10 Finance and Admin, Chair Kennedy, we will not be needing  
11 our 30 minutes.

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Very good. So then let's  
13 continue with Legislative Affairs Subcommittee.

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you. I appreciate  
15 that. Unfortunately, we were supposed to post some  
16 language that had gone through the Legislative Council on  
17 the rotating chairs, so we did not get that in on time.  
18 So we'll do that next -- we'll post that for the next  
19 meeting.

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And then quickly, Anthony,  
22 can you share the letter for -- letter of support? So we  
23 want to submit a letter of support for AB 1761, which we  
24 just voted. And we kind of just wanted to make it short  
25 and sweet. So hopefully not too much back and forth.

1 I think you had the word document, Anthony, on that  
2 one. And that was posted. Hopefully, everyone's had a  
3 chance to review it. We just wanted to make sure that we  
4 submitted something. They have a hearing on the 19th of  
5 this month. And hopefully, as I mentioned earlier,  
6 they're hoping that it'll be on their consent calendar.  
7 So it's not even discussed.

8 But regardless, we'd like to submit a letter of  
9 support. Right now, Assembly Bill 1761, the only thing  
10 it does have is defining the day for us, it doesn't have  
11 anything else. So if there are no changes, I would -- do  
12 we vote? I think we vote for letter of supports, right?  
13 If I could --

14 ATTNY PANE: If the Commission is fine with the  
15 subcommittee sending it, that's fine. But yes, a vote  
16 would be good. Great as well.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Does it have to be like the  
18 super majority vote, Anthony --

19 ATTNY PANE: No.

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- or just a regular vote?

21 ATTNY PANE: No.

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. The word timely,  
23 despite its appearance, is not an adverb, it's actually  
24 an adjective. So I complete its work in a timely manner.  
25 Thank you.



1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sinay, you  
2 have your hand up.

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Just a quick question. Do we  
4 need to update our letterhead to not include the  
5 executive director or do we just keep him on  
6 indefinitely? That's a good point. We should probably  
7 change it to have a Corina's name. Thank you. And we  
8 can do that. I don't see any other hands, Chair.

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Fernandez.  
10 So we have this letter of support for the action  
11 that we've just voted to approve. So we need to -- we  
12 need a motion, I guess, to send this letter. We need a  
13 second, need discussion, and then we need a vote.

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. I'll motion.

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I'll second.

16 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Fernandez moves.  
17 Commissioner Akutagawa seconds. Any discussion from  
18 Commissioners?

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I think that might have  
20 been Commissioner Turner that seconded.

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Oh.

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Sorry. She was faster than  
23 me.

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Commissioner Turner, I was  
25 seeing Corina's cursor and not the mouse. Thank you,

1 Commissioner Turner.

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Chair, I think --

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes?

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- Corina was making a  
5 correction. It should not go to the assembly member. It  
6 should be probably --

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: To the elections.

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, the assembly  
9 elections committee.

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. And in fact --

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: So in my experience then the  
13 letter -- that the inside address of the letter should  
14 read Assembly Elections Committee as the first line. And  
15 then the Honorable Assemblymember Isaac Jean Brian,  
16 Chair, as the second line. If it's being -- if it's  
17 being directed to the full committee. Because otherwise  
18 it does indeed seem to be a letter to Assemblyman Brian.

19 Commissioner Fernandez, are you okay with that?

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, I am. I was just  
21 changing it on my draft. Yes.

22 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Sorry.

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. So that letter -- the inside  
25 address can be changed.

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Seconded by Turner, Corina.

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Anthony has his hand up.

3 ATTNY PANE: Thank you.

4 ATTNY PANE: If we could just in the motion details,  
5 just I'd recommend that we stay with changes or something  
6 along those lines. Just referencing the changes the  
7 Commission has made. Thank you.

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Okay. Commissioner  
9 Fernandez, very good.

10 Okay. So Kristian, we would need -- unless there's  
11 any further discussion among the Commissioners, we need a  
12 call for public comment on the motion.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: You got it, Chair.

14 The Commission will not take public comment on the  
15 motion to give comment. Please call 877-853-5247 and  
16 enter meeting ID number 86445340935. Once you've dialed  
17 in, please press star 9 to enter the comment queue. The  
18 full call-in instructions are read at the beginning of  
19 the meeting and are provided on the livestream landing  
20 page. And I don't see anyone in the queue at this time.

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Let's give it a minute.

22 Okay. Corina, can you proceed?

23 MS. LEON: Thank you.

24 Commissioner Ahmad?

25 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yes.



1 MS. LEON: Commissioner Akutagawa?

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

3 MS. LEON: Commissioner Andersen?

4 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

5 MS. LEON: Commissioner Fernandez?

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

7 MS. LEON: Commissioner Fornaciari?

8 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes.

9 MS. LEON: Chair Kennedy?

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes.

11 MS. LEON: Commissioner Le Mons?

12 VICE CHAIR LE MONS: Yes.

13 MS. LEON: Commissioner Sinay?

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

15 MS. LEON: Commissioner Taylor?

16 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes.

17 MS. LEON: Commissioner Toledo?

18 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yes.

19 MS. LEON: Commissioner Turner?

20 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

21 MS. LEON: Commissioner Vazquez?

22 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes.

23 MS. LEON: And Commissioner Yee?

24 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes.

25 MS. LEON: Okay.



1 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, everyone.

2 Commissioner Fernandez?

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. One last thing that  
4 we'd like to go over quickly on.

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: On the second document that  
7 we posted. The regular one, the potential legislative  
8 changes. One of the items that we still had open was --  
9 I'm looking. It's on page 5 and it was changed. Changes  
10 to the size or composition of the applicant review panel.  
11 And that one has been on -- it's been on our chart since  
12 the beginning, almost.

13 But I also -- I want to the reason I'm bringing it  
14 up or we're bringing it up is that last -- at our last  
15 meeting, the continuity subcommittee, they sent out a  
16 survey. And on that survey, one of the questions we got  
17 was regarding the makeup of the panel. And there were  
18 nine commissioner responses that said leave it as is.  
19 And there was two that said to change it.

20 So our recommendation is, based on that information,  
21 is to then just leave it as is. Since it appeared, the  
22 majority of the commissioners wanted to leave it as is.  
23 So that was the last thing that we were bringing forward.

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. I mean, that sounds fine to  
25 me. This table is something that the subcommittee





1 manages for the convenience of commissioner reference,  
2 but if you don't bring forward a recommendation to act,  
3 we're not going to act.

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay.

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: So that is fine. And thank you for  
6 bringing that to our attention.

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Commissioner Sinay has her  
8 hand up, too.

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: It's hidden behind the recording  
10 button. Sorry about that.

11 Commissioner Sinay?

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you. I wanted to  
13 first -- it's not on that, but just in general, on the  
14 reports that you all gave, I thought I really, really  
15 appreciate how you put dates and summarized that based on  
16 the dates that really helped us see the progression.

17 My only concern was the word -- the use of the word  
18 consensus, because consensus usually means everybody  
19 agreed. And I don't think on some of the things that  
20 you -- that it states consensus we all agreed.

21 We just because we didn't vote or we didn't get to  
22 that point where we knew if there is consensus. I'd be  
23 fine with just taking out consensus and saying there was  
24 agreement on, but I'd be careful on using the term  
25 consensus.



1 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for that.

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay.

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: So the subcommittee will note that.  
4 Okay. That's it for the subcommittee at this point?

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I think so. Commissioner  
6 Kitagawa, are we good.

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: We're good.

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you.

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. So moving to the Website  
11 Subcommittee and user interface presentation.

12 Commissioner Andersen and Commissioner --

13 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Taylor. Taylor.

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: Taylor.

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. Thank you, Chair.  
16 And thank you, everybody. The Website Subcommittee has  
17 been working diligently with the staff on the entire  
18 website. And at this time, we're going to present great  
19 unveiling of our user interface.

20 As it stands today, I'm going to introduce the  
21 company who is doing all this work for us and with us.  
22 It is Analytica. Here we have with us -- we have Brent  
23 Johnson, Sophia Shaw, James Logan, and Michael Marks.  
24 And I'm just going to turn this over to them. They're  
25 going to do a quick who they are, what they're doing, and



1 we'll get right into the meat of it.

2 So Brent, if you could go ahead and take that away.

3 MR. JOHNSON: Yeah. Thank you, Commissioner  
4 Andersen, can I hear me okay?

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

6 MR. JOHNSON: Yes. Okay. So Sophia, I have you on  
7 to jump over to the slide deck. I think I've seen a  
8 different screen here of yours. But I thank you all for  
9 having us this morning.

10 We want to kind of go through here today was the  
11 kind of approach that we're taking in terms of replacing  
12 the existing Airtable solution with what we'll see today  
13 in terms of the new user interface. And let's go through  
14 a couple of slides on kind of that topic.

15 We'll spend the bulk of the time on the interactive  
16 demo itself so you can all see what the new tool looks  
17 like. And if you have any questions or comments, feel  
18 free to interrupt me throughout or save some for any  
19 feedback. So like I said, we'll just go through kind of  
20 a quick overview of the approach to the demo itself and  
21 then Q&A.

22 So going to go over to the next slide. Quick intro  
23 about us. We are Analytica Consulting. We are a  
24 database consulting firm located in San Diego, and I'm  
25 out of our Sacramento office up here in Northern



1 California. We work closely with state government as  
2 well as the private sector and really kind of all things  
3 data from storage, engineering, migration, all the way to  
4 kind of what we'll look at today, front-end facing  
5 dashboards, user interface, user experience. And we even  
6 do kind of data science and machine learning.

7 And there's just a handful of sectors that we work  
8 with. You might know our work. We work closely with the  
9 governor's office and CDH on the COVID-19 data. So all  
10 the data you can see and over the last few years related  
11 to COVID has been with our team.

12 So moving on to we're going to talk about today,  
13 moving over to the next slide. What we did basically for  
14 this project was we first started working with you all in  
15 end of December, the end of last year and basically take  
16 in the existing Airtable solution and migrating it to a  
17 different platform.

18 So at a high level, it's basically taking in  
19 different file types, whether it's CSVs, Excel, various  
20 data formats, bringing them into a centralized location,  
21 in this case AWS, which is Amazon Web Services and then  
22 visualizing it and a tool called Tableau, which is where  
23 the user interface exists. And that's what we're going  
24 to go through in the demo today.

25 Going through the data, as you might all be aware,



1 from gathering all this information is in a lot of  
2 disparate places. So we had to find a few different  
3 solutions for where to store and house this information.  
4 So starting with the actual input data and the maps  
5 themselves, those are housed within the user interface  
6 itself.

7       So what you'll see today with the map of the table  
8 contains all of the relevant information for most of the  
9 inputs and kind of where the different stratifications of  
10 that data slide. There's a couple other data sources  
11 that we explored for this.

12       So the public attachments themselves -- so the  
13 thousands of inputs that come in from the public where  
14 they would sometimes it be a PDF, sometimes be a Word  
15 Doc, PowerPoint, even some back in the napkin type  
16 images, those are all going to be stored in Amazon S3,  
17 which is just a storage utility. They're called buckets.  
18 So it's a kind of a bigger sized data set itself.

19       And then last but not least, was kind of a large  
20 videos. So these are like terabytes worth of the meeting  
21 videos and kind of large storage video files. Those are  
22 going to be housed on YouTube moving forward. And with  
23 that, just one other kind of note for some of the  
24 additional work outside of the development of the user  
25 interface itself.



1           One of the other big considerations for this was  
2 section 508 compliance. So this is something that we do  
3 all the time with public facing websites and dashboards.  
4 One of the challenges for this project was all of that  
5 information coming from the public doesn't always adhere  
6 to the same standards that we all we all use producing  
7 content for the public. So we're adding accessibility to  
8 the PDFs that are coming in from the general public to  
9 ensure that they meet compliant standards.

10           And then as I mentioned, we started this project at  
11 the end of last year. I think we're contracted through  
12 end of this year, so we'll be providing the maintenance  
13 and support for the go live both on the launch itself and  
14 then for the duration of the contract.

15           So with that, we're going to pivot over to the tool  
16 itself so you all can see what it looks like in action.  
17 Any questions while Sofia pulls up the live demo? No?  
18 Okay. Let's go over to the browser.

19           So as I mentioned earlier, this is all housed within  
20 Tableau Public. Tableau Public is the free online  
21 version of this visualization tool. That's where a lot  
22 of the coded dashboards are housed. A lot of state  
23 agencies use this technology to share information with  
24 the general public.

25           So what we're looking at here is the landing page



1 for the 2020 redistricting public input dashboard. So  
2 starting the top left of the screen. You can see the  
3 title there. There's the We Draw the Lines logo for the  
4 dashboard that actually links to the website. If you  
5 click on that. And we'll send this out for everyone  
6 afterwards. So you can play around with it on your own.

7 So going back along the top -- sorry, it looks like  
8 she's -- so it links out to the website itself. So if  
9 you go back to the top of the screen, you'll notice the  
10 four icons along the top, right. So this one that we're  
11 on now is the all-data page. That's the page that we're  
12 all looking at with the map and the table beneath that.

13 Summary page, if you want to go and click on that  
14 one, that's kind of a something we started when we first  
15 began this project that has some summary stats about all  
16 of the submissions and some graphs and inputs with  
17 filters about some of the toggles there.

18 So moving along from there, the next one -- and  
19 we'll go through a little bit actually some more detail  
20 is going to show you the navigation along the top. Third  
21 tab is interest mentioned. This is a word map with kind  
22 of the places mentioned. So if you want to go to the  
23 toggle on the top, right.

24 So this toggles between places mentioned there's  
25 social introspection and economic introspection. So

1 mining of data for kind of keywords within to see kind of  
2 what the distribution is of the most commonly mentioned  
3 terms or places within the data itself.

4       And then the last tab on the top right is resources.  
5 So resources has some additional links, some more from  
6 the commission, some URLs there. So find some more  
7 information link to the statewide database. The  
8 California Geo Portal, which houses all of the geographic  
9 information systems, information about some of the  
10 districts, and then a link to the U.S. Census Bureau.

11       So let's go back to the all-data tab at the front,  
12 and I'll pause there if there's just any questions about  
13 any of the navigation so far before we dive into the  
14 tool.

15       Or Commissioner Andersen, if you'd like to add any  
16 additional info.

17       COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: No, actually, I just on that  
18 one page, I don't know if anyone caught --

19       MR. JOHNSON: Yeah.

20       COMMISSIONER ADERSEN: -- the different filters and  
21 things. You will be seeing some filters here that were  
22 not obvious on the public facing Airtable. And this  
23 is -- and there will be a note on these that these were  
24 not available they were in the staff had created these  
25 filters, but we did not know they existed because I can't



1 remember why the particular is timing, things like that.

2 But going forward, this is not just for this is what  
3 we have, but it's also this is what could be for the 2030  
4 Commission. So I just want to just quickly say that and  
5 then hand it right back to you, Brent. Thank you.

6 MR. JOHNSON: Thank you so much. Yeah, that's a  
7 great point. So kind of a way we developed this. And I  
8 will say that this is still in development. So part of  
9 the reason that we're demo and an entry all today, it's a  
10 source of any feedback or additional ideas that you may  
11 have. We can easily kind of incorporate. The nice thing  
12 with this tool is it's very iterative. So there are kind  
13 of changes or tweaks. And I'm happy to explore options  
14 there.

15 So this is kind of the main page that's sort of  
16 the -- more or less 1 to 1 replacement with some  
17 additional bells and whistles from the Airtable. So you  
18 can see kind of the map on the top half of the screen and  
19 then the data table underneath. If you recall from the  
20 old Airtable, there wasn't really an exact link between  
21 the two.

22 So one of the main pieces of work for building this  
23 dashboard was ensuring that these kind of -- the data  
24 from each of the records actually links back to the map  
25 itself before they were kind of two disparate tools. Now



1 they're linked by where you can select any of the rows on  
2 the table below. And I'll update the map that you're  
3 looking at up top.

4 So starting from the top left, there's kind of this  
5 filter line with some various filters. So the first one  
6 is all California. So this is basically any records that  
7 were not just about a specific region or county, but were  
8 sort of highlighted as affecting the state as a whole.  
9 So there's a quick toggle there.

10 The next one is a barbell filter. You can see the  
11 date of submission from January 2020 through March 2022.  
12 So this allows you to filter the records by the data  
13 submission. I think there was kind of a batch load. A  
14 lot of them occurred, I believe, in November of 2020 or  
15 2021. You can adjust the filter based on when the data  
16 is that you're interested in looking at.

17 And then the next three filters are kind of your  
18 traditional dropdown filter. So you can select a  
19 particular county or multiple counties if you want to  
20 look at just records that include a particular county.  
21 And then same goes for submission source and type of  
22 submission. You can filter both the map and the table by  
23 specific records relative to those specific categories.

24 So I think the example that we wanted to go through  
25 here was for Orange County. You can see Sophia went to



1 the dropdown for county, selected Orange County, and then  
2 you can see the table beneath updates to just those IDs  
3 and just those records that have Orange County included  
4 as part of the input.

5       And then what she's doing right now is highlighting  
6 more than one record. So from the table below, she  
7 multiselected ID 173, ID 181, and ID 2023. And you can  
8 see on the map above it sort of selects those. You can  
9 see where those are located above there. So this tool is  
10 similar in that sense in that you can kind of use the  
11 filters along top to narrow the universe -- the records  
12 that you're looking at.

13       And then from the table below, you can select  
14 individual records or multiple records to see where  
15 they're located on the map tool above. Any questions  
16 about that interaction? So again, she started out the  
17 county selected an individual county, in this case Orange  
18 County, and then highlighted a few records from beneath  
19 there. No?

20       One of the feature here is you notice on the table  
21 below, there's kind of some other columns with additional  
22 categories. The one I wanted to highlight is what  
23 Sofia's hovering on here. So if you hover on the  
24 summary, if you recall from Airtables, there's kind of a  
25 description or whatever the record was beneath it. And a



1 lot of these are pretty long.

2       So if you hover over a particular summary in this  
3 case, the one that we're looking at, you can kind of read  
4 the full contents of what was contained within it, as  
5 well as a few of the data points above in the same  
6 summary box about what that particular record is.

7       Okay. One thing that's in development now -- so  
8 this will be probably featured if you take a look at this  
9 link over the next coming weeks is the attachment. So  
10 you'll see the second to last column. And the table  
11 below is the attachment itself. So these will actually  
12 be pretty similar to what you remember from Airtables.

13       Will it be an icon where you can select whatever  
14 those attachments are? And there you can see a preview  
15 of what that whether it's a PDF for image or whatever the  
16 content was submitted by the particular user is one of  
17 the challenges with this is again, back to the section.

18       By the way, if your clients were just making sure  
19 that all of these PDFs and files are accessible so that  
20 they have kind of the requisite descriptions and headers  
21 within the tags to ensure that they can be read by folks,  
22 regardless of their readability issues.

23       Okay. I think that was the main content for this  
24 tab. Anything else that I missed from the team? Any  
25 questions from the Commission?

1           COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I just want to say  
2 Commissioner Sinay has a question?

3           COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. This is awesome. I  
4 think it would have been really helpful when we were  
5 doing the maps to have something very similar to this.  
6 Definitely appreciate that you can kind of hover over  
7 pieces.

8           I'm hoping that for 2030 they will also be able to  
9 hover over districts and see why certain districts were  
10 done the way they were. That includes like the comments  
11 from the commissioners or what we -- why we drew a  
12 certain line because we started moving line and we  
13 couldn't always remember what people had said earlier,  
14 why we had drawn the line that was there. But thank you  
15 so much. This is awesome.

16           COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, I might just say the  
17 one thing that jumped out to me is what we always asked  
18 for but couldn't get while you're drawing, which is we  
19 totally understand why -- as you're drawing, you can't do  
20 that. But here you can actually see you can overlay the  
21 COIs. You could actually see the COIs and put three or  
22 four of them together. And we that would be so, so  
23 helpful to do. And here we have it.

24           So that's the one thing that you made me very  
25 excited about this. And it is a bit small right now, but

1 because we're trying to show it like this. Could you  
2 just quickly just kind of -- just read through the let's  
3 see, like the topics that -- at the top, right, where  
4 certain categories are?

5 MR. JOHNSON: Yeah. And we'll send this out to you  
6 so you can explore. So along the very top, the kind of  
7 four main NAV tabs are all data, summary, interest  
8 mentioned, and resources. So being through the beginning  
9 part of it, the filters. So I mentioned before, there's  
10 all kind of a corner filter where you can just toggle  
11 between whether or not the records included all of  
12 California or not.

13 The second filter is data submission. So that's a  
14 barbell where you can slide between January 2020 and  
15 March 2022, which affects the data period that you're  
16 looking at. The next filter is county. So all fifty-  
17 eight counties in California, as well as some NULL and  
18 all California selections underneath there.

19 The next filter is submission source. So this is  
20 whether it's input or if it came from  
21 drawmycommunity.org, email, letter, etc. The next filter  
22 is type of submission. So this is the kind of category,  
23 whether it's a general comment, if it was input on maps,  
24 the different categories that were assigned based on  
25 whatever the COI was, and I think some of these are



1 multiple. So as long as it's one of these, it'll be  
2 included in the search.

3 Same goes for County. If there's multiple counties  
4 listed within the record, as long as you select one of  
5 them, it'll show any one that has that contained within  
6 it. And then the last one is the one that we're kind of  
7 developing. But it's a wildcard search similar to like a  
8 Google search for any of the text within the summary.

9 So if you wanted to say find any records that have  
10 the word Roseville in it or something like that, you  
11 could just isolate a specific word. It's not one of  
12 those discrete categories from before. So that's the  
13 filters along the top. There is the map beneath it. And  
14 then the table at the bottom.

15 I think you're mostly already familiar with this,  
16 but I just read it from left to right. I've record  
17 County type of submission, submission source we covered.  
18 There's the COI, which is the unique ID, kind of  
19 assigning each one data submission, any cities mentioned  
20 economic interest, mentioned landmarks, mentioned  
21 neighborhoods mentioned, other geography mentioned or  
22 other interest mentioned, social interest mentioned.

23 And then the last two categories are the link to  
24 what will be the PDF attachment preview and then the  
25 summary text which Sophia highlighted earlier. You can



1 read kind of the full contents of whatever that  
2 submission was in terms of the raw text.

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Great. Thank you, Brent.

4 MR. JOHNSON: Yeah.

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: And then are we going to --  
6 if actually if you could just do the -- because this is  
7 how the format that we saw that we're very familiar with.

8 MR. JOHNSON: Um-hum.

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: And then could you do sort  
10 of the -- in the, I guess, it was interest mentioned?

11 MR. JOHNSON: Yeah. It's going to be interesting  
12 because this is a brand new tab that we created in the  
13 last couple of weeks based on some feedback from the  
14 team. So this is a -- Sophia went briefly went through  
15 it earlier. So if you remember those mention categories  
16 on the top right here are the filters, there's this  
17 dropdown for interest mentioned.

18 So here you can toggle between placements in social  
19 interest mentioned or economic interest mentioned. So we  
20 can obviously expand this other categories if they're of  
21 no, the top half of the visual is a word cloud where the  
22 size of the text is based on the number of mentions. So  
23 in this case you can kind of see some more economic  
24 conditions, shared economy, local economy, employment  
25 kind of jump out at the top.





1           If you're kind of traditional and you want to see  
2 CVAP in a more standard data format, you can see the  
3 descending bar chart underneath. I think we capped some  
4 of these because there are so many things mentioned at  
5 the top and a number is based on the amount.

6           One feature that will probably add to this is just  
7 allowing the user control, whether you just want to see  
8 the top ten, top twenty, top thirty, etc. for each of  
9 these categories. But it's kind of just a way to take a  
10 look at some of the more quantifiable mentions and just  
11 kind of sort them from most to least.

12           COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Great. Thank you, Brent.  
13 And the idea here is different ways to sort things,  
14 looking at it differently, which at this point I think  
15 unless Brent did you have more that you want to go into  
16 or.

17           MR. JOHNSON: No, I mean I think that's kind of the  
18 bulk of it. Kind of just what we were trying to get the  
19 sense of from both, you, Commissioner, and the Commission  
20 itself was any other ideas or -- I think the thing to  
21 think about here is we can stratify this kind of any  
22 which way.

23           So we have kind of our own thoughts about that that  
24 we presented with the team, and that's kind of where we  
25 are at now. But we're still in kind of the down phase.



1 So if there are kind of additional ideas or feedback that  
2 anyone has on this call, we're happy to incorporate those  
3 into the final tool.

4 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Great. Thank you. Oh, go  
5 ahead. I'd like to ask -- Commissioner Yee has a  
6 question.

7 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes. Thank you, subcommittee and  
8 Analytica. This is great work. And also, I actually  
9 want to go back and redraw maps. Just a couple of notes.  
10 I'm thinking of how are people going to -- anyone is  
11 going to actually use this. I think the keyword search  
12 is actually super important. And it seems to me to be  
13 probably the most likely way anyone -- a lot of people  
14 would use this to look up input on specific places or  
15 specific topics that maybe going to the next  
16 redistricting cycle they want to check back on and what  
17 was submitted this cycle. So that would be important.

18 The use of the term null, I think is maybe probably  
19 layman unfriendly and small and wonky.

20 MR. JOHNSON: Maybe it is a different way to explain  
21 just typically what people talk about and not in the data  
22 world or not.

23 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah.

24 MR. JOHNSON: That's easy to change out.

25 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah.



1 MR. JOHNSON: So it's going to be back.

2 COMMISSIONER YEE: And same thing on the all when  
3 you toggle you have they're all falls true. And I'm not  
4 even quite sure what that what that does or I missed  
5 that. But just to make that more layman friendly. Yeah,  
6 that's all. Thanks.

7 MR. JOHNSON: Okay. We can do that. Yeah. And I  
8 think to the point earlier. And I think a couple people  
9 have mentioned that a lot of this is -- I think was pin  
10 points from the last cycle that we're hoping to sort of  
11 remedy both in the data collection and their usage and  
12 visualization of this for 2030.

13 A lot of it, I think with the data in particular was  
14 establishing guardrails and just ensuring that the  
15 contents coming in the same way so that there's sort of  
16 less cleanup and maybe a more standardized way of  
17 approach doing this moving forward.

18 COMMISSIONER YEE: Well, yeah, real quick. Also, I  
19 don't know if the map that pops up could be zoomable.  
20 That would be really nice.

21 MR. JOHNSON: Yeah, I think it is. If you go in  
22 there, it sort of is defined by whatever the selection  
23 is. But yeah, you can also -- there's some zoom controls  
24 there. You can zoom in and out.

25 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Great. Yes. And now just



1 back on it, the Commission was sort of asked, how did you  
2 use this? What did you like, didn't like? Those are  
3 being incorporated. And we did. We got about six or  
4 seven replies. Thank you very much.

5 If there's any more things that you would like to  
6 see, please submit to Corina, because then we can  
7 incorporate these and clean this up, work with this. So  
8 it was very interesting how people surprisingly did use  
9 it very similarly.

10 Of course, as your use -- as the date is coming in  
11 and as you're reading everything, because of course the  
12 commission read everything and then there's going back  
13 and trying to find particular things. So it has that --  
14 it needs to have that double usage, which we are trying  
15 to consider.

16 So I think that's about it. Unless there are more,  
17 please send all your comments in again to Corina and we  
18 will continue on. And thank you very much, the team. We  
19 really appreciate it. It's funny when you get into this  
20 look like, oh, that's pretty easy. This was a lot of  
21 work. And I really appreciate the time and effort that  
22 Analytica has been work has been doing and our entire  
23 staff.

24 Commissioner Akutagawa?

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. First I just want to



1 say this is great work. I mean, I really wish we did. I  
2 think Commissioner Sinay said the same thing. I really  
3 wish we had something like this seems much more usable  
4 and user friendly too.

5 Just a couple quick questions given just timelines  
6 that were working under Commissioner Andersen and  
7 Commissioner Taylor, are you anticipating that the work  
8 on this will finish before June 30th?

9 And once it's completed, is the expectation that  
10 this is going to then stay as is for anybody who is going  
11 to be looking to access, you know, data from 2020. It's  
12 going to stay as is until the next Commission is seated?

13 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes. On the June 30th.  
14 That's what we're pushing for. And yes, those are  
15 exactly the criteria that we are -- we know what did not  
16 happen for us. We had a lot of this information from  
17 2010 and we had no idea and couldn't access any of it.

18 That is the -- Brent quickly mentioned the  
19 maintenance. There's a lot more to building it and just  
20 keeping it going for it. There's a lot more to keep it  
21 going because of software changes and things like that.  
22 It's not so much that the data will change, but accessing  
23 it, the ability to access this will change.

24 And we do want to do that with then with the idea in  
25 mind that we can come back to this, bring it up to date

1 to hand as an example to the 2030. They can do  
2 whatever -- they can do whatever they want, but this  
3 would be a reasonable way that they could start. This  
4 is, boy, we wish hindsight's 2020 and we sure wish we  
5 could have done this then.

6 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Commissioner Andersen, just  
7 a follow up, and only because I think we've had  
8 discussions about, just the limitations to our budget.

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

10 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: So it sounds like there is  
11 going to be some maintenance costs and things like that.  
12 I mean, we understand the importance of it. Sometimes  
13 it's not always understood beyond it. And there are  
14 other competing priorities, obviously.

15 So I am curious as to how the future maintenance of  
16 this has been thought through as well, too, because I  
17 would hate for us to lose all of this. This is great  
18 stuff. And I would just hate to lose any of it because  
19 we haven't been -- we're not able to maintain it  
20 properly.

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: That has been -- and Corina  
22 might even handle that one because she's been putting  
23 these costs forward as incorporating what we can and  
24 can't do, which is why we did make some changes from  
25 Snowflake. We've switched with economics in mind, so.



1 MS. LEON: Yes. A lot of the decisions are the  
2 planned with this is so it is maintainable for the  
3 next -- till the next Commission. So I can get into  
4 details on that.

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. Yeah. It's just the  
6 finance has been considered and is incorporated in the  
7 budget moving forward. Yeah.

8 MR. JOHNSON: Yeah. I can answer just from the  
9 technical side. There are dashboards. That we've built  
10 that are, you know, several years running and still out  
11 there. I think there is -- obviously I don't  
12 underestimate the maintenance component.

13 But one, especially since the data is locked and  
14 then once the initial done, it's a fraction of why that  
15 is moving forward. So it's something to consider. And I  
16 think the team has been reaching out in terms of the  
17 technical piece on that.

18 But it is something that we have done in other  
19 places where there are aspects of what exists that is  
20 from five or six years ago, etc.

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Commissioner Fernandez.

22 MS. LEON: You're on mute, Commissioner.

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I know. I just realized  
24 that. Thank you. Thank you, Brent, and team, and also  
25 Commissioner Andersen and Taylor for bringing this

1 forward. Yeah, I love it, too. I don't want to minimize  
2 what we had during our process. I think the issue with  
3 what we had is actually not the Airtable. It was we were  
4 trying to do too much at one time.

5 We were trying to learn mapping, we were trying to  
6 draw lines, we were trying to learn the Airtable. We  
7 were trying to look at the COI database. But having  
8 something like this for the next set of commissioners  
9 early on so they can get used to it will be wonderful so  
10 that they can -- they don't have to at least learn how to  
11 use that when they're in the midst of trying to draw  
12 lines. But thank you so much, Brent and your team for  
13 this.

14 MR. JOHNSON: Yeah. No problem. You're welcome.

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Great. Well, I think we  
16 might -- thank you very much, Analytica, and  
17 Commissioners for indulgence on this demonstration. I  
18 believe we're going to hand it right back to you,  
19 Commissioner Kennedy -- Chair Kennedy.

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.  
21 It is 6:02. It is time for a fifteen-minute break. So  
22 sorry, 11:02. So I will see everyone at 11:17.

23 MS. LEON: Thank you.

24 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Great.

25 (Whereupon, a recess was held)





1 CHAIR KENNEDY: Welcome back to the April 10th, 2023  
2 meeting of the California Citizens Redistricting  
3 Commission. Moving along with our subcommittee updates,  
4 we have a -- some special guests with us courtesy of the  
5 Continuity Subcommittee. So I will turn it over to  
6 Commissioner Sinay and Commissioner Fornaciari.

7 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Thanks, Chair Kennedy.

8 So let's see. I want to start by welcoming our  
9 guests in the order that I -- they're popped up on my  
10 screen from left to right. We have Rosalind Gold from  
11 NALEO. We have Alejandro Ponce de Leon from Catalyst,  
12 California, and Jonathan Mehta Stein from Common Cause.  
13 And we may have James Watson join us if he is available.  
14 Kind of unclear.

15 And they're here -- they've been with us before in  
16 in panel discussions. Today we're not going to have a  
17 panel discussion. We've just invited them in to be part  
18 of the conversation today.

19 And so what the plan is, is we put some slides  
20 together to continue the conversation that we've been  
21 having about the things that the Commission can do.  
22 We've had a number of conversations about them over the  
23 past few meetings with, as you all know, we had a survey  
24 that went out there. We talked about the outcome of the  
25 survey and kind of where everyone was at.



1           The thing we hadn't talked about to this point is  
2 schedule. And what does schedule look like. And so the  
3 intent of the conversation here is to include schedule --  
4 include scheduling, conversation, and understand -- and  
5 begin to understand what the trade-offs were would be for  
6 potentially changing the schedule or sticking with the  
7 baseline schedule.

8           So I've got a -- I've got a set of slides that that  
9 I put together. And what I'm going to do is I'll go  
10 through those slides and then we'll open it up for the  
11 conversation. And what we were kind of hoping for was to  
12 come to a conclusion on which schedule we want to pursue.

13           But as you'll see, when I get into the conversation  
14 or when I get through the slides, it's not all entirely  
15 up to us potentially. So I'm going to pause there and  
16 ask Commissioner Sinay if -- to add what I missed, what  
17 she'd like to add here.

18           COMMISSIONER SINAY: Oh, no, that was great,  
19 Commissioner Fornaciari. I think we invited our guests  
20 for several reasons, including we missed them so much.  
21 But it's fun to see a full house today. We have twenty-  
22 nine people -- panelists, and it's been a while.

23           But there have been at different times in our  
24 conversations, either our conversations or the  
25 legislative committee -- subcommittees conversations,

1 just different where we said, well, what would the groups  
2 think or last time? And so even though today we're going  
3 to be discussing the timeline, if there's a question that  
4 pops up in your mind from before you look through your  
5 notes and there is one you highlighted, you can also ask  
6 those questions as well.

7 But as Commissioner Fornaciari said, we're doing the  
8 presentation and then everybody is equal in asking  
9 questions and answering questions. We'll facilitate that  
10 process.

11 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. Now I need to get  
12 my slides up. Sorry. I'm not as prepared as I should  
13 have been here. Just one sec. Thank you. Okay. All  
14 right. So I'll just start sharing my screen and I'll go  
15 through the slides, and then we'll open it up for  
16 conversation.

17 Okay. So I wrote this -- the first slide, just put  
18 this first three together so that we can -- just to frame  
19 the conversation. I think I've touched on it, but the  
20 last two slides are a couple of said potential schedule  
21 options.

22 And that especially what the commissioners are  
23 responsible for parts of those are really kind of  
24 possible actions that the Commission can take. They're  
25 not recommendations are not an exhaustive list. Just an

1 idea of to help us understand what the trade-offs might  
2 be.

3       Okay. Now if I can -- so I'm going to start off by  
4 talking about a couple of timelines. The first timeline  
5 is the baseline timeline. This is this is the schedule  
6 that we would have followed had there not been COVID and  
7 the delays associated with that. Oh, and then, the  
8 different colored sort of portions of the timeline,  
9 completely notional. Right.

10       I mean, just to give us an idea, you know, stand up  
11 and onboarding, that's about how long it took us for  
12 standing up and onboarding. Mapping is pretty much set  
13 in stone, how long that's going to take.

14       And then just for outreach and education and public  
15 input, kind of maybe how much time they would have. But  
16 of course all these timelines overlap as we know. But  
17 anyway, I just put these colors on there to kind of help  
18 us get a notional idea of what things might look like.

19       Anyway, the fourteen Commission should be seated by  
20 August 15th and then the maps would be released a year  
21 later. So give them one year to stand up to do the  
22 outreach and education portions of it, to do public input  
23 and then the mapping portion.

24       So then expanded schedule is a schedule that we had  
25 been talking about potentially looking at is we feel that



1 with -- the thought is that there would be no statutory  
2 changes required for the Commission, the first fourteen  
3 to be seated at the at the beginning of January.

4 So I just wanted to put a schedule together like  
5 that to see what -- so we can all see what that would  
6 look like. Right. So it's seven and a half more months.  
7 And Commissioner Kennedy, did you have a comment?

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah, just on that, my understanding  
9 is what we're talking about, because we're a little bit  
10 apples and potatoes here because the top line has  
11 fourteen commissioners selected by August 15th. This  
12 expanded schedule has fourteen commissioners seated by  
13 January 2nd. And that's not the case.

14 We'd be talking about the random draw for the first  
15 eight taking place in early January and then the first  
16 eight selecting the final six and being able to hold a  
17 first meeting of the full Commission by, I believe, the  
18 middle of February.

19 So essentially it's just moving back the -- both  
20 dates, the random draw date and the first meeting of the  
21 full Commission by six months.

22 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. Okay. So I  
23 misunderstood the thinking there. I appreciate that  
24 clarity. So then it would be it would be cheating  
25 fourteen six months earlier. But I don't think that that

1 really materially changes the conversation we're going to  
2 have here significantly. Okay. But so the bottom line  
3 is it's six months more time for the Commission to  
4 conduct their business.

5 And so this next slide I just wanted the intent of  
6 this slide was to give everyone an idea of and I keep  
7 saying I, sorry, Patricia, it's we put this together.  
8 It's not just me and I apologize. I just wanted to kind  
9 to give us all an idea of how long everything took if we  
10 overlaid what we did on the baseline schedule.

11 And so with regard to hiring, I picked the two hires  
12 where we redid the statement, the posting, reposted and  
13 hired. And it was two and a half months from the time  
14 the committee was formed until the -- those folks  
15 started. And that was our first chief counsel and our  
16 communications director.

17 And so I overlaid it on -- when we formed those  
18 committees at the end of August, in mid-November, is when  
19 those folks came on board. So you can see, in that time  
20 frame, hiring is kind of a reasonable thing for them to  
21 do effective for the next Commission to do effectively in  
22 a timely manner. And then I overlaid are contracting for  
23 obviously for outside counsel, VRA counsel, line drawing.  
24 And that's five months for outside counsel and eight  
25 months for VRA counsel, five months for line drawers.



1           Now, all those things could have probably been done  
2 a bit more quickly than we did them. Obviously, the  
3 first time around, they did them quickly enough because  
4 they had less time there in 2010. Right. But I just  
5 give everyone an idea of how long it took us to get these  
6 things done while we start thinking about schedule.

7           The thing that is not on here is how long it took to  
8 get the database up and running. And I just didn't have  
9 the dates to put the -- we didn't we didn't have the days  
10 to put this all together. But I think we're in really  
11 good shape.

12           That presentation just had -- if we have that  
13 database in place for the next time around, it's a great  
14 place. Then we get started. So maybe that's not as big  
15 of a worry as it as it was for me. But you can see that  
16 the VRA Council wasn't wouldn't have been selected until  
17 a month into mapping and see if the next set of  
18 commissioners took as long as we took to place our VRA  
19 counsel.

20           So then I -- then option A is the expanded schedule  
21 with the caveats that Commissioner Kennedy put forward.  
22 I think that there was general agreement from the survey  
23 that we would like to update the job descriptions and we  
24 could update the statement of works from the contract  
25 that we put together. And we could do that now.



1 But some of the other things that that we could do  
2 if we had an extended schedule or potentially update the  
3 website, work with the California Complete Count, hire an  
4 administrator for payroll with contracting. Data  
5 management kind of up in the air with this extended  
6 schedule.

7 One of the things we talked about was updating the  
8 commissioner education materials and then participate in  
9 CSA auditor recruitment. But in order to have an  
10 expanded schedule, what will we have to do? And this  
11 came up at the last meeting, right? And I mean, this  
12 would be a lot of work and a lot of convincing here to be  
13 able to do this.

14 I'm not trying to, you know, sway anybody in either  
15 way, but just recognize that we have to get an agreement  
16 through the -- from the joint legislative Budget  
17 Committee and the Department of Finance provide funding  
18 for the work that we would do up until the next measures  
19 were seeded to pay for the staff to pay for whatever  
20 systems that we want to see put in place.

21 We'd also have to get the JLBC and Department of  
22 Finance to agree to provide seven and a half, six months  
23 or more financing for the Commission if we were going to  
24 go down this road. We'd also have to get the California  
25 State Auditor's Office to agree to the new timeline. You





1 can just it's pretty simple to think of how long the  
2 auditor takes. It's twenty-four months. They started  
3 twenty-four months before the fourteen was seated. So  
4 whatever schedule we pick, it's twenty-four months.

5 So if we decide on the expanded schedule, they have  
6 to start six months earlier. And then, if we decide to  
7 do some of the things on the left, we have to get the  
8 Auditor to agree to allow us to participate in education  
9 and recruitment, either have them hire staff or agree to  
10 us hiring staff, and then the California Complete Count  
11 has to kind of agree to let us participate if we decide  
12 to go down that route.

13 Patricia -- Commissioner Sinay?

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I just wanted to reiterate what  
15 Commissioner Fornaciari said, that the items on the left,  
16 these are what potentially could be what we do. We would  
17 we would come back to you all with more detail. But just  
18 to give a feel.

19 And I think last time you met Commissioner Le Mons  
20 made a really good point, that if folks start early, if  
21 the Commissioner -- the new occupants are seated earlier,  
22 then we need to do less work if the new -- and then I'll  
23 take it one step further, if they're seated later, then  
24 we may need to take on some responsibility just to help  
25 2030 be as successful, make it easier for the 2030

1 redistricting.

2       Everything is potential. We're talking nothing is  
3 definite. We're saying we're right now just trying to  
4 help you all think through what the possibilities could  
5 be.

6       COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. Thanks,  
7 Commissioner Sinay. Thanks for that. And then option B  
8 would -- is just looking at the baseline schedule. And  
9 so six months less time than the expanded schedule. So  
10 maybe what are some of the things that we would need to  
11 do? If we would -- if we wanted to help with the job  
12 postings updated the job descriptions and maybe have the  
13 postings prepared and ready for them to post.

14       I mean, we've even talked about potentially posting  
15 them ourselves. What are that? What are the thoughts  
16 there? But enabled in order to give the next Commission  
17 the best possible transition into their work. What are  
18 the things we might want to do?

19       Update the contract statement of work but maybe  
20 update the RFP, maybe even have the Office of Legal  
21 Services Review, and approve the RFPs, the public input,  
22 the data system, and I want to have that in place with a  
23 shorter schedule.

24       Again, work with the California Complete Count, and  
25 so we may want to consider hiring more people if -- with



1 a shorter schedule to again enable them to the next set  
2 of commissioners to hit the ground running. And update  
3 the -- we talked about that before. Same thing updated  
4 training and education materials and participate in  
5 recruitment.

6 So what would approvals how what is the approval  
7 situation look like in this case? We don't have to get  
8 approvals to change the schedule, obviously, because this  
9 is the baseline schedule. But if we want to do more in  
10 2029/2030 to get the Commission in place, we still need  
11 to get the JLBC and Department of Finance to agree to  
12 provide additional funding for us to do the work and for  
13 the staff and the systems, work with the Auditor to -- on  
14 the hiring issue and the recruitment.

15 If we wanted to get the or the contracts approved by  
16 OLS, we'd have to go down that road and then work with  
17 the California Complete Count. So these are just two  
18 cases for us to start thinking about what the impacts of  
19 schedule might be and how we might want to move forward  
20 with this.

21 So I'm going to -- I'm going to stop there and I'll  
22 turn it over to Commissioner Sinay for her to add  
23 whatever she needs to add and facilitate the  
24 conversation.

25 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So I can see all of you. I've



1 got two screens going. So I did put it up so I can see  
2 everybody. My question is, do you all want to keep the  
3 slides up? Or do you want to see each other during the  
4 conversation?

5 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I can put them back up.

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: We'll start with the  
7 conversation if we need to. We can we can go back and  
8 forth. The first question really for all of you is what  
9 is your gut when you're looking at the option A and  
10 option B? Remembering that we're basically looking at  
11 the timeline, not so much what the tasks will be, but  
12 knowing there'll be more tasks on us, the current  
13 occupants versus the new occupants on option B. And on  
14 option A, which is the longer timeline, they would have  
15 more time. Any thoughts? Questions?

16 Yes. Commissioner Fernandez? I almost said Ms.  
17 Fernandez.

18 COMMISSIONER FENRANDEZ: I'll just kick it off. I  
19 guess my initial gut feeling is that either approach is  
20 going to be a hard sell of finance and the legislature, I  
21 think, in terms of them agreeing to changing the  
22 timeline.

23 Part of it, too, is it took us so long to do the VRA  
24 contract, but I also feel that we knew we had the extra  
25 time. So that's why we took extra time. As the 2010

1 Commission, they were able to accomplish it. And I  
2 honestly feel that it's hard to say if they -- if we have  
3 more time we'll do better versus if we have less time, we  
4 won't do better.

5 So I think that's kind of like what I'm going  
6 through in my head right now is I don't know if the  
7 additional time will buy them anything. Because I do  
8 feel that if they start earlier, there could be the  
9 confusion of censuses trying to do what census needs to  
10 do. Right.

11 And then we want to throw redistricting in there and  
12 don't want to -- definitely don't want to confuse  
13 Californians in terms of census and the importance of  
14 that versus trying to also add on what redistricting is  
15 and how they can participate in that process.

16 So I'm not offering solutions. I'm just kind of --  
17 this is kind of what's going through my head right now.  
18 And then we also need to think about the funding if they  
19 do start earlier. Part of the cost was for  
20 commissioners, but a significant cost will also be staff  
21 because staff would be -- we would hire staff earlier as  
22 well. So there's that additional cost of the staffing as  
23 well.

24 And then the last thing I just wanted to mention was  
25 we could post job descriptions. I just want to remind

1 this commission that the state auditor posts the job  
2 descriptions for us and we decided to only go with one of  
3 them.

4 So that could be the same thing for the next  
5 Commission, is we could go through the whole process and  
6 they decide that they may have a strict definition of  
7 when independence is and they want to do their own thing.  
8 So I love the idea of wanting to help.

9 And I think this is probably where the state auditor  
10 also juggles back and forth of help. Because all that  
11 effort and all that time, I don't want to say wasted, but  
12 might be wasted because if the next set of commissioners  
13 decide they want to do it on their own, then all of the  
14 efforts that we put into it may not be used.

15 So I'm just -- I'm struggling right now. I'm just  
16 talking out loud. And but I do appreciate you guys  
17 bringing this forward. And I appreciate Rosalind,  
18 Jonathan, and -- where is she -- Alejandra rejoining us.  
19 And I can't wait to hear what your feedback is.

20 MS. Ponce de Leon: Thanks Alicia.

21 COMMISSIONER FORNACIAIR: Commissioner --

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes?

23 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Sorry. Can I jump in real  
24 quick, Commissioner Fernandez? I have a question for you  
25 with your Legislative Committee hat on. If you had this



1 conversation at all with the legislature that are  
2 completely reinventing expanding the schedule?

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Linda, I don't think we  
4 have, have we?

5 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: No, I don't. No.

6 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. Thanks.

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I think I will just say  
8 that as just strictly as just a committee between  
9 Commissioner Fernandez and I, with Chief Counsel Pane. I  
10 mean, we've touched on it lightly, but we haven't because  
11 we knew that this is the work that that you and  
12 Commissioner Sinay are doing.

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you. And I do see -- I'm  
14 going to go to first name since we're calling Rosalind,  
15 Jonathan, and Alejandra by their first name, I'm going to  
16 call all of us by our first names.

17 And I see you, Ray. And I see you, Russell. But I  
18 want to go to Alejandra, Rosalind, and Jonathan, and ask  
19 a question that's come up several times since you're  
20 here, and Alicia attached to it.

21 When the jobs were posted by the state auditors,  
22 there was pushback by the community. And the community  
23 didn't promote those job descriptions and didn't help in  
24 the recruitment because it was done by the auditors, not  
25 the commissioners. And that would be kind of different

1 because in this case it would be the current occupants  
2 would be doing it versus the future occupants.

3       And one of the conversations we had at our last  
4 meeting was our definition of independence when we first  
5 started was very narrow. And as we move back -- moved  
6 forward, we're like, gosh, we wish we would have, you  
7 know, use some of the resources that were there. But  
8 most likely, as Alicia said, the new commissioners are  
9 also going to -- it'll be interesting to see what their  
10 definition is.

11       But I just wanted to kind of get your read really  
12 quickly on some of the things that Alicia said before we  
13 move forward, because there was -- I know what Alicia  
14 said is what a lot what kind of gummed up a lot of our  
15 conversations we've had. So I thought it was a good time  
16 to bring you in quickly, just to get your gut instincts.

17       Alejandra?

18       MS. PONCE DE LEON: Hi. Good morning, everybody. I  
19 think in terms of last time around when the auditor  
20 posted the job descriptions, I think the concern was that  
21 this was an entity that really had like no experience in  
22 the actual redistricting work.

23       And for them to develop the draft, the scope of work  
24 or the job descriptions was a bit concerning because we  
25 didn't know from what angle they were coming from or if





1 those were going to be appropriate and actually helpful  
2 for what the commission would end up needing.

3       And so being able to advocate and to elevate the  
4 importance of the commissioners, the new commissioners  
5 coming in to really have a say was really just to ensure  
6 that they could really shape the process. Right. And  
7 being able to define what was going to be most critical  
8 for them in some of these positions, what were some  
9 values, skillsets. And so wanting to ensure that that  
10 was reserved for them.

11       I think now we're talking about a different  
12 situation where now we have the current commissioners  
13 being able to support the incoming commissioners. And so  
14 I think that still I think we want to be respectful of  
15 the new commissioners. We don't know at the end of the  
16 day what direction they will go.

17       But I think that there's a lot of knowledge that  
18 you're bringing in, a lot of expertise and experience of  
19 going through the process that can be very helpful for  
20 the new commissioners to maybe lean in on and look at and  
21 consider. And so I think it's just a different situation  
22 in terms of who was writing it then versus if this was to  
23 be the case moving forward.

24       COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you.

25       Rosalind?



1 MS. GOLD: I just first of all, I just want to thank  
2 you, Commissioner Sinay, and Commissioner Fornaciari for  
3 the incredible, incredible thoughtfulness. It's good to  
4 see everybody again. Yes. Redistricting is the gift  
5 that keeps giving. So I also want to thank the  
6 Commission as a whole and Chair Kennedy.

7 So yes. We feel strongly that given that the  
8 executive director is accountable to and will be carrying  
9 out the vision and the perspectives of the new  
10 Commission, that ultimately the final drafting, final  
11 searching really needs to be done by the new Commission.

12 There may be things that -- there's an incredible  
13 wealth of wisdom within the folks who are serving on the  
14 Commission now. And there may be ways that that can be  
15 shared. But ultimately, the new Commission is going to  
16 have to work and work very closely with the executive  
17 director for a long amount of time. And that's who that  
18 executive director is going to be accountable.

19 So in fact, yes, we also raised concerns when we saw  
20 the state auditor having such a big role in drafting the  
21 job description. I think, there doesn't have to be an  
22 extended amount of public comment on it, but certainly a  
23 little more transparency than there was this time around  
24 would be helpful as well for the new Commission.

25 Again, not only to get the support and wisdom of all

1 of you, but to provide the public with just a bit of more  
2 transparency about what that job description should look  
3 like and some of the qualities. So that's what our  
4 perspectives are on that issue.

5 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Great. Thank you, Rosalind.  
6 Jonathan?

7 MR. MEHTA STEIN: Thank you to everyone for the  
8 opportunity to join you in this space. And thank you to  
9 Commissioners Fornaciari and Commissioner Sinay for all  
10 the preparation that went into making this happen. I can  
11 be short because I just want to echo what Rosalind said,  
12 which is that in crafting and the job description can be  
13 done by this Commission, all that work can benefit from  
14 your experience and your wisdom.

15 But we would agree that it should be reviewed,  
16 modified, and ultimately published by the next commission  
17 after they have an opportunity to take public comment on  
18 it and hear from the public.

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you so much, all three of  
20 you. Yes, Ray, you're up. And Rosalind, Jonathan, and  
21 Alejandra, you can call us by our first names as well.  
22 Go ahead, Ray.

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Patricia.

24 Looking at looking at the first timeline where the  
25 two are on top of each other and correcting for my



1 comment earlier, I mean, they the bluish-purple segment  
2 and the yellowish segment would essentially be the exact  
3 same under either scenario.

4 I'm going to disagree with Commissioner Fernandez  
5 and say that the main difference between the baseline  
6 schedule and the expanded schedule really has nothing to  
7 do with the workings or I can't say it has nothing to  
8 do -- it has less to do with the workings of the  
9 commission itself and more to do with the orange and the  
10 green segments.

11 So outreach and education go from two months under  
12 baseline to six months under expanded. Public input goes  
13 from two months under baseline to four months for  
14 expanded. So to me, the beneficiaries, the major  
15 beneficiaries of the expanded schedule are the people of  
16 California, not the future Commission as Commission.

17 It's the people of California who are going to be  
18 the biggest beneficiaries of the expanded schedule. And  
19 if we can't get legislators to understand that, well,  
20 we've got bigger problems. Thank you.

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you, Commissioner. I  
22 mean, I think you, Chair. And you brought up a question  
23 that I also wanted to. But I was hoping Alejandra or  
24 Rosalind, or Jonathan would touch on. But it was that  
25 question about the census that when we look at -- when we

1 look -- first of all, we haven't defined what we're  
2 saying when we want to work with the census, what it will  
3 look like.

4 But in on the whole, what we've heard from all the  
5 commissioners as well as the community is it would be at  
6 the baseline, at would be good if the census explained  
7 that it is important to do the census to participate,  
8 because what they say now is it's important to do because  
9 that brings in power and money.

10 But they don't explain that the power of the money  
11 comes because of redistricting. So just being able to  
12 put that step into the census outreach is a lot of it.  
13 And then head on the other side of it is we ended up  
14 hiring some of the census staff. And it would be great  
15 if there was that outreach and whatnot that we could  
16 build on what the census did.

17 But the question I think that was brought up is will  
18 the public be confused if redistricting is happening at  
19 the same time as the census? I have my opinion on this.  
20 But the other piece of it is how does that affect the  
21 community groups doing outreach during -- and I think  
22 there's two ways to look at that as well.

23 So Rosalind, since you're shaking your head -- or  
24 nodding your head, I will let you --

25 MS. GOLD: So Commissioner Yee, did you have

1 something to say, or are you okay with me jumping in?

2 COMMISSIONER YEE: Please jump in.

3 MS. GOLD: Okay. Great. So first of all, thank you  
4 again. And I just want to let you know where our  
5 perspectives on this are coming from. Okay. Our  
6 organization has done three decades, at least, of  
7 outreach to mobilize Latinos and other residents of  
8 California to be counted in the census.

9 Since the Commission came into existence, we also  
10 have done outreach to encourage Latino civic leaders and  
11 community leaders to serve on the Commission. We have  
12 also done outreach to mobilize Latinos to participate and  
13 provide input during the Commission. And we've done  
14 nonprofit voter engagement for the last two decades. And  
15 so all of my comments are going to come from that  
16 perspective. Okay.

17 So first of all, we do agree that there is some  
18 basic overlap conceptually and in terms of the  
19 communities understanding between the census and  
20 redistricting. When we talk to people about  
21 redistricting, we do make a point of saying, hey, this is  
22 about our democracy.

23 This is the information and the numbers and -- that  
24 are going to make sure our opportunity, our community has  
25 a fair opportunity for representation. So there is some

1 ability to introduce those concepts when census outreach  
2 is going to be done. But that is at a very high and a  
3 basic level. And I just want to kind of look at your  
4 timeline there, right?

5 Your timeline has a lot of this public education  
6 occurring -- April 1 is Census Day. But then there's a  
7 lot of work that happens after the three or four months  
8 after Census Day when you have a regular census. Right.

9 We're taking questions from community members like,  
10 okay, what does this question mean? I didn't get my  
11 form. How do I get a form in Spanish? There's a lot of  
12 very detailed information like, well, oh, I didn't get my  
13 form turned into somebody's going to come to my door.  
14 Right.

15 That level of intense outreach -- okay -- from April  
16 1st till probably the fall -- right -- is not necessarily  
17 conducive or congruent for the kind of intense outreach.  
18 I'm not talking about the basic education, but for the  
19 kind of intense outreach that you do to get members of  
20 the public ready to testify about communities of  
21 interest.

22 So you have your public -- on the expanded timeline,  
23 you have the public input hearings. And if I'm assuming  
24 the public input hearings are what I call the intense  
25 community of interest hearings, where either virtually or



1 in person, you're going around. Right. It is going to  
2 be extremely difficult for us to get jumping off in  
3 January and have community members ready to send in maps  
4 of communities of interest to talk about their  
5 communities of interest, not only because we're still  
6 going to be finishing up census outreach, but the  
7 holidays. Right?

8       You've got -- it's very hard to organize community  
9 members during middle of November to the end of the year  
10 to have -- and we want people to go into those public  
11 input meetings. Right. It kind of needs to be fresh on  
12 their minds.

13       So you have a process where you maybe have a meeting  
14 two months in advance and then the two to three weeks  
15 before the actual community of interest meeting, you want  
16 to mobilize people again, finish your maps or finish your  
17 testimony process.

18       COMMISSIONER SINAY: All right. Sorry to interrupt,  
19 but I kind of got lost.

20       MS. GOLD: Oh, okay. Yeah.

21       COMMISSIONER SINAY: So just to give us a feel, are  
22 you saying that the baseline makes it more different --  
23 difficult or the expanded.

24       MS. GOLD: The expanded. Think about the Jan --  
25 thinking about jumping off in the first or the second



1 week of January with what I would call intense community  
2 of interest.

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay.

4 MS. GOLD: So think about that. Right. If you're  
5 doing that right at the beginning of January, that means  
6 we would be trying to organize community members to  
7 finalize their COI maps, to finalize their testimony  
8 during the holiday season.

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah. Yeah. Okay. Thanks,  
10 Rosalind.

11 MS. GOLD: Yeah, I just mentioned voter engagement.  
12 We're also going to be doing voter engagement in October,  
13 November. So I'm sorry.

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah. No, I just wanted to see  
15 if Jonathan and Alejandra wanted to add anything or --  
16 because I heard different opinions on this. And so I  
17 just want to see where -- how you all --

18 MR. MEHTA STEIN: Alejandra, do you want to jump in  
19 first?

20 MS. PONCE DE LEON: No. I can go afterwards.

21 MR. MEHTA STEIN: Okay. Yeah, I mean, I -- Rosalind  
22 makes some excellent points about the process of engaging  
23 communities around census and voter engagement. I want  
24 to talk for a second about the impact of moving the  
25 timeline on recruitment of commissioners -- Commission

1 applicants.

2       And ultimately, I'll just start with my takeaway,  
3 which is I think -- at least the -- my rough draft  
4 conclusion is that moving the start up by a few months  
5 could be really, really useful, and helpful. But there's  
6 a danger of going too far.

7       So first, I just think that giving the CRC more time  
8 for various start up activities would be really helpful,  
9 including all the work that goes into standing up a new  
10 state agency. The training especially perhaps expanded  
11 hands-on experiential training. As Commissioner Kennedy  
12 noted, additional time for public outreach and additional  
13 public input. All of that would be helpful, and that's  
14 obviously a net positive.

15       At the same time, the further or the earlier you  
16 get -- the earlier you get in the calendar, the further  
17 you get from the actual drawing of maps, I think the  
18 fewer -- and fewer people will be paying attention and  
19 the fewer community-based organizations will be doing a  
20 really intensive -- labor intensive work of recruitment.

21       Meaning that if you're if you're trying to recruit  
22 people in 2028, for example, 2027-2028, I think your  
23 applicant pool may be smaller, it may be more heavily  
24 slanted towards political insiders or lawyers or people  
25 who bring a lot of sophistication. And probably as a



1 result of all of that, it may be less diverse. And I  
2 think that creates really -- that creates obvious  
3 problems.

4       So I was just thinking about my own personal  
5 experience working on census in the last cycle, and  
6 Rosalind has -- can comment on this more and Alejandra as  
7 well. But it seems to me that that keeping the initial  
8 application period in 2019 instead of drifting into 2018  
9 might be helpful because I think there is a meaningful  
10 difference in terms of how many people are thinking about  
11 census in the one year before the actual census year, so  
12 to speak.

13       Sorry, I said 2018, I meant 2029 -- keeping it in  
14 2029 instead of 2028, I think, could be useful. And the  
15 initial according to the server charts, the initial  
16 application period is fourteen months before the seeding  
17 of the new commission, which would mean that if you  
18 wanted the initial application period to be in 2029, you  
19 would be seeding in the next CRC in the spring of 2030,  
20 but maybe not January of 2030.

21       I don't know if I was able to communicate that  
22 effectively, but it sort of leads to the conclusion that  
23 you would move up by a few months but not by six months.  
24 And then last opt for me, which is that to Patricia's  
25 question about confusion about like are we, are we making

1 things too complicated If we have redistricting  
2 recruitment in the air and we have census in the air at  
3 the same time.

4 Our experience, our firsthand experience with  
5 commission application recruitment and what we heard from  
6 partners is that the recruitment of Commission  
7 applications really operates fast with target outreach at  
8 super talented individuals, leaders in the community,  
9 less effective with a widespread or scattershot kind of  
10 publicity.

11 And the talented individuals who would be receiving  
12 that individualized outreach aren't likely to be  
13 confused, I don't think. I just think they can handle  
14 the idea of a Commission application and census  
15 participation at the same time.

16 Not to suggest that it isn't important to do  
17 widespread publicity of the Commission application. It  
18 absolutely is. But it feels like the most effective  
19 route to get amazing people into the pool is a one-on-one  
20 outreach and targeted recruitment. I hope that makes  
21 sense. Thanks.

22 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you, Jonathan.

23 Alejandra? And then I do see you, Russell.

24 MS. PONCE DE LEON: Well, thank you. So for me, so  
25 a lot of where I'm coming from is also thinking about the



1 community organizations that we work with. So definitely  
2 centering, like the perspective of multiracial power  
3 building groups, especially groups that are not big.

4 They're really small organizations across the region  
5 that don't have either the technical or the legal  
6 expertise or capacities around redistricting. And so  
7 it's really thinking from that perspective of what I'm  
8 going to be uplifting.

9 I think, in terms of the schedule, whether it's an  
10 extended schedule or the baseline schedule, I think  
11 definitely for these kinds of organizations. And when I  
12 spoke to -- speak about these power building  
13 organizations, I think that it probably resonates with a  
14 lot of other grassroots community groups across the state  
15 that may not be doing power building organizing.

16 But at the end of the day, these organizations need  
17 sufficient time. They need sufficient time to build  
18 internal capacity, because at least from this round, a  
19 lot of our partners, this was the first time ever doing  
20 redistricting.

21 So there's a lot of time that's needed internally to  
22 build up their capacity within their staff, their  
23 knowledge about redistricting, even trying to beef up  
24 their staff to do census on the one hand, and then  
25 redistricting. There needs to be sufficient time to

1 widen these types of organizations.

2       They don't work in silos. They work in partnerships  
3 either within regions or across the state. So having  
4 time to be able to coordinate, to come together, to work  
5 as a as a coalition across a state or within regions is  
6 going to be really critical in terms of how do they move  
7 forward, because a lot of the approach that our power  
8 building partners take on is really about building  
9 multiracial solidarity.

10       And so being mindful of like, how are we building  
11 our collective political representation and voice in this  
12 process? And once the redistricting process is over, but  
13 then how do we do it in a way that is not harming one  
14 group or the other?

15       So that's why coalition building and the  
16 coordination is so critical. There needs to be time for  
17 the community outreach and education at every stage of  
18 the redistricting process, as you know how complicated it  
19 is to prepare and support applicants to monitor.

20       So there's a lot of things that need to go there.  
21 And so for them, it's really about having sufficient  
22 time. And so when thinking about the overlap of the  
23 census and redistricting, on the one hand there's  
24 opportunities, right? There is an opportunity to merge  
25 messaging and education efforts on census and

1 redistricting.

2 Framing it like these go hand in hand. It's not  
3 just census on its own. And then redistricting that  
4 happens later as a separate process, but rather how are  
5 they connected? And I think that that is something that  
6 I think even our partners who went through this process  
7 of redistricting see it, feel it, and understand it.

8 And I think that many partners are not going to want  
9 to wait until later after census is over to start talking  
10 about redistricting. I think it's going to be critical  
11 to start embedding it. How does it get embedded? How do  
12 they do it in a way that actually becomes tangible and  
13 try to lessen the complexity about these issues? It's  
14 going to be a key challenge, right?

15 How do we how do we speak about these two? How do  
16 we frame them? How do we prepare workshops or whatever  
17 is needed to really get the community involved? But how  
18 do we do it in a way that actually does not overwhelm  
19 residents as well?

20 It is an organizing opportunity too, because as  
21 folks are doing census outreach -- and I think, kind of  
22 echoing what Jonathan uplifted, I think many of our  
23 partners are going to start thinking about who are those  
24 individuals in our community base and our leaders that  
25 would be ideal.



1           And then we want to start talking to them about this  
2 opportunity to apply. And so having that targeted  
3 approach might be something that they can do as they're  
4 like reaching out on census. And I think it does create  
5 an opportunity. And I think that's something that y'all  
6 are going to be talking more about.

7           But like, how does -- if we were to go the route of  
8 an extended timeline, how do we get the state to expand  
9 their focus and their investment towards both census and  
10 redistricting? There was a lot of effort -- a lot of  
11 resources going into the 2020 census.

12           And so how can we expand that conversation in order  
13 to ensure, like even an infrastructure to get built, as  
14 they did for the census building that up or having that  
15 transfer on to redistricting to support a lot of the  
16 community groups are going to do are going to be the  
17 trusted messengers that are going to really make things  
18 more tangible to residents, to give them the support and  
19 the investment and the resources to actually do it  
20 throughout that whole process.

21           So that's something separate but related, right? If  
22 that's an implication in terms. Because there's not  
23 going to be any easy. Right. And it is going to be a  
24 strain on power building organizations to do both at the  
25 same time. I'm not saying it's not going to be easy.





1 Even if they've gone through this redistricting cycle  
2 already is hard. And many of the residents  
3 redistricting, it's really for it. And still there's a  
4 lot of folks that have never heard of redistricting,  
5 Right. Even today. Right.

6 And so I think that those are key challenges. But  
7 thinking about it from the perspective of these  
8 grassroots power building organizations, what do they  
9 need to be successful can really help to deepen your  
10 conversation as you're thinking about the pros and cons  
11 of an expanded.

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And as Alejandra just said, the  
13 census conversation, we will go into more detail then. I  
14 really feel like the community should be hosting some of  
15 these conversations and include funders, Commissioners,  
16 state -- a lot of different people because it's a big  
17 conversation.

18 Yes, Russell, Thank you for your patience.

19 COMMISSIONER YEE: All good. No worries. Three  
20 quick notes. One is in the current 3R report, as it  
21 happens, the very first recommendation that comes up is  
22 start earlier this came out of our conversations. Now  
23 we're having a deeper conversation about that. So just  
24 to note that. The result of this conversation will end  
25 up in a revision one way or another of that section,

1 which is the first thing people will see if they read the  
2 report.

3       Second, the question is -- well, I like the question  
4 somebody raised it as well in earlier start they do a  
5 better result. You know that's kind of the bottom-line  
6 question. And the tricky part is it's hard to tell  
7 because we had -- we had an odd deadline -- odd timeline,  
8 right, with the census delay and so forth, an extra four  
9 months or so.

10       At the same time, actually, we had less time than  
11 2010 did from the time that the PL94 was released to the  
12 time the maps were done. So it's just really hard  
13 because we haven't had a normal redistricting cycle so  
14 far, timeline wise.

15       So I think that I like Jonathan's idea and maybe  
16 more than that three-month range could probably be a more  
17 realistic idea of what would actually benefit. I think  
18 the main benefit for us was we had had a whole summer of  
19 public input. And public input is something everyone can  
20 get behind, Right. So otherwise, I'm straining a bit to  
21 think of how to make the case that more time for  
22 contracting or something would make a material  
23 difference.

24       The last thing to mention is I think we're leaving a  
25 lot more resources for 2030 than we had from 2010, but

1 not anything -- not negatively about them. But of  
2 course, it is the first time. So we're learning from  
3 them and we're able to leave a lot more -- our 3R report  
4 is -- has lots of stuff in it that will help in our  
5 education process and training process and everything.  
6 Get them up to speed, I think, much quicker than we were  
7 able to. So that and I'll save some time, hopefully.

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you. And again, thanks  
9 for your patience, Russell.

10 Yes, Ray?

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: I think this goes back to what  
12 Rosalind was saying a few minutes ago and/or maybe to  
13 what Alejandra was saying, it strikes me that we're still  
14 looking for ways -- there are still needs for what I  
15 would call infrastructure around redistricting that isn't  
16 yet in place.

17 And the groups that are here today, us in our  
18 individual capacities, others, I think, have a an  
19 important role to play in putting in place some of this  
20 infrastructure that would also make lives easier, not  
21 just here in California, but nationwide.

22 So one thought that comes to mind -- I'm just about  
23 finishing up Professor Danielle Allen's online course on  
24 citizenship in a democracy. It's a Harvard X course  
25 that's free online, which makes me think, could someone

1 put together a useful online self-study course on  
2 redistricting, assuming one doesn't already exist for  
3 community organizations?

4 I mean, I'm thinking that we have seven years  
5 between now and 2030. That should be enough time to  
6 build some infrastructure that can that can help people  
7 understand the importance of engaging, understand how to  
8 engage, etc.

9 I mean, I understand that some of it is going to be  
10 related to some very specific decisions that the future  
11 Commission or future Commissions might take. But still,  
12 I think an online course on redistricting targeting civil  
13 society organizations could be an interesting bit of  
14 infrastructure development.

15 Likewise, I've said before, a full simulation of  
16 redistricting. I mean, we talk about -- we had like a  
17 half a day of hands-on experience, kind of moving lines  
18 before we got started. But to me, that wasn't nearly  
19 enough.

20 And I've talked to a number of occasions about,  
21 figuring out a way to develop a week-long, full-blown  
22 simulation, create a fictional state with fictional  
23 population characteristics and so forth. But that would  
24 really put future commissioners -- it could even be used  
25 by community groups to understand the actual hands-on map

1 drawing process.

2       So I would say I see the time over the next five to  
3 seven years as a critical time to continue developing  
4 infrastructure that will make lives easier down the road.  
5 Thanks.

6       COMMISSIONER SINAY: Well, guess what, Ray? As part  
7 of what my fellowship's about, I've been having a lot of  
8 conversations with national experts and some of these  
9 ideas have come up. The trick is going to be on a one  
10 person show and I am looking forward to others helping  
11 once I figure out what -- if there's any consensus on  
12 what would be the best way to do this nationally. But I  
13 was laughing. I just had to share that because the  
14 lively fold come up in my interviews.

15       Rosalind? Sorry, you had one more point and then I  
16 didn't go back to you. I apologize.

17       MS. GOLD: Great. So first of all, again, I just  
18 really want to say it is so wonderful to hear people talk  
19 about -- talking about redistricting, not just once every  
20 ten years. I thought it would be helpful to share what's  
21 happening among a large national coalition of civil  
22 rights groups, but that also includes local  
23 organizations, which is there is in a campaign called  
24 Census Counts.

25       And the idea of the Census Counts campaign is to

1 say, you know what, we're going to do a roadmap to 2030.  
2 Okay. We're going to talk to you about all the things  
3 that are going to be happening between now and 2030 on  
4 the census. Right. And here's how you can prepare and  
5 start to look for opportunities for engagement.

6 So this national campaign is coming -- is happening  
7 right now as we speak. Right. And there's actually been  
8 a document called The Road Map to 2030 that's been  
9 prepared. And oh, what I love to see a road map to 2030  
10 redistricting are starting like within the next year or  
11 two. I think that would be fantastic. So I think that's  
12 certainly something to think about, which is to, again,  
13 keep the two issues together.

14 I want to also say that I very much agree with  
15 Jonathan about how much time you would want to extend the  
16 start date and the application period. I do think there  
17 is a very different audience that you target to mobilize  
18 folks to apply for the commission and the folks that you  
19 target when you're doing census outreach. So you can do  
20 both simultaneously as long as you have the resources to  
21 do them.

22 I would though, just note there's one other  
23 consequence of lengthening the amount of time that people  
24 serve on the commission, which is your ability to tell  
25 people, okay, this is how many months in your life you're



1 going to be serving on the Commission. And yes, you can  
2 tell people -- I understand there's been some talk  
3 about -- yeah, yes, you could talk to people about, okay,  
4 let's make sure everybody's compensated. Maybe you can  
5 take a sabbatical.

6 But for the community and civic leaders we work  
7 with, they don't often have the same kind of flexibility  
8 that other folks might have to take a sabbatical from a  
9 job that would last that many months. So maybe something  
10 in between the longer time that folks are thinking about  
11 for things to get started a little bit, that's longer  
12 than baseline, but not as long as expanded. I just want  
13 to put out there is something to think about.

14 And then the final point that I wanted to make is I  
15 know that there was a hope -- and I very much appreciate  
16 this hope and understand that -- why you would want to be  
17 able to take a vote between the two options today.

18 But I know that there are other folks who work on  
19 this issue in the community and work with civic  
20 organizations who would probably like a little bit of  
21 time to think about the other expanded options in more  
22 detail, the baseline versus expanded and weigh in if your  
23 time permits.

24 Again, I know this was initially surfaced in  
25 February, but my understanding, and please correct me if

1 I'm wrong, the actual sort of more official looking hand  
2 out for a better word came out yesterday. So --

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Actually, Rosalind, I just want  
4 to touch base on that. This is almost exactly the same  
5 thing that came out in January.

6 MS. GOLD: Okay.

7 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And part of the reasons we need  
8 to start some of the conversation, so it's just to get a  
9 feel from all the commissioners on where we're going and  
10 constantly there's that there's going to be the  
11 official --

12 MS. GOLD: Right.

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: But we're just trying to figure  
14 out --

15 MS. GOLD: Well, that's I think one of the things  
16 that wasn't clear, which is like, is there going to be a  
17 thumbs up, thumbs down vote?

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: We're going to talk about it a  
19 little bit later.

20 MS. GOLD: Thank you. Okay. I just wanted to weigh  
21 in on that particular issue. So thank you.

22 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Ray, before I go to you and  
23 Alejandra, is there any other Commissioners who want to  
24 share what their gut feeling or thinking? No? Okay. I  
25 just wanted to make sure you all have space, though.



1 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I did raise my hand. Sorry.

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Oh, I'm sorry.

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: It's in the background  
4 there.

5 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Your hand blends in with your  
6 sunset. Go ahead.

7 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Oh, sorry. Yeah. I really  
8 appreciate all of the input from your partners here. And  
9 what I keep on saying is it's time -- we're talking time  
10 on time, unfortunately. I totally understand what you're  
11 saying, how much time it takes to involve people. And  
12 the problem is times are ending.

13 And it's because there's such a short window, like  
14 Commissioner Yee said, really, we actually have less time  
15 from the time you get the incarcerated date until we made  
16 the maps. And that's moving forward now from then on.

17 And so what we really do need to do is -- and we  
18 also do another thing of 2020 in 2010 is that we split  
19 the collecting COI info and public input like that from  
20 mapping. That was a hard change in the mindset of --  
21 don't say anything until the data is out.

22 And if that happens for the next Commission, that  
23 can't work. And that's why we try to move that ahead.  
24 And I totally understand. We have a dual issue problem  
25 here is everyone needs more time, including the

1 commissioners, because it's really, really hard. Unless  
2 we have that absolute your data comes in, it's perfect.  
3 We can look at it instantly in an accessible manner,  
4 which is another issue.

5       And the data, the technology that we will be using  
6 in ten years from now, you can't even imagine. So it's  
7 really hard for us to -- this is a push for why we need  
8 more money and more time, the Commission, actually, is  
9 because we need to have a scope of work, which I  
10 completely agree with. All of you have said this.

11       We need to be able to handle the current --  
12 technologically currents work over to the 2030 Commission  
13 so they can have a look, review, and hopefully understand  
14 a lot more of it and then move forward with it. We can't  
15 send that out. But we do need to know the information  
16 that we know now to help them create that adapting for  
17 the technology that's going to be in use and commonplace  
18 by the 2030 Commission.

19       And so with that in mind, we need that extra time  
20 upfront to help Commission absorb that, understand all  
21 the administrative stuff they have to do, because we had  
22 no clue about that. And our time frame in this was very,  
23 very short. And the issues of things that we didn't have  
24 and didn't know we were lucky to actually kind of get  
25 things done.

1           And the 2030 Commission has to take all the public  
2 input and draw maps the same time, which is kind of what  
3 the 2010 did it. It won't happen. So I'd like us to  
4 really look at that extended schedule and consider -- I  
5 love Commissioner Kennedy's comments about we've got  
6 infrastructure set up so it becomes commonplace.

7           The public understands the process that that the  
8 Commission actually has to go through, because then it  
9 will make very, very much more sense to you to help get  
10 the people involved involved at the right time so the  
11 commission can actually use it. And so I really  
12 appreciate Commissioner Sinay and Commissioner Fornaciari  
13 bringing this forward and bring the three of you into our  
14 conversation. It's just on -- I'm having the technology  
15 head on the Website Subcommittee and I see what didn't  
16 happen.

17           COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thanks, Jane.

18           COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you.

19           COMMISSIONER SINAY: And I think that those are  
20 great points. And I just wanted to highlight that in  
21 both timelines, because I think Rosalind asked this  
22 question, the public input is where we did the COIs  
23 before we got the data and the mapping is once we've got  
24 the data. And so I just wanted to clarify that. And in  
25 both maps there is that space.



1 Yes, Ray?

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: Just one --

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah, go ahead.

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Rosalind, you were talking about the  
5 roadmap to 2030 for redistricting. Just going to make  
6 sure you caught the redistricting cycle diagram that I  
7 distributed at the December meeting, because I mean, the  
8 purpose of that was to help people understand that this  
9 is not so much a linear finite thing as it is something  
10 that goes around and around and around and around. So  
11 good. Thanks.

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Great.

13 Alejandra?

14 MS. PONCE DE LEON: Yeah, I just wanted to come back  
15 in terms of the timeline with the extended timeline and  
16 the difference, I think what Ray had uplifted before of  
17 just like how this is at least in terms when it comes to  
18 the outreach and education portion of the extended  
19 timeline and the public input, that that is something  
20 that really stood out in terms of being that that's a  
21 benefit for the public. Right.

22 And definitely understanding in terms of all the  
23 issues being raised, especially with the data, the  
24 release of data, the technical issues, a lot of things to  
25 really prepare. But just coming back in terms of like

1 creating that space for community residents, community  
2 organizations to come together and being able to maximize  
3 their opportunity to really participate. Right.

4 And having those additional months could have an  
5 opportunity for that, right. Of like having the  
6 opportunity for having more time for power building  
7 groups to engage and prepare residents. And again, I  
8 speak to our building group successfully from the  
9 Redistricting Alliance, who we work with is who comes,  
10 you know, front and center.

11 But it's also thinking about other groups, right, of  
12 like how much time do they need to identify their  
13 communities of interest, to inform community about the  
14 map drawing, and getting ready for that public input  
15 process.

16 And again, able to coordinate and plan, you know,  
17 across regions, across different groups to come together,  
18 entities that -- even co-developing know what workshops  
19 work best to message and to really get your residents to  
20 participate and understand what tools can we create.

21 There's a lot of things that the Commission is able  
22 to do and put together, and I remember from the last  
23 cycle, a lot of your communication tool kits that you  
24 shared and a lot of really good things that were really  
25 helpful, a lot of information and templates.

1           But then it's really about how that -- in that  
2 messaging and that information then gets even further  
3 translate it so it really connects with the communities  
4 that each of these groups are the trusted messengers to  
5 and they can really articulate and really break it down  
6 in a way that makes sense. And it actually gets them to  
7 understand, like why it matters.

8           And so like, I think like having that extended time  
9 like, creates those opportunities. I will say like, you  
10 know, at least for the education and outreach, even  
11 though it seems like there's like eight months for  
12 education and outreach, the last few months again overlap  
13 with the GOTV efforts. And that may limit some of these  
14 community groups, power building groups, to proceed with  
15 redistricting, outreach, and education during this period  
16 of time.

17           And then lastly, in terms of like the public input  
18 timeline for the expanded -- there are opportunities,  
19 there's more months -- four months compared to two months  
20 in the baseline for the community to participate in  
21 greater number of public hearings for residents and also  
22 an opportunity to -- I think what's successful is being  
23 able to have these hearings that are focused on the  
24 specific regions so that it allows residents to really  
25 speak to and mobilize.

1           And hopefully, for the 2030/2031 cycle, these can be  
2 held in-person as well. So what does that -- what  
3 dynamic does that create? Right. And so having more  
4 time for the community to participate is going to be  
5 essential.

6           But I do want to uplift also my concern. You know,  
7 the PL94 data, it's released during the last month of the  
8 public hearings timeline sometime in April, and then with  
9 the statewide database releasing the final date. So this  
10 could be a challenge still -- like the timing of that in  
11 terms of having community groups ready to participate in  
12 the on the line drawing that data is still missing. It's  
13 not there since the beginning.

14           So those are some key things to elevate here. And  
15 then just to expand on the infrastructure, I think that,  
16 creating those opportunities of education, especially  
17 thinking about for the civil right groups, community  
18 groups to get that for their staff. And to expand on  
19 that, like, how do we have this infrastructure ready to  
20 go decade after decade of just like you activate it.

21           They're already in form similar, again, against I  
22 guess like the experience that we had in the 2020 census  
23 infrastructure that they build of CBOs, right. That by  
24 region, they were active you know they had the resources  
25 for them to have enough staffing.

1           And I think that's where we need to get in terms of  
2 infrastructure, the education, but the resources and the  
3 staffing for these community groups who will be the most  
4 effective messengers to be able to do that in an  
5 effective and powerful way to support the work of the  
6 Commission.

7           COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah, I think unfortunately,  
8 one of the underlying elephant in the room that that's  
9 not being said is worth the funding to support the  
10 organizations to do this all the time. And I, as a  
11 former funder, I've had been having those conversations  
12 with philanthropy and saying civic engagement is broader  
13 than just one thing. And so how do you fund for it --  
14 the whole spectrum?

15           Commissioner Linda? I caught myself.

16           COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: First of off, I just want  
17 to say thank you for this conversation. I think it  
18 speaks to the complexity and the nuances in what seems  
19 like what would be an easy decision to make. I think I  
20 just have maybe some -- I don't know, maybe comments and  
21 maybe some questions. There's definitely a question in  
22 here.

23           I think I just want to just comment briefly on what  
24 Commissioner Sinay said. I just want to just say that  
25 part of the outreach and education of community members





1 probably needs to also focus on philanthropy as well too  
2 to understand the needs in a lot of the community-based  
3 organizations that redistricting is a much longer cycle  
4 than just something that you do after the census comes  
5 out.

6       And I feel like there's -- there is a little bit of  
7 that kind of perhaps perspective. And so as we all think  
8 about the next remaining few years until, you know, the  
9 2030 census, it's also, I think, helping philanthropists  
10 and philanthropy and funders to also understand the needs  
11 to start standing up the organizations that will be doing  
12 this work as well to earlier rather than later.

13       But that gets me to a question. And I think, one of  
14 the -- I don't know, one of the thoughts that has come to  
15 mind based on what I've heard so far, is the wishful  
16 thinking that we could actually change the date of when  
17 the final maps would be due.

18       Because no matter what I mean, the crunch time is  
19 when we get the census data to actually when the actual  
20 maps are due, no matter what we tinker with in the  
21 beginning, I think that that pressure is always going to  
22 be there.

23       And my observation from our last experience was that  
24 until the data came out, it was almost too theoretical,  
25 too abstract for many people. Once the data came out,

1 then all of a sudden then everybody started paying  
2 attention. So I think that that was just more of a  
3 comment than an observation.

4 Question for, I guess in this case, perhaps Rosalind  
5 and Jonathan is around the public input time. And I hear  
6 what you're saying, Rosalind, like trying to get the  
7 attention of community members during the holidays. And  
8 then to start, I do expect that we could start right into  
9 public input in January may be difficult.

10 So tinkering with the timeline a little bit, do you  
11 think if we were to propose public input starts in  
12 February, it gives you -- I mean, yeah, I know  
13 everybody's coming off the holidays in January, but it  
14 does give you a little bit more time if we were to  
15 perhaps start that in February and then therefore extend  
16 the outreach and education.

17 And what I'm thinking about is I know that there's a  
18 lot of GOTV work going on during that time. If anything,  
19 I think we're seeing now the importance of why voting and  
20 redistricting go together and that this is a real great  
21 opportunity for further education without the pressure of  
22 saying, okay, now we got to mobilize people for public  
23 input.

24 But it's really all about that education that I  
25 heard Alejandra talking about as well, too. And of

1 course, the education can also start earlier depending on  
2 how quickly the next Commission gets stood up. We also  
3 had that clarification that the first eight would most  
4 likely not be seated until January. So that timeline is  
5 also going to change because that was assuming that all  
6 fourteen would be stood up in in in early January.

7 And I think I agree with what, Jonathan, you were  
8 saying about not starting the recruitment too early  
9 because I think, people start to kind of tune out if it's  
10 too early because then you have such a long timeline  
11 between when the recruitment starts and when actually the  
12 work starts.

13 So I guess that would be really the heart of my  
14 question is, is the -- is one tweak like maybe starting  
15 public input. So then assuming that the full Commission,  
16 the next full commission would be seated until let's just  
17 say sometime in January, February of 2029, I think is  
18 what we're looking at. Am I wrong on that or is it 2030?  
19 Sorry. I think I'm just having --

20 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: 2030.

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTGAWA: Okay.

22 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Don't worry. We're all  
23 making the same mistakes.

24 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Yeah. So anyway,  
25 that's kind of both my comment and my question for the --

1 for our panelists.

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay.

3 MS. GOLD: How can I -- I wanted to say, I --

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I was going to say, Rosalind,  
5 can you respond? And then we are going -- we're heading  
6 on to the end of our time.

7 MS. GOLD: So sorry.

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I want Rosalind to respond and  
9 then just give a few minutes. Then I'm going to hand it  
10 over to Commissioner Fornaciari to facilitate the rest of  
11 our session.

12 Go ahead, Rosalind.

13 MS. GOLD: And my apologies. It's like I said,  
14 redistricting is the gift that keeps giving so we can all  
15 be talking about it for a long time. So yes. Just very  
16 briefly, I think the main point I wanted to make is that  
17 starting COI hearings, like, the first three weeks of  
18 January is going to be very, very challenging.

19 So I think that the tweak that Linda mentioned both  
20 at the -- when people are seated and then when the COI  
21 hearings start, would be extremely helpful with respect  
22 to the expanded.

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Alejandra and Jonathan, do you  
24 agree? I don't want to -- how do you feel about that  
25 tweak? I don't want to make any assumptions on your

1 part -- on our part.

2 MR. MEHTA STEIN: Alejandra, would you like to go  
3 first?

4 MS. PONCE DE LEON: Yeah, I can go first. I mean, I  
5 think that it would help. I'm just thinking about like  
6 January months how transitions from holidays can be a  
7 very challenging thing. And so we want to be mindful of  
8 family time and respectful of that as well.

9 But I mean, I can't really speak. I think that the  
10 idea of like maybe having other groups, community groups,  
11 being able to either reach out to them and also get their  
12 insights, I think would be very much helpful to kind of  
13 see -- get a sense of that.

14 But I mean, at least at this point, it sounds like  
15 that could be a reasonable adjustment to respect that and  
16 to ensure that everybody actually has the focus and the  
17 energy to take that on -- the public input.

18 MR. MEHTA STEIN: Yeah, and I agree. I'll just say  
19 with our experience in 2020, when you have the census  
20 year and then you've got a massive GOTV campaign -- the  
21 December of that year, everybody is wiped out and  
22 everybody is gone, like everybody is off email. It is  
23 just you're not getting anything done.

24 And then, January, everybody has to sort of get back  
25 and ramp back up. And so starting that public input



1 period a little later might make sense. And you could  
2 conceivably -- I mean, conceivably make up time earlier  
3 in this calendar by overlapping the beginning of the  
4 outreach and education period and peak with the end of  
5 the stand up and onboarding period in blue. And you  
6 might make up a couple of months that way.

7 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Great.

8 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Oh, you're back. Did you  
9 get -- let the dog out? Okay.

10 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Well, my dog's getting old  
11 and grumpy.

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I am going to hand it over.  
13 What --

14 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Could I do to question?

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes. I do. A quick question  
16 before that. Thank you very much, everybody, about the  
17 COI input meetings. How do you feel, though, about the  
18 community? Remember how we had to draw the community  
19 tool and that going live much earlier than that?

20 And it's being part of, of course, our education  
21 program. Literally how you go through that, what it's  
22 used for, why do that would that? I'm thinking that  
23 could be wrapped into any educational program  
24 throughout -- all of us essentially right after the last  
25 year, though, in April, in Census Day, you can go, oh,

1 wow, so that would be the next. I'm thinking in terms of  
2 people engagement. They are just doing the census and  
3 it's like, oh, now what?

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Jane, I'm going to throw out  
5 specific strategies a little later because right now  
6 we're kind of at the at the higher level.

7 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Just did they like it? Did  
8 they like that? Oh, we're public input only thumbs up or  
9 thumbs down.

10 MS. GOLD: Yeah, just super quick. I actually think  
11 that would be challenging because like I said, when  
12 you're doing census outreach, it's very -- at that time  
13 that you're talking about, it's very specific about the  
14 census form which is very different than how do you use a  
15 tool to draw your communities of interest.

16 So it's April through July or August is for census  
17 is very, very specific to the census questionnaire. And  
18 why is it important to participate in the census? And  
19 those aren't necessarily with the complexity of the COI  
20 tool.

21 COMMISSIONER Great. I think that's everyone. Go  
22 ahead, Neal.

23 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes. Thank you, everyone.  
24 Thank you to our participants. We really, really  
25 appreciate the time and your input. It's valuable to



1 help us think beyond just the work that we have and how  
2 it overlaps. So there's something that threaded through  
3 this conversation that Patricia and I purposely did not  
4 include in the conversation because it's a much bigger  
5 conversation.

6 And just a little bit of foreshadowing is a bigger  
7 conversation needs to be around the California Complete  
8 Count and around the Commission's participation in the  
9 California Complete Count and what that looks like.

10 But more than just the complete count is a lot of we  
11 heard a lot this time around of the disconnect between  
12 funding for groups to participate in the complete count.  
13 That funding ended gap and then jump up and begin to  
14 participate in the with redistricting and oh, by the way,  
15 there was an election in between.

16 And so potentially some of these things can be more  
17 efficient and effective if we're able to all work  
18 together to get a continuous stream of funding or make it  
19 all work together somehow more effectively. And that was  
20 brought up. But that's a deeper conversation that needs  
21 to have and what the strategy needs to look like to do  
22 that.

23 Because I think that that would be maybe if we could  
24 make one big change, if we could make that change works  
25 one consistent process and there's funding in place for



1 the community groups to continue through the entire  
2 process that would make it more effective from that end.

3 But again, thank you so much for participating for  
4 your input. So we've invited James Woodson in.  
5 Unfortunately, he couldn't make it. But Patricia and I  
6 will check in with James to see if he had anything else  
7 to add? I know he spoke with Alejandra to get his  
8 perspective share.

9 But we'll check in with James, too. And then, of  
10 course, any other community groups who want to provide  
11 their -- or any other -- anyone else who wants to provide  
12 their input too is more than welcome to participate. So  
13 thanks on that.

14 Let's see. Where are we at? We're pushing -- we  
15 got seven minutes. We have seven minutes left. Okay.  
16 So I don't think we're going to get to a point where  
17 we're going to make a decision on a timeline at this  
18 point.

19 I think, Patricia, I'm thinking that even I need to  
20 kind of go back and mull this over -- what we heard.

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And yet what I would like to  
22 recommend is I see that on the legislature committee is  
23 meeting with the -- there are questions that we have, but  
24 maybe it makes sense because I know the four of us can't  
25 meet together, the Legislature Committee with the

1 Continuation or Transition subcommittee.

2 But what are some questions or key pieces that it  
3 would be helpful if the auditor's office could -- we can  
4 share with them right now because they're going to need  
5 some time to process it as well. Like, that -- the  
6 agenda to that meeting is the only piece I was thinking.  
7 But yes, you and I can meet and think it through.

8 COMMISSIONER SORNACIARI: Well, then maybe too,  
9 there's an opportunity for the Alicia and Linda  
10 Commission if they're going to meet with the legislature  
11 to see if there's a willingness or an openness on their  
12 part to consider expanding the timeline. Does that sound  
13 like a reason -- we'll think this through and communicate  
14 in a way that complies with Bagley-Keene. Yes. Okay.  
15 Again, thanks, everyone. Thanks for the robust  
16 conversation. And I'll turn it back to Chairman Ray.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Fornaciari.  
18 And thanks to Jonathan and Rosalind and Alejandra for  
19 coming. And thanks to James for getting his input into  
20 colleagues to be shared with us, even though he's not  
21 able to be here with us today. And we look forward to  
22 continuing this dialog.

23 Commissioner Andersen, I just wanted to check back  
24 with you because in our run of meeting -- run of show  
25 meeting the other day, seems like the Website Committee



1 needed a few more minutes for something else. Or am I  
2 just --

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Can we get back to you after  
4 lunch of that?

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Well, I mean, it was going to  
6 potentially impact the scheduling of lunch, but we will  
7 go ahead and take an hour for lunch.

8 So from 12:45 to 1:45 will be our lunch break, at  
9 which point, as per the run of show, we'll have Admin and  
10 Finance who tell us that they won't need all the thirty  
11 minutes. So I appreciate that. Then we have a brief  
12 discussion on acceleration and deferral of Senate  
13 districts before we go to closed session.

14 So thank you, everyone, for a great morning. Enjoy  
15 your lunch and see you back in at 1:45.

16 (Whereupon, a recess was held)

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Welcome back, everyone, to the April  
18 10th, 2023 meeting of the California Citizen's  
19 Redistricting Commission. We had a great morning session  
20 and looking forward to a great afternoon session as well.

21 Commissioner Sinay and Commissioner Fornaciari, is  
22 there any last word that you want to put on the table  
23 before we move on? You're good.

24 Okay. Very good. So the next subcommittee is the  
25 Finance and Administration Subcommittee. Commissioner



1 Fernandez, Commissioner Fornaciari.

2 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So what we've been working  
3 on is the report to the legislature, and our hope was  
4 that we would have a draft for you today, but we don't.  
5 So we're still waiting for some information. And as soon  
6 as we get that, we will get a draft out.

7 So our hope is we'll be able to get a draft out in  
8 the next week or so for you to review and provide some  
9 feedback on so we can be ready to hopefully approve it at  
10 our next meeting.

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Is there a -- is there a  
12 specific due date that we are working to meet?

13 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes. Yeah, it's July or  
14 June 30th or -- is that right? June 30th.

15 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Okay. Very good. Thank you.  
16 So that's the report from the subcommittee. Very good.

17 All right. Next, we have the Acceleration and  
18 Deferred Senate Districts Subcommittee. So that is  
19 Commissioner Yee and who else?

20 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Andersen.

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Andersen. Fantastic.

22 COMMISSIONER YEE: Could I ask a question of Finance  
23 and Administration first, though? So the budget report,  
24 I'm seeing is the big fall budget report that's still a  
25 process, so we did want to include a summary budget,



1 something in the 3R report. So I'm wondering whether  
2 that's actually going to be the full report that comes  
3 out. Or is there something more brief that comes out  
4 before that? Or what can we expect or maybe just not  
5 mind on that?

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: It's --

7 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: The report is fairly brief  
8 anyway right?

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

10 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: But they just really want  
11 to know what -- how much we spent. And so we hopefully  
12 will have that in the next week or so. But the  
13 information, the final information we need for the  
14 report.

15 COMMISSIONER YEE: Very good. Thank you.

16 Go ahead, Jane.

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Sorry, I was going to pass  
18 this over to you, Commissioner Yee, since I was talking  
19 on the first one.

20 COMMISSIONER YEE: Happy to. Did you want me to?

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes, because you have -- if  
22 you could. I believe you have the document you can pull  
23 up.

24 COMMISSIONER YEE: Okay. There is a handout, but I  
25 can explain things to you briefly. So after our final

1 maps are done, of course, everyone's interested in what  
2 are the new districts, right? Whether that's members of  
3 the public want to know what district they're now in or  
4 state agencies wanting to know who's representing what.  
5 All those kinds of things.

6 And for the most part, that's quite straightforward,  
7 except for the Senate map. The Senate map is complicated  
8 because, as you know, the Senate districts are  
9 implemented in a staggered fashion. So half of them get  
10 implemented in the two-year in redistricting cycle and  
11 the other half don't get implemented until a four-year.

12 So in between a two year and the four year, you have  
13 this peculiar situation where half of the new Senate  
14 districts are active. And half of the old districts are  
15 active and they don't match, of course. So you have this  
16 peculiar situation where only half of the districts are  
17 covered by the new maps for two years.

18 And to make things even more interesting, at some  
19 points, those maps overlap the old map -- that half of  
20 the old maps that are still active overlap with the half  
21 of the new maps that are active and you get accelerated  
22 district areas where people end up in a senatorial  
23 election two years earlier than they expected to.

24 And in some places, the old districts and the new  
25 districts that are active don't overlap. And you have

1 differed areas where people are going to have to wait six  
2 years to get to their next senatorial election. So all  
3 this is to say right after our maps are done and people  
4 are calling in and saying, what senatorial district am I  
5 in it? It's a little bit of a complicated answer.

6 And so as it happens, of course, the Senate Office  
7 of Demographics gets around to producing a deferral and  
8 acceleration map. And the Senate Rules Committee makes  
9 deferral assignments. And this is like between three and  
10 four million Californians this cycle. People who did not  
11 land in the report were not either in an old active  
12 district or a new active district, yet assigned to a  
13 senator.

14 So that's all the Senate's responsibility. We don't  
15 touch that. But that took him about a year plus to get  
16 around to making those maps. And meanwhile, people are  
17 calling us and calls get referred to Raul Mitchell or  
18 whoever asking about it. Who's my new senator, what new  
19 Senate district.

20 So the question is, do we try to respond to that at  
21 all, or do we just defer that? No, that's a Senate  
22 matter. You can call it. Here's the Senate number you  
23 can call. Or do we do a small amount of work? And by  
24 small I mean like one day's worth of work to produce the  
25 acceleration in the roadmap. And have that on our

1 website, have that on our final map website so that  
2 people are looking up.

3 And you said it's sort of history. We'll be guided  
4 into this thought process that will help them understand  
5 that it is a somewhat complicated thing and they might  
6 still be in the middle district. You might be in a new  
7 district, might be deferred, they might be accelerated.

8 So the question is whether to add that  
9 recommendation for 2030 that the use that acceleration  
10 and deferral map and as an explanation to the final maps  
11 age to help people with that.

12 Now it might seem obvious why not, but it is a  
13 little bit duplicative because the Senate gets around to  
14 doing it, but only like a year or so after the maps come  
15 out. So meanwhile, people are wondering, what's my new  
16 district? What's my new district? Who's my  
17 representative in calling us? And so forth. So I think  
18 that's the picture.

19 And Commissioner Andersen, you can add to that.

20 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, I might say it's  
21 really not -- just in that the map is there would be  
22 duplicative because really the only reason the Senate  
23 does this is so they can actually say who your senator  
24 is.

25 We never say that. We don't care who the -- we're



1 drawing the maps. And the real issue is we do -- kind of  
2 the line drawers decide what those districts are when  
3 they when they have to go through the entire process of  
4 the reenumeration, actually, because the idea is to  
5 minimize and to minimize the deferred and accelerating  
6 areas.

7 And so that's a very elaborate process of trying to  
8 figure that out. And we do that. And then but then we  
9 don't then just go to the next step and with map out.  
10 And what happens is we actually get calls, the staffs  
11 receiving calls that say, well, your maps are wrong.

12 And technically these two years they are because  
13 that is not Senate -- the odds at this particular time,  
14 at the votes on the even districts. But not the odd and  
15 so are odd districts which are there right now. They're  
16 not technically correct as they're a little -- they're  
17 still the old ones.

18 And so it's very confusing for public. And it turns  
19 out that the additional process of just, hey, we have the  
20 2010 data -- the GIS data, we now have our -- the 2020  
21 data. Let's put them together, do a little bit of stuff,  
22 and boom you have a map.

23 So people can -- the average public can look at our  
24 website, they can go into -- because we also did that on  
25 a map viewer and they can go and look up, oh, I see. Oh,

1 I'm going to be having election now or oh, I'm not. And  
2 to me it's a no brainer because our whole purpose as I  
3 see the CRC is to make it more accessible for the public.

4 And if we just say, well, go talk to the Senate,  
5 we're not doing that. And it's a really easy thing to do  
6 for us to put out an additional map. It isn't like we  
7 have to redraw things like that at all. It's literally  
8 our GIS consultant. So sure Paul Mitchell is the fellow  
9 who created the map viewer on our website to really make  
10 things accessible for the public. He just did that in 45  
11 minutes. He took the map in forty-five minutes.

12 So for us not to do that, I think would be quite  
13 remiss and the public would be so thankful. Then the  
14 Senate does have to do their demography and the  
15 particular numbers so they -- actually, with the numbers,  
16 we do that sort of too. But they have to create -- they  
17 do a lot more information and then they actually go  
18 through the process of assigning who is what, that sort  
19 of stuff. And we would never touch that.

20 So it's not like we're getting into politics at all.  
21 It's literally -- it's like we've done all the work, but  
22 we're not going to show the map. I think we should. And  
23 I believe that's where the subcommittee has come down to  
24 on our recommendation. I'm going to turn it back over to  
25 Commissioner Yee.

1           COMMISSIONER YEE: Right. So just to emphasize  
2 actually the explanation for this is all in the 2010  
3 final report, which I'm sure I read more than once, but  
4 it really didn't sink in until I got into the  
5 subcommittee work. Right.

6           So our line drawer has to do the analysis to -- when  
7 you number the Senate districts, you don't just start  
8 north, one, two, three, four to South. Your first divide  
9 them into an odd pool and an even pool in order to  
10 minimize. How many people switch from odd even or even  
11 die. And that's based on court cases.

12           It's not statutory in some court cases that require  
13 that analysis. So our line drawer does an analysis  
14 divide up even an odd poll and any number consecutively  
15 north or south. So as Commissioner Andersen said, the  
16 analysis is all done. Right. This cycle we do not  
17 produce a map to show the results of that word and to  
18 help answer questions from the public.

19           COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Right. Now, they didn't in  
20 2010 as well. 2010, if you recall, the only thing the  
21 public had was PDF. So you couldn't zoom in, you  
22 couldn't figure out where you were, because I was  
23 actually trying to do that before we came on the  
24 commission, I said, well, what are my districts? And  
25 it's there was no actual easy place to find that at all.

1           Where are map viewer you can actually type in your  
2 address and oh, here I am. You can zoom right in. You  
3 can see everything. And I can't even imagine what is  
4 going to happen to 2030. But so I think we could have --  
5 we could have easily done that for 2010 or 2020.

6           And so the 2030, I think it's kind of a no brainer.  
7 Just add that on to it, because it's literally -- and it  
8 would be more the two years, here's the differed areas  
9 for the 2030 to 2032 and then the regular maps kick in in  
10 their entirety.

11           But for that short time, those maps actually  
12 technically aren't correct. And boy is the staff getting  
13 calls on it and other agencies and things like that,  
14 because again, like Commissioner Yee said, there was no  
15 location to see it.

16           And the Senate didn't really -- they weren't really  
17 bothered about it because until they're assigning  
18 senators that that's not their thing, they don't draw the  
19 maps. I mean, they do. They're demographers actually  
20 working on it, but there's no rush to put it out until  
21 after the senators have been -- we've had that other  
22 election.

23           And in the meantime, guys who are trying to think of  
24 the average person on the street who is trying to figure  
25 out, hey, am I going to vote this next Senate district or

1 not. They really don't have a location to find that  
2 information. So if we have the 2030 Commission do that,  
3 then the CRC website will be the place where the average  
4 public can come in and find out if they're going to have  
5 an election in 2032 or not.

6 COMMISSIONER YEE: I would say it's not that our  
7 maps aren't correct, but they are not current.

8 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

9 COMMISSIONER YEE: And you know --

10 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

11 COMMISSIONER YEE: And yeah, right. So I think all  
12 we need -- I think this would amount to just a  
13 recommendation in the 3R report, although we can also add  
14 some of this to the current website where our final maps  
15 appear. But I don't think we need a vote or anything.  
16 But looking for any discussion.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Fernandez?

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Just to start it off here.  
19 Thank you for the work on this. So I don't necessarily  
20 know if this is going to answer the question for the  
21 public, because there's still going to be areas where  
22 someone's not represented until the Senate Rules  
23 Committee decides who's representing you, correct?

24 COMMISSIONER YEE: That's correct.

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Yes. Well, I get



1 that this may answer some of the calls. But I think we  
2 might even get even more calls because, wait, right now  
3 there's confusion as to -- now it shows I'm not  
4 represented. So who's representing me?

5 And again, we're going to have to refer them to the  
6 Senate Rules Committee regardless. So I'm just trying to  
7 look at the big picture and if this will actually  
8 minimize calls in our intervention and then having to  
9 defer them -- or refer them to the Senate committee. But  
10 thanks for this work and it's good to hear that it  
11 doesn't really take that much longer, that much resources  
12 to build an additional map.

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: And what I'm wondering is, is there  
14 an efficiency argument? If we can do it in forty-five  
15 minutes, does it take the Senate demography staff longer  
16 than forty-five minutes? And if we do it, and are they  
17 then relieved of doing what we've already done? And  
18 therefore, the overall process is that much more  
19 efficient.

20 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes, actually, because  
21 essentially what we did is we kind of had a quick fix  
22 since we didn't ask our group to do this math until after  
23 Senate maps were already out. It was kind of a -- okay,  
24 put it together then compare it to the other one. And  
25 the Senate would essentially do the same.

1           They wouldn't have to access -- we have ready access  
2 to the files already, you know, like the 20 our 2020 in  
3 this case, the 2030 Commission would have their 2030  
4 files right there sent to the Senate demographer and  
5 wouldn't have to then go and find them and then kind of  
6 put it together and then put it together with the 2020  
7 and then do it all from scratch.

8           It would be kind of a natural conclusion because  
9 you're already working with half the documents. So it's  
10 just you get the next one, put it together and you  
11 already even have the tabulations. So if we actually  
12 gave that to the Senate demographer, it would save them  
13 quite a bit of time.

14           Because, again, they don't particularly care about  
15 all the details that we do, their precise. They do  
16 ultimately because they have to look at each census block  
17 and that's exactly what we've been doing. And so that's  
18 why it actually takes them much longer, because they have  
19 to do that cold. And we are we've been doing it very  
20 familiar.

21           CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. Right.

22           COMMISSIONER ADERSEN: So it does save time.

23           CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you.

24           Commissioner Fernandez? No. Okay.

25           COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: No, I'm good. I was



1 just -- yeah, my only my comment was going to be that it  
2 does kind of help the Senate Rules Committee. But again,  
3 they could split up those areas that aren't represented  
4 into like ten different areas, senate areas, so. But it  
5 does give them the starting point.

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. I mean, to me it does make  
7 sense, especially on this efficiency parameter. And I  
8 would, at this point, included in the in the Triple R  
9 report or we refer it to the Legislation subcommittee and  
10 they discuss whether they want to make a legislative  
11 recommendation on it back to the full Commission.

12 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah.

13 COMMISSIONER YEE: I mean, yeah, that's possible. I  
14 don't know that it might be too drastic.

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

16 COMMISSIONER YEE: And I think it's important enough  
17 not, it's not large-scale effort.

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. I tend to agree. I  
19 completely agree, actually, with Commissioner Yee. It  
20 isn't anywhere specifically that this map is drawn or not  
21 drawn. It's just sort of a continuation. If we put it  
22 out there and then let the Senate know about that,  
23 they'll just go, great, and move on from there.

24 It's more much more how I see it as opposed to -- I  
25 didn't see any place in the legislative -- our



1 instructions or anywhere else where we would put either  
2 government code or legislation change anything because it  
3 doesn't really say anywhere.

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Well, I would say it at least --  
5 it's at least language in the Constitution, if not in the  
6 government code when they -- I mean, when it talks about  
7 the maps that we have to turn over at the end of the --  
8 at the end of the process.

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Oh, you mean hoping to add  
10 that to the maps that we have to turn over to the  
11 process?

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. Right.

13 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes. Right. That would be  
14 an addition if we wanted to do that. Yes, because that  
15 would certainly lock it in that the Commission is doing  
16 this from now on.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right.

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. I don't see as a I  
19 don't see. I don't think anyone would have a problem  
20 with that.

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Le Mons?

22 VICE CHAIR LE MONS: Are we certain -- because this  
23 is sounding very simplistic and it may very well be, but  
24 are we certain of this simplicity as it relates to what  
25 the Senate Committee would do with this particular

1 information? If this is the way they would want it. I  
2 understand we're trying to serve it serve a dual role  
3 here in terms of information for the public, as well as  
4 helping to facilitate a process being able to move more  
5 efficiently or quickly.

6 But have we had any conversations with this  
7 committee to know whether or not this is how they would  
8 want this information for that particular aspect of our  
9 goal.

10 As far as the community is concerned, I guess I'll  
11 stop a little short of us getting into you have an  
12 election, you don't have an election, that kind of  
13 detail. That we're just talking about adding an  
14 additional map that is a resource for them to answer  
15 questions as that map allows them to do so, great.

16 But I think going further than that, in terms of  
17 being a resource for that kind of information is a little  
18 bit beyond, in my opinion, our scope. So those are two  
19 thoughts that I have on that.

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Le Mons.

21 Commissioner Fernandez?

22 COMMISSIONER FERNADNEZ: Yeah. I do agree with  
23 Commissioner Le Mons. And then I guess, conversely, in  
24 terms of if we're going to engage in conversations with  
25 the Senate Rules Committee, I don't -- in terms of what

1 they want versus don't want, I don't know if that messes  
2 with our independence.

3 And I personally would not feel comfortable having  
4 it changed in our -- the government code section. I'm  
5 okay with including in the Triple R report. I'd have to  
6 think about the other alternative. Thanks.

7 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. I mean, we have not  
8 discussed this with anyone in the Senate. No, my sense  
9 is they would probably redo the work anyway. And it's  
10 not -- it's less than a day, maybe even less an hour's  
11 worth of work, because it's just an objective comparison  
12 of the 2010 and 2020, the previous and new Senate  
13 districts. That's objective is no judgment involved.  
14 It's purely mathematical and data manipulation.

15 So even if we made that data readily available and  
16 they picked it up to save a tiny bit of work, I'm certain  
17 they would actually redo it just to check it because  
18 they're responsible for it at that point going forward.  
19 So that's a factor.

20 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, it's very much like  
21 what we did, what Paul Mitchell did for us. He's on  
22 staff, by the way, in terms of he was the fellow who put  
23 the map viewer together. He's been a GIS, our data  
24 analyst. And he just -- he took what they did and  
25 essentially did a quick to check.

1 COMMISSIONER YEE: Right.

2 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: And that's exactly what they  
3 were doing. It's just that this this document would have  
4 all those files in there -- their particular attributes  
5 and shape what you know about all those buzzwords they've  
6 heard, attributes, shapefiles. They'd be all in one  
7 source. So the Senate demographer, that's who you talk  
8 to.

9 You wouldn't actually talk to the Senate rules  
10 because they're the ones who are actually assigning  
11 senators. And that's the political part which we don't  
12 want to get involved in. The demographer is just doing  
13 the maps in the numbers. And so he would go, oh, great,  
14 okay. And he would just like Commissioner Yee said,  
15 review the details of it.

16 And he because he's responsible then to put not just  
17 the little the things that we have, but way more on it.  
18 So it would be a starting point. So and that's why we're  
19 thinking it's kind of a no brainer. And it is just the  
20 map, not when I mentioned who who's decided how to vote,  
21 how not to vote, that's for the individual person who's  
22 looking at it to decide.

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you, Commissioners  
24 Andersen.

25 Commissioner Sinay?



1           COMMISSIONER SINAY: I wanted to reiterate kind of  
2 what Commissioner Yee said about this didn't really hit  
3 me till later. We kind of -- I remember it being talked  
4 about. But when you look at the memos written December  
5 19th and we weren't really in any headspace to think  
6 about this.

7           And so I do think it's an important topic to bring  
8 up earlier on for the next -- those who sit. But my main  
9 point is, if we can answer some questions, I think it's  
10 good because I always go back to the distrust in  
11 institutions in this country right now. And that's  
12 really at the base of a lot of our democracy issues.

13           And redistricting is -- independent redistricting  
14 commissions are still new to a lot of folks. And if we  
15 can just do something simple but then direct them to the  
16 Senate and make it very clear that they're the ones who  
17 assign all this, but that nobody feels that they're not  
18 being represented -- well, that they understand what's  
19 happening.

20           But the handoff part, I completely agree. I just  
21 want to make sure, even if it was a frequently asked  
22 question and we just kind of answered it in a very you  
23 know, I don't want to go into details exactly like  
24 Commissioner Le Mons said, but enough so that the public  
25 trust the Commission as an institution.

1 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay.

2 Commissioner Le Mons?

3 VICE CHAIR LE MONS: Yeah, I was going to say that I  
4 would support some suggestion or recommendation be put in  
5 the 3R report as well, emphasizing the importance of this  
6 and why we think it's important.

7 But at this point, as far as our Commission is  
8 concerned, that ship has sailed. So I think in terms of  
9 attempting to make recommendations to change the language  
10 and all of that, I don't think we should go that far.

11 I think also to Commissioner Sinay's point, with  
12 regard to transparency, with regard to helping people  
13 understand the process, there could be maybe a disclaimer  
14 or something added to our maps page --

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

16 VICE CHAIR LE MONS: -- that talks about how these  
17 maps -- when they kick in the step that needs to happen.  
18 How we want to language it in really clear way so that  
19 people understand that part and then let the Senate  
20 committee do their job. Because that's their job to do  
21 that part.

22 CHAIR KENNEDY: Well, it's certainly their part to  
23 assign people to cover the differed areas. There's  
24 another option in this that I could see as a realistic  
25 option, which is even though the constitutional language

1 says that the Commission shall certify four maps to the  
2 secretary of state, future commissions could in fact  
3 certify a full Senate map.

4 But then also as an appendix to the four certified  
5 maps have maps that break down. These are your  
6 accelerated areas. These are your deferred areas. And  
7 just give it to the secretary of state. And then we know  
8 that the secretary of state doesn't assign senators to  
9 cover those areas, so that that puts the transaction, if  
10 you will, at even more of an arm's length from any hint  
11 of politics.

12 And Commissioner Yee and I can we can discuss this  
13 in the in the context of the Lessons Learned Subcommittee  
14 and we can come back next month with a further  
15 recommendation of this. I'd be perfectly happy with that  
16 as an outcome.

17 Commissioner Andersen?

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes, please. One thing,  
19 actually, because on the website was asked should we just  
20 put -- it's just a layer. So you put a layer of these  
21 affected areas right now on our website with that with an  
22 explanation of deferred and that a very short blurb about  
23 the deferred Senate districts because it is really  
24 confusing and the public has to call in and then wait for  
25 one of our staff who will get in touch with them again.

1           Because we do get these questions. And so the  
2 website subcommittee would really like it if we could put  
3 the version in our in the handout. You'll see the  
4 version just had it looks like one of our overlays.

5           If you look at our website you have the Senate  
6 districts or the -- and it's just to add that as layer  
7 for the deferred and accelerated, you just see the  
8 different patterns on it for those particular areas. And  
9 then a blurb about what that means when how that's put  
10 together it would be a just a not even a paragraph. For  
11 that particular line.

12           CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. So as far as drafting that  
13 sort of text, is that something that we assign to our  
14 chief counsel or how do we -- how do we generate that  
15 text?

16           COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I believe that would be  
17 the -- Commissioner Yee, and myself with our chief  
18 counsel, since we just did the whole deferred and  
19 analyzed all this stuff.

20           Commissioner Yee, I must admit, has been doing the  
21 ninety percent of this and has done all this research.  
22 So I would really like him to be drafting of the text and  
23 then running it by the chief counsel.

24           COMMISSIONER YEE: That's fine. Okay. Yeah. I  
25 mean, it's I'm almost done, actually, already. So in the



1 memo.

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Okay. Any further  
3 comments on this topic? And I understand the Website  
4 Subcommittee needs a few more minutes.

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes. Thank you, Chair  
6 Kennedy. We do have one other item that we do need to  
7 bring forward. The Web site subcommittee has been  
8 working diligently, shifting everything from getting  
9 ready to shift from our dot org site to dot ca dot gov.  
10 And in doing that whole process and making sure  
11 everything is compatible and still compliant the same  
12 time, we do need to -- well, we would like to make a  
13 motion to give Corina the authority to contract with a --  
14 for a service that will help us in this whole process.

15 How do I say that? Yes. So I'd like to make a  
16 motion to effectuate Corina -- allow Corina -- let's see.  
17 I'd like to give permission for Corina to effectuate a  
18 contract for some website mediation services.

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Do we have a not to exceed  
20 amount on that?

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes, we do. Actually,  
22 because I believe there's a -- actually, I'm going to  
23 have to ask Corina on this one, because she's been  
24 working with the details of it.

25 MS. LEON: Yeah, it would be under fifty -- 50,000.



1           COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: And that is within our  
2 budget that that amount has already been allocated for  
3 this process. So it's just allocating a certain amount  
4 of money out of that budget. This is not an additional  
5 amount that we'd need for this.

6           CHAIR KENNEDY: And not currently covered by any  
7 other budgetary allocation.

8           COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Correct.

9           CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. So then, Corina, Commissioner  
10 Andersen has made a motion to authorize you to commit up  
11 to \$50,000 for this work or with the approval to  
12 effectuate not to exceed \$50,000.

13           Okay. Do we have a deadline --

14           COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

15           CHAIR KENNEDY: -- for the work or anything else  
16 that needs to go in here?

17           COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes, by June 30th.

18           CHAIR KENNEDY: And that's complete the remediation  
19 services by June 30th?

20           COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

21           CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

22           VICE CHAIR LE MONS: And Chair Kennedy, I'll second  
23 the motion.

24           CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. And then Corina, if you could  
25 go back and clarify that work to be completed by 6/30.



1 With work to be -- yeah, that's fine.

2 Okay. Okay. Any further discussion on this? And  
3 I'm seeing the spreadsheets, so I'm not seeing hands. So  
4 I don't know if anyone can help me with hand spotting.

5 VICE CHAIR LE MONS: There's no hands, Commissioner.

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you. Okay. Then, Kristian,  
7 we will need to open this for public comment.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Sounds good, Chair.

9 The Commission will now take public comment on the  
10 motion on the floor. To give comment, please call 877-  
11 853-5247 and enter meeting ID number 86445340935. Once  
12 you've dialed in, please press star 9 to enter the  
13 comment queue. The full call-in instructions are read at  
14 the beginning of the meeting and are provided on the live  
15 stream landing page. And there's no one in the queue at  
16 this time, Chair.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. We'll give it a minute.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Those instructions are  
19 complete and there is no one in the queue, Chair.

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Okay. Corina, can you go  
21 ahead and take the vote?

22 MS. LEON: Commissioner Ahmad?

23 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Abstained.

24 MS. LEON: Commissioner Akutagawa?

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.



1 MS. LEON: Commissioner Andersen?

2 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

3 MS. LEON: Commissioner Fernandez?

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

5 MS. LEON: Commissioner Fornaciari?

6 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes.

7 MS. LEON: Chair Kennedy?

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes.

9 MS. LEON: Commissioner Le Mons?

10 VICE CHAIR LE MONS: Yes.

11 MS. LEON: Commissioner Sadhwani?

12 Commissioner Sinay?

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

14 MS. LEON: Commissioner Taylor?

15 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes.

16 MS. LEON: Commissioner Toledo?

17 Commissioner Turner?

18 Commissioner Vazquez?

19 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes.

20 MS. LEON: And Commissioner Yee?

21 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes.

22 MS. LEON: Thank you. So that's a pass.

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: If we have ten, I don't believe this

24 has to be a special majority. Am I correct, Anthony?

25 ATTNY PANE: Actually, it does. The contracting



1 decision has to be special, three, three, three.

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: Oh, okay. So it fails.

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. Can we answer further  
4 questions? This is basically we do want to have the  
5 Website moved over and compliant by the 30th. Without  
6 this, we probably won't be able to make it.

7 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: I do have my head up. I don't  
8 know if you can see.

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Oh, I'm sorry.

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: That's right. Oh, well, my abstain  
11 was just because I didn't hear the whole conversation.  
12 Not because of one way or the other. So if you could  
13 give me, like, a thirty second recap.

14 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

15 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: I'd be happy to think about it.

16 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes. In the process, the  
17 Website Subcommittee moving everything from the dot org  
18 to the dot ca dot gov site. We also have to make sure  
19 that everything is also moved over and compliance. And  
20 to do that we need to have another contract with a  
21 particular company to help us in this process. So it's  
22 literally that and it's for the remediation services,  
23 make sure it's compliant as it moves over.

24 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Gotcha.

25 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: And when it is open, it is

1 already a budgeted amount. It's really like the  
2 authorization to use that budgeted amount for this  
3 particular thing.

4 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: I see. I see. With that, I'm  
5 happy to change my vote. I just would like some guidance  
6 on do we have to vote again or?

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: I've posed the question to chief  
8 counsel whether we need a motion to reconsider. So if we  
9 need a motion to reconsider, we would first need the  
10 motion to reconsider, and then we would need to vote  
11 again.

12 So Chief Counsel, do we need a motion to reconsider?

13 ATTNY PANE: Yes, Chair.

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. So I'll be entertaining.

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: But I make a motion to  
16 reconsider this matter.

17 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: I'll second that motion.

18 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Andersen moves to  
19 reconsider. Commissioner Taylor, seconds. I suppose we  
20 need to record this. But it doesn't need to be quite as  
21 elaborate at this point.

22 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Sorry, everyone.

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: Not a problem.

24 MS. LEON: Okay. So this is --

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: And Chief Counsel, do we need public

1 comment on the motion to reconsider?

2 ATTNY PANE: Yes.

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. So Commissioners, is there  
4 any discussion among the Commission before I ask for  
5 public comment on the motion to reconsider? Not hearing  
6 any, Kristian, could you open the line for public comment  
7 on the motion to reconsider?

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Sure thing, Chair. The  
9 Commission will now take public comment on the motion to  
10 reconsider. To give comment, please call 877-853-5247  
11 and enter meeting ID number 86445340935. Once you've  
12 dialed in, please press star 9 to enter the comment  
13 queue. The full call-in instructions are read at the  
14 beginning of the meeting and are provided on the live  
15 stream landing page. And there's no one in the queue at  
16 this time.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. We'll wait for a second and  
18 give Corina a chance to catch up with us.

19 MS. LEON: Okay.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Those instructions are  
21 complete and there is no one in the queue.

22 CHAIR KENNEDY: No. Okay. So Corina, at the end of  
23 this, we should have three recordings, three votes  
24 recorded.

25 MS. LEON: Yes.



1 CHAIR KENNEDY: You should have the first vote that  
2 failed. We should have the motion to reconsider, and  
3 then we should have the reconsidered original motion.

4 MS. LEON: Okay. Good. Yeah.

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Oh, wait. Sorry. I'm  
6 sorry. I thought my voice was off. We're actually  
7 voting to reconsider if we want to reconsider and then  
8 we're voting on the motion?

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes, but that's how motions to  
10 reconsider work. It brings us -- it brings the other  
11 motion back to the table.

12 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: But you have to vote to  
13 reconsider?

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes.

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: And then so on -- got it.  
16 Just clarifying. Thank you very much.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yep.

18 MS. LEON: Okay. Are we ready for the vote?

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: We are ready.

20 MS. LEON: Okay. Commissioner Ahmad to reconsider?

21 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yes.

22 MS. LEON: Okay.

23 Commissioner Akutagawa?

24 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Sorry. Took me a moment to  
25 find the button. Yes.





1 MS. LEON: Okay. Thank you.  
2 Commissioner Andersen?  
3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.  
4 MS. LEON: Commissioner Fernandez?  
5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.  
6 MS. LEON: Commissioner Fornaciari?  
7 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes.  
8 MS. LEON: Chair Kennedy?  
9 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes.  
10 MS. LEON: Commissioner Le Mons?  
11 VICE CHAIR LE MONS: Yes.  
12 MS. LEON: Commissioner Sadhwani?  
13 Commissioner Sinay?  
14 She here? Okay.  
15 Commissioner Taylor? Okay.  
16 Commissioner Toledo? Okay.  
17 Commissioner Turner?  
18 Commissioner Vazquez?  
19 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes.  
20 MS. LEON: Commissioner Yee?  
21 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes.  
22 MS. LEON: So I'll go back to Commissioner Sinay?  
23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.  
24 MS. LEON: Okay. Commissioner Taylor?  
25 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes.

1 MS. LEON: Okay. Thank you. So that's --

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. So we have -- and that we  
3 didn't need three, three, and three to reconsider.

4 ATTNY PANE: Right.

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: So now, now the motion to reconsider  
6 having passed, we bring the original motion back to the  
7 table.

8 MS. LEON: Okay. Okay. This is -- hold on. Okay.  
9 Okay.

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. So Anthony, now that we are  
11 reconsidering the original motion, do we need public  
12 comment?

13 ATTNY PANE: Yes, each vote gets a vote for public  
14 comment.

15 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

16 ATTNY PANE: For the public to comment on the motion  
17 that's before the body.

18 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. So Kristian, would you please  
19 do the honor?

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Sure thing.

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22 motion on the floor. To give comment, please call 877-  
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1 the beginning of the meeting and are provided on the live  
2 stream landing page. And there's no one in the queue at  
3 this time. Those instructions are complete, Chair.

4 There is no one in the queue.

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Very good. So Corina, please  
6 go ahead.

7 MS. LEON: Okay. Thank you.

8 Okay. Commissioner Ahmad?

9 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yes.

10 MS. LEON: Thank you.

11 Commissioner Akutagawa?

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

13 MS. LEON: Thank you.

14 Commissioner Andersen?

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

16 MS. LEON: Commissioner Fernandez?

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

18 MS. LEON: Commissioner Fornaciari?

19 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes.

20 MS. LEON: Chair Kennedy?

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes.

22 MS. LEON: Commissioner Le Mons?

23 VICE CHAIR LE MONS: Yes.

24 MS. LEON: Commissioner Sadhwani?

25 Commissioner Sinay?



1 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

2 MS. LEON: Commissioner Taylor?

3 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes.

4 MS. LEON: Thank you.

5 Commissioner Toledo?

6 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO?

7 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yes.

8 MS. LEON: Thank you.

9 Commissioner Turner?

10 Commissioner Vazquez? Commissioner Vazquez? Okay.

11 I'm sorry. I can't hear.

12 Commissioner Yee?

13 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes.

14 MS. LEON: I'm sorry. So I believe Commissioner  
15 Vazquez is here, but I'm not sure. Is she not hearing  
16 me? Is she here?

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: I --

18 MS. LEON: She's here. Commissioner Vasquez, are  
19 you able to hear me? I think she's on, but I don't hear  
20 her. Is that just me?

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Well, she may have left her computer  
22 for a moment.

23 MS. LEON: Oh, okay. Because she is on. Should we  
24 wait or should I put her as --

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: Chief Counsel Payne, do you have



1 advice for us?

2 ATTNY PANE: Commissioner Sinay, has she -- she has  
3 voted. I'm sorry. I had her confused with Commissioner  
4 Sadhwani.

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah.

6 ATTNY PANE: Okay. So it looks like Commissioner  
7 Turner and Commissioner Vazquez are the two that have not  
8 put in their vote yet.

9 MS. LEON: And Commissioner Vazquez is on. I don't  
10 hear her.

11 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Sorry I had to step away to  
12 sign for a package, of course.

13 MS. LEON: Oh, no.

14 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Poorly timed. Yes.

15 MS. LEON: Okay. Thank you, Commissioner.

16 Okay. So does that mean it passes? Okay. Great.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes. Okay. Great. Thank you,  
18 everyone.

19 MS. LEON: Thank you so much.

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you very much,  
22 everybody.

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Chief Counsel Payne, we've  
24 got -- well, actually, we're good. We have closed  
25 session now on the personnel exception, followed by a



1 break. What's your estimate on how long it will take us  
2 for this closed session? I know that Commissioner Sinay  
3 has to depart at 3 o'clock. Is this going to take us  
4 more than twenty minutes?

5 ATTNY PANE: I would hope -- I would hope not.

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Then we will adjourn into  
7 closed session.

8 Commissioner Fernandez? Sorry.

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: No, I was just asking if we  
10 had -- I didn't see a Zoom. He probably just sent it to  
11 us. Never mind.

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. So we will go into it --

13 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: No.

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Andersen?

15 COMMISSIOENR ANDERSEN: Oh, no, no, no. Sorry.

16 Nothing.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Yee?

18 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. For Lessons Learned  
19 subcommittee we will have a proposal for hiring a graphic  
20 designer. And if Commissioner Sinay is departing, I'm  
21 not sure we'll have the votes.

22 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Turner may be back with  
23 us. She said that she was going to try to make it back  
24 before the end of the meeting.

25 COMMISSIONER YEE: Okay. That's fine.



1 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you. Okay. So let's go to a  
2 brief closed session and then we will endeavor to be back  
3 by 3:15 for the final subcommittee discussion, which is  
4 Lessons Learned.

5 MS. LEON: Thank you.

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

7 (Whereupon, a recess was held)

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: Welcome back to our April 10th, 2023  
9 meeting of the California Citizens Redistricting  
10 Commission. We are down to our last block of  
11 presentation and discussion.

12 Before we get into that, I will report that the  
13 commissioners in closed session did take a decision to  
14 appoint Corina Leon as IT manager as of 1 January through  
15 30 June, and we will be continuing our discussions on  
16 personnel action in relation to that position at our next  
17 meeting.

18 So with that, we go into our final session, which is  
19 discussion of Lessons Learned. And I will ask  
20 Commissioner Yee if he can lead off on that.

21 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you, Chair. So we have  
22 been revising the manuscript and it is posted today in  
23 the handouts. It's now in three volumes. First volume  
24 is the 3R report recollections, recommendations, and  
25 resources. Volume 1, the Report Proper. Volume 2 is

1 Resources and Volume 3 is Staff Reports. I would say the  
2 manuscript is about eighty-five percent, maybe, complete  
3 at this point. Still plenty to do.

4 So two decisions today. One is whether or not to  
5 recommend, including a chief counsel report among the  
6 staff reports. And there's a question there whether  
7 something like that should be a public document or a  
8 confidential document. So it effects, whether or not it  
9 would be in the -- in this report.

10 And the other is the question of retaining a graphic  
11 designer. So we were able to get in contact with two  
12 different graphic designers. One of them is the one that  
13 did the League of Women Voters report from 2010 when the  
14 people draw the lines. It took a while, but we found  
15 them and another graphic designer as well and got some  
16 numbers from both.

17 And I'd like to recommend that we budget for that.  
18 And so a -- not to exceed \$5,000 proposal. Not quite  
19 sure how to proceed with that, but that would be my  
20 recommendation. And Commissioner Kennedy and I are still  
21 talking about exactly how to approach that. But that's  
22 where we stand right now.

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: And if you could just set out for  
24 the colleagues what all that would cover, I think that  
25 would help.



1           COMMISSIONER YEE: Sure. So this would incorporate  
2 all our branding and logo graphics and so forth. Design  
3 for three volumes, about 200 pages, do accessibility  
4 checks. And that's a big chore because unfortunately  
5 Commissioner Kennedy and I have not been diligent about  
6 that in our writing, so that would be a big help there.

7           Check all the links, incorporate photos as we're  
8 able, lay out on the tables and so forth. Up to two  
9 rounds of revisions and deliver the whole thing as PDFs  
10 in the final form. And this would be on a timeline that  
11 is still comfortable. We do the design work probably in  
12 April and then try to get the text finalized at the  
13 beginning of May, and it would all still sit comfortably  
14 in at our June 30th deadline framework.

15           CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you for that.

16           Commissioner Le Mons?

17           VICE CHAIR LE MONS: So I think it's a great idea  
18 and I fully support it. And we'll have to figure out how  
19 we move it forward.

20           CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for that.

21           Commissioner Fernandez?

22           COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I would support that as  
23 well. I just don't think that we have the votes right  
24 now to move that forward. I don't know. I'd have to ask  
25 Anthony.

1 COMMISSIONER YEE: Do we have the money? Yeah. I  
2 never actually got a clear back on that.

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: What did you ask? I'm  
4 sorry.

5 COMMISSIOENR YEE: Do we have -- do we have the  
6 money?

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah.

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: There's funding. There's  
9 funding available. It's just whether or not we can get  
10 approval.

11 COMMISSIONER YEE: Right. I just wanted to make  
12 sure.

13 MS. LEON: Okay.

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: Corina, go ahead.

15 MS. LEON: Okay. Let me share -- let me share this  
16 screen.

17 COMMISSIONER YEE: And if we have the limits, I  
18 mean, we can approve the amount. And then I don't quite  
19 know how this proceeds. Is it up to the subcommittee to  
20 choose the contractor or how does that work?

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: No, the subcommittee should come  
22 with a recommendation. So sorry, Corina, we're not --  
23 ready to vote yet --

24 MS. LEON: Sorry.

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: So we can pull this -- pull this

1 down.

2 Commissioner Andersen?

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. Thank you. This  
4 certainly sounds exciting. I do have a question. The  
5 graphic design -- this is to put the whole document  
6 together in a hard copy. Or will this also be exactly  
7 what we see on the website?

8 COMMISSIONER YEE: This would be a PDF. So it's a  
9 printable. It's printable, but it's not -- depending on  
10 how much the hourly work goes into the design and so  
11 forth, we may or may not have money to actually produce  
12 some number of hard copies.

13 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: But this would be on our  
14 website?

15 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes. This would be a  
16 downloadable PDF. Yeah.

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: What if we -- because we're  
18 always working on this, oh, God, what about this? We  
19 find out these things. What would happen? Would we do  
20 some editing in it?

21 COMMISSIONER YEE: You'd probably put together an  
22 addendum -- errata or whatever, some additional document.  
23 Yeah.

24 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you.

25 MS. LEON: You would want to ask whoever does it,



1 want to ask them for their source.

2 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah.

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. Okay. So at this point, then  
4 it doesn't seem that we have votes to approve the  
5 expenditure at this point. I think we can we can  
6 continue our work on getting the contents as well-  
7 prepared as we can and have the text, if at all possible,  
8 out at least a week in advance of the May meeting, which  
9 would be --

10 MS. LEON: May 8th.

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: -- would be the 8th of May. So  
12 essentially we're looking to see if we can get the  
13 contents pretty much final by the 1st of May, that is  
14 going to be a little rough. We've got some missing data  
15 points that we need to chase down and so forth.

16 We will certainly do our best to get it done as  
17 quickly as possible. But then that leaves us the June  
18 2nd meeting with the possibility, I would imagine at this  
19 point, given that the July meeting is not until the 10th,  
20 that unless there are major problems, the June meeting  
21 might slip to June the 9th, a week later, in order to  
22 ensure that we can get a final vote on the report before  
23 the end of the fiscal year.

24 Corina, I'm not hearing you.

25 MS. LEON: Yes. I'm sorry.



1 CHAIR KENNEDY: Do we also have funding in the  
2 budget that would enable us to print some number of hard  
3 copies of the report?

4 MS. LEON: I believe so. I would have to confirm  
5 that. I believe so.

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. So we are looking, at this  
7 point, as soon as possible for colleagues to take another  
8 look at the revised report, give us general comments,  
9 more than specific comments. But I also wanted to put on  
10 the table a proposal. If someone comes up with  
11 language -- we've tried to make the language as  
12 reflective as possible of our understanding of where the  
13 Commission is.

14 We've toned some of the language down from we  
15 recommend to the 2030 Commission may wish to consider or  
16 something that they may wish to consider would be that  
17 sort of language. But if you're reading through it and  
18 you find something that you're really uncomfortable  
19 with -- I was recently looking at a very high-level  
20 report on Modernization of U.S. Federal Elections.

21 This was the Carter Baker Commission report from the  
22 early 2000. And I had recalled that they -- members of  
23 this very high-level commission had the opportunity to  
24 submit individual statements. And those individual  
25 statements were like one to two pages typed, you know, So

1 we're talking 250 words, maybe 500 words, max. And they  
2 could use that as they wanted to.

3       They didn't have to submit one. They could use it  
4 to support particular statements in the overall report  
5 with gusto. Or they could use it to say, I support the  
6 report as a whole, but there's one recommendation in it  
7 I'm not entirely comfortable with. So what it did was it  
8 enabled the Commission as a whole to say we as a  
9 commission support this document and yet had the  
10 opportunity for minority opinions to be expressed.

11       And so I wanted to put that on the table as  
12 something that we might want to consider doing so that,  
13 you know, we can we can have an easier time reaching  
14 consensus on the document as a whole and still allow  
15 commissioners to express some reservations about this  
16 paragraph or that page or whatever they might have  
17 reservations about, or alternatively express their  
18 strongest possible support for something that's in there.  
19 So I just wanted to put that out there and get a reaction  
20 on that.

21       COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah, I really like that. And  
22 you know, not just to -- certainly to express any  
23 dissenting opinions in print as needed, but yeah, just to  
24 collect personal statements. I mean, that would be super  
25 interesting for a 2030 and for the public just to see

1 some personal feelings and thoughts and reflections and  
2 intentions. Maybe just a final section somewhere. I  
3 invite you all to write something.

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah, it would be in Volume 2. It  
5 would be part of the essentially part of the  
6 appendices --

7 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah.

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: -- to the report.

9 COMMISSIONER YEE: Okay. So we can --

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: I'm seeing some heads nodding.

11 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. Yeah.

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Commissioner Yee?

13 COMMISSIONER YEE: Okay. Yeah, I can. But I can  
14 put out a invitation for that. That will come from  
15 Corina. But for the graphic designer, I think I mean, I  
16 guess we don't have the votes, we don't have the votes.  
17 But that work, we need to start pretty soon. So I don't  
18 know how to move forward with this. What can we do?

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: I don't know that we have an option  
20 to move forward before the main meeting.

21 Commissioner Fornaciari, do you?

22 MS. LEON: I think we need one person.

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: Go ahead, Commissioner Fornaciari,  
24 you hear me?

25 COMMISSIONER FORNACAIRI: Yes. Corina was going to



1 say something.

2 MS. LEON: I think we just need one person I can  
3 reach out to. Let me try and can reach out --

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: It has to be a super  
6 majority. Right?

7 MS. LEON: Which means?

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: Three, three, three.

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Three Republicans, three  
10 Democrats, and three from the no-party preference.

11 MS. LEON: Okay. So we have that.

12 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: My question was, how much  
13 is the contract did you say? I was spacing out.

14 COMMISSIONER YEE: Not more than \$5,000.

15 COMMISSIONER FORNACAIRI: So Anthony had his hand  
16 raised.

17 MS. LEON: Yeah, actually, we don't have --

18 ATTNY PANE: Yeah, but my question was, while this  
19 matter was pending, I was going to seek clarification  
20 from the Commission about Commissioner Yee's other  
21 question, which is sort of the chief counsel's addendum  
22 to the report, just making sure everybody was seeing that  
23 that was something that you all wanted me to do.

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: I believe I was the one that brought  
25 it up. And I'm very interested in having at least some



1 report from chief counsel, along with the other documents  
2 in Volume 3, which is Staff Reports. I think it would --  
3 I think it would be conspicuous by its absence if there  
4 was nothing.

5 ATTNY PANE: Yes. No, I don't -- absolutely. I  
6 guess the question is I'm happy to do a public version  
7 and a privileged version or just a privileged version. I  
8 don't know which way we want to go. That was more of the  
9 piece. I'm happy to do both.

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. Okay.

11 Commissioner Le Mons?

12 VICE CHAIR LE MONS: It sounds like we want both.  
13 Because it sounds like we want something to put in the  
14 document, which would not be a privileged version. So we  
15 need something for the public, for the 3R report. And  
16 then it would be nice as a point of record for a  
17 privilege report. That's my thought.

18 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah, I would concur with that.

19 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah, I agree.

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Welcome back, Commissioner  
21 Sinay.

22 MS. LEON: Okay. So we just need one person then,  
23 Isra or Linda.

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: Linda, I don't think it's available.  
25 Isra said that she left because she had a headache, but

1 she might be willing to join us for a vote. But then we  
2 only -- we still -- unless --

3 MS. LEON: I think we have enough with  
4 Commissioner --

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: No. We need another Democrat. We  
6 need Commissioner Vazquez or Commissioner Turner.  
7 Commissioner Turner did say that she was going to try to  
8 make it back. And she said that, if I recall correctly,  
9 she said she was going to leave her telephone -- her  
10 office phone live so that if we did need to call her, we  
11 could reach her.

12 MS. LEON: I did send her one.

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. I don't have anything else  
14 that I am aware of to jump to. I believe we have  
15 exhausted our agenda for the day other than this, unless  
16 people have any comments that they want to share about  
17 what they've seen so far in the Triple R report.

18 COMMISSIONER YEE: If anyone has more pictures.  
19 Still looking for good pictures.

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes. So that is now an official  
21 call for photos. Any commissioners or any staff who have  
22 photos that could be used in the report, we would be very  
23 much appreciative of receiving those.

24 So Commissioner Sinay, your hand went up and down  
25 very quickly.

1           COMMISSIONER SINAY: I don't know if Commissioner  
2 Fernandez -- if she was ahead of me.

3           CHAIR KENNEDY: There's her hand.

4           Commissioner Fernandez?

5           COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: My hand was in the field.  
6 It was waiting to everybody.

7           CHAIR KENNEDY: Well, no. It's behind the record  
8 button on my screen so I can't see it.

9           COMMISSIOENR FERNANDEZ: I just didn't know if we  
10 didn't have anything else to talk about, bring this --  
11 for this -- oh, my gosh -- agenda item.

12           I did kind of want to talk about maybe rescheduling  
13 the May and June meetings only because they're both so  
14 close to the beginning of the month. I would prefer just  
15 on the legislative side of it, I would prefer to do the  
16 June 1st later and then maybe push the May one a month --  
17 I mean, a week later as well, just so that we could try  
18 to get if there's more information that we could bring  
19 that forward and potentially vote if we have to vote. So  
20 that's the only thing I wanted to comment.

21           CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. I would certainly support  
22 moving the June meeting by a week. If we do that, that  
23 would have us like April 10th, May 8th, June 9th, July  
24 10th. And then August looks like it might be able to  
25 move by a week or we don't even know at this point if

1 we're going to have an August meeting.

2 And I do see the wisdom in in moving the May meeting  
3 a particularly if it's going to -- if having the meeting  
4 on the 8th means that we're trying to get the entire  
5 Triple R report posted by the 1st of May that -- yeah, I  
6 see that as pretty problematic at this point.

7 Commissioner Fornaciari?

8 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, I'd support moving  
9 the meetings back. But I raised my hand just a gentle  
10 reminder that we only requested four meetings for next  
11 fiscal year. So we're probably looking at quarterly  
12 meetings rather than monthly meetings. Yeah.

13 Okay. Or as I had suggested, we could we could take  
14 several months off and then bunch two meetings and then  
15 take another couple of months off, that kind of thing if  
16 we felt like we needed meeting-- a couple of meetings  
17 closer together.

18 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Well, that's --

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: Go ahead.

20 COMMISSIONER FORNACAIARI: And the Bagley-Keene  
21 exceptions and July or -- and the 30th of June. And so  
22 that bumps our meeting expenses up because of travel  
23 requirements and that kind of thing. So we may want to  
24 consider only holding one in the last half of the year or  
25 whatever. But it's something else to consider.

1 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. That's a very good point.  
2 Thank you for raising that.

3 Commissioner Andersen?

4 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, along those very  
5 lines, I think we need to add it to like next meeting's  
6 agenda to discuss this because one, if we don't have the  
7 videography money, which we don't have right now, we  
8 can't have a meeting, so kind of a moot point.

9 And but we need to discuss that and also when laying  
10 it out and also then mission rotation, because basically  
11 we're going to go to quarterly, then we would probably  
12 want to modify that because right now -- well, I guess  
13 not well anyway, but I think we should add that to the  
14 agenda for next meetings and work out all those details.

15 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. So Corina, can you put on the  
16 working agenda for the next meeting, talking about the  
17 schedule of meetings for the upcoming fiscal year. So  
18 that would be July 1 through 30 June of 2024.

19 MS. LEON: Okay.

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

21 MS. LEON: Yes.

22 CHAIR KENNEDY: And were you able to reach  
23 Commissioner Ahmad or Commissioner Turner?

24 MS. LEON: Let's see. I did send them but they  
25 haven't responded just yet.

1 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

2 Commissioner Sinay?

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Just before I go into my  
4 question, are you looking -- we're looking for Democrats  
5 right now, right, to call in?

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes.

7 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Commissioner Ahmad is not a  
8 Democrat. She's an independent or --

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: We need both.

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Both? All right.

11 COMMISSIOENR FERNANDEZ: She said she's logging in  
12 right now, Chair.

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: Oh, good.

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Ahmad is  
15 logging in.

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Well, it's not here nor there  
17 because we can always have someone missing. But on the  
18 9th, my nephew getting married, so I won't be able to  
19 make it if it's on the 9th of June. Sorry.

20 And then Commissioner Fornaciari asked me to tell  
21 everybody that he and I have been invited to speak to the  
22 redistricting hub. They have received funding to be in  
23 existence throughout -- they originally got money just to  
24 be a place where there's data for those during  
25 redistricting, just during the redistricting time. But

1 they got funding to the exist longer. And so their team  
2 wanted to just talk to us.

3 I can't tell you much more. I know that wasn't  
4 very -- we're learning about them as much as they're  
5 learning about us. But it's the group that Andrew, our  
6 line drawer, he was the co-founder of.

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Very good. Thank you.

8 Commissioner Yee?

9 COMMISSIONER YEE: Oh, yes. Two things quickly.  
10 One is the chair rotation is actually already set to go  
11 to quarterly starting in July. Somehow we were prophetic  
12 about that. So now we're set as far as that's concerned.

13 And if we're waiting for the vote, I'm wonder if  
14 someone can explain the process from here if we approve  
15 the amount. Is the subcommittee empowered to proceed  
16 with the contracting or how does that work?

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Corina?

18 MS. LEON: Yes. Once it's approved, I will need to  
19 start up a contract depending on the amount, it could be  
20 a perpetual services contract --

21 COMMISSIONER YEE: Um-hum.

22 MS. LEON: -- which would be the best -- the most  
23 expedited type of contract.

24 COMMISSIONER YEE: Right. And then the Commission  
25 would not need to give any further approval.

1 MS. LEON: No.

2 COMMISSIONER YEE: Okay. Just because the time is  
3 of the essence, that's what it's going to achieve.

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Chief Counsel Pane?

5 ATTNY PANE: Commissioner, to your point, the  
6 Commission statutes allow for a vote for contracting  
7 decisions. So if the decision is to delegate the  
8 administration in effectuating of the contract to Corina,  
9 then that's the one vote that the Commission would need  
10 with a supermajority. And then Corina would be able to,  
11 per the State Administrative Manual -- of the state  
12 contract manual to effectuate the contract.

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for that.

14 MS. LEON: I'm going try calling Commissioner  
15 Turner.

16 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. And then if you're not able  
17 to reach her, I think we're going to probably have to  
18 call this or -- well, we can we can go to general public  
19 comment first and then adjourn.

20 Kristian, can you go ahead and call for general  
21 public comment? And then if we do end up with a vote on  
22 something, we will have a public comment period  
23 specifically for that vote.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: It would be my pleasure  
25 to, Chair.





1           The Commission will now take public comment on  
2 general public comment. To give comment, please call  
3 877-853-5247 and enter meeting I.D number 86445340935.  
4 Once you've dialed in, please press star 9 to enter the  
5 comment queue. The full call-in instructions are read at  
6 the beginning of the meeting and are provided on the live  
7 stream landing page. And there is no one in the queue at  
8 this time.

9           CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. So while we wait, are there  
10 any further comments on moving May to May the 15th and  
11 June to June the 9th? Or for example, instead of the  
12 15th, Friday the 12th? Or in the case of June, I suppose  
13 it could be the Monday the 12th is another option. So do  
14 folks have preferences if we shift the May and June  
15 meetings?

16           Commissioner Andersen?

17           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Chair, sorry to  
18 interrupt.

19           CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes?

20           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: But we do have -- we do  
21 have a caller.

22           CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. We will take our caller.

23           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Stand by.

24           Caller with the last four digits 2829, please follow  
25 the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.



1 MS. WESTA-LUSK: Thank you. Good afternoon,  
2 Commissioners. This is Renee Westa-Lusk. I mainly have  
3 questions on the agenda item that was covered this  
4 morning on the website, the Analytica presentation.

5 Has a contract been approved and are they going to  
6 redo the website like they were showing in the  
7 presentation? Is that coming up? Or is this something  
8 that still has to be approved? That was my first  
9 question.

10 And my other comment is on the timeline options. I  
11 would support for the CRC 2030 timeline options. I would  
12 support the expanded schedule. I think this large of a  
13 state needs to offer a longer period of time for the  
14 commissioners to gather public comment.

15 And there were two things public comment and public  
16 input. And even if they get started, like at the end of  
17 January and that -- and they're not fully organized, they  
18 can still take down public input and get more of it and  
19 have it over a longer period of time.

20 I think the size of our state deserves that the  
21 electorate have as much opportunity to give public input  
22 on redistricting. And those are my questions. Thank  
23 you.

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you so much, Ms. Westa-Lusk. I  
25 will ask the Website Committee if they could respond to



1 the first question.

2 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you, Chair. Yes.  
3 Thank you for the question., Ms. Westa-Lusk, because it  
4 may not have it obviously wasn't clear. Our Airtable,  
5 the way we have it right now, that will go defunct. It's  
6 a different contract. And so that actually -- picture  
7 and viewer that you saw, that will be the new user  
8 interface for our data.

9 And if you have comments on it, that sort of stuff,  
10 we would love to hear them. But that will be the new  
11 version that will essentially be -- it'll take out that  
12 little block from the Airtable space and replace it. So  
13 that is the intent.

14 MS. WESTA-LUSK: How soon will it happen?

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: June 30th of the latest.

16 MS. WESTA-LUSK: Oh, okay. Okay. That's just  
17 that -- I think it. I think it's a great improvement.

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you.

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Ms. Westa-Lusk.

20 MS. WESTA-LUSK: Thank you.

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: And we have noted the support for  
22 the expanded timeline.

23 Okay. So Commissioner Andersen?

24 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Sorry about that. Yes. The  
25 change in the May date, I would prefer the May 12th. I



1 can't make the May 15 just from my perspective. And I do  
2 like the idea of moving to June 1 later. I can't recall  
3 what that date was.

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Either the 9th or the 12th.

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. It either works for  
6 me.

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. So your preference would be  
8 for 12th of May.

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Correct.

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: And then either 9 or 12 June.

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Very good.

13 Commissioner Fernandez?

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you. I was hiding  
15 behind whatever it is that I'm hiding behind your  
16 computer. But I was either -- for May either. Either  
17 change works for me. Whatever you guys want to do for  
18 the June.

19 I was actually hoping to move it even later in the  
20 month to the 19th, because realizing that with the  
21 Legislatives, I kind of want to go as late as we can  
22 because I'm not thinking -- I'm thinking we're not going  
23 to meet in July or August.

24 So I kind of want to get as much information out  
25 there, if there is anything on the legislative front,

1 everyone. And if there's any votes that need to be done,  
2 that might be our last opportunity.

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. Okay. So May was either  
4 option the 12th or the 15th. But push June out to the  
5 19th. And yes, that does make sense to push it as late  
6 as possible. Other colleagues?

7 Commissioner Taylor?

8 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes, I'm in support of May  
9 12th. And June 19th is fine. I'm available on both  
10 those days.

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

12 Anyone else wish to express a preference on these  
13 meeting dates? Okay. No one else. And we do not have  
14 Commissioner Turner with us.

15 Okay. So unless there is objection, we would move  
16 the May meeting to the 12th of May, and the June meeting  
17 to the 19th of June.

18 Okay. Any further comments? And if not, then I  
19 guess we will adjourn for today. Going once. Going  
20 twice. Thank you, everyone, for a very good meeting. We  
21 got a lot done and we will see everyone on the 12th of  
22 May.

23 Corina, please reflect that change on the website as  
24 soon as possible. Please send out a minimum of two  
25 blasts. And I had also noticed that the Facebook page is

1 not being updated with information on upcoming meetings.  
2 So if someone could please ensure that that is done, I  
3 would appreciate it.

4 MS. LEON: Okay. Facebook. Will do.

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

6 MS. LEON: Thank you very much.

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you. Everyone, meeting is  
8 adjourned.

9 MS. LEON: Thank you.

10 (Whereupon, the CRC Business Meeting adjourned  
11 at 4:30 p.m.)

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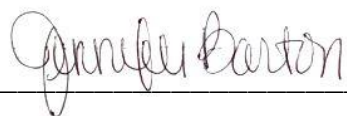
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