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P R O C E E D I N G S

9:30 a.m.

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3 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for joining the
4 California Citizens Redistricting Commission. My name is
5 Pedro Toledo. And I am serving as vice chair this office
6 for this session, but also chairing this morning session.
7 And with that, I will start roll call.

8 Ravi, please take role.

9 MR. SINGH: Thank you, Chair.

10 Commissioner Turner?

11 COMMISSIONER Turner: Here.

12 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Vazquez?

13 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Here.

14 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Yee?

15 COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.

16 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Ahmad?

17 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Here.

18 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Akutagawa?

19 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: She's coming. She's here.

20 MR. SINGH: Okay. Thank you.

21 Commissioner Andersen?

22 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Here.

23 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fernandez?

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Presente.

25 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fornaciari?



1 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I am here.

2 MR. SINGH: Thank you.

3 Commissioner Kennedy?

4 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.

5 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Le Mons?

6 Commissioner Sadhwani?

7 Commissioners Sinay?

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I'm here. You're keeping me on
9 my toes. I'm looking around.

10 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Taylor?

11 And Commissioner Toledo?

12 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Present.

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

14 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Excellent. Thank you. So for
15 today, we're going to start off with the directors
16 reports. And after that, we'll be going into committee
17 reports and we will be having a closed session at 11:15
18 and to go over some cybersecurity personnel and PRA
19 issues.

20 So with that, let's start with directors reports.
21 And we will be doing public comment at the end of our
22 meeting today.

23 MR. HERNANDEZ: Thank you. Chair. Good morning,
24 Commissioners. So I will begin by sharing some
25 information about the paper COI. We are in the process

1 of printing the volume for the prisons for the
2 incarcerated population. We're working on that. We're
3 still trying to work out some details with the U.S. Post
4 Office in regards to the envelopes for the other folks
5 that will be sending the copies to.

6 So just want to kind of give you an update on that.
7 It hasn't been as we had planned originally that we would
8 be able to get it all done right away. But we are going
9 to get the first batch to the incarcerated folks, which
10 is not going to require the envelopes. And we're working
11 out some of those details as we speak.

12 In regards to some of the logistics for the upcoming
13 weeks in securing the location for the Commission meeting
14 next week that has been taken care of. We're working on
15 additional logistics and we'll provide the commissioners
16 with information on how to -- for the location. I should
17 say.

18 We are still working on the San Diego, which would
19 be in November trying to finalize those details. And we
20 are also going to be bringing on board some additional
21 student assistance. I think I've mentioned it before, we
22 have one student that will be starting on the 11th.
23 That's what I have for now. Are there any questions?

24 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Hearing no questions, let's move
25 on to the community --



1 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Kennedy.

2 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, there are some hands.

3 Sorry, Commissioner -- Commissioner Kennedy. Sorry.

4 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair.

5 Director Hernandez, three things. If you could give
6 me an update. I had requested a copy of the distribution
7 plan -- the overall distribution plan for the paper COI
8 forms, the status of all of the transcripts going back to
9 July of last year, and the correspondence with the state
10 archives regarding the 2010 website. Thank you.

11 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes. So regarding the distribution
12 plan, I believe I sent an email with the information on
13 what we're doing and how we're doing that. I'll circle
14 back. I tend to start emails. Don't always send them
15 out.

16 So I'll look back at that in regards to the
17 transcript. Still working on that one to update it, to
18 have the most current meetings that we've had, and I'll
19 send that out tomorrow at the latest.

20 In regards to the emails that you requested, I just
21 have not had the time to go back and look for those, but
22 I will. It is on my list of things to do for you. Thank
23 you.

24 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you.

25 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Director Kaplan?



1 MS. KAPLAN: I just wanted to highlight in addition
2 with the COI paper tool that we have, also Fredy has been
3 working on a video that will be going out, that will be
4 playing in the different facilities. And Anne has been
5 working extensively with external stakeholders that also
6 serve populations in the incarcerated -- the incarcerated
7 populations, as well as families.

8 And so they have created some additional messaging
9 and video that -- with some trusted messengers that will
10 also be played and are also working on communications on
11 how they can help spread the word to the populations that
12 they serve as well.

13 And the paper tool, I don't know if Fredy is going
14 to highlight this, but the COI paper tool is also posted
15 on the website as well as all the non-English -- all the
16 non-English ones, are also posted as well.

17 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

18 Commissioner Sinay?

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I was looking for the buttons
20 for the mic. This is all exciting. But again, I feel
21 like we're two months too late or even one month too
22 late, I should say. And so I would like to get it into
23 the prison facilities. I think that that's really
24 important because there's no other way for them to
25 participate.



1 But I'm wondering with the library, since it's all
2 being put on hold for I don't know how long. And by the
3 time they get it out and everything else, if it doesn't
4 make better sense to have a nice flier explaining how
5 they can participate -- see the draft maps, and
6 participate with the visualizations and the draft maps
7 coming up and explaining that process a little better,
8 knowing where we are on -- in the process now and how --
9 what does meaningful participation mean and do we want to
10 spend that funding for -- to do that versus create a nice
11 flier and get a nice get a nice flier into the hands of
12 the libraries that they can get out.

13 So I do want to put that out there for my
14 Commissioners to really -- where we are, what is the best
15 way to use our partners at the library because we can't
16 ask them multiple times to do different things. And this
17 is our one opportunity.

18 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay.

19 With that, let's turn it over to Commissioner --
20 Director Ceja for the communications report. I believe
21 you're on mute, Commissioner Ceja -- Director Ceja.

22 I think Director Ceja is has having some
23 connectivity issues. How about we'll go to a
24 commissioner -- or Director Kaplan and then we'll come
25 back to Commissioner Ceja after the outreach report.



1 MS. KAPLAN: Okay. Great. Thank you. If it helps,
2 I'll just share my screen with the report that was posted
3 to walk through that, which I -- hold on a second while I
4 pull this up. So thank you, Commissioners. Let me pull
5 this up. Wow.

6 MR. CEJA: Hello?

7 MS. KAPLAN: Okay. So on the outreach report that's
8 listed, I have included the upcoming draw my ca community
9 trainings that are upcoming and that have been finalized.

10 We did discuss -- I did discuss with the Outreach
11 and Engagement subcommittee to start tweaking the
12 PowerPoints a little bit more general, to include the
13 three different tools that the Commission is now
14 promoting with statewide database, as well as the
15 timeline and our new form that we have on visualization
16 so to broaden the power -- the presentation a little bit
17 more on not just a heavier focus on the COI tool.

18 And so we'll be updating that to ensure that as
19 staff are presenting, they're clearly going over what the
20 Commission is doing now in the process and the ways to
21 participate as well.

22 I also wanted to highlight the input that's in the
23 database. This is as of September 17th. And just also
24 highlighting the visualization feedback that is more real
25 time. And so this was from close of business yesterday



1 for sixty-one inputs, and I haven't checked this morning
2 on the update.

3 And also just wanted to highlight going from
4 November -- or from September 17th to October 6th, the
5 additional public input that's not in the database. That
6 was 154. So just highlight what's coming in.

7 I wanted to provide an update on where we're at with
8 appointment requests for the October 21 to 23 public map
9 input sessions. So as of yesterday afternoon and this
10 morning, just a couple more have trickled in. There were
11 sixty-five requests. And this is the breakdown from
12 small, medium, large to extra-large submissions.

13 And also just wanted to provide an update on where
14 we are with the minutes in terms of these requests. And
15 what we have agendized for the three-day meetings. And
16 so it looks like we are still within that time frame.

17 This form closes today at 5 p.m. And so I will work
18 with the subcommittee -- the line drawing subcommittee
19 with the final update. But I believe we should be fine
20 in terms of scheduling folks in for those three days.

21 And also just want to highlight that these
22 appointment requests are not a guarantee of appointment.
23 We have a secondary deadline of October 11th where the
24 public has to submit their map and narrative in order to
25 get an appointment given -- going in a first come, first



1 serve basis. So it looks like we should be
2 accommodate -- should be able to accommodate everyone
3 that has requested once they have their submissions in.

4 And then I also wanted to go over in a little bit
5 more detail this larger table that was posted. I work
6 together with the Outreach and Engagement Subcommittee to
7 take a look at our strategic outreach goals that the
8 Commission has identified.

9 And the first goal is an activation rate of point
10 one percent of an area. And so we started to look at
11 some more detail now that the database is live on the
12 input that we've been receiving and where it's coming
13 from, not only to inform all of you, but also to help
14 with our outreach team as they're looking at areas to
15 further engage.

16 And so what I -- something I really want to
17 highlight is that these are inputs that mention counties.
18 So you'll see the total is much larger than -- it's about
19 double than the number of input we've actually received.

20 And so because when many people submit a public
21 input, they're highlighting numerous counties and they're
22 not only just highlighting group these counties together,
23 they may also be saying, we don't want to be grouped with
24 this other county.

25 And so even though this isn't unique to each



1 specific input, I thought it was really helpful and so
2 did the subcommittee to just highlight where we are
3 hearing from. And so I'll scroll down and you'll see
4 it's posted online to give closer look. And I think this
5 is something we can continue to update for you all
6 ongoing as well as for the staff.

7 And then again, it's broken down by zone. And this
8 is also -- this is based on the table, the previous
9 table. So you'll see for Zone A and B where someone is
10 maybe highlighting a lot of those counties. It's going
11 to be a little bit higher here. And so I'll try to work
12 with our data team to see if there's a way to do the zone
13 version. That's not kind of double counting some of
14 these.

15 So I wanted to take pause if there's any questions
16 on this. And then --

17 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: So it looks like we have a
18 couple of questions.

19 MS. KAPLAN: Yeah. Okay.

20 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: And thank you for your work on
21 this and the rest of the outreach stuff. With that,
22 let's turn it over to Commissioner Fernandez and then
23 Commissioner Turner.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair.

25 And yes, I want to echo what Chair Toledo said.



1 Marcy, this is absolutely wonderful. I love this
2 information. It shows that we've made progress, but we
3 also have more work to do. So thank you so much to you
4 and your staff.

5 And then the one thing I just wanted to clarify in
6 the input in the database as of September 17th, the one
7 line that is live meeting, I just want to confirm that
8 that's not only our communities of interest public input
9 meetings, but it's also when we've received comments
10 during our public comment during the other meetings,
11 correct.

12 MS. KAPLAN: I will verify.

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay.

14 MS. KAPLAN: But we are taking notes on the input
15 that's coming in. And so we were just emailing the staff
16 this morning about this. So I will --

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay.

18 MS. KAPLAN: -- get some more clarity on that. I
19 believe so because I think it's over what we got in from
20 the COI input meetings.

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay.

22 MS. KAPLAN: But I'll make a note to follow up on
23 that.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. And I just want to
25 make sure and to let the public know that we are also



1 taking that information and putting it into our database.

2 MS. KAPLAN: Yeah.

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

4 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner
5 Fernandez.

6 Commissioner Turner?

7 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Chair Toledo.

8 Director Kaplan, the report -- the Outreach Report,
9 very informative. I really appreciate the thoroughness
10 of it. I had a question and wondered if you could talk
11 to us a little bit about the different -- the spread at
12 the top under the draw my California community trainings
13 that's been done.

14 I'm looking at the trainings and the areas that the
15 trainings are being conducted in. And wondering if you
16 can say a little bit more about what is needed to have
17 those happen or if we're -- yeah, what's needed. Because
18 I'm noticing several -- in Zones C and H and not too many
19 trainings happening in the other zones.

20 And so what should we be saying to those that's
21 listening and how do we get some additional trainings in
22 the other areas?

23 MS. KAPLAN: Thank you. Yes, the staff have been
24 targeting -- I mean, obviously the communications have
25 been going out to everyone on our list. Social media



1 through our email list and website. But staff have also
2 been following up with some of the areas where we
3 aren't -- where we're a little bit lower and in hearing
4 feedback. But I would say I'm happy to put a shortened
5 email together for you all to distribute out to the
6 networks in your zones as well.

7 And so I think by streamlining the PowerPoint a
8 little bit more per direction from the subcommittee, it
9 really provides the public different ways to engage,
10 whether they want to use the mapping tools or the input
11 form, and just give a little bit more update on where we
12 are currently in the process and how to participate.

13 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. I would
14 appreciate -- would love to get the emailed to begin to
15 share. And I'm wondering if there is -- yeah. So I
16 didn't look at this through enough, but I'd like to see
17 the correlation between the activation goals --

18 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Um-hum.

19 COMMISSIONER TURNER: -- and the where we're
20 actually doing outreach and see what that thing is
21 looking like as well, so.

22 MS. KAPLAN: Yeah.

23 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Um-hum.

24 MS. KAPLAN: Yeah. And I think now that we have a
25 lot more of the input coming in real time, staff can be



1 able to do that a little bit more to see where we are
2 focusing more and how that looks like with an outcome.
3 Thank you.

4 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Great.

5 Commissioner Vazquez, then Sinay.

6 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes. Echo everything that's
7 been said about how helpful this is. Question for you,
8 this would -- the table that's labeled goal -- actual
9 goal versus actual activation rate, I appreciate the
10 alphabetical order of the counties listed.

11 Could we also -- could I also get the it sorted --
12 so an additional table -- it sorted by percent of goal
13 activated.

14 MS. KAPLAN: Um-hum.

15 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Both would be helpful, I
16 think, to have.

17 MS. KAPLAN: Yes. Okay.

18 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Thank you.

19 MS. KAPLAN: Sure.

20 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Sinay?

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you so much for this,
22 Marcy. Obviously, I had -- yeah. Neil and I had --
23 sorry. Commissioner Fornaciari and I had access to it
24 earlier and so I've had some time to think about this.
25 And it's fascinating to me because if we were -- when we

1 do our final report, we'll show outreach that we did in
2 the early education process and then activation rights.
3 And you will notice that it's almost inversely
4 correlated, which is the opposite of what we expected.

5 And part of it, I think, is the size of the
6 counties, obviously. Right. It takes a lot less to get
7 to your percentages. And I'm not trying to be defensive,
8 Region K and San Diego came in last in activation. But I
9 just think that I'm looking forward to the end after we
10 do their maps to be able to look at some of these things.

11 And one of the pieces that kind of hit me the other
12 day was also looking at these based on where
13 commissioners are from, because in -- I'm wondering how
14 many times people say, oh, I know Commissioner Turner, so
15 I know we're okay and they don't participate because they
16 know Commissioner Turner and they trust her.

17 And it sounds funny, but that's how relationships
18 work and how a lot of this engagement works. And so
19 there's so many factors in this, but I did want to say
20 that that piece was interesting.

21 Marcy, we received a public comment that asks a
22 really good question, and I was hoping you could address
23 it. It asked us in these presentations -- because staff
24 and commissioners can't take any line -- we can't take
25 any -- I'm forgetting that exact term, but input on line

1 drawing. And we are in the process of line drawing. So
2 we're being very careful about how we engage with the
3 public. But our lead staff are going out and engaging.
4 How are they making sure that that barrier is up? That
5 that's definitely not happening.

6 MS. KAPLAN: So you can see the PowerPoint is posted
7 on the website. We are not going in -- not going into
8 any detail on line drawing and directing the public to
9 the process and where the Commission is that, where the
10 public can locate documents on any visualizations now
11 that that has begun this week.

12 We are also requesting that entities provide
13 questions in advance and limiting live Q&A as well during
14 the presentations as much as possible. And so I'm
15 working with staff on questions that they're receiving
16 from entities in advance that we are not going into that
17 discussing redistricting matters during these
18 presentations.

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And also isn't staff actually
20 signing off when whoever is hosting it does begin the
21 conversation about line drawings or maps that are being
22 present, so they're not -- that they're absolutely just
23 signing up and they're not part of that meeting?

24 MS. KAPLAN: Yeah, there's staffers simply going
25 through this this presentation that's posted on the



1 website, the draw my ca tool, and they're not walking
2 folks through the tool or not staying on for any
3 continued follow-up conversation around what an
4 organization may be doing.

5 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for that
6 clarification, Commissioner -- Director Kaplan.

7 We have a couple of other commissioners who have
8 comment or questions. Commissioner Akutagawa,
9 Fornaciari, then Kennedy.

10 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Just a quick
11 question and thank you, Marcy, to you and your team for
12 this very insightful and amazing data. Just like at the
13 bottom. Let's see. I think it's I guess it would be
14 with both tables where it says actual input as of 9/17.
15 I notice that you don't have a like a total number for
16 the total inputs.

17 It would be helpful to know because at first I was
18 thinking that we received 39,000 and then I realized I
19 was looking at the columns because I wasn't at the very
20 top. But anyways, that's the population and then the
21 point one percentage.

22 So it would be nice to see in relation to what we
23 had hoped, what was the actual number of inputs in total.
24 And I would ask the same for the one that is grouped by
25 zone as well too. So that could --

1 MS. KAPLAN: Yeah, I can include that in there with
2 just like a star highlighting that this is input that
3 mentions counties. So I didn't include that because I
4 didn't want that to be conflicting with our actual total
5 that's around 3,000 input that's been received.

6 So in the larger table with the point one percent,
7 this is based on an input that mentions counties. So the
8 total is closer to around 7,000.

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay.

10 MS. KAPLAN: So I can include the total. And I will
11 put like an asterisk with a note again emphasizing. So I
12 just wanted to make sure it's clear to the public the
13 different -- the differentiation.

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, that would be great.
15 And I do believe another commissioner had also asked if
16 there was another column that you could add, I think, or
17 is what I heard.

18 MS. KAPLAN: Yes, so Commissioner Vazquez had asked
19 to also sort the -- do a secondary table that sorted in
20 order by --

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Percentage.

22 MS. KAPLAN: -- the activation rate. So we can see
23 it in order that way instead of just by alphabetical
24 order.

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Okay. Thank you.



1 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Fornaciari?

2 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, two things. I just
3 wanted to thank Marcy and the team for putting this
4 report together. It's really informative. And I just --
5 it's been mentioned a couple of times, but I just want to
6 reiterate something.

7 This is kind of a first draft of some data that
8 we're looking at, but the data is counties mentioned. So
9 go back to Zone A and nearly everyone who called in
10 mentioned all the counties on the coast. So those
11 counties are mentioned over and over and over and over
12 again. And when you get into a place like L.A. we're
13 mentioning cities, right, or neighborhoods kind of thing.

14 So the data as it's as it's represented in this
15 table, is a good first cut at giving us an idea of where
16 we're at. But it's not really getting all the all the
17 level of detail that we want. And Marcy and team are
18 working on that. So but thank you so much for getting
19 this together. It's really, really helpful.

20 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner
21 Fornaciari.

22 Commissioner Kennedy?

23 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair.

24 And yes, it is really, really helpful to have these
25 reports in writing. I wanted to go back for a second to



1 Commissioner Sinay's comment about an inverse
2 relationship. And I have a thought on that and that is
3 that part of what I think we're seeing is that in smaller
4 counties where NGO networks are not as active or
5 pervasive, individual citizens -- individual Californians
6 are participating directly, whereas in some of the larger
7 counties with more active NGO networks, people are
8 interacting with the NGOs, and then the NGOs are
9 presenting to us kind of summaries of what they're
10 hearing from the populations that they are interacting
11 with directly.

12 So I think our -- I think our impact really is
13 significantly higher than what we're seeing in these
14 activation numbers. And we might give some thought on
15 how we could ask the NGO networks to provide us some sort
16 of standardized information about their activation rates
17 that could give us that could assist us in having a
18 better understanding of our overall global activation
19 rate. Thank you.

20 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. So perhaps the
21 outreach committee can take that on and think about that.

22 So next, we'll move on to our -- to Director Ceja
23 for the communication --

24 MS. KAPLAN: I'm not done.

25 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: You're not done yet. Okay.



1 Well, let's continue on. So I was hoping to move it
2 along, but. All right. Completely gone.

3 Director Kaplan?

4 MS. KAPLAN: This is going to be a longer
5 discussion. There was a second hand out on the draft map
6 input meetings that I worked together with Commissioner
7 Furnish and Commissioner Ahmad to put together. So I'd
8 like to pull that up and walk us through that for some
9 more discussion. Okay. Hold on. Sorry. Okay. Is that
10 up now?

11 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Director Kaplan?

12 MS. KAPLAN: Yeah?

13 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: I thought that was -- we were
14 going to talk about that during the committee report. Do
15 we want to do that now or at the committee report? Okay.
16 Let's just do it now.

17 MS. KAPLAN: Okay.

18 MS. KAPLAN: Okay. Great. So I, as mentioned, work
19 together with the with Commissioner Fornaciari and
20 Commissioner Ahamd to put together this proposal. And
21 I'll let them kind of chime in as I go over it. But just
22 wanted to give a high-level overview to us and further
23 discussion of this.

24 So going over really the goal and structure this
25 is -- these meetings are to gather feedback on the first



1 draft maps displayed by the Commission. And I think the
2 overall highlight -- the takeaway from this is really to
3 model the format in which we used for the COI input
4 meetings and also just really want to highlight that
5 they're -- these meetings are not going to be the only
6 way for the public to participate in this process and to
7 provide feedback to the commission on the draft maps.

8 So there will continue to be the multiple avenues as
9 they are now. Whether it's email, letter, web form, the
10 mapping tools, general public comment, and also looking
11 at this visualization feedback form that we've gotten,
12 how that's working so that we can potentially do that for
13 the draft maps as well.

14 And so this is the suggested number is for these
15 input meetings and these are the proposed dates which is
16 based on a target draft completion date of November 10th.
17 And you can see here that we've ordered -- organized
18 these by districts. So to do a day specifically on
19 district maps.

20 And this was also -- we're proposing this with
21 feedback that we received also from the line drawers
22 around how to organize the meetings the last day given
23 there may be limited feedback on the Board of
24 Equalization districts, we are including the second
25 session to be open to any district.



1 So this is the proposed time frame to do a four-hour
2 block and the sample schedule allowing for two
3 appointment sessions and then also time for people
4 without appointments and public comment. The time frame
5 we highlighted per speaker was five minutes.

6 And so this is a little bit higher than the COI
7 input meetings and to allow individuals who may have
8 input on multiple districts. And we are also
9 recommending that these are done virtually since this
10 will be mostly collecting input and not a two-way
11 interactive meeting.

12 And just want to quickly go over the role of
13 everyone during these meetings. So for the Commissioners
14 it's really -- this is the opportunity to listen to
15 Californians and to hear the feedback on the draft maps.

16 Staff would be coordinating an appointment system
17 similar to the COI input meetings, and we're recommending
18 that appointments sign up opens up when the draft maps
19 are posted. Similar to the COI input meetings,
20 individuals would be limited to one appointment or
21 meeting.

22 And also staff would be coordinating interpretation
23 requests so similar to the October '21 to '23 meetings
24 and all other -- all of the Commission meetings
25 interpretation requests must be submitted within five

1 business days, and then also staff would be supporting
2 with note taking of feedback.

3 And then the role of the line drawers would be to
4 display the District maps similar to the format of the
5 input meetings. And this is the proposed agenda. And so
6 I wanted to ask Commissioner Fornaciari and Commissioner
7 Ahmad if there was additional notes that you wanted to
8 highlight as well.

9 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. I'll just start.
10 Jump right in. First of all, I want to thank
11 Commissioner Ahmad and Director Kaplan, just making clear
12 that they did the heavy lifting on this. But I also want
13 to say that there was a lot of work done with legal, with
14 the line drawing team, with the mappers, with the
15 Security subcommittee involved with Kristian and team and
16 in.

17 And so a lot of a lot of input went into this
18 besides just Commissioner Ahmad myself. So just to be
19 aware of the background thinking on this.

20 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Well, thank you for all of your
21 work.

22 Commissioner Ahmad and then Commissioner Fernandez.

23 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yeah. And I just wanted to
24 add. Well, thank you. And I echo everything,
25 Commissioner Fornaciari stated. I just wanted to add

1 that this this process was much simpler than we
2 anticipated because our team has already established a
3 very smooth-running process for the COI input meetings.
4 So we capitalized on some of the kinks that we worked out
5 for those meetings and tried to replicate it as much as
6 possible so we can utilize what we already have.

7 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Great. And I'll be looking for
8 as far as you're thinking about your comments, I'll also
9 be looking for a motion to adopt this plan. So formulate
10 your motion than if you have one.

11 Commissioner Fernandez. Then Commissioner Kennedy.

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. I want to thank all
13 that we're involved with this. It's great plan. I just
14 want to highlight, I believe, an activity that all the
15 staff will also be involved in. And I just want to know,
16 I guess I just I'm trying to figure out how -- we have
17 the community -- we have our database where we enter all
18 of the communities of interest and how are we going to
19 capture the feedback on our maps.

20 I know right now we have this real time feedback. I
21 guess I'm just -- I'm trying to think how this is going
22 to mesh with the other input that we receive. I know
23 you've probably already thought about it, but I also want
24 to make sure we document that we're doing that. That's
25 staff's going to be doing that in this document so that

1 it's more than just note taking a feedback because I know
2 there's more involved with that. Thank you.

3 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

4 And Commissioner Kennedy?

5 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. Just a
6 couple of things on this. I am happy with the number of
7 meetings. I'm wondering if we might want to consider
8 different dates. I mean, we have a -- we have a target
9 date of the 10th. We're not sure we're going to make
10 that.

11 And also, even if we do make that, I would like, you
12 know, groups and individuals to feel like they have had
13 adequate time to review the maps before being requested
14 to provide input.

15 So I'm a little bit uncomfortable with the dates.
16 I'm also uncomfortable with the duration. I mean, I want
17 this to be more than just ticking the box. And yes, I
18 understand that there are many other ways to provide
19 input. I encourage people to use those other means of
20 providing input. I'm enjoying reviewing input received
21 through those other channels.

22 But I think that my sense is that there is going to
23 be an enormous demand for opportunity to speak at these
24 events. And so I would think that at a minimum we would
25 go from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. and anticipating that we are



1 likely to need to go beyond those times.

2 I mean, going based on -- in part on the 2010
3 Commission's experience with this and we've all
4 acknowledged that once we have draft maps out, we're
5 going to -- we're really likely to get a lot more input.

6 So I would like -- again, I'm okay with the number
7 of days. I would like us to extend the sessions
8 significantly and just give another thought to the dates
9 to ensure that people have adequate time after the draft
10 maps are posted so that they don't feel too rushed.

11 Thank you so much.

12 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Kennedy.
13 Commissioner Fornaciari?

14 COMMISSIONER FORNACAIRI: Well, I don't know if
15 Director Kaplan want to chime in on that or Commissioner
16 Ahmad, but I'll go ahead. So a few things in response
17 that. Somehow it fell off -- it fell off the document
18 here. But we were also going to agendize the following
19 Monday and Tuesday for spillover meetings.

20 This is another example of us not being sure how
21 much interest or input we're going to get. And so the
22 thought was that we set these four days up -- open the
23 appointment system and see how that's going. And if
24 we're getting an overwhelming response to go over into
25 Monday and Tuesday, the following week.



1 So and in response to the to the time to react to
2 the maps, we did talk about that and we thought about
3 that a lot. And so there's a couple of things going on
4 here, right? I mean, we have to allow the public time to
5 react to the maps. We wanted to have extra time the next
6 week in case we had overflow.

7 And then the Commission has to have time to kind of
8 review not only this input, but all the other input we're
9 getting to -- in it to be able to -- early the following
10 week, begin to give direction to the line drawing team.

11 And so we're trying to balance it out. But I do
12 appreciate that that feedback and the concern that
13 there's it's a rush time on the front end for folks to
14 react to the maps. So thank you for that feedback. And
15 we're certainly open to considering changing the schedule
16 here.

17 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: And if I may jump in.

18 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Sure.

19 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: In response to that. So the
20 dates were chosen because we had already scheduled those
21 dates, the 16th through the 19th, for some set of
22 meetings in the future. So we just took those.

23 And then Commissioner Kennedy, the number of times
24 that I -- you raised 1 to 8 p.m. and then changed it to 3
25 to 7 and then back to 1 to 8 and then back to 3 to 7. I

1 just it was all what Commissioner Fornaciari already
2 stated that we just don't know how much input we're going
3 to get. And then also we were mindful of that fourteen-
4 day period in which we can't touch the maps.

5 So we tried to squeeze these feedback meetings
6 within those fourteen days so that we can make it very
7 clear that at this time the Commission is not giving any
8 direction to change the maps. We're just listening to
9 feedback.

10 And then the other consideration that I'm definitely
11 opening to hear -- open to hearing all your thoughts was
12 how do we fit this in with the Thanksgiving weekend
13 break? And it's a perfect storm. So definitely open to
14 feedback on making this proposal better.

15 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: So hopefully we'll get some
16 feedback right now. We have Fernandez, Akutagawa,
17 Turner, and Andersen.

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Sorry. I'm having
19 problems. Yes, I do have to echo what Commissioner
20 Kennedy said. As we can see, even with our
21 visualizations, we're getting feedback right away. Once
22 they -- once people and the community finally see what
23 we're thinking about, they definitely have opinions.

24 So I would support the longer day. I guess I'm
25 going back and forth with the Thanksgiving. But again,

1 we need to share the pain. I was thinking more of maybe
2 that Thursday, Friday, the 18th, 19th, and then the
3 Monday, Tuesday of Thanksgiving.

4 That gives the public a week, a week or maybe less
5 depending on when the first drafts are out, at least take
6 all the information in and provide feedback. And then
7 the Monday, Tuesday of Thanksgiving week. I know it's
8 not popular, but let's see, most schools are closed, so
9 maybe they can concentrate on providing feedback instead
10 of getting kids ready for school. Who knows?

11 But that's my proposal. And the reason I didn't
12 mention it earlier was I was going to bring it up when we
13 discussed the calendar, so I wasn't sure at what time we
14 bring the subject up. But thank you again for bringing
15 this forward to us.

16 MS. KAPLAN: Sorry. Could you just say again, was
17 it the Thursday, Friday and then the Monday, Tuesday?

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, it was. That's what I
19 was thinking was 19th.

20 MS. KAPLAN: Okay.

21 COMMISSIONER FERNADNEZ: And I do agree with the
22 longer days, again, as we did with our communities of
23 interest input meetings, if we didn't have any callers,
24 we were able to finish early or adjourn early or if we
25 needed to go late, we would go late. So either way,



1 flexible. Thank you.

2 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: And again, if there's -- if we
3 can formalize a motion that we can start to go towards
4 and get approval on, that'd be great. So we had -- let
5 me see -- Akutagawa and then Turner and then Andersen.

6 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Thank you. I am
7 also going to affirm what was just said about the dates.
8 I do believe that given that the 10th is our target, but
9 if for whatever reason we're releasing on the 15th, I
10 think we need to just give at least an extra day. So I
11 would propose minimally, starting on the 17th.

12 I also notice that we are not using the weekends and
13 I think for some people the weekends is also a better
14 time. I think we should minimally at least include a
15 Saturday in this mix.

16 And so therefore I think eliminating the 16th and at
17 least taking on the 20th, I also would personally not
18 have a problem using the 20th and then maybe giving like
19 the Tuesday, Wednesday as our break to review in other
20 things.

21 And maybe we use we hold that Monday as a
22 potential -- I'm just thinking about it you know as a
23 potential date where we agendize -- but if we need it
24 because we don't know if we're going to need every, you
25 know, how much input we're going to get.



1 I am supportive of the extra time, although I would
2 just perhaps ask maybe starting at 2 going until 9
3 because I'm thinking about for those who are going to be
4 giving input, if we go from 3 to 7, that is around the
5 time of dinner for those who have children and who need
6 to get meals put on to the table so that they could get
7 their kids to bed.

8 But then if we go 1 to 8, I think we're still within
9 that little window. 9 o'clock, I think ending at 9
10 o'clock at least gives those who need to get kids fed,
11 families fed or do whatever they need to do and then
12 settle in to get on a phone call, let's say between 8 and
13 9, we'll give that option for those who feel like that
14 would be better. And then for those who prefer the
15 earlier times, they still have that at least that mid-
16 afternoon timeframe.

17 So 2 to 9 is something that I would want to also put
18 out there as well to allow for kind of straddling all the
19 various kind of responsibilities that I think people
20 have. And then it also gives those who have to work
21 later in into the evening, it still does give them that
22 time to also provide input.

23 Last thing I also want to mention too, and I believe
24 there was there was something about the language
25 interpretation under proposed rules, coordinate

1 interpretation requests in request must be made five days
2 in advance. I would also want to advocate for at the
3 very minimum, at the very least, that we automatically
4 include Spanish interpretation for this process.

5 All of the other languages, I think based on the
6 usage that we found from our communities of interest
7 meeting, I think it is okay to stay with the five
8 business days in advance. But for this, I do believe it
9 would just be easier to just automatically include
10 Spanish interpretation.

11 I think we can have a conversation about whether or
12 not it makes sense to also include the Spanish listening
13 line, although I will just personally say that I think
14 that that would also be helpful to have automatically
15 available for this particular process. Thank you.

16 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

17 Commissioner Turner?

18 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Vice Chair.

19 The proposal I have, I think that the -- what I want
20 to ensure that we do is that we're listening with the
21 same energy, attention to all of the input and sometimes
22 longer meetings. I feel we get to the end and we try to
23 start rushing.

24 The proposal I have is that we start on Wednesday
25 the 17th and go through Saturday the 20th, but with two

1 solid blocks of time, a 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and then take a
2 two-hour break and then meet from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. so
3 that it'll cover their earlier hours. It'll give us two
4 hours to walk, rest our eyes refresh, energize.

5 And then take the second half, which gives us a
6 longer time period than even the 1 to 8 or what have you,
7 and recognizing for either -- any of those days, yes,
8 we're prepared to go later than that.

9 But I think going in as a plan so for -- and then
10 that also gives us the Saturday, which is then a time
11 where a lot of people may be off and can again take
12 advantage of one of those blocks of times.

13 So that my proposal is so that the commissioners
14 will be fresh. Pay attention. We want to hear
15 everything that you all call in and talk to us about. I
16 think it'll give the extra day for community -- for
17 Californians to review the material before having to call
18 in, review our draft maps. And I think it'll allow more
19 participation.

20 So the proposal -- the motion that I'd make would be
21 Wednesday, November 17th, Thursday November 18th, Friday,
22 November 19th, and Saturday, November 20th from 10 a.m.
23 to 2 p.m. and from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thank you.

24 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: So to clarify, that motion is
25 the motion to adopt the plan with notifications --



1 COMMISSIONER TURNER: To adopt the plan, yes. And
2 I'm in agreement -- in support of the language issues
3 that Commissioner Akutagawa raised. But as far as the
4 date, the plan, I think, is solid -- is a solid plan.

5 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

6 So we have a motion on the floor. Do we have a
7 second?

8 COMMISSIOENR VAZQUEZ: I can --

9 COMMISSIONER FERNADNEZ: I can second. Oh.

10 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: We have a couple of seconds, so
11 we'll go with Vasquez. And then we have two other
12 commissioners, three other commissioners, four
13 commissioners waiting to give comment.

14 So Commissioner Andersen, then Sinay, Fornaciari,
15 then Ahmad.

16 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you, Chair. I
17 appreciate what everyone's saying about. Oh, they need
18 more time. A lot of people, as soon as they see that
19 map, they go I don't like this. There will be a lot of
20 people who are more than ready to jump right in. Like
21 the very next day. Give them a day to figure it out and
22 jump right in.

23 So I really don't think -- and then other people
24 will need a little bit more time to organize. I want to
25 put this together. I don't really see the need for a

1 huge delay in there because remember, we have fourteen
2 days and public comments are going to start coming in
3 from the very next day. If not, when we declare a final,
4 we'll start getting public comment in.

5 I do appreciate the idea of putting it on a
6 Saturday, but I kind of like the idea of going 16, 17,
7 18, as it is, and adding the 20th, 22, 23 for spill over
8 days, because that would give us the most -- these are
9 the fourteen days that the public has before we start --
10 well, these are the fourteen days that are we that are
11 required for public input.

12 And to only have a few of them scheduled, I don't
13 like the idea. I don't think the public is going to like
14 the idea. And I'd like to have -- I understand the
15 organization of these four, but I think we should have
16 those three spillover days as well.

17 As for the timing, I also -- it's kind of
18 intriguing, Commissioner Turner's idea, however, it would
19 not be 10 to 2, it would be 10 to 1:30 because we
20 wouldn't need the public comment at that point. And I
21 would also recommend the 4 to 8 instead of 5 to 9 because
22 remember, public comment ends this and that can go on as
23 long as people are in the queue by 8.

24 So if we go to nine, that means that the media could
25 go to ten or so. So I would I would go to 4 to 8 on that

1 one. And I also -- I understand we're going to -- we'll
2 probably now we have a motion so we'll vote. I would
3 really like to hear the public input on this public
4 comment.

5 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah, we'll probably here --

6 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Can I just have you recap.
7 Sorry, what the dates and times you just said. I'm just
8 taking notes and --

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I said keep the dates as
10 proposed in the in the document and then add the 20th,
11 22, and 23 for spillover. Or you could say an
12 appointment session as you have a session to any
13 district -- any district.

14 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Oh, I'm sorry. I did have
16 one quick question. We don't actually say. I'm
17 assuming -- when would the when would the appointment
18 system sort of go out so we would know so people would
19 know how many spots we need to fill. I mean, it's that
20 sort of an issue, I guess. We can't quite -- that was a
21 question I did have in the document. So thank you.

22 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Kaplan, do you want
23 to answer that?

24 MS. KAPLAN: Yeah. So we noted in the document that
25 the appointments would open when the draft maps are



1 released. However, I think it would be --

2 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah.

3 MS. KAPLAN: -- that staff would be promoting the
4 dates in advance and the date that the appointments would
5 open as well.

6 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: So I wanted to check in with
7 Commissioner Turner to see if there's any modifications
8 to her to her promotion because that sounded like an
9 amendment request. But so I wanted to see if there's any
10 amendments that -- or not just check in.

11 COMMISSIONER TURNER: No, there's not.

12 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. No amendments. All
13 right. So let's move on to Commissioner Sinay for
14 discussion and then Fornaciari, Ahmad, Fernandez, Turner
15 and then Akutagawa.

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you. I'm kind of an
17 advocate of not doing motions till we hear from everybody
18 so we can make sure we've got the best, the best of the
19 best ideas. But I think I like the motion that's on the
20 table.

21 I like the hours, though I do want -- I would
22 consider going 5 to 8 just because the people are in the
23 timeline it -- in the queue they are there in -- yes,
24 definitely on Spanish interpretation.

25 I would say yes on Saturdays -- on Saturday. So I



1 would keep I would either do Wednesday through Saturday
2 with doing shorter days at the beginning because it
3 sometimes takes some time for people. Yeah, but we don't
4 know. This is all new, but we could try a short day on
5 that Wednesday. And yeah, there's just different ways
6 that we can do it.

7 To make it community friendly, it took me a while to
8 get this on the -- I was looking at the big picture, but
9 then when I thought. I'm not sure the community's going
10 to want to call four different times to talk about the
11 Congressional map, the Assembly map, the Senate map, and
12 the Board of Equalization map.

13 I think most people are going to say, let me look at
14 all four maps for my area and want to call in and say,
15 let me give you my input for each of these. I know it's
16 easier for us if people were that -- if people were
17 willing to call in. But I think we need to look at make
18 this process easy for our audience.

19 So that was one -- we may want to do it regionally,
20 not zones, but regionally. And people can call in for
21 those regions on all the different maps. I know that's
22 tough for us. I get that. But I again, this is public
23 input and the public should be our focus.

24 And the other piece -- oh, my other big question.
25 Sorry. You'd think I'd be more awake being at home

1 instead of there. But it's the opposite. But the other
2 piece is, do we need a day for associations? And again,
3 I'm using the word associations broadly because, yeah, we
4 went through the whole definition of what associations
5 are.

6 But do we need a day that -- and I would put that at
7 the end versus at the beginning, because a lot of people
8 do have that time off and actually are going to be away
9 for that week. And so what the people who get paid to do
10 this work on Thanksgiving week.

11 But do we need a day where we leave bigger -- kind
12 of like we're dealing with the presentations of maps
13 because this will be a time when they have full comments
14 or are we hoping that they submit written comments
15 because that could be another way to do it, is that we
16 ask the association that have comments on the full map to
17 please submit them in writing so we have them and that
18 that's an easier way for us to accept it, to process it,
19 and to implement it.

20 So I just -- but then we need to set up some time
21 where we talk about it in public session, all the
22 association reports that we've received.

23 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay.
24 Commissioner Fornaciari?

25 COMMISSIONER FORNACAIRI: Yeah. Thanks, everyone.

1 Great comment. Great discussion. We're certainly open
2 to whatever design you all -- we all decide on together.
3 Just some clarification, I have a question.

4 Commissioner Turner, did you did you want the 10 to
5 2, 5 to 8 or 9 or whatever it was that you proposed
6 schedule on Saturday too?

7 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

8 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Or do you want --

9 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

10 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes?

11 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

12 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. Okay. And then as
13 far as -- yeah. In response to a couple comments by
14 Commissioner Sinay, we did go back and forth a lot on --
15 we talked about regional. We talked about map specific.
16 We talked about just having it open to whatever people
17 want to talk about and it's going to be -- and it's going
18 to be challenging either way to take this input, to pull
19 up the maps that people want to look at to respond in
20 that way.

21 It geographically was going to be kind of tough,
22 although it does make sense that your folks in a certain
23 area and understand the ripple effects. So there's just
24 trade off on difficulty level and in -- the mapping team
25 will do whatever we want ultimately.



1 And then as far as the association question goes,
2 you know, we modeled this on the COI input approach we
3 took. And with COI input approach, we found that
4 associations were able to manage providing feedback in
5 ways that were effective, although you do bring up a good
6 point about if they want to comment on the entire map,
7 that would be pretty hard to do in five minutes.

8 So they have to march a bunch of people through the
9 process or I think provide written feedback would -- if
10 someone's commenting on the entire map. So just some
11 thoughts and comments. So thank you.

12 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. So we do have a
13 motion and a second. And we would like to get public
14 input as well. So let's see what the rest of the
15 commissioners have to say and then we'll go to public
16 input.

17 Commissioner Ahmad, Fernandez, Turner, then
18 Akutagawa.

19 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Chair.

20 And just a quick response to Commissioner Sinay's
21 comment about looking at the maps geographically versus
22 by district type. And we literally had that conversation
23 too, of what would be best. Although, I echo some of the
24 sentiments that Commissioner Fornaciari shared, that
25 either way, it's going to be a challenge for everyone

1 involved in the process. Right.

2 But what we were thinking about in terms of trying
3 to funnel the conversations by district map was so that
4 we could really pay attention to potential ripple effects
5 when folks are giving their input by district rather than
6 hopping from plan to plan.

7 So you know, there's pros and cons on both ends. Of
8 course, we recognize that. And then also public comment
9 or public input in this case, we can't restrict the
10 content of that input. So theoretically, anyone can call
11 in and use their time to talk about all formats if they
12 want to or jump back and forth if they want to. That is
13 up to the caller. We were just trying to organize from
14 our end what would work.

15 And then in terms of the motion on the floor, I just
16 had a question for either staff or maybe Finance and
17 Admin knows this in terms of videography and contracting,
18 does a gap work within that type of schedule? Is there
19 something we need to consider in terms of costs?

20 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: So I'll ask Commissioner
21 Fernandez to chime in.

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. I believe it would
23 be considered as two separate meetings, but that's okay.
24 If that's going to provide the most accessibility for the
25 public, that's fine. But it would be considered as two



1 separate meetings.

2 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. With that, did you have
3 additional public comment, Commissioner Fernandez,
4 because you are next in the queue. I guess I'm done.

5 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: I believe, Commissioner --

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, I'm done. I just
7 wanted to make sure. Sorry about that. Yes, I just
8 wanted to comment on a few of the comments that have
9 been -- and I just also want to remind everyone that
10 there's other ways to provide feedback. It's not just
11 during the meetings.

12 And we found that during our committees of interest
13 input meetings, we actually received more -- and we
14 expect to receive more impact outside of the meetings
15 because of course, that's the most convenient for
16 everyone.

17 And I just wanted to respond to Commissioner
18 Andersen in terms of having the meetings right after the
19 draft maps are released. I don't like having them right
20 after the draft maps are released because you're not
21 allowing for interpretation requests, which we say are
22 five -- is we need it five business days prior.

23 So I want to allow the opportunity for the public to
24 submit interpretation requests other than Spanish to be
25 able to have that time.



1 And I am against Having a meeting designated for a
2 certain region because then again, okay, so my regions on
3 Wednesday, but I can't come on Wednesday, realizing of
4 course, that I can call any time or make an appointment
5 any time. I think opening it up for whoever wants to
6 provide feedback is great.

7 And then in terms of a separate day for
8 associations, I am not in agreement with -- or I do not
9 support that at all. We are already doing separate
10 meetings for associations prior to the draft maps.
11 Again, once our draft maps are released, they --
12 associations have opportunity to submit feedback either
13 by one of our meetings or mailing email, however they
14 want us to submit feedback.

15 And then I also want to ensure, I believe as a
16 Commissioner Sinay said, that if associations send us
17 their feedback via email that we would then say that -- I
18 guess say that impact or that feedback in open forum. I
19 am not in agreement with that either.

20 I think all feedback that we receive, it's not just
21 going to be from associations. If we're going to do it
22 for associations, we do it for everyone. All this
23 information will be available to all the commissioners as
24 well as the public.

25 And again, I'm still supportive of the current



1 motion that's on the table. Thank you.

2 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

3 Commissioner Turner?

4 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. I just wanted to
5 add that the proposal still stands for me. I wanted to
6 just add to that that I'm not in favor of carrying over
7 into the next week. I think this whole process has
8 brought us to where we are now.

9 We are getting closer to the end and we do need to
10 have time where we can look at all of the input that has
11 been received. Our timeline is shortened too and we have
12 work to do. And so I'm hopeful that by the hours, the
13 days and even if we kept the 16th, that's neither here or
14 there.

15 I was trying to allow in honor of what Commissioner
16 Kennedy said as far as giving more time in. But by that
17 Saturday, I just feel like we need that needs to that
18 needs to end it so that we can now do the work the next
19 week. Having nothing to do with the holidays. We can
20 work up and through Thanksgiving, whatever we need to do.

21 But the point is, as far as continuing to take
22 information, we now need to get ready to start our final
23 drafts based on all of the information that we have
24 received. And so the current proposal Wednesday,
25 Thursday, Friday, Saturday, maximum hours, break in



1 between so that we can stay sharp, focused, whether it
2 takes two meetings or one, I think all of that will allow
3 for people to call in and comment on the draft maps that
4 are there.

5 But my belief and proposal is that by Saturday, at
6 whatever time we end on Saturday, that should be the end
7 of taking in for that time period so that we can move on
8 to the next -- of finalizing our maps.

9 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Turner.
10 I'm going to ask Director Pane to chime in --

11 ATTNY PANE: Thank you, Chair.

12 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: -- Counsel Pane.

13 ATTNY PANE: I just wanted to clarify for the
14 Commission one of the thoughts that was going into this.
15 And again, there's -- as you've already discussed,
16 there's lots of different ways to do this.

17 But one of the initial rationales for why we were
18 starting -- having the start time we did was in the event
19 that we do need to go long and go later and we still have
20 additional public comment we have to do we would do
21 what's called a continuation and we would want to post
22 that within twenty-four hours of the need for that
23 continuation.

24 So one option would have been -- so hypothetically
25 if we did start at 3 o'clock, but the previous night's

1 meeting needed to be continued, we would have the
2 continuation of that meeting, say, in the morning before
3 the next 3 o'clock meeting.

4 So it doesn't -- it again doesn't -- there's lots of
5 different ways to do this. But one of the things that we
6 were thinking about was how do you -- how do we handle
7 sort of the event of a need for a continuation? So I
8 just wanted to put that out there for all of you as well.
9 Thank you.

10 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Chief Counsel Pane.

11 I wanted to -- before we move on to the rest of
12 Commissioner comment, I wanted to chime in -- check in
13 with Commissioner Kennedy, because he brought up the
14 issue of time and duration first. And I just want to
15 make sure that that the motion on the table addresses his
16 concerns.

17 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. I'm
18 generally happy. The one thing that I'm looking at right
19 now and trying to work out on is a scratch paper, four-
20 hour blocks with break gives you either a one ninety-
21 minute block and one thirty-minute block or alternatively
22 I'm looking at -- we could do one -- or two one-hour
23 blocks with -- I'm still working out.

24 But anyway, the four-hour blocks don't break nicely
25 as far as how much time we're actually devoting to the

1 input given the breaks that we have. But in general, I'm
2 happy with the motion. Thank you.

3 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: I believe Director Kaplan had a
4 comment on that, I believe.

5 MS. KAPLAN: So in the document that's posted,
6 there's a scenario for a four-hour block. If you want to
7 take a look at that. That provides to an eighty-minute
8 block for appointments, a ninety-minute block, and
9 another thirty-minute, if that's helpful.

10 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

11 All right. Commissioner Akutagawa?

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Thank you. And I
13 appreciate all of the comments that the other
14 commissioners have made. I think I just want to -- just
15 a couple things. One, in terms of time, I appreciate
16 what Commissioner Turner is saying about giving everybody
17 a break.

18 However, I think I'm of the mind that I would rather
19 just go straight through only because I -- having two
20 different times, I think it could get confusing. I don't
21 know. I could just see something unforeseen happening.
22 And I think it's just better to just do one big block of
23 time, even if we just have to just at some point just say
24 we're just going to take an hour break for lunch or some
25 other breaks. I think that that is a little bit easier

1 rather than saying, we're going to take a three-hour
2 break.

3 I also appreciate a what Chief Counsel Payne also
4 said about the need for continuation. I didn't realize
5 that we could do that. So that also gives us that
6 flexibility that if we need to do a continuation from the
7 night before that, that would be doable.

8 I think in terms of the end time of 8 o'clock, I
9 still think that we should officially allow people to be
10 able to call in past 8 o'clock, maybe even if we just go
11 to 830 and if it goes -- and then close the lines.

12 I'm just thinking that for the practicalities of
13 those who might want to participate in and have other
14 family things to do, I think 8 o'clock is kind of that
15 cut off and then it becomes a little bit easier.

16 And so I'm still of the mind that whether we stop at
17 8:30 to close the phone lines and then we take whoever or
18 we stop at 9, I think it's just allowing people that time
19 to get into the line versus just making sure you're
20 called in by 8 o'clock and that we continue to go.

21 I hear what Commissioner Andersen also said about,
22 you know, people who are going to be into this are going
23 to be right on it. But we're talking about still a lot
24 of maps. And I guess I'm just thinking that we don't
25 need to start immediately on Tuesday. And I think, for

1 me it's we should just agendize the other days. I hear
2 you know let's just stop give ourselves the time. I
3 definitely agree with that. But it sounds like we have
4 an option in what Chief Counsel Pane said about the
5 continuation.

6 And there was something else that I wanted to say,
7 and now I've completely forgotten it. So I'm sorry.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Interpretation.

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: No, it wasn't about
10 interpretation. Oh. Anyways, I will remember
11 eventually. And then I'll be back.

12 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

13 Commissioner Andersen?

14 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you.

15 Actually, I would like a little clarification on the
16 interpretation request, because if that's five business
17 days, we post on the 10th. I don't know if you can
18 include the 10th. The 11th is a holiday. So that's not
19 considered a business day. So the 12th would be -- if
20 you do include the ten, then you go 10, 12, 15, 17 -- 15,
21 16, 17. We can't start till the 18th.

22 And I think that's a real bind. And I wanted to
23 know of where -- and it is business days or can it be,
24 you know, calendar days. That's a big difference. And
25 that really -- maybe we have a couple that before

1 interpretations and then we have interpretations or --
2 because again I really don't -- my concern with starting
3 later is if we get a lot of people who want to commit --
4 the people of the public want to participate, we've run
5 out of time, are artificially delaying when we don't
6 necessarily need to. And that's where I don't know if --

7 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: I believe Commissioner Fernandez
8 has a response.

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Oh, thank you.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. In terms of the five
11 business days, and Executive Director and on this,
12 Hernandez, correct me if I'm wrong, but that's part of
13 the contract. Spanish interpretation is easier for them.
14 And that part of the contract was three business days.
15 But all other languages are five business days.

16 And I have to believe that it's not going to be on
17 the day that we adopt the draft maps. It's a whole new
18 set of visualizations, I believe, along the way. Those
19 that have been watching, we'll see where we're headed.
20 And before we even release the draft maps, we'll probably
21 have an idea of whether they want to provide feedback or
22 not.

23 So I'm confident that they would probably request
24 the interpretation right away, knowing that they may have
25 issues with some of the -- or they may want to discuss

1 some of the draft maps.

2 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Sorry, but clarification.
3 But if we can't count the ten, then we can't start until
4 the 18th, right, for that?

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: You can still start with
6 others. It's just if they want interpretation requests,
7 it would have to be later.

8 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Oh, okay.

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: That's why I'm saying that
10 that's -- you want some later days.

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Got it. Okay. So we can
12 also have some that do not -- like will we could maybe
13 arrange already that is we'll have Spanish
14 interpretation. But for specific ones those are later in
15 the week. Perfect. That's okay. Great. Thank you.
16 That was what I wanted to know.

17 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: I hope that helps with
18 clarification. So we do have a --

19 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Well, I'm sorry, I did --

20 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: -- scheduled break at 11
21 o'clock.

22 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I did have one more thing.

23 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Go ahead. I'm sorry. Then I
24 just want to make a point that we do have an 11 o'clock.
25 It'd be great to be able to get public comment and before

1 that so we can come back for a vote.

2 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. And then the other
3 thing I was thinking is if we're doing multiple days, how
4 about we do two days on Assembly, two days on
5 Congressional and one on, say, Senate, and then, the BOE
6 over overflow?

7 Because if we're going to go by map, which I can
8 certainly understand because of spillover -- I don't mean
9 spillover, I mean in terms of the ripple effect on a map
10 that makes a lot of sense to look at one map at a time.

11 And if we want to delay it a little bit more, I
12 would actually propose putting the Senate one first,
13 because most comments will come in about Assembly and
14 Congressional because the Senate, they kind of think --
15 they'll think that later.

16 And the BOE quite frankly, I don't think we going to
17 get any comments on -- so if we wanted to do it that way.
18 But so with that, I would propose going back to the 16th
19 we have -- if that be the Senate, 17-18 be the Assembly
20 19-20, the Congressional and then the spillover. Well,
21 then I'll end it there. Thank you.

22 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner
23 Andersen.

24 Commissioner Sinay, then Commissioner Akutagawa.
25 Then we'll go to public comment.



1 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. Did I miss something? I
2 feel like there's two ways to -- okay. The ripple
3 effect, I don't feel like we have had a conversation in
4 public or any conversation and have made a decision
5 collectively about moving lines on a map during that
6 fourteen-day period.

7 Many have asked us not to touch -- not to move maps.
8 And so I'm not quite getting the ripple effect that
9 everyone is talking about, because my understanding would
10 be that we would get all this comment, we would process
11 it.

12 And when I said discuss it publicly, I mean,
13 Commissioner Fernandez, I meant the same as what you were
14 saying was it would be part of all the discussion that we
15 as a Commission would need to sit down kind of like we
16 did with the COIs and we just did with the
17 visualizations, is we each take that long time to go
18 through all the input, which is kind of fun and come back
19 with ideas.

20 And so I'm not -- I may not be understanding the
21 ripple effect, but I want to make sure we're not making
22 an assumption because I don't -- we haven't discussed it.
23 And I know there's two ways of what we can do in draft
24 maps.

25 And I know -- and I have a suspicion that each of us

1 has our preference, but I don't want to make -- I want to
2 make sure we are not moving forward with an assumption
3 that a decision has been made when it hasn't about do the
4 maps stay frozen for those fourteen days without moving
5 lines until after that fourteen-day period or not. And
6 so I apologize that I'm not getting it.

7 The second is, I can't vote for the motion as stated
8 just because I don't think it is user-friendly. I don't
9 think it is public-friendly to have the names of the maps
10 on there. I understand people can call in at any time.
11 But I'm just thinking of a lot of the community groups --
12 the community folks, not the groups, the people on the
13 ground.

14 And they will just be overwhelmed when they see a
15 schedule that even if it says you can call, they will
16 it'll turn them off and it'll be too bureaucratic to see
17 that there's four different maps. I would rather it be
18 completely open all the days you can call in with input
19 for any of the maps.

20 And if the maps are frozen, then we have the
21 visualizations -- we just pull out -- we have the maps at
22 that point, the District maps that they want to talk
23 about. But I can't vote for it the way it's set up and I
24 just want it to be -- put that on the table now.

25 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay.



1 Commissioner Akutagawa?

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Thank you. And I
3 did remember what I wanted to say. So here I am. One, I
4 just wanted to -- I know it's been said by at least a
5 couple other commissioners. But I do want to continue to
6 remind everybody and ourselves that there are other
7 modes.

8 And more importantly, we have all said that all of
9 the modes of feedback or input is important and it is
10 equal. And just calling in is not the only thing. I do
11 know from reading some of the public comment that there
12 may be a perception that those who call in get more
13 weight. That is untrue.

14 I know for me I do appreciate the written comments
15 because it's a lot easier to process and understand and
16 to really consider the written comments. So I do also
17 know that some who have called in have also followed up
18 in writing as well, too.

19 So both ways is fine, but I do just want to remind
20 ourselves and everybody else that that is that is
21 something that is important. And so I think we don't
22 know how many people are going to call in. But I do also
23 want to remind everybody that all of the other modes are
24 equally as important and that we are actually considering
25 all of the modes of feedback and input we get.

1 The other thing I want to say is I want to,
2 Commissioner Sinay, maps are frozen. We are not going to
3 be making any changes as far as I know. And so that I
4 think is my understanding. I think what you just also
5 mentioned, if I heard you correctly, is that we should
6 allow any day to be for the map presentations for
7 whichever maps.

8 And I'm wondering, maybe this is a question for
9 Director Kaplan. Kind of like what you're doing, I think
10 in October when there's going to be the various map
11 presentations. I'm wondering if that's an option. It
12 seems like it's a lot of puzzle pieces that you're
13 putting together in a short time frame.

14 So it may not be practicable, but to allow comments
15 on multiple maps. And a lot of times for that, I do see
16 that there's those different times. But it does seem
17 like it might get a little complicated. The other thing
18 I want to also say -- but I will just also say this, I'm
19 fine either way.

20 And to Commissioner Andersen's point about a couple
21 days for Assembly, a couple of days for Congressional. I
22 do think we're going to get a lot of feedback on the
23 Senate maps as well, too, based on some of the inputs
24 that we've seen. People are commenting also on Senate
25 maps.



1 I don't want to assume that we will not get any
2 participation on BOE maps. I'm sure there will be some
3 conversation or comment on that. So I just want to be
4 careful about that.

5 I'm still an advocate for not starting on that
6 Tuesday the 16th. I think we should at least give that
7 one day for people to just process because again, there's
8 a lot that's happening.

9 And the other last comment I'm going to make is
10 maybe we mix up the start times instead of breaking up
11 the times. Maybe we consider mixing up the start times.
12 Maybe the first day we just start in the morning or we
13 start in the afternoon like we did. But that may be
14 another way in which we can capture everybody.

15 I am also okay and would advocate for looking at
16 that -- maybe that Monday, Tuesday, possibly if we need
17 to as a potential if we absolutely need to. I don't
18 necessarily want to say we will for sure do it. But if
19 we need that as the spillover or those continuation
20 dates, I think we should have them on hold on our
21 calendar. Thank you.

22 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner
23 Akutagawa.

24 With that, I'm going to turn it over to Chief
25 Counsel Pane, who has had some comments.

1 ATTNY PANE: Thank you, Chair. I just wanted to
2 clarify for the commission or try to help clarify. The
3 statute says that the Commission shall not display any
4 other map for public comment during the fourteen-day
5 period. So I don't think that renders inactivity. But I
6 think the point of it is to not try to confuse the
7 public.

8 So if we put out a display, we wouldn't subsequently
9 put out yet another display. But my understanding is
10 that's not what's being discussed here, putting out yet
11 another display. So I think we're okay. So just wanted
12 to clarify that point for you all. Thank you.

13 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Chief Counsel Pane.
14 Commissioner Fornaciari?

15 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. So I want to
16 address the point that Commissioner Sinay brought up kind
17 of the underlying -- we had a lot of discussion about
18 that too. Are we going to allow time to give direction
19 to the mappers after the meetings or what's the process
20 going to be?

21 And our sort of underlying assumption that I guess
22 should have been much more explicit in this document was
23 that we would not give direction to the line drawers
24 until we've had until we've completed and reviewed all
25 the input and then then we would begin to give feedback

1 to the mappers the Monday after Thanksgiving or to go
2 forward.

3 Because now if we start giving feedback in the
4 middle, then we get other input and then we're
5 backtracking on that feedback and it just could be a
6 mess. And so we thought that part of the design thinking
7 here was this is receiving time and digesting time and
8 that come the following Monday after Thanksgiving was
9 time to begin to give mappers direction.

10 So that was a thought. So there's been a whole lot
11 of discussion and different ideas thrown out there. We
12 have a proposal on the table. Just a couple of comments
13 quickly. I mean, I think we need to be clear on day,
14 time, and the approach, whether we're going to do open,
15 whether we're going to do by districts, or by map types
16 or whatever. What do we want?

17 And I would just -- I would just offer if so for
18 instance, if we started five there being an hour and a
19 half session, fifteen-minute break in an hour and half
20 session would end at 8:15.

21 So there'd be two hour and a half sessions and then
22 the second session would end at 8:15. So I just wanted
23 to set that out there for thinking. Four hours is a
24 little odd. I mean, like four hours and fifteen minutes
25 would be three hour and a half session.

1 So anyway, just throwing it out there for you. But
2 I think we definitely need that clarity of motion. So
3 thanks.

4 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

5 And with that, I'll turn it over to Commissioner
6 Turner.

7 COMMISSIONER TURNER: So I'm willing to amend my
8 motion for clarity to be able to perhaps do either --
9 okay. Perhaps do 9:30 to 11, which is an hour and a
10 half, break 11 to 11:15 -- excuse me, an hour, and a
11 half block, 11-11:15 would be the break, 11:15 to 12:45
12 second break, and then another break 12:45 to 1.

13 And go then from 1 to 2:30. So that would be three
14 hour and a half -- so that would be 9:30 to 2:30. And
15 then the two-hour break, which would be from 4:30 perhaps
16 to -- let's see where that takes us. 4:30 to 6 would be
17 an hour and a half, 6 to 6:15 break and then 6:15 to
18 7:45.

19 And still my motion is for the, as the subcommittee
20 outlined it, with districts -- by districts, and the
21 motion includes Wednesday through Saturday --

22 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: By districts.

23 COMMISSIONER TURNER: By the way, we the way it was
24 in the plan.

25 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.



1 COMMISSIONER TURNER: So that's how the plan I think
2 the initial plan talked about -- that's what I -- that's
3 what I mean by map type.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

5 COMMISSIONER TURNER: By map type.

6 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: It's what's outlined in the in
7 the plan.

8 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Right.

9 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: I believe so.

10 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Turner, can I get the
11 time --

12 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Um-hum.

13 MR. HERNANDEZ: -- the end time that you're
14 proposing on the amendment?

15 COMMISSIONER TURNER: 9:30 to 2:30 and 4:30 -- it
16 would have to be to 7:45, I guess. Oh, that's weird.
17 No, no, no, no, no, no. I'm sorry. 7:45, 8:45 -- to
18 9 -- 4:30 to 9.

19 MR. HERNANDEZ: Thank you.

20 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Kennedy? I know
21 you were thinking about time and duration. Does the
22 modifications address your concerns?

23 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I certainly think that within
24 those boundaries, we can work it out.

25 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Perfect.



1 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you.

2 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

3 Commissioner Fernandez?

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. And this is my
5 complete bad because I glossed over it. I am not in
6 agreement with the map type only because I do agree with
7 Commissioner Akutagawa. I think it's going to confuse
8 people.

9 And then also they'd have to call three different
10 times instead of just being able to call once and give it
11 all -- and give all of their feedback on different -- on
12 the different map types. So that's the only piece I have
13 a problem with. Thanks.

14 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: What's your recommendation on
15 that, Commissioner Fernandez?

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I would take Commissioners
17 Turner's motion and just if it could not be by map type,
18 it's just like an open forum. It's whatever map you want
19 to talk about. If you want to talk about your Assembly
20 and Senate, that's fine too. But you've got five
21 minutes, so let's get it in.

22 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Kennedy?

23 COMMISSIONER KENENDY: I appreciate that. And I can
24 see that that might work. But I also feel like we came
25 up with a good working understanding during the

1 communities of interest input where we had zones that we
2 were focusing on. But if that time wasn't convenient and
3 somebody needed to call in at another time, we would take
4 the call.

5 And that goes to the point that we heard from Chief
6 Counsel and that one of the other commissioners mentioned
7 earlier. We don't have the ability to control. We can
8 suggest. And so I think that having this as the
9 suggested focus of each day does not preclude anyone from
10 calling in. And we should go with that. Thank you.

11 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So it's past 11. So we
12 need -- we do need to take a break. And then we -- so
13 we'll take a break and then we'll come back to
14 commissioner comment.

15 (Whereupon, a recess was held)

16 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much. Welcome back
17 to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission,
18 we're considering a motion we are on, we're still in
19 discussion. And next in line, we have Commissioner
20 Fernandez, who's ready to vote, and then Akutagawa,
21 Andersen, and Turner. Thank you. Yes. You're on the
22 list.

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: No, I think I already gave
24 my comment.

25 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Perfect. So we'll move on to



1 Commissioner Akutagawa.

2 COMMISSIONER FERNADNEZ: I'd like that Pedro.

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Pedro or Commissioner
4 Toledo, I'm sorry. I am going to have to pass because
5 the break just --

6 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: I appreciate that, too. So
7 we'll go on to Commissioner Andersen.

8 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. Sorry. I did have
9 comment. So actually, the proposal as it is -- stands
10 now is for maps by map, not by -- okay. And the reason I
11 brought that up is that because if we're -- one thing we
12 have in here is that the line drawers -- if you look at
13 line drawers roll, they're being used to display the
14 drafts district map.

15 If we try to do -- okay you can talk about each
16 different map. How are we going to do that in the time
17 frame? We've had one map that they're looking at. And
18 if we if we change and try to say, well, they can talk
19 about the Congressional, and the Assembly, and the
20 Senate, are we asking the line drawers to kind of pull up
21 the different maps and try to find their location?

22 And are we going to wait it halfway through their --
23 what their comments are? I think we really need to go by
24 a map if we want to have the line drawers involved.
25 Otherwise, we could just have people talk in general.

1 But I'm pretty sure that was the consideration involved
2 in the subcommittee putting together it's one -- by one
3 map type.

4 And you can you can call in on for the
5 Congressional, you can call in on the Assembly, you can
6 call in in the Senate. But I think we still -- whatever
7 map they have to pick one map, that's what they talk
8 about. And then if they want to talk about others, they
9 would just have to talk about in the nebulous.

10 Otherwise the five minute would not be enough and
11 we'd have to put a longer break in between each one to
12 find the map. And these are just considerations that I
13 don't know if we -- I'm sure the subcommittee probably
14 thought about this. But I don't believe that we've been
15 thinking in that term -- in those terms. So I want to
16 bring that forth.

17 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you very much.

18 Commissioner Fornaciari?

19 COMMISSIONER FORNACAIRI: I thought Commissioner
20 Turner was next in the queue.

21 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, sorry about that.

22 Commissioner Turner, then Commissioner Fornaciari.

23 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Um-hum. I'm watching you.
24 Yes. And I think that whole break was just kind of some
25 kind of technique to help you forget. But thank you,



1 Commissioner Andersen. The maps -- I felt that it would
2 be easier for the lion drawers to kind of know the
3 direction that we're going to go. And much as what we've
4 done for the COI is to just prioritize.

5 So perhaps if we say we're prioritizing a set map.
6 Of course, we've been told over and over we cannot
7 control what people say, but in the fact that they'll
8 have only five minutes, if we prioritize a certain map at
9 a time, they should start with whatever map they're going
10 to.

11 And at the end of five minutes, if they didn't get
12 to the rest of their maps, then they did not. And
13 perhaps they'll utilize some of the other ways that they
14 can submit the information. Thank you.

15 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Turner.
16 I apologize about that.

17 And then, Commissioner Fornaciari?

18 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, thanks. Let's see
19 him having a bit of a flashback over the break here to
20 our initial COI meetings where we were so sure we were
21 going to have so many people calling in. We made them
22 eight hours long and we sat around telling stories.

23 And then I thought about the logistics of our COI
24 meetings. And then I thought about the logistics of
25 trying to schedule appointments with a break in the



1 middle, and the complexity of the logistics with a break
2 in the middle. And I just think, yeah, yeah. I just in
3 reflecting on it, I just I don't think I can support the
4 idea of -- I like the idea of having a meeting with a
5 break.

6 But when you put the appointments in there and
7 you're trying to manage the appointments and how we're
8 going to do that, the proposal has three one and a half
9 hour sessions in the morning and three in the afternoon.
10 I just think it makes the whole thing a little too
11 complex for us to run and for our staff to manage.

12 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Vazquez?

13 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah, I think I agree with
14 Commissioner Fornaciari about the break, although it is
15 not something I feel incredibly strongly about. So we'll
16 defer to the motion author as to whether they will accept
17 that proposal.

18 I wanted to reaffirm, I think, the thinking about
19 prioritizing particular maps and perhaps the way we can
20 also reinforce that is -- but also sort of leave room and
21 acknowledge in writing that people can talk about
22 whatever they want, if that's -- if they just want to
23 call and make one appointment and do a brain dump of
24 everything that they are thinking, I think that's fine.

25 But that perhaps again, this is not -- maybe this is

1 just more administrative, but not for the motion, but
2 that perhaps we could say that the mappers will only be
3 displaying one map. And so tell us which map you'd like
4 us to bring up.

5 They'll be talking about that whole region like line
6 here. We don't want to be over there. So I think if we
7 ask them to pick which map they'd like displayed during
8 their comments, that feels also administratively like a
9 compromise.

10 So they can still talk about that region and other
11 maps that impact that region, but that -- we won't have
12 to use the several minute sort of pause, bring one up,
13 put one down, bring another one up, put one down. So
14 that that's my administrative proposal.

15 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Vazquez.
16 Commissioner Ahmad?

17 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Chair. Just quickly
18 on that note, too, I agree with what has been stated in
19 the last two comments thus far. The break in the middle
20 of the day. Oh, it sounds nice. Logistically, I just
21 think that it's going to be a lot more work for our team
22 to manage.

23 And I also think about it in terms of -- I can close
24 my laptop and walk away whenever I want, right, and come
25 back and listen to the recording. But our team can't do



1 that. And having them be on for 12 hours, including the
2 break, which we all know that Kristian does not take a
3 break when it's break time, he's still working. I just
4 want to be a little cognizant about what we're asking our
5 team to do for this process.

6 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Ahmad.
7 Commissioner Akutagawa?

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes. So I appreciate
9 everything that Commissioner Vazquez, and Fornaciari, and
10 Ahmad just said. I am in agreement with everything that
11 was said in terms of the appointment times. I think it
12 is going to be not only difficult administratively, but
13 I'm still of the mind that I think it's going to confuse
14 people.

15 I think as much as possible -- I also just want I
16 guess this for the public to I mean we do know that we
17 can't control when people call in about what and all that
18 stuff. And I think we just need to be cognizant of that.

19 I do like the idea that saying that we will
20 prioritize certain maps so that hopefully people will
21 know and then there will be time at each block for
22 anybody to just call back in if they want to just call
23 back in and make a comment about something else. And I
24 think we just know that that people also have that
25 opportunity.

1 I just want to make one other maybe proposal or give
2 one other thought for all of us to think about. And from
3 a scheduling point of view, although it's not ideal, I'd
4 like us to maybe even think about making the Saturday --
5 one, making Saturday a day in which we will take input,
6 and secondly, using Saturday as the longer day where
7 maybe this is where we'll get some of the catch up for
8 those who feel like they had more to say but didn't have
9 to say it, or if we just have more input because by that
10 Saturday most people will have had at least a week, if
11 not longer, depending on when we actually are able to
12 post the draft maps.

13 And it could be that that may be the day in which
14 we'll try to capture more of the input. While Saturday
15 is probably not ideal for everybody, it is a day in which
16 most people will also be off. And so we -- I expect that
17 we may get more participation on that day.

18 So I wanted to just put out there that we consider
19 just making it maybe a little bit of an extra-long day
20 with the understanding for everybody who's involved, both
21 staff and also commissioners, that we'll just be holding
22 that as a longer timeframe. Thank you.

23 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner
24 Akutagawa.

25 We'll go to Commissioner Sadhwani and then



1 Commissioner Turner.

2 CHAIR SADHWANI: Sure. Thank you so much, Chair
3 Toledo. I just wanted to chime in on this one. I missed
4 most of the earlier part of this conversation, but as I'm
5 hearing it, I wanted to just uplift what happened
6 yesterday.

7 We didn't know what to plan for yesterday in terms
8 of public comment, which was why we kept public comment
9 on the last day and not taking it daily because we
10 weren't sure if we were going to have hours of public
11 comments. That didn't actually happen. We had about
12 forty-five minutes of public comment.

13 And even in that time, there was definitely we heard
14 several of the same pieces over and over again from
15 different callers. And they have every right to do that.
16 That's great. That's fine. But sometimes I do think
17 when we're making extra time for folks, it gets filled,
18 but it's not necessarily new information that we're
19 always getting.

20 And so I want to be cognizant of that. We have a
21 lot of ways that people can submit comment to the
22 Commission. I'm all for taking public comment. I'm not
23 trying to put any restraints on that. But I also think
24 that we need to be realistic. I don't think we need
25 these long eight-hour days, etc. I think having a

1 realistic amount of time is reasonable. It's allows for
2 public input and also allows us to get our work done.

3 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner
4 Sadhwani.

5 Commissioner Turner?

6 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Chair. I'd like to
7 hear from, I guess, staff. I'm not sure. I'm not
8 certain what is so difficult about scheduling in three
9 ninety-minute blocks, five minutes each. And so I'm not
10 I don't necessarily track with why that is so much more
11 difficult to do, Number 1.

12 I do still feel strongly about the break in the
13 middle. We can say we don't need it or it's not
14 necessary or longer hours, but we do take breaks
15 different times and walk away, etc.

16 And I just feel that for this stage it's important
17 that we are all fresh and we're listening and tuned in to
18 all of the information that comes in and not just have
19 the blocks scheduled long times, but we're not
20 necessarily here to hear them long times.

21 So I think it's important to provide the break in
22 the middle, of course. And I would love for it to go
23 forth with that motion. And if it's not voted for it's
24 not. But at least the public then will also have an
25 opportunity to weigh in on whether or not they believe

1 that's beneficial or not.

2 So with that, let's see -- administrative. Yeah.

3 And so the -- and we already have Saturday that's
4 included as well so still I'm holding with Wednesday
5 Thursday, Friday, Saturday, the times -- the later times
6 that I proposed to the 9:30 to 2:30, 4:30 to 9. And
7 we'll see public comment and then make adjustments based
8 on what we hear.

9 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. And then from staff,
10 Director Kaplan, can you provide them some -- do you have
11 any comment on the just the administrative, I guess,
12 burden?

13 MS. KAPLAN: Sorry. I was just trying to find the
14 mute. So I think, I would say that there is just -- it
15 does expand the day. So it will require additional like
16 shifts of staff and more coordination with the additional
17 appointment time slots if these do not -- I think
18 Commissioner Fornaciari may have thought, I'm just
19 thinking through the process and how this one for the COI
20 meetings.

21 Commissioner Fornaciari, if you have an additional
22 note on that.

23 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. So I mean, so
24 several things, right? I mean the proposal as it is, is
25 a twelve-hour day. Right. And that's, Kristian and team

1 are on twelve hours staff. We have to put together
2 shifts for the staff. We have to manage all that.

3 And also thinking about how the Chair and the Vice
4 Chair manage the meeting. I think about the COI input
5 meetings where we had one or two appointments in a
6 session. And I mean, so we're all optimistic that we're
7 going to get a lot of -- that we're going to get a lot of
8 folks.

9 But if we don't -- I'm sorry, somebody came to the
10 door and was waving in the window. My apologies. But so
11 we get one person signed up for the last session of the
12 day and we have nobody for hours in before kind of thing.
13 We're obligated to come back. Right.

14 And so it just it makes A, a super, super long day.
15 But B, it's just not -- I mean, there are, I think, many
16 scenarios where the time management of the meeting is
17 just the complexity of time management is much, much
18 bigger if we make a meeting this long and split it across
19 with a break in the middle. So that was my thinking.

20 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner
21 Fornaciari.

22 Commissioner Yee?

23 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. I just wanted to weigh in.
24 Personally, I'm flex, and I'm happy with however this
25 lands. I'm also thinking of what Mr. Becker mentioned

1 yesterday about how, in his experience, we're -- this
2 Commission is trying as hard as anybody and maybe harder
3 than anybody in the nation to hear from the public and
4 receive input. And I'm glad that's our M.O. I want to
5 keep doing that.

6 On the other hand, I'm not feeling the need to
7 stretch ourselves, especially this critical time to
8 conserve energy for the heavy lifting ahead to make the
9 degree of opportunity that may or may not be used. So
10 I'm very flexible by however this lands.

11 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Yee.

12 With that, let go to public comment.

13 Katy?

14 PUBLIC COMMNET MODERATOR: Yes, Chair.

15 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

16 PUBLIC COMMNET MODERATOR: In order to maximize
17 transparency and public participation in our process, the
18 Commissioners will be taking public comment by phone for
19 the motion on the floor.

20 To call in the telephone number provided on the
21 livestream feed, it is 877-853-5247. When prompted enter
22 the meeting ID number provided on the livestream feed.
23 It is 81995668446 for this meeting. When prompted to
24 enter a participant ID simply press the pound key.

25 Once you have dialed in, you will be placed in a



1 queue. To indicate you wish to comment, please press
2 star 9. This will raise your hand for the moderator.
3 When it is your turn to speak, you will hear a message
4 that says the host would like you to talk and to press
5 star 6 to speak.

6 If you would like to give your name, please state,
7 and spell it for the record. You are not required to
8 write your name to give public comment. Please make sure
9 to mute your computer or livestream audio to prevent any
10 feedback or distortion during your call.

11 Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for when
12 it is your turn to speak. And again, please turn down
13 the livestream volume. And for those that have called in
14 previously, if you will, please press star 9 on your
15 telephone keypad. This will raise your hand indicating
16 you have a comment for the motion on floor.

17 At this time, Chair, we do not have any raised
18 hands. And we will keep you apprised of the
19 instructions.

20 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Great. Thank you. We'll just
21 wait a minute to see. However, in the meantime, can you
22 display the motion so that we can all have it in front of
23 us?

24 PUBLIC COMMNET MODERATOR: And for those that are
25 just calling in, I do see that hand. We have a caller



1 7912. If you will please follow the prompts to unmute at
2 this time by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

3 MS. COTO: Thank you. Thank you. Good morning.
4 Good morning, everyone, Commissioners, and staff. This
5 is Jacqueline Coto, state director of civic engagement
6 policy with the NALEO Educational Fund.

7 Thank you. Thank you so much for your robust
8 conversations and all of the hard work that you're doing
9 and the redistricting process. I agree that you are the
10 best redistricting commission across the nation. You're
11 my favorite so far, and all the hard work that you've
12 doing really reflects that.

13 I wanted to offer some suggestions on the draft map
14 feedback. The meeting proposals that have been taking
15 place when draft maps are posted and they're released, we
16 will need time to analyze the map. We will need time to
17 educate our community members on the preliminary maps and
18 prepare them to provide you with meaningful feedback.

19 So we would like to -- we would like for you to
20 consider to calendar as many days as possible for
21 feedback so that the community has flexibility to provide
22 you with meaningful input. And thank you for adding a
23 Saturday. I think that that's really, really helpful for
24 the communities in their schedules.

25 But adding more days, such as November 22nd and



1 23rd, can also provide more flexibility for the public.
2 And perhaps we don't need twelve-hour days, but more days
3 instead of long hours.

4 I also agree with some of the Commissioner's
5 comments that scheduling input sessions by district maps
6 that can pose a confusion for our community members when
7 calling in. They are already going --

8 MR. MANOFF: Twenty seconds.

9 MS. COTO: -- to be checked out for that for the
10 holidays and most likely will not be calling more than
11 once. And they're already --

12 MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

13 MS. COTO: Sorry. They're already ensuring that the
14 COI hearing sessions provided by phone to work well so
15 perhaps something similar.

16 MR. MANOFF: Time.

17 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Ms. Coto.

18 With that, we have the motion in front of us. The
19 motion is to approve the draft map feedback meeting
20 proposal with edits from Commissioner Turner. Any
21 discussion.

22 Commissioner Fernandez, Ahmad, and then Kennedy.

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Thank you,
24 Chair. I guess now, looking at the time frames, it is a
25 very long day for -- and I'm not saying for us



1 commissioners, but it is for our staff. And as Ms. Coto
2 just mentioned, I realize the reason for doing map types
3 by day, but I -- and of course, you can call in whatever
4 you want and give direction on the map type.

5 I'm not sure if this is a possibility, but can we
6 have like three line drawers on each day? So one for the
7 Assembly, one for the Senate, and then for Congressional?
8 And that way they can call in and they can bring it up
9 right away. And that's just something I'm thinking
10 about. And I'm open -- I mentioned it in the beginning.
11 I'm open to that Monday, Tuesday of Thanksgiving week if
12 needed. Thank you.

13 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for that out of the
14 box thinking.

15 Commissioner Ahmad?

16 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Chair. And very
17 good points, Commissioner Fernandez.

18 I am flexible however this lands. I just wanted to
19 clarify the days that if Commissioner Turner had
20 suggested changing the dates of the meetings, which are
21 not reflected in the motion on the screen, but for some
22 reason I recollect a change in that. So I'll just wait
23 until that's clarified.

24 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Ahmad.
25 Commissioner Kennedy?

1 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. Yeah, I
2 appreciate Ms. Coto's feedback. I would certainly be in
3 favor of some additional days that following week. I
4 think we've been talking about them as stand by days, but
5 I think it does make sense to go ahead and schedule
6 those.

7 At least Monday and Tuesday. If we went into
8 Wednesday, I think realistically it -- we probably
9 wouldn't get much on Wednesday afternoon. So maximum two
10 and a half days the following week. Thank you.

11 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Turner?

12 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Almost push the wrong button.
13 Thank you. Yes, the original motion was through
14 Saturday, which I think was not part of the plan, so that
15 should have been included. I appreciate the public
16 comment by Ms. Cota.

17 I wanted to see my as much as I love Kristian and
18 our staff. My concern is not for them. We keep talking
19 about the -- worried about Kristian, worry about the
20 staff. We're all here to do staff hired on to do
21 Christian hired on to do so that's not the issue or the
22 point. And this is a short time period. But what is an
23 issue? Our end point for me is the public comment.

24 And unfortunately and fortunately we only received
25 one public comment, which is I was curious to hear. So I

1 do appreciate Ms. Coto calling in. And what I heard in
2 her desire was more days, not necessarily longer days.

3 What I really don't have a feel and sense for since
4 the start of this conversation, I'm concerned about us
5 having enough time on the back end as well. That initial
6 schedule that we had that said, now this is how many days
7 we have to review the input that's received and now come
8 up with our final maps.

9 And so moving -- were those flexible days open,
10 moving into Monday, Tuesday, that week? I think beyond
11 all of the time periods, breaks and all of that are the
12 other piece parts, my concern was what are we losing and
13 what does it do to the second part of our schedule when
14 we either float days or now schedule in additional days
15 for Monday/Tuesday?

16 Does it shorten us on the back end? That's what I'd
17 like to know. What is the time period we have? Because
18 other than that, we can go with longer and shorter days.
19 I'm concerned about the time frame that we have to work
20 with what we've received.

21 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Kennedy, did you
22 have a response to that? Because I know you've been
23 looking at the timeline.

24 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you. I'm not intending
25 to jump the line just to say that I'm happy to have

1 shorter days, as long as the blocks of time are situated
2 in the days so that if we do need to go longer, we can.
3 But if we if we only schedule something late in the day
4 and then we need to go longer and we can't, we've boxed
5 ourselves into a corner. Thanks.

6 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

7 So we have Commissioner Andersen, Akutagawa, and
8 Vazquez.

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you, Chair. Yeah.
10 Actually, Commissioner Kennedy brought up the one thing
11 about if we -- I would like to schedule a chunk a little
12 earlier in the day so we can extend it depending on the
13 appointments as that comes in.

14 The other thing I want to bring up, though, is right
15 now the proposal is by map type. And I understand they
16 said let's do different maps. I appreciate Commissioner
17 Fernandez saying, well, let's just put more lined drawers
18 on it.

19 We would have to do that because you have to -- it's
20 a huge amount of information, too. You can't just go,
21 boom. Here's assembly map for the state. Now, I want a
22 Senate map for the state. Okay. Everyone, take a break
23 while they bring that up. That's what would have to
24 happen.

25 So you'd have to have -- if you want to go multiple



1 maps, you'd have to have all the line draws there that
2 was never considered in the contract. We pay extra for
3 all that. And so I think that's one of the
4 considerations by -- doing it by map type.

5 There are other sort of issues with jumping back and
6 forth. So I think we need to consider that. And
7 unfortunately, I'd really like to have a discussion with
8 the line drawers to work out, but -- some details on what
9 they could and could not do, which I don't know if the
10 subcommittee had the ideas to be that specific with the
11 line drawers.

12 Because this I believe the line drawers kind of gave
13 them this idea. So that's one thing I wanted to bring
14 forward. And I'll just stop right there. Thank you.

15 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner
16 Andersen.

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Sorry. There was one more
18 thing about -- in terms of extending to the 22nd, 23rd,
19 those -- that was not time that -- in terms of affecting
20 our later dates. If you notice the original schedule,
21 that all starts the Monday after. So those are our
22 review days. Review, review, review. So because
23 remember, that's part of the fourteen days still.

24 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

25 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: No, thank you.

1 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Akutagawa?

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Thank you very much.
3 And I also want to appreciate what Ms. Coto said. I
4 think, that aligns with some of the conversations that we
5 were also having as well, too. But I think what she said
6 about don't need longer days, but more dates makes sense
7 to me as well too.

8 I also do like the idea of what Commissioner
9 Fernandez says, and I think here's a question that I
10 would have, and this is maybe more for Ms. Kaplan in
11 terms of the scheduling of the appointments, kind of
12 similar to what we're doing with the District map
13 presentations that we'll be doing the week of October
14 20th or 21st, where there is a need for individuals to
15 state what maps they want to present.

16 Is that possible to do in this timeframe from an
17 appointment scheduling point of view? And I know that it
18 does take some time for you to kind of put the puzzle
19 pieces together.

20 But my question would be, if that were the case,
21 then we could schedule the line drawers appropriately,
22 and then with the understanding too, that if it's --
23 whenever it's an open call for anybody to call in who
24 does not have an appointment, we would also have to have
25 all of the line drawers available during that time.

1 It's either that or we just have to build in more
2 time. So that one at a time whoever is scheduled to show
3 the maps is available to then switch over to whatever
4 maps it is.

5 Also, another question is can there be multiple
6 computers? Maybe that's what it is. Instead of having
7 it all on just one laptop, maybe we just have to have
8 separate laptops for each ready to go in case there's a
9 request. So then that may negate the need to have all of
10 the line drawers there. I think, I guess I would just
11 like to just challenge all of us to just think very
12 creatively about that.

13 I also want to just comment on what Commissioner
14 Kennedy said. I think Commissioner Sadhwani may have
15 referred to this, but I guess for me we can mix up the
16 times. I am of the mind that the earlier dates may not
17 require an early start because I think with what
18 Commissioner Sadhwani said or maybe it was Commissioner
19 Fornaciari who was talking about -- we anticipated like
20 this like overwhelming flood of comments and that didn't
21 happen.

22 And again, I just want to say, we do have multiple
23 ways in which we can receive input personally. Like I
24 said, I also like the written one. But with that said,
25 I'm thinking that maybe for the later dates that we go,

1 whether it's the Friday, Saturday, we skip Sunday and
2 then go into Monday, Tuesday, maybe we start those
3 meetings earlier with the flexibility to go longer if we
4 need to.

5 But I'm just anticipating probably even like if we
6 start on that Wednesday or Thursday, I don't think we're
7 going to get a flood just yet because people are still
8 processing all the maps.

9 And then also to connect to what Chief Counsel Pane
10 said, that we also need to remain mindful that there may
11 be dates where we're going to have to have that
12 flexibility in there, where if we have to do a
13 continuation from the day before, how --

14 I guess the question I would have for you, Chief
15 Counsel Pane, is how early can we start without
16 endangering -- not being able to do that continuation
17 unless we're willing to start at 8 a.m. or something like
18 that. So I guess that that ends my comments. Thank you.

19 ATTNY PANE: So to your point, Commissioner
20 Akutagawa, that the law isn't exactly prescriptive on
21 that. I think the best approach is to schedule that
22 makeup before the subsequent meeting. The law doesn't
23 explicitly require that.

24 I think the Commission can probably see some
25 logistical confusion for the public as well. Somebody

1 who's scheduled say for the appointment on day two but
2 got in line on day one and now was part of the overflow.
3 And then we end up scheduling that overflow meeting day
4 5.

5 Now, that person that was in line for day 1 now is
6 speaking four days after somebody else. So there's some
7 flexibility there, but I think there's probably a
8 recommended approach, and that would be to clear all of
9 the calls in advance of a subsequent meeting. Thank you.

10 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. So let's go to
11 Commissioner Vazquez, who's next in line. And after
12 that, Commissioner Turner, and then Ahmad, and Kennedy.

13 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah. I, again, I'm good
14 with the motion as is and will continue to be a part of
15 it. I just want to flag that particularly I remember in
16 the early days when we sort of were taking longer breaks
17 between appointment sessions because we had so few
18 attendees that many folks called in to give public
19 comment and then had to wait several hours.

20 I think one caller even ended up waiting three hours
21 before they could actually give public comment because I
22 forget exactly how the logistics worked out. But I do --
23 in terms of thinking about making as best possible a
24 community friendly environment, the long break in between
25 may add to that risk.

1 I am also of the mind similar to Commissioner
2 Turner, however, that for me my concern is not staff that
3 we should build something in service of community and
4 stop it appropriately. So but did want to flag what sort
5 of just occurred to me in terms of a potential community
6 barrier.

7 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Vazquez.
8 Commissioner Turner?

9 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. Certainly
10 appreciate all the comments. I think the only other
11 piece that I wanted to add in is that we've heard from
12 the beginning that we would get an influx of public
13 comment after the draft maps were published is what we've
14 read is what we've heard.

15 And so I want to make sure that we're not
16 overcorrecting what we did earlier with COI in having so
17 much downtime and planning for the same to happen. If
18 indeed it weighs true from 2010, the majority of the
19 comments, so I've read, came in after draft maps.

20 So I still want us to plan in however we move
21 forward for the extra again, so that we won't overcorrect
22 and then have people that can't get in.

23 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. We have Commissioner
24 Ahmad, Kennedy, and then Director Kaplan. And also
25 Alicia -- Commissioner Fernandez after that.

1 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Pass. Thank you.

2 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Commissioner Kennedy?

3 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. Three
4 things. Sorry. First of all, I'm a bit confused because
5 so far when we've been going through things with the
6 mappers and asking them to show us the Congressional
7 district lines and the Senate district lines, and the
8 Assembly district lines, they're able to toggle those on
9 and off and back and forth very quickly.

10 So I'm a bit confused as to why it's going to take
11 so much time. I mean, moving geographically from one
12 part of the state to the other takes more time. At least
13 our experience so far, it takes more time to move the map
14 than to toggle district types.

15 So I might suggest that the mapping subcommittee
16 touch base with Q2. We might even table this motion
17 until they come back to us with a response or are able to
18 get Q2 on the line with us to confirm what is and isn't
19 possible and how long it takes.

20 Finally, on the on the flood of comments or lack
21 thereof, I agree with Commissioner Turner. Based on the
22 2010 record, this is when we're likely to get a flood of
23 comments.

24 People simply were not familiar with the concept of
25 communities of interest input this time around or as

1 familiar with it as they are with providing input on
2 maps. They frankly were not yet attuned. And we know
3 that media attention is ramping up on this. So I would
4 anticipate that little, if any, downtime at this point.
5 Thank you so much.

6 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Kennedy.

7 We have Commissioner -- Director Kaplan and then
8 Commissioner Fernandez.

9 MS. KAPLAN: Sorry. I just took a bite of a carrot.
10 I did want to just address Commissioner Akutagawa's
11 questions. From a logistics standpoint, we can add into
12 the appointment request form, which districts they -- or
13 which area or which district they would be providing
14 comment on so that the line drawers would have this in
15 advance.

16 I would not recommend for these meetings that it's
17 done the way we're scheduling out the October '21 to '23.
18 So I think that we can post the appointments, allow them
19 to fill up automatically, but include that note on -- and
20 this was also discussed with the Q2 team that it would be
21 helpful for them to know in advance as well, which -- for
22 each appointment what -- which region or districts they
23 would be commenting on.

24 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. All right. Any
25 other comments at this point or should we -- are we ready

1 to take a vote?

2 Commissioner Sadhwani?

3 CHAIR SADHWANI: Sure. And I apologize because I
4 missed the earlier part of this conversation. But it
5 seems to me that we've had a lot of robust conversation
6 on this. There's a lot of feedback.

7 It sounds like potentially shorter days where
8 there's longer hours, like some adjustments to the hours,
9 possibly adding some additional days, some additional
10 check in with the line drawers about feasibility.

11 I mean, can we amend this motion to reflect like our
12 general consensus of support of the overarching
13 components of this this plan with this guidance and to
14 move it forward in collaboration with line drawers and
15 staff?

16 I want to also be cautious of time because I know we
17 have a number of other large conversations to have today.
18 And it seems like we're kind of really in the weeds on a
19 lot of this, which I think is important. And I think
20 it's important that we have these conversations. But I
21 do think we also need to move it forward.

22 So I mean, I would love to if -- and I'm trying to
23 read the room here and I'm late to the conversation, but
24 to amend the motion to reflect the conversation and
25 then -- which is not specifically these timeframes of

1 9:30 to 2:30, break, 4:30 to 9, but instead to for the
2 subcommittee to develop a time frame in response to this
3 conversation and in collaboration with staff and line
4 drawers.

5 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner,
6 Sadhwani.

7 We'll check in with Commissioner Turner to see if
8 she is -- to see her thoughts about the possible friendly
9 amendment. Or not?

10 COMMISSIONER TURNER: No, it is not cold. What I
11 heard -- what I heard, Commissioner Sadhwani say was to
12 amend it to allow the subcommittee to take in all of the
13 conversation and to come back with the exact hours and
14 days, and I am amenable to that upgrade.

15 CHAIR SADHWANI: Very good.

16 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Turner.
17 Commissioner Ahmad?

18 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Chair. I just
19 wanted to make sure that it was shared, if it hasn't been
20 shared clearly so far, Commissioner Fornaciari and I have
21 checked in with staff.

22 We have checked in with Q2 and Haystaq on the line
23 drawing roll. We have checked in with the necessary
24 parties because those parties were already identified
25 when we planned the COI input meetings.

1 So this proposal that we put forward with Marcy's
2 guidance and leadership through her report is a
3 reflection of what our team has recommended in
4 collaboration with the subcommittee.

5 So I'm not sure what we would take back to then
6 bring back to the Commission that would be different
7 based on the recommendation to go back and take it to
8 discuss with staff and line drawers, etcetera, because
9 that's already reflected.

10 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: So Commissioner Turner --

11 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: I don't know.

12 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: -- do you have any?

13 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah, I do. Then let me
14 change the motion and let me make a firm motion that I'd
15 like to make.

16 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

17 COMMISSIONER TURNER: The plan accepted as it's
18 written with the addition of days -- Wednesday, the 17th;
19 Thursday, the 18th; Friday, the 19th; Saturday, the 20th;
20 and as needed, scheduled the 22nd and the 23rd for the
21 hours 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.

22 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: And you're also -- the
23 interpretation continues to be part of your motion.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: The Spanish.

25 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: The Spanish interpretation?



1 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Spanish interpretation

2 continues to be a part and -- yes. Thank you.

3 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: All right. Let's vote.

5 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. We do have an amended
6 motion, so we will have to take public comment. We have
7 the opportunity to take public comment once we have a
8 second. So do I have Commissioner Vazquez, do you still
9 second? Or Commissioner Sadhwani, do you want to second?

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I think Vazquez was --

11 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Vazquez was the original. So
12 that's why I'm asking.

13 CHAIR SADHWANI: Be my guest.

14 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes, I second. I second the
15 amended motion.

16 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: And we know Commissioner
17 Sadhwani is in support too. All right. We'll take
18 public comment at this point.

19 PUBLIC COMMNET MODERATOR: All right, Chair.

20 The Commission will now take public comment for the
21 amended motion on the floor. What's the -- amended
22 motion on the floor.

23 To give comment, please call 877-853-5247 and enter
24 the meeting ID number 81995668446 for this meeting. Once
25 you have dialed in, please press star 9 to enter the



1 comment queue. The full call-in instructions have been
2 read previously in this meeting and are provided in full
3 on the livestream landing page.

4 And at this time, Chair, we do not have anyone in
5 the queue, but we will let you know when the instructions
6 are complete.

7 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Great. Thank you.

8 Can we have the motion presented?

9 MR. MANOFF: One second chair.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Chair, the instructions
11 are complete on this stream at this time, and there is
12 still no one in there.

13 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

14 With that, I believe Commissioner Andersen has a
15 question.

16 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, I have a quick
17 question. I'm sorry. I just want to clarify on the
18 motion, you're just essentially taking the proposal and
19 shifting the days back a day, but you're still -- it's
20 Congressional, Assembly, Senate. And is that correct?

21 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Right, because what we've said
22 is people will call in as they need. And the recommended
23 we have -- we can recommend. But people will call and
24 do. And it's with the five minutes, as is indicated in
25 the plan. And I think also the plan showed 3 to 7, if



1 I'm not mistaken. I said 3 to 8.

2 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: 3 to 8. Great. Thank you.

3 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: I do see some callers calling in
4 for public comment.

5 So Katy, can you accept the callers?

6 PUBLIC COMMNET MODERATOR: Yes, Chair. I apologize.
7 Okay. We'll start with caller 2829. If you will, please
8 follow the prompts to unmute at this time by pressing
9 star 6.

10 MS. WESTA-LUSK: Yes. Good morning.

11 PUBLIC COMMNET MODERATOR: The floor is yours.

12 MS. WESTA-LUSK: This is Renee Westa-Lusk. I just
13 have one comment. I think having any public input
14 meetings the whole week of Thanksgiving, starting with
15 the 23rd, it's going to be hardly anybody is going to
16 show up.

17 Because a lot of people leave at the beginning of
18 Thanksgiving weekend. And I think you're going to get
19 very little testimony if you have anything after the -- I
20 think ,it's the Saturday, the 21st or the 20th. That's
21 my comment. Thank you.

22 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much.

23 PUBLIC COMMNET MODERATOR: And up next, we will have
24 caller 2887. If you will, please follow the prompts to
25 unmute at this time. The floor is yours.



1 MS. KERR: Good morning, Commissioners. Thank you
2 for your time today and your hard work in supporting our
3 communities. My name is Megan Kerr. And I'm a Long
4 Beach Unified School District board member and a lifelong
5 resident of Long Beach.

6 Our school district submitted a letter earlier this
7 year and the President of our board and myself have also
8 provided public testimony. As Vice President of the
9 Board, I want to thank you for the visualization of the
10 Long Beach area released earlier this week.

11 We were very happy to see Long Beach, Signal Hill,
12 and Avalon grouped together. These are cities that our
13 school district serves and it's important to keep them
14 together for representation, school and parent programs,
15 and government grants.

16 It's important also to include the city of Lakewood
17 to any Long Beach visualization map. LBUSD serves nearly
18 70,000 students at eighty-five schools that are located
19 across four cities Long Beach, Signal Hill, Avalon, and
20 Lakewood. Again, we serve students in all four of those
21 cities.

22 Please keep our school system together as you build
23 districts and visualizations. We will work extremely
24 hard and we do as a school district to ensure the best
25 public education for our students. And these last two



1 years during the pandemic have really highlighted the
2 need for our school district to have cohesive
3 representation.

4 Again, I thank you for providing so many
5 opportunities for us to engage with you as a public and
6 to communicate with you about our communities. I'm very
7 grateful for your service. Thank you.

8 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comment. And
9 of course, public comment will be in this afternoon.
10 With that, let's go to a vote. So let's --

11 PUBLIC COMMNET MODERATOR: Chair?

12 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh?

13 PUBLIC COMMNET MODERATOR: Just real quick, caller
14 7912 has not spoke, and I just want to give them an
15 opportunity to raise their hand if they'd like to --

16 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Katy.

17 PUBLIC COMMNET MODERATOR: -- press star 9. Thank
18 you so much. And we do have a raised hand. Please
19 follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6. The
20 floor is yours.

21 Hi, good afternoon now. Thank you. This is
22 Jacqueline Coto calling with NALEO Educational Fund
23 again. I just wanted to call in to say thank you for
24 your amendments to the motion and we support moving
25 forward with that.



1 So I just want to also thank you for including the
2 Spanish interpretation to the input sessions, which is a
3 comment that I wanted to make earlier and I ran out of
4 time. So thank you so much for that.

5 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Ms. Coto.

6 And with that, we are ready for a vote. So let's
7 display the motion and --

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Get her going.

9 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: And get ready for lunch.

10 MR. HERNANDEZ: Chair, I'll be adding the dates just
11 to be specific on here. If you allow me one second here.

12 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Yes, please. Thank you.

13 MR. HERNANDEZ: Sure. That first. All right. I've
14 added p.m. to the time. And I've added the actual dates
15 that we're referring to in this emotion. So approved
16 draft map feedback meeting proposal with the addition of
17 Wednesday through Saturday 11/17 to 11/20 and as needed,
18 Monday and Tuesday 11/22 to 11/23 from 3 to 8 p.m.,
19 Spanish interpretation to be part of the meetings. Is
20 that correct?

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I actually -- I'm sorry,
22 because additional sounds like we're adding an extra day
23 to the proposal. Could we say the modification of?

24 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes. Thank you.

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And p.m., 12:02 p.m.



1 although normally I'm up that early or late.

2 MR. HERNANDEZ: It was a.m. when we started this
3 part so. Okay. Yes. All right. We will begin the vote
4 now.

5 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: I believe we have one more
6 comment from Commissioner Akutagawa.

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I mean, I just want
8 to make an to have an additional clarification in the
9 motion. The Spanish interpretation should be both for a
10 listening line as well as a comment line, if we could
11 have that as a amendment.

12 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: I believe that what was accepted
13 earlier.

14 COMMISSIOENR AKTUAGAWA: I didn't know whether or
15 not it needed to actually be spelled out, so that's why.

16 MR. HERNANDEZ: More specificity is always helpful.

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes. Yes. Thank you.

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: And just a quick -- oh,
19 sorry.

20 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: I believe Commissioner Fernandez
21 and Commissioner Andersen we're going to make brief
22 comments.

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: No, on that interpretation,
24 I thought it was just to have a Spanish interpreter
25 available if needed, not necessarily the simultaneous.

1 Is that what you were talking about, Commissioner
2 Akutagawa?

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: No, I was talking about
4 both the simultaneous or not -- but the interpretation so
5 that those who want to listen in --

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay.

7 COMMISISONER AKUTAGAWA: -- can also listen in on
8 the proceedings. But also having the interpreter also
9 available to translate comments for any of the callers.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay.

11 COMMISSIOENR AKUTAGAWA: So it's both the listening
12 and the commenting.

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: All right.

14 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: So listening and commenting.

15 COMMISSIOENR FERNANDEZ: Yes. Thank you.

16 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Is that your interpretation,
17 Commissioner Turner, that it was listening and --

18 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I did not specify. So that
19 sounds beautiful.

20 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much.

21 Commissioner Andersen?

22 COMMISSIOENR ANDERSEN: I just had a clarification
23 in terms of the order of the vote. Didn't we have
24 decided that that actually goes from after the chair.

25 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: I'm fine with going after the



1 Chair. So let's do that, Alvaro. Start with
2 Commissioner Turner, and then we'll go down.

3 MR. HERNANDEZ: Very well.

4 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. So let's do roll
5 call for the vote.

6 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Turner?

7 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

8 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Vazquez?

9 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes.

10 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Yee?

11 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes.

12 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Ahmad?

13 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yes.

14 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Akutagawa?

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

16 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Andersen?

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Abstain.

18 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fernandez?

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

20 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fornaciari?

21 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes.

22 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Kennedy?

23 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

24 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Le Mons?

25 Commissioner Sadhwani?

1 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes.

2 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sinay.

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I abstain.

4 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Taylor?

5 Commissioner Toledo?

6 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Yes.

7 MR. HERNANDEZ: The vote passes. The motion passes.

8 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

9 So with that, I'll turn it over to Commissioner
10 Sadhwani who will be continuing the meeting as Chair.

11 CHAIR SADHWANI: Well, thank you so much for that,
12 Commissioner Toledo. Thank you for stepping in this
13 morning while I had to teach. Whereabouts did we leave
14 off in the director reports? I think was Directors Ceja
15 next?

16 MR. CEJA: Yes, Chair. And I will not keep folks
17 from lunch, so I'll breeze through my report. The social
18 media analytics was posted this morning -- or a few days
19 ago actually. Our total page likes for Facebook are at
20 1,149.

21 I just checked in with our contractor for social
22 media advertisements. Those are starting today, so we
23 should see those numbers increase finally. Total
24 followers for Instagram is that 294. Total followers for
25 Twitter or that 1,791 in. LinkedIn has 305 followers and

1 YouTube is at 80.

2 We're still waiting for the ethnic media contract to
3 be approved by all this. That should happen this week,
4 according to our colleagues in Sacramento. We have an
5 editorial meeting set up tomorrow with Sacramento Bee,
6 and that's going to be headed by Commissioner Fernandez.

7 And then we scheduled an editorial meeting with L.A.
8 Times for Tuesday at 11 a.m. with Commissioner Sadhwani.
9 If anyone else wants to join that, please let me know and
10 I'll share the meeting invite.

11 I did just receive the video to accompany the paper
12 COI going to incarcerated populations, so that's ready to
13 go. I'll send that over to Marcy so we can get it over
14 to that Department as we send them the paper COI tool.
15 We will also be sending up a newsletter tomorrow. The
16 chair has it and is reviewing it.

17 And lastly, wanted to announce that our website has
18 a dropdown feature where you drop down a tab and you can
19 now view our website in 104 languages. If you haven't
20 already. Please try that and let me know if there is any
21 discrepancies.

22 Sometimes the text disappears. If that's the case,
23 then we need to add additional formatting in there for it
24 to not do that. So but we have at least some additional
25 language features for individuals that are visiting our



1 website, which is awesome.

2 And lastly, just wanted to say thank you to the
3 commissioners. I was actually in Sacramento earlier this
4 week and I got to see firsthand how much work you all are
5 putting in and our -- my colleagues too, on staff.

6 And it's just pretty cool to see from the beginning
7 of when I joined the commission to know how everything's
8 working. I think we've got the cogs working and we're an
9 actual organization now.

10 But I've seen all the time that the commissioners
11 have put in with homework and having to rush dinner and
12 go back to their hotel rooms to brush up on other
13 homework that they have to be prepared for the next day.
14 So it's just an amazing, amazing process to be part of.
15 And I want to thank everyone involved for all the hard
16 work so far.

17 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you, Fredy. And big kudos to
18 you and to all of the staff for all of the work that you
19 do. It's really incredible. And what was it, 147 some
20 odd languages is amazing. That's amazing.

21 Commissioner Kennedy?

22 COMMISSIOENR KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. And thank
23 you, Director Ceja, for the report and for the good news
24 with the numbers. We continue to make progress. That's
25 very encouraging.



1 One thing that we had discussed at one point and I
2 just wanted to check and see if it's still a possibility
3 or already in process. We were looking at, I guess,
4 mirroring the Twitter feed somewhere on the website.

5 I had mentioned that Riverside County Registrar of
6 Voters, for example, during election season, their
7 Twitter feed is scrolling live on their home page and it
8 becomes a very important information source for people.
9 And I was wondering if we're still looking at that
10 possibility for our website. Thank you.

11 ME. CEJA: Yes, sir. Actually, Martin, our
12 communications coordinator, gave me a software that they
13 used at his previous employer. And so we're looking into
14 that, and I'll purchase that if not today, tomorrow. But
15 it should give us up to three social media feeds on the
16 homepage. So we will have that ready to go next week.

17 CHAIR SADHWANI: Commissioner Turner?

18 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Director Ceja, the video that
19 was prepared for specifically the incarcerated
20 population, are we able to see that or is it posted
21 somewhere already?

22 MR. CEJA: It's actually downloading still. Right
23 now it's rendering. So as soon as it's done, I will
24 share it with the commissioners.

25 CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. Thank you. Any additional

1 questions for Director Ceja? If not, thank you so much.

2 And we all move on and to Chief Counsel Pane's report.

3 Oh, was there another hand? Sorry.

4 Commissioner Andersen?

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes. I just want to give a
6 shout out to the Director Ceja because I was driving
7 along the other day at home and hear the radio and there
8 it was. One of our commercials came on and it was it was
9 snappy, It was clever. It immediately caught my
10 attention.

11 And it wasn't just because it was us, it was the way
12 it was framed. So I just want to give him a good shout
13 out. And it's -- we're out there, which is really,
14 really exciting to hear. So thank you very much.

15 CHAIR SADHWANI: Yeah, it's super exciting. I
16 haven't heard one of the radio ads yet but definitely
17 have seen the billboards while driving and super exciting
18 every time I kind of coming in contact with it now,
19 hoping that it's having an impact for Californians out
20 there far and wide.

21 All right. Well, with that, I thank you so much.
22 And we're going to move on to Chief Counsel Pane.

23 ATTNY PANE: Thank you, Chair. Good afternoon,
24 Commission. We wanted to give you a little bit of an
25 update. There was a previous discussion on the last



1 meeting -- last Commission meeting about map
2 requirements. And there was a little bit of ambiguity as
3 to how DE is calculated.

4 So I wanted to just to let you all know that the
5 legal team here will look into if not a specific
6 authority or at least maybe some persuasive authority
7 where we can get back to you on what might be the best
8 ways to think about how it's calculated, since it's not
9 technically in the definition itself.

10 With that, that was all my report. And just any
11 other commissioners have any questions?

12 CHAIR SADHWANI: Any questions from Commissioners?
13 Okay. And with that, I believe that there hasn't been a
14 general public comment on this agenda item previously.

15 ATTNY PANE: That's correct, Chair.

16 CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. Thank you so much. So with
17 that, we will go to public comment on directory reports,
18 agenda item number 3 on our agenda.

19 PUBLIC COMMNET MODERATOR: Sorry. The Commission
20 will now take public comment and agenda item number 3.
21 To give comment, please call 877-853-5247 and enter the
22 meeting I.D. number 81995668446 for this meeting.

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24 enter the comment queue. The full call-in instructions
25 have been read previously in this meeting and are



1 provided in full on the live streaming page.

2 And at this time, Chair, we do not have any one in
3 the queue. Great. Thank you. We'll wait for the
4 livestream to catch up just in case someone wants to call
5 in.

6 For commissioners, just FYI, I'm just looking at the
7 schedule. We're a little over where I had hoped we would
8 be by now, so I apologize in advance. But I think we're
9 going to have to have a working lunch for our closed
10 session for today.

11 I'm also hoping -- we are scheduled to go to lunch
12 at 12:45. I'm thinking that we can start to see some of
13 the subcommittee reports. I'm aware of a couple longer
14 conversations in some of those subcommittees like Mapping
15 Playbook, for example.

16 But I think some of the others, if we could get
17 through them between now and lunch, that would be really
18 helpful. We can take a fifteen-minute break from 12:45
19 to 1 so folks can grab lunch. And then we'll start
20 closed session at 1 o'clock just to try and stay on
21 schedule for today.

22 Okay. How are we doing, Katy, on the live stream?

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Instructions are complete
24 and we do not have anyone in the queue at this time,
25 Chair.



1 CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. Thank you so much for that.
2 So with that, we will move onto agenda item number 4
3 subcommittee updates. And we will begin with Government
4 Affairs and Census, Commissioners Sadhwani, and Toledo.

5 Commissioner Toledo?

6 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: No substantive update. So we
7 can move on to the next one.

8 CHAIR SADHWANI: Perfect. Finance and
9 Administration, Commissioners Fernandez and Fornaciari.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Hello.

11 CHAIR SADHWANI: Hi.

12 COMMISSIONER FERNADNEZ: Sorry.

13 CHAIR SADHWANI: No problem.

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Of course you caught me the
15 one time I got up for a second. Can we come back to this
16 later, please? Thank you.

17 CHAIR SADHWANI: Sure. Absolutely. Yeah. Gantt
18 Chart, Commissioners Kennedy, and Taylor.

19 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. We are
20 continuing to work on this. I do need some further
21 information from staff and/or subcommittees, particularly
22 in relation to some of the contracts.

23 The one thing that I would say looking at the Gantt
24 chart as it stood back in the spring is that we've been
25 able to start some things earlier than we anticipated,



1 but some of the contracting actions have taken far longer
2 than we anticipated when we set up that Gantt chart and
3 that that has affected our work. Thank you.

4 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you for that update,
5 Commissioner Kennedy. We will go now to Outreach and
6 Engagement, Commissioners Sinay and Fornaciari.

7 COMMISSIONER I guess you want me to go, Commissioner
8 Fornaciari. Okay. I brought it briefly, but I did want
9 to get the input from all of you so we know how to give
10 direction to staff regarding the paper COI and
11 distributing it to libraries.

12 As I said earlier, I'm not sure at this point in
13 time if the cost and the effort is -- we will get the
14 input that we need during visualizations and line
15 drawing. And I'm wondering if we've got a commitment
16 already from them to participate, if it makes more sense
17 to request -- I mean, to create a flier that short,
18 spiffy.

19 I just saw one from the Chula Vista Redistricting
20 Commission that's really good. I just like I thought it
21 was good. But so do we need do we want to and you know,
22 how do we want to use this partnership in the most
23 effective way possible where we are at this point in
24 time?

25 And it's not taking away from all the effort that's

1 been put in and or saying this was a bad idea, it's just
2 that we've moved forward from -- we're still going to get
3 communities of interest at different times. But is that
4 the best way to inform the public right now on how they
5 can participate?

6 CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. And so does the
7 subcommittee have recommendations for the Commission to
8 consider as alternatives?

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Well, we just heard today that
10 it wasn't going to be ready because it needed an
11 envelope. I think the recommendation would be to not do
12 the communities of interest tools, because we're also
13 going to have to do the envelopes with the libraries.

14 With the incarcerated populations, we would want to
15 continue in that direction. But with the libraries,
16 maybe instead send them not a PDF of a flier, but
17 actually print out the copies that they have so they can
18 do it. They can just put them out. Keep it as simple as
19 possible. Also, because I know in speaking to them,
20 their budgets are very cramped.

21 So my recommendation would be whatever -- however
22 much just create a flier that is bright, simple, easy,
23 that the public can -- telling the public how they can
24 participate in visualization and in the line drawing
25 phases.

1 CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay. Great. Looks like
2 Commissioner Turner has a has a -- and then Fredy, we'll
3 come back to you.

4 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. Thank you. Was there,
5 I'm trying to remember, Commissioner Sinay, and it might
6 have even been Commissioner Kennedy, was there a
7 suggestion or a process in play that was going to
8 actually send a packet of paper COIs to incarcerated so
9 that we were not waiting for envelopes? And how did that
10 go? What happened with that?

11 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Director Hernandez, you spoke a
12 little bit about it, but if you want to reiterate or
13 elaborate.

14 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes, I can elaborate on that. So
15 originally we were going to send a packet where the
16 individuals could respond back in -- the form itself or
17 the paper COI would have the instructions as well as the
18 address to send it back to us. That didn't result in
19 what something that could be done because of the
20 requirements with the U.S. Postal Service.

21 So we changed that. We went to the envelope option
22 so that we can have the individuals put the COI response
23 into the envelopes to return. We're still working, as I
24 mentioned earlier, with the U.S. Post Office because it
25 has to meet very strict requirements so that we got seven

1 of the ten drafts completed and approved. Three of them
2 weren't.

3 So they're not moving forward with that and we've
4 had to go back and forth a number of times with them.
5 Despite our efforts to try to get that resolved. It did
6 not get resolved.

7 Ultimately, we made the decision to go ahead and
8 pursue sending the paper COIs to the incarcerated
9 individuals without the envelopes, and instead we are
10 going to provide them a box and a UPC label to put on the
11 box to send them back to us. So that is where we are
12 with the incarcerated population and the paper COI tool.

13 As far as the others, we're still trying to work
14 through the printing of the envelopes, but they have to
15 meet the Postal Service requirements before we can do so.
16 So that's kind of on hold.

17 The paper COIs can be printed, but if we're going to
18 supplement the envelopes to send them to the libraries,
19 we have to wait to those envelopes are ready and printed
20 as well. So that's kind of where we are.

21 If we're going to shift and instead of sending them
22 the envelopes to send back a return, then we can go ahead
23 and send the paper copies, the paper COIs, the copies
24 with the instructions directly to the libraries for them
25 to have available for the people that they want to share

1 those with.

2 And they've already provided us a list of how many
3 they would want and what languages and so forth. So that
4 is ready to go. We just have been waiting to try to
5 provide them the self-addressed stamped envelope so that
6 they can send them back -- individuals can send them back
7 in the envelope.

8 CHAIR SADHWANI: Commissioner Fernandez?

9 COMMISSIOENR FERNANDEZ: Yes, a couple of things.
10 But first, I believe Ravi said he has an update on the
11 Communities of Interest tool.

12 CHAIR SADHWANI: Oh, sure.

13 MR. SINGH: I'm sorry. This is -- I hope this is
14 just fresh off the press. We actually have been approved
15 for the return mail for the paper COI tool through USPS.

16 CHAIR SADHWANI: That is very helpful. Thank you
17 for sharing and sharing that that breaking news.

18 Commissioner Fernandez, back to you.

19 COMMISSIONER FERNADNEZ: Well, my comment was going
20 to be to just send envelopes without the paid postage,
21 but now we can just go ahead and send the envelopes.
22 Great news. Thanks. Thanks for that. Hot off the
23 presses, Ravi.

24 CHAIR SADHWANI: Very good. I had seen other hands
25 previously and it looks like they're down now. Did

1 anyone else want to weigh in on this topic or
2 subcommittee report?

3 Commissioner Andersen?

4 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, I actually really like
5 the idea of also sending a how-to flier, how to
6 participate, because if the only thing the libraries have
7 is the COI tool, I think that is not giving the public
8 everything because we -- so I would really like that and
9 I pretty sure we actually have on our website some pretty
10 clever, you know, combinations of that.

11 So I don't think I think it's -- I don't think this
12 is a huge addition, but I think it's a very valuable
13 addition. And I appreciate the subcommittee bringing
14 that that idea up.

15 CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay. Thank you.

16 Commissioner Sinay, anything else on the
17 subcommittee report?

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: No.

19 CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. Fredy, earlier, you had
20 raised a hand. Did you want to -- was there anything you
21 wanted to add on this piece or we're all set? Perfect.
22 Thanks so much. Sorry about that.

23 Materials Development Commissioners Fernandez and
24 Kennedy. Kind of goes right hand in hand I think with
25 this conversation.

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Let's see, Material
2 Development. We did provide feedback on the video for
3 the incarcerated populations, which has been finalized.
4 That's what Fredy talked about earlier. And we're
5 continuing to look at the report language for the final
6 maps. So just working out some of the draft language.

7 Anything else, Commissioner Kennedy?

8 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: That's all. Thank you.

9 CHAIR SADHWANI: Wonderful. Thank you so much. F,
10 Website Subcommittee, Commissioners Kennedy, and Taylor.

11 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Nothing to report at this
12 point. Thank you.

13 CHAIR SADHWANI: Very good. G, Data Management. We
14 didn't take data management off of the list, right? I
15 think we decided to stay on. Is that correct? Okay.
16 Great.

17 COMMISSIONER TURNER: That's correct.

18 CHAIR SADHWANI: Very good. Commissioners Turner
19 and Ahmad.

20 COMMISSIONER TURNER: No updates.

21 CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay. Very good. Community of
22 Interest tool, the COI tool, Commissioners Akutagawa, and
23 Kennedy.

24 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Nothing to report at this
25 point. Thank you.

1 CHAIR SADHWANI: All right. Very good. I think
2 we've kind of discussed this already, but Incarcerated
3 Populations Federal Facilities, Commissioners Kennedy,
4 and Turner.

5 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. I have
6 drafted a letter back to the Bureau of Prisons. I've
7 gotten feedback on it from Commissioner Turner. I just
8 need to finalize that and get it off.

9 That basically is saying that, we were not looking
10 for personally identifiable information as they
11 interpreted our request and just trying to work towards
12 resolving this before the 2030 Commission has to deal
13 with it.

14 One thing that I did find in working on this over
15 the last week is that there are a number of states that
16 do have statutory language requiring them to reallocate
17 individuals in federal custody.

18 So I'm thinking that I would also propose to reach
19 out to those states to find out -- I mean, we can find
20 out what's in the law online, but to find out how that
21 experience has gone and if they have any suggestions for
22 us as we try to prepare this for the 2030 Commission. So
23 thank you.

24 CHAIR SADHWANI: That sounds great and really,
25 really fantastic work. And I have a feeling you're going

1 to be very busy over the next ten years working on this
2 issue. So thank you for your leadership on that. The
3 Lessons Learned Subcommittee also something that might
4 keep you busy over the next few years, Commissioners
5 Ahmad, and Kennedy.

6 And I apologize. I was moving on and now I'm seeing
7 Marcy's -- Director Kaplan's hand is raised. Marcy, you
8 want to weigh in on the last one on incarcerated
9 populations?

10 MS. KAPLAN: Yeah. I just want to highlight
11 something really briefly that if the public are using
12 other mapping tools outside of the statewide database
13 tools, those do not remove the federal inmate population.
14 And so their population totals may be different.

15 And so I think we can make this clear in our
16 communications. But I just want to highlight during the
17 meeting now as well, since we had -- someone had flagged
18 this from the public as well when they were seeing some
19 differential than they realized what was going on.

20 CHAIR SADHWANI: I think that's a really great
21 point, Marcy. Just if I may ask myself, are we
22 identifying -- particularly I'm thinking about for two
23 weeks from now, October, I'll get the dates wrong, 21st,
24 22nd, 23rd. Are we asking folks to share with us their
25 data source so that we can be aware of any of those

1 differences? Right.

2 I mean, you typically think of if I see something
3 else, see the data source statewide database underneath.
4 If it's something else, it would be helpful to have that.

5 MS. KAPLAN: We can we can include that. So if
6 someone is using the statewide database tools, for the
7 most part, we're asking we are asking them, they don't
8 need to submit the map. They can send the submission
9 IDs.

10 So if there's others coming in outside and they're
11 actually sending in a PDF, we can ask that they include
12 that I would say maybe not require. But you could ask --
13 we could ask that as well.

14 CHAIR SADHWANI: Right. Just to provide their data
15 source I think would be really helpful for that that
16 piece. Yeah but thank you for raising that. That's
17 really great. Thank you. And with that, we will go on
18 to the Lessons Learned Subcommittee, Commissioners
19 Kennedy, and Ahmad.

20 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. As always,
21 keep them coming. I've been very happy the last week or
22 two that commissioners are sharing more and more ideas
23 for our Lessons Learned exercise next year. My notebook
24 continues to grow for that.

25 Commissioner Ahmad and I are talking about



1 possibilities for making all of these topics more widely
2 accessible and so that we can solicit even further input
3 on this. And I anticipate that the Lessons Learned
4 exercise next year will be quite a substantive
5 undertaking.

6 Commissioner Ahamd, anything else?

7 CHAIR SADHWANI: Very good. I see a whole bunch of
8 hands here. Director Kaplan, did you have something on
9 this one? No.

10 Commissioner Vazquez?

11 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: It's sort of a lesson
12 learned, but maybe just more a request to consider. I
13 was just wondering if staff, maybe Director Hernandez, or
14 Director Kaplan or maybe even Ravi, it would be really
15 helpful to have, like, a summary of actions taken,
16 emailed out after the meeting, and probably posted --
17 yadda, yadda.

18 But like it would just be really helpful, especially
19 for those of us who are -- who missed big portions of the
20 meeting to just know what actions were taken without
21 having to wait for everything.

22 It would just be really nice at the end of the day,
23 whether we're recessing or adjourning to just these three
24 actions were taken. But it would just be really helpful
25 to also keep up with the conversation should we miss a

1 day and then reconvene. Thank you.

2 CHAIR SADHWANI: I see Alvaro has his hand raised.
3 Were you trying to respond to that? I'm going to be
4 helpful.

5 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes, I want to respond really quick.
6 We do have a summary that we put together. Ravi has been
7 very diligent in providing a summary which includes what
8 motions were taken so that you can reference that. It's
9 kind of a quick and easy to kind of summarize what's
10 going on.

11 It's not the transcript, it's not every discussion
12 point, but it does summarize the information very
13 concisely that you can kind of go back to the video. And
14 it also does provide timestamp of the video so that you
15 can go back to the video and listen to the dialog that
16 was -- that happened.

17 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: And sorry, and these are on
18 the website but they're not emailed out.

19 MR. HERNANDEZ: Correct. But they are on the
20 website.

21 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Got it. Okay. Well then
22 that's helpful. And may have missed that in a meeting
23 where I wasn't attending. So thank you.

24 MR. HERNANDEZ: Okay.

25 CHAIR SADHWANI: Perfect. Commissioner Vasquez,



1 would you prefer to have them also emailed to
2 commissioners in a manner that --

3 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: That would be helpful.

4 CHAIR SADHWANI: Yeah, I think that's one small
5 step. And I think Director Hernandez, if someone on
6 staff could just help to get that out and then everyone
7 at least has it in their inbox. Thank you so much.

8 Commissioner Yee?

9 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes, I think it is -- this is for
10 the Lessons Learned, but also perhaps for Government
11 Affairs, senses for the incarcerated persons, state
12 populations. I'm wonder if we could get a report at some
13 point on how that went with the reallocation process.

14 How many were successfully reallocated to last known
15 addresses? How many had to be reallocated randomly? So
16 we know how that went and how the next commission can
17 plan around that.

18 CHAIR SADHWANI: That would definitely be a helpful
19 addition to Lessons Learned. We are up against a break
20 in just a couple of minutes. We have two more hands, so
21 I'd like to finish those before we break for lunch.

22 Commissioner Sinay?

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I'm not sure, Commissioner
24 Yee, I don't know if you meant the state allocations
25 because the statewide database did give us that report.

1 COMMISSIONER YEE: Did I miss that?

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah. So in the slide
3 presentation they gave to us last week or the week
4 before, it was in one of the first slides.

5 COMMISSIONER YEE: Okay. My bad. I'll look.

6 COMMISSIONER SINAY: There's too much information.
7 And I'm not very -- when I say it's been given to us, I'm
8 seeing it as a positive not to -- because we all need
9 just need to help each other remember what we've seen.

10 I did want to kind of talk about something that
11 seems to be a -- it's the big elephant in the room. And
12 it's gotten a lot of play in in the Twitter atmosphere.
13 But I do want to put it in for Lessons Learned that I
14 think we need to create a participation policy or a --
15 the current policy for commissioners is that we can fill
16 in a vacancy or someone who resigns.

17 But what a vacancy means is not defined. And so
18 it's very broad. And also, what does participation mean
19 in the world of Zoom? Because I think each of us have
20 defined it on our own, on our own terms. And it may or
21 may not be what is needed or what the public believes.

22 It's kind of too difficult to do something right
23 now. We have the maps and everything else to do, but I
24 do feel that for future commissions, that would it would
25 be it would help to have that clarified.

1 CHAIR SADHWANI: Very good. Thank you. And I'm
2 hoping Commissioner Kennedy, and Ahmad, yes are noting
3 those suggestions down.

4 Commissioner Andersen? And then we will break.

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you. Mine's really
6 quick. Where is the summary of the meeting? Because I'm
7 looking at -- I expect to see it on the meetings, but it
8 isn't. It's just the hand out, a video and the -- of the
9 agenda. So where is the summary?

10 MR. HERNANDEZ: Forgive me. Chair, it should be
11 there. Now, the recent meetings may not be there yet.
12 So let me take a look and see where we are with the most
13 recent meetings. Obviously, we have to have time to --

14 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Business meetings.

15 MR. HERNANDEZ: -- put them together. They do get
16 reviewed by the Chair and then they get posted.

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Because I'm looking at
18 September 7th. I mean, so before that, I almost --

19 CHAIR SADHWANI: I'm wondering if it's something
20 that the Website Subcommittee could potentially take on
21 to make sure that there's a seamless transition from the
22 notes being taken, the summaries being made, and then
23 them actually appearing on the website and being emailed
24 out to commissioners.

25 I know, Commissioner Kennedy, would that be okay for

1 you? Yeah. Great. Thank you.

2 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. Yeah. Thank you. I
3 would appreciate that. Thank you.

4 CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. So we are at time for
5 break. Commissioners Sinay, and Vazquez, would it be
6 okay to hold your comments until after we come back? I
7 apologize for that. Are you both amenable to that
8 generally, yes. Okay. Great.

9 So with that, we're going to break for lunch for
10 commissioners, fifteen minutes. So sorry in advance, but
11 we do have a lot to get through. And then we will be
12 meeting back actually in closed session.

13 We will be meeting in closed session under the
14 pending litigation exception, discussing exposure to
15 litigation, the personnel exception, and the data
16 security issues. We anticipate that that conversation.
17 It's going to take at least an hour.

18 So as of right now, all anticipate that we come back
19 at about 2 p.m. But I'll certainly be in contact with
20 Kristian with updates if we end up needing a little bit
21 longer for those discussions. Okay. Thanks, everybody,
22 and we will see you back in session.

23 (Whereupon, a recess was held)

24 CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. And welcome back to the
25 California Citizens Redistricting Commission. Thank you

1 so much for bearing with us. While we took a break into
2 closed session, during that session, we went into closed
3 session under pending -- the pending litigation
4 exception, discussing exposure to litigation as well as
5 the personnel exception and data security issues.

6 I am happy to report that we did take action on a
7 personal matter during closed session today. We had left
8 off prior to closed session on agenda item number 4
9 subcommittee reports.

10 And so I'm going to go next to the Mapping and we're
11 going to pick up there and we're going to go back to that
12 Mapping Playbook subcommittee. I believe they have some
13 documents that are posted for review. So I'll turn it
14 over to Commissioners Yee, and Turner.

15 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you, Chair. Commissioner
16 Turner and I have been working further on the map and
17 playbook. You'll recall we reviewed this last week, and
18 I hope this will go fairly quickly because Commissioner
19 Turner and I both took just about everything, more or
20 less everything, maybe absolutely everything that
21 everyone said and were able to incorporate it into the
22 revision that you'll see today. So I'll go ahead and
23 share screen. Yes. The Mapping Playbook. Yes.

24 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Not yet.

25 COMMISSIONER YEE: Not yet?



1 CHAIR SADHWANI: I'm not seeing anything.

2 COMMISSIONER YEE: There we go.

3 COMMISSIONER TURNER: There we go.

4 COMMISSIONER YEE: You'll recall this comes in three
5 parts. And so the first two parts are the ones we've
6 revised. Let me go over this. And I've highlighted the
7 parts that we involve any substantive revisions in the
8 first page. There were no substantive revisions.

9 Getting into the second page, you added some items
10 under communities of interest. So here are the items,
11 Letter E, on the whole question of whether community of
12 interest input given by an elected official -- I'm sorry,
13 given by an elected body through an official resolution
14 of that body.

15 For instance, a board of supervisors or a city
16 council know how to receive that. So we came up with
17 this language. And by the way, these revisions have been
18 reviewed by our VRA a legal team.

19 So to give due but carefully considered weight to
20 COI input given the official resolutions by elected
21 bodies. And likewise, Letter F, give due but carefully
22 considered weighty input by organizations. Be aware of
23 which interests a given organization does and does not
24 represent and be aware of a locally representative it
25 actually is or is not.

1 Okay. Letter G addresses the question of using
2 information from other than testimony, it's appropriate
3 to consider coins known to commissioners who data or
4 other documented evidence, even if those communities have
5 not submitted COI input.

6 And we had used some of the missing voices language
7 in our discussions. But this is the language our council
8 recommended we use, a little more roundabout and
9 legalese, but addresses that point.

10 Okay. Going down to Letter I, adding the provision
11 to not discount any seemingly scripted input simply
12 because it was scripted. But to give it full weight on
13 its own merits and not to discount it at all.

14 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Commissioner Yee, I'm so sorry
15 to interrupt. Can you zoom in on --

16 COMMISSIONER YEE: That's okay.

17 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: -- on the actual document?

18 COMMISSIONER YEE: Am I --

19 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Oh, there you go. A little bit
20 more.

21 COMMISSIONER YEE: Okay.

22 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yeah. That's so much better.
23 Thank you so much.

24 COMMISSIONER YEE: Even more?

25 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: I think if you can do more, it



1 would be great. Yeah.

2 COMMISSIONER YEE: Oh, gosh. All right. Yeah,
3 there we go.

4 CHAIR SADHWANI: Yeah. And these are all posted on
5 the agenda handouts as well.

6 COMMISSIONER YEE: That's right. Yeah. Okay. Down
7 to letter K. This is probably the trickiest one. What
8 to do about input given in racial terms given that we're
9 not allowed to use -- we're not allowed to let race
10 predominate in our drawing of lines. Although race can
11 be a factor.

12 So the language the VRA Counsel and we came up with
13 consider a racially framed COI input in the context of
14 all other integration of redistricting criteria so that
15 race is never a sole or predominating factor except as
16 needed for VRA compliance.

17 That's a little softer than some of the discussion
18 which went into really more -- a little more proactively
19 consider race input simply as a proxy for a cultural,
20 ethnic -- I mean, cultural, economic, and social factors
21 that people would give that in racial terms, but meaning
22 a larger package or community of interest.

23 But this is the language they came up with. So a
24 little less proactive than that, but still affirming that
25 we do. We can consider racial discrimination just to do

1 so in the context of other criteria and not letting race
2 predominant.

3 Okay. Letter L, adding the language about using a
4 critical lens to discern attempts to reverse engineer
5 districts.

6 Letter M, adding language about -- doing additional
7 research outside of COI input, for instance, through
8 reports written by local communities about VRA issues,
9 homeless assessments, and homelessness assessments and so
10 forth and local communities are done.

11 Okay. And beyond that, we added a general mapping
12 sequence that we're not locked into to just that's our
13 general intention. But of course, there may be more back
14 and forth in that when we actually get to it.

15 5-B, consult the most current data available and
16 remembering that the 2011 maps are a decade old. And
17 then section 6, I just highlighted the whole thing
18 because I rearranged and added so many different things.
19 So this is just the whole laundry list that we came up
20 with of differences between now and ten years ago that
21 one would want to consider when comparing the two
22 commissions.

23 Okay. Yeah. Discussion?

24 CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. Thank you so much for this,
25 Commissioner Yee, and Commissioner Turner. I mean, I

1 think certainly we're going to have the discussion here,
2 but I think what an incredible document to put together
3 not only for us, but also as a keepsake, I think, for
4 2030 years.

5 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you.

6 CHAIR SADHWANI: Commissioner Andersen?

7 COMMISSIONER YEE: I'm sorry, before Commissioner
8 Andersen, I think that Commissioner Turner.

9 CHAIR SADHWANI: Oh, I'm so sorry. My bad. Sorry.

10 COMMISSIONER TURNER: No. I'm no anxious to hear
11 feedback. Thank you.

12 CHAIR SADHWANI: Very good.

13 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. First of all, yes,
14 thank you. And I think you really did you try to get all
15 the details of what people were saying and try to put it
16 in here where you have it circled in yellow, which I
17 really appreciate with one glaring exception. And that
18 is in Roman Numeral II. These are ranked statutory
19 criteria.

20 We have A, B, C, and under D, we go completely off
21 the rails and then come back to E, F, and G. So what I
22 would like to do is under 2A, 2B, and then from C on
23 down, move that section to a new item 3, Roman Numeral
24 III called Other COI Considerations, because those are
25 not statutory criteria. Those are options that we're

1 considering.

2 And I do not want the public to take one look at
3 this and say that's what they have to do, because the way
4 it's written right now, that's exactly the way it reads.

5 So I'd really, really like to -- and we think we
6 talked about that, but pull from C through M and move
7 that out of the item 2 rank statutory criteria because
8 those are how the Commission is considering evaluating
9 COIs, which is there's no legal -- there's no statutory
10 regulation criteria for us doing that that way.

11 COMMISSIONER YEE: Right. Okay. Thank you,
12 Commissioner Andersen. So let's see, under 2D2
13 everything down through 2A, everything down through the
14 first page -- the bottom of the first page is statutory
15 three, it's all a copy of the statute.

16 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Correct.

17 COMMISSIONER YEE: And then I see what you mean that
18 by --

19 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: And B as well.

20 COMMISSIONER YEE: B as well. Actually --

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: But then C on down --

22 COMMISSIONER YEE: From C on is our interpretation
23 of how to do the COIs.

24 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Correct.

25 COMMISSIONER YEE: That is true.



1 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: If we made that like a
2 section 3 and then moved the other sections as 4, 5, 6,
3 and then 7, we put in other COI considerations and put --
4 leave all that. So it would be --

5 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah.

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- a different category. I
7 thought about putting it under some general principles,
8 but there really are specific to the COI, so -- but it's
9 an idea, but please pull it out of --

10 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. Yeah.

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- that section.

12 COMMISSIONER YEE: I think what we could do is we
13 could -- so there's 1 and 2 here. And then we could
14 start a new 3 --

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Exactly.

16 COMMISSIONER YEE: -- where the non-statutory
17 language starts between D and C.

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: And just say other COI
19 considerations and --

20 COMMISSIONER YEE: Other non-statutory
21 considerations. And then this one is number 3 would end
22 up as number 4.

23 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Exactly.

24 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah.

25 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. Okay. Thank you very



1 much.

2 COMMISSIONER YEE: Hopefully.

3 CHAIR SADHWANI: Commissioner Toledo?

4 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. So great work. I
5 think it's very comprehensive. I had some questions
6 about the final section, which covers the differences
7 between us and the 2010 Commission. I was just curious
8 what the purpose of the section was.

9 Is it just to give a historical framework, is it
10 highlights. I was just trying to figure out it all
11 resonates. It all sounds correct. It's all great and I
12 appreciate that. I was just trying to figure out how it
13 relates back to this playbook.

14 And then it got me thinking about what the purpose
15 of the playbook is, how we intend to use it, and is it
16 more of guidance to Commission -- the commissioners on
17 how to balance these issues and how to think through
18 this? Is this for the public to see our thinking on
19 these issues.

20 So I'm just trying to and maybe you and Commissioner
21 Yee, and Commissioner Turner can give us a little bit
22 of -- and you may have already done this and I missed
23 that, but just a little guidance on what the purpose of
24 this document is and how we how we intend to use it.
25 Thank you.

1 COMMISSIONER YEE: Right. So the purpose is
2 absolutely that to give us guidance as we draw lines,
3 what to consider and how to consider it. So an obvious
4 example, how to consider conflicting COI. Some people
5 want the town to be kept together, other people want it
6 to be split.

7 So how do you -- how do you rate it? So here we
8 give some guidance to that. And we also set out just the
9 six statutory criteria all in one place, clearly with a
10 little bit of explanation to help her emphasize --

11 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Um-hum.

12 COMMISSIONER YEE: -- the criteria that -- using the
13 most detail obviously has to do with how to handle COIs.

14 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes. And can I jump in --

15 COMMISSIONER YEE: Sure.

16 COMMISSIONER TURNER: -- Commissioner Yee? You
17 also, specifically to your question, I believe,
18 concerning the key differences portion down at the
19 bottom. The key differences relative to 2010. There's
20 been a lot of comment and testimony about 2010 if we
21 should consider, if we should not consider, etcetera.

22 This piece was added in initially. I think it had a
23 different look and it seemed to appear most negative. So
24 we tried to add in positive as well, which kind of
25 changed a little bit the intent of it. But basically we

1 still thought it was good information to leave, just to
2 point out that there are distinct differences.

3 We can't do -- it was never the intent to do things
4 exactly like 2010, but there were some things that went
5 well that they did other things that just based on what's
6 going on in the world is totally different. And we just
7 thought this would be as good as place as any just to
8 capture it, to keep that in the back of our minds as
9 we're line drawing.

10 COMMISSIONER YEE: Precisely. So in section 6,
11 there's nothing actionable, I guess you could say, but it
12 provides context that could be helpful. So when we talk
13 about COIs, this provides context on how we received
14 COIs, which is different in the way 2010 to receive them
15 in terms of timeframe as well as method and so forth.

16 Any other thoughts?

17 CHAIR SADHWANI: Seeing none -- oh, I spoke too
18 soon.

19 Commissioner Toledo?

20 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: So I guess -- so this is to help
21 us with difficult decisions that we might have during the
22 line drawing process? Is --

23 COMMISSIONER YEE: That's right.

24 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. And that so because I did
25 see some of that in the highlights in across the

1 documents. But I was just -- for decision-making
2 purposes then?

3 COMMISSIONER YEE: Right.

4 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: As we balance things through?
5 All right. Great. So it's about. So I appreciate the
6 clarification. Thank you.

7 CHAIR SADHWANI: And if I may, I think also, I mean,
8 when this subcommittee was formed, it was really in
9 response to requests from commissioners that such a
10 document be developed and that we as a Commission take
11 the time to think through and document what this process
12 looks like and our thinking on how to proceed.

13 Commissioner Fernandez?

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: No, I think I might be a
15 little bit premature. I was wondering if you wanted a
16 motion, but I'm thinking maybe you want to go through the
17 attachments first.

18 COMMISSIONER YEE: That's correct. You're psychic.

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. I'm good.

20 COMMISSIONER YEE: You're psychic.

21 CHAIR SADHWANI: Commissioner Toledo?

22 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: One more thing. Just on the --
23 on one of the bullets, right. I believe in bullet I --
24 and I can't -- it's on the screen right now --

25 COMMISSIONER YEE: Okay.

1 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: -- where it says, hey, do not
2 discount or -- sorry, it wasn't I -- it was the one --
3 right above that. If you just go up a little bit. Keep
4 scrolling.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

6 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: It was specifically around the
7 input that comes from H, I: "So in case of multiple
8 substantially identical COI input, submissions that
9 appear "scripted," generally evaluate the COI on its own
10 merits, noting the above considerations about quantity of
11 input." And then it says in highlights, do not discount
12 such input merely for seeming "scripted".

13 So that would be the guidance to the Commission. We
14 don't discount, but individually we all balance these
15 things, right? So we're all balancing -- so I'm trying
16 to understand how the balancing -- because we're all
17 individually balancing the input fits in with do not
18 discount such input merely for seeming scripted, right?

19 So we're being certain that we're going not to
20 discount while at the same time, occasionally we'll have
21 to balance these things because we -- and depending on
22 what we hear, what we individually hear. So I'm trying
23 to balance how we how we do that --

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

25 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: -- how we do the balancing



1 between what's, I guess, guidance here versus if we -- if
2 some input just seems really scripted, it's the same
3 thing over and over again. And maybe doesn't resonate
4 with us individually.

5 COMMISSIONER TURNER: If I hear you correctly,
6 Commissioner Toledo, what your named is exactly what we
7 want you to do. And the reason for this, this particular
8 statement and the add on. We do want it to be balanced.

9 We don't want -- there's been comments and feedback
10 given in regards to testimony that is being read or
11 formed letter, and sometimes it can seem that it's almost
12 a discouragement of such or discounting of such. And so
13 this says do not merely.

14 And so the paying close attention to the words, it
15 is more of the balance that's there. And it's saying
16 because it's scripted, we don't want to discount it
17 merely because it seems that. We do want to balance it
18 in with everything that's being said.

19 So we're trying to embrace all of the feedback that
20 was given that says that we recognize that there are
21 groups that have gone out and we kind of talked about it
22 a little bit earlier.

23 Whether we did or didn't capture the number of
24 people that participated. And people that are new to the
25 process that will appreciate being able to show up on



1 camera and read off of a script. So we get all of that
2 and it may be repetitive information.

3 So we want to hear it. We want to recognize that
4 came from different sources, but we also don't want to
5 just, you know, downplay it. We want to keep it in the
6 balance. I think that you're talking about that you're
7 raising is what we're really trying to get at.

8 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: That's very helpful. And I
9 think just highlighting the merely that you just --

10 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah.

11 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: -- and I think that helps me
12 tremendously and somehow it got lost for me.

13 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you.

14 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: But I think I see it now and I
15 appreciate it. That's the balancing piece. Thank you.

16 COMMISSIONER YEE: I mean, we had some COI input,
17 multiple COI input on the same topic on the same point of
18 view that was eloquently different in their phrasing
19 examples, but did it all the same bullet points. So
20 that's an example of less scripted, but also, group input
21 in the same sense of. We weigh all that on its own
22 merits and not consider one more important than the
23 other.

24 CHAIR SADHWANI: And Commissioner Yee would you like
25 to -- and Commissioner Turner, would you like to continue

1 through the attachments?

2 COMMISSIONER YEE: Okay. So there are two
3 attachments. One is the -- and tell me when -- if this
4 is too big. Attachment one, this was the attachment that
5 has to do with what to do about the 2011 maps, what to do
6 about the existing election districts, and whether or not
7 we should look at those at all or not.

8 And so the biggest question here is that we don't
9 want to look them in a way that starts putting us in
10 peril of favoring or disfavoring incumbents or different
11 parties or political interests that are represented by --
12 could be construed as represented by this map.

13 So nevertheless, there are times when we might -- we
14 will need to consult those maps that are enumerated here.
15 So again highlighting the substantive changes from what
16 we reviewed last time under A1, an explicit note that we
17 will consider the 2011 Section 5 districts. We're not
18 committing ourselves one way or another about what to do
19 about them. But we will explicitly commit ourselves to
20 looking at them.

21 Okay. This was probably the biggest change under B,
22 "Given the plethora of demographic changes in the past
23 decade, the 2021 Commission will not routinely proceed by
24 simply assessing and modifying existing districts."

25 So this means we can, but we will not always start



1 there. And we may not -- it may not stop there. We have
2 the freedom, but we certainly will not routinely say
3 that's the language he came up with.

4 Okay. Continuing. Bridging data gaps, just to
5 note, once again, the locally generated reports and
6 studies may be very useful in bridging data gaps. And
7 then you recall Karin MacDonald talked to us a little bit
8 and explained this question of Senate district and
9 deferral -- the issue of deferral and how when we get to
10 numbering the districts come up with. We need to be
11 mindful not to switch people on to even districts in a
12 way that unnecessarily defers their next Senate election.

13 Okay. Discussion on this document?

14 Commissioner Andersen?

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you. If you could go
16 to under B, let's see. We're saying the -- right in the
17 general topic, not under -- before you hit the 1 and it
18 says -- oh, sorry, I'm off camera. Thank you. Didn't
19 realize I was off camera.

20 In the section just under B before you hit the item
21 1, when it says about the 2010 -- the 2021 will consider
22 other district boundaries. Then you say, "Specifically,
23 the current boundaries will be used to inform parts of
24 the Racially Polarized Voting Analysis used for VRA
25 compliance."

1 Isn't that just to inform the initial parts of
2 Racially Polarized Voting Analysis? I don't want people
3 to think, oh, we're using we're using all boundaries to
4 do the RVP. There's an initial and then you go from
5 there, the initial ballot -- the current district lines.

6 COMMISSIONER YEE: I think Commissioner Sadhwani is
7 probably the one who could speak to this. But I think
8 RPV analysis can only be done on old boundaries because
9 you have to look at old elections. You don't have --

10 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Well, we actually they break
11 down by precinct --

12 COMMISSIONER YEE: You don't have --

13 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- and then you combine
14 what's in those different precincts. That's your
15 initial. And then when you actually do do a new
16 district, you actually look at how those areas have
17 voted. You start with the -- what happened to the
18 current boundaries, current districts. But then you
19 remember we had that whole discussion?

20 COMMISSIONER YEE: Sure, sure, sure.

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: So I just want to just add.
22 But to inform initial parts.

23 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Um-hum. Um-hum. So
24 Commissioner Yee -- Commissioner Andersen, let me let me
25 have you listen to the way that it's worded again,



1 because what you're bringing up is what we try to
2 address. Listen to how it's there. You hear it one more
3 time for us, if you would.

4 And so it's reading, "Given the plethora of
5 demographic changes in the past decade, the 2021
6 Commission will not routinely proceed by simply assessing
7 and then modifying existing districts."

8 "Nevertheless, the 2021 process may necessarily
9 consider the current boundaries in specific situations,
10 and the 2021 CRC may decide to consider current district
11 boundaries during at least some other aspects of the
12 current process."

13 So with they are so far now. Now tell me what
14 your --

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Then as what we do -- the
16 very next line. I really like the way that reads so far
17 because that's certainly the --

18 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Then let's go on to then,
19 "Specifically, the current boundaries will be used to
20 inform parts of the racially polarized voting analysis
21 used for VRA compliance."

22 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, and there what I'm
23 saying is --

24 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Uh-huh.

25 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- it's initial parts. It's



1 not like we're actually using that --

2 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay.

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- as that is --

4 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Initial parts.

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- the data and that's we're
6 using existing districts to do RPV.

7 COMMISSIONER TURNER: So your suggestion here is
8 specifically the current boundaries will be used to
9 inform initial parts?

10 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Correct.

11 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Commissioner Yee?

12 COMMISSIONER YEE: I think that's fine.

13 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: And then I did have another
14 one. But I left my notes, and so I'm trying to find it.
15 So I'll come back.

16 CHAIR SADHWANI: And I'm wondering just if in the
17 interest of time for these wordsmithing kinds of
18 components, if they could be emailed to the subcommittee.

19 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay.

20 CHAIR SADHWANI: Commissioner Fernandez?

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. I guess I just wanted
22 to reiterate what it says in the beginning, that there
23 are some thoughts regarding whether, when, and how the
24 commission might consider the district boundaries.

25 So it's not that we're going to use these, because

1 initially when I read it, I read, D2, regarding the
2 rationale of current lines and using the 2010 logic, but
3 we don't have to use it. And again, when you get to
4 bridging the gap, it says we're going to use it, but we
5 don't have to use it.

6 So I just want to remind everyone that it's not like
7 set in stone. It's just if we determined to use it, we
8 can use it or not -- or we can do something different.
9 So I think thank you so much for going back and putting
10 our suggested additions and for me reading it better this
11 time around than last time. So thank you for listening.

12 COMMISSIONER YEE: Sure. But I do think -- I mean,
13 I think we do have to use them. I mean, somebody gives
14 input in terms of their current district that refers to
15 their current district there is no way around it. So we
16 may not dwell on that for sure, but I don't think we can
17 just not think about. Right?

18 Commissioner Toledo?

19 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: To that point -- well, first, I
20 think my understanding is legal has our VRA counsel, our
21 counsel has had reviewed and has read these documents --

22 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes.

23 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: -- and that -- and this is
24 already part, so. And I agree with Commissioner
25 Fernandez that it looks it looks good and it's guidance.



1 And we can -- guidance is always -- can be modified if we
2 if we need to right in the future.

3 And so it's not that we have to use events that we
4 can use it is my thinking at this point because they can
5 always be modify it later because more policy than
6 anything else. Thank you.

7 COMMISSIONER YEE: Okay. Anything else on
8 attachment one? Commissioner Turner, anything else?

9 COMMISSIONER TURNER: No, I think I'm ready to move.

10 COMMISSIONER YEE: Okay. Attachment 2. Okay. This
11 is still incomplete. The line drawing phase is planned.
12 We've already looked at this. You'll recall it has four
13 parts. Parts 3 and 4 still need to be written out.

14 So I'm not quite sure how to proceed with this. If
15 we should proceed with approving it -- the playbook and
16 attachment 1 or whether attachment 2 -- and just leave it
17 incomplete for now or what to do. I know Line Drawing
18 committee worked on this mostly so, I don't know if they
19 would like to comment on it.

20 CHAIR SADHWANI: Well, I was just going to say from
21 a procedural standpoint, perhaps we can approve or have a
22 motion to approve the playbook and attachment 1. And if
23 and when this document is completed, we can always come
24 back in and approve --

25 COMMISSIONER TURNER: That's good.



1 CHAIR SADHWANI: -- attachment 2. So I think that
2 that would be a reasonable way forward.

3 COMMISSIONER YEE: It is referred to in the
4 playbook, just to note that.

5 CHAIR SADHWANI: Commissioner Toledo?

6 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: I'm comfortable with making the
7 motion to approve the playbook and attachment 1. I'm
8 comfortable with approving what we have for attachment 2.
9 At this point, it sounds quite sound and it's been
10 reviewed by counsel, is my understanding. Certainly
11 there's other sections to be added potentially, but it's
12 a work in progress.

13 So at this point, I'll just approve the -- or motion
14 to approve section or the playbook attachment 1 because I
15 think those are complete and so I'll leave it at that.
16 But I'm open to approving section 2 if the rest of the
17 Commission is as well.

18 COMMISSIONER YEE: And with noted edits, please.

19 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: With noted edits as well, yeah.

20 CHAIR SADHWANI: So we have a motion on the table.
21 Do we have a second, Commissioner Fernandez?

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, I was going to second
23 it with maybe a friendly, what do you call it --

24 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Amendment.

25 COMMISISOENR FERNANDEZ: -- an amendment that we



1 could also include attachment 2. And then maybe in the
2 future we could do an addendum to it or an amendment?

3 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah, I was thinking that too.

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. I'm happy to accept
5 the motion -- the amendment.

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

7 CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. Any discussion? Is Alvaro
8 with us to put together the motion?

9 If no other discussion, Katy, we will go to public
10 comment on this motion.

11 MR. MANOFF: I can help you with that motion or with
12 public comment.

13 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you, Kristian.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The Commission will now
15 take public comment on the motion on the floor to approve
16 the playbook. To give comment, please call 877-853-5247
17 and enter meeting ID number 81995668446. Once you've
18 dialed in, please press star 9 to enter the comment
19 queue. The full call-in instructions are read at the
20 beginning of the meeting and are provided on the live
21 stream landing page.

22 And there are no callers in the queue at this time,
23 Chair.

24 CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay. Great. We will just hold
25 until we complete that on the livestream. In the



1 meantime, any final considerations from commissioners?

2 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Just on the motion. The emotion
3 is top of the playbook and attachments 1 and 2 with noted
4 edits -- I believe, the noted edits were related to both
5 the attachments 1 and 2. Thank you.

6 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Can I also note that there
7 should be no E between the H and the M?

8 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you for that, Commissioner
9 Akutagawa.

10 MR. HERNANDEZ: I did that for Commissioner
11 Fernandez.

12 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you for that.

13 COMMISSIONER FERNADNEZ: Linda got it before me or
14 Commissioner Akutagawa.

15 PUBLIC COMMNET MODERATOR: And we do have a caller
16 in the queue, Chair.

17 CHAIR SADHWANI: Um-hum.

18 PUBLIC COMMNET MODERATOR: Just a moment.

19 CHAIR SADHWANI: Let's go ahead.

20 PUBLIC COMMNET MODERATOR: Caller 0784, if you will,
21 please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6.
22 Go ahead. The floor is yours.

23 SPEAKER 5: Hello?

24 PUBLIC COMMNET MODERATOR: Yes, go ahead. The floor
25 is yours.



1 SPEAKER 5: This is Tom from the city of Torrance.
2 And I've been following you guys for the last four days.
3 And you guys in. Great. Your 100-page day yesterday was
4 awesome. What really stuck out to me today on the
5 mapping playbook was section 6 under key differences.

6 It seems to me that this would make a lot more sense
7 under your Lessons Learned committee, especially 6B
8 dealing with the 2020 elections, the January 6th, 2021
9 Insurrection, Black Lives Matter, etcetera.

10 I just see this opening up a can of worms, political
11 potential, litigation, and the like. So I just don't
12 really see the need for Section 6 of the playbook in
13 terms of your priorities for drafting districts for the
14 state. Thank you.

15 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you so much for your call.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And that was all of our
17 calls at this time, Chair.

18 CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. Thank you so much,
19 Kristian. That's a pretty specific comment from the
20 public. I don't know if the subcommittee wants to
21 respond or we can just move forward with a vote.

22 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I'd like to respond just by
23 saying I think the commenter appreciate calling in with
24 that and not locked into moving it or not either way.

25 It was put here, all of these piece parts is just



1 pointing out differences, being the distractions, the
2 things that took people away from participating maybe had
3 some people participate more. I doubt it. But it was
4 that that it was named in that sense, not so much as a
5 political issue or agreement or disagreement. It just
6 was what was during this time period.

7 CHAIR SADHWANI: Very good.

8 COMMISSIONER YEE: We simply named these things. We
9 did not -- certainly do not take any positions on -- and
10 try to give any partisan favor whatsoever to them.

11 CHAIR SADHWANI: Very Good. I know Commissioner
12 Vazquez had a hand. Is that down now or back up? Do you
13 want to go first? Yeah, maybe.

14 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Sure. I mean, I think I
15 understand the purpose of including the pandemic,
16 particularly as it relates to civic engagement and the
17 possible lack thereof, I think both in the census and in
18 engagement in our own process.

19 I think we have to acknowledge how that has impact
20 the line drawing process. And I think that's not -- to
21 me, that's not as political as some of the other things
22 the commenter listed could be interpreted as this. The
23 pandemic feels incredibly, practically impactful to our
24 work, and it feels necessary to acknowledge that.

25 COMMISSIONER YEE: Indeed. I mean, events in

1 Washington affected operations in our office in
2 Sacramento, you know, literally, so.

3 CHAIR SADHWANI: Yep. Thank you for that.

4 Commissioner Akutagawa?

5 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I just want to -- I
6 mean, I feel like I'm kind of going all over the place on
7 this, but I do appreciate what the caller just pointed
8 out.

9 I think for me, when I first read this portion, I
10 mean, I really appreciate and really do like the
11 playbook. I'm just wondering if it does need to be then
12 given the comment that was just shared, I'm wondering if
13 instead of breaking it down globally, nationally, state-
14 wide, I think under some of the global areas, there is a
15 very specifically California centric part to it.

16 I think maybe removing the national part. I mean,
17 it's either one of two ways we either remove it or
18 additional context is going to need to be added to that
19 opening paragraph where it says when drawing lessons from
20 the 20 -- all that.

21 I think maybe it needs to be much more clearly
22 stated that it does not need to be political, but then to
23 have to then explain that maybe, I don't know, maybe
24 that's just not necessarily. I would just say on the
25 statewide part, I would also remove then if we're going

1 to remove any kind of political references, we should
2 remove the gubernatorial recall election, even though
3 that was a distraction for some, not necessarily for all.

4 But I do think the wildfires is one of those kind of
5 nonpartisan -- we saw the impact in the kind of input
6 that we received from a significant portion of
7 northern -- the far northern part of California.

8 And so I think that would fall in under the same
9 kind of category as COVID-19, which regardless of any
10 kind of identities or perspectives or even political
11 leanings, it was something that I would agree with
12 Commissioner Vazquez.

13 It impacted us in multiple ways. And so that would
14 just be my recommendation is that we remove the national
15 part. We remove the gubernatorial. We just also remove
16 any reference to global or statewide and just say these
17 are some major things that just impacted everybody,
18 regardless of political leaning or otherwise or anything
19 that people may want to perhaps use as a cause for
20 potential litigation. Thank you.

21 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you for that. I see a whole
22 bunch of hands here.

23 Commissioner Toledo?

24 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. I just wanted to ask
25 again whether this section specifically was reviewed by

1 counsel, given that this doesn't appear to be guidance,
2 it appears more to be context and background.

3 And in a guidance document, I mean, I remember when
4 I looked at this and look, I mean, all of this is true
5 and it's accurate and it's all very good information, but
6 not really guidance to the commission. So I'm just
7 wondering if this has been reviewed. And that's my
8 question.

9 COMMISSIONER YEE: This section was not reviewed.
10 No. And I'm not wedded to it. It's just going to cause
11 more discussion and problems. I mean, on the other hand,
12 many of these items were things added because people
13 asked them to be added last time. So it's fine if we've
14 now changed our mind about that.

15 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: So just on that, I think it's
16 important to have this someplace. I'm not so sure that
17 this is the best place for it. It might be -- there are
18 so many other documents where we could -- where we're
19 already capturing the historical aspect.

20 I don't want to lose this because I think it's
21 important to shapes how we came about, what we ended up
22 doing, how we developed our strategies. But given that
23 it's not necessarily guidance towards the line drawing,
24 but just the context and the background, that it might --
25 there might be a better place for it, especially if it's

1 going to create or has the potential creating.

2 COMMISSIONER YEE: Sure.

3 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: -- something. Yeah. Not
4 necessarily.

5 COMMISSIONER YEE: I'm willing to cut it.

6 Commissioner Turner, how are you feeling?

7 COMMISSIONER TURNER: No, I'm not willing to cut it.
8 I am willing to move it. I do think it has important
9 context and relevance. And I think that for any one of
10 these did not impact everyone. But I think all of these
11 impacted a substantial amount of people.

12 And so it just is a matter again, of frame and where
13 people are coming from as to whether or not they were
14 impacted by the crisis of Black Lives Matter or if they
15 were affected by the crisis of fires.

16 There are certainly Black Lives Matter people that
17 don't live in the mountains by the fires, and there's
18 certainly folk there that weren't impacted. So I think
19 it's all framing. So yes, I think it's important.

20 I am not willing to lose it. I certainly understand
21 why it does not need to be -- or does not have to be here
22 in the playbook. But I would want to move it to one of
23 the other documents.

24 CHAIR SADHWANI: So given that, Commissioner Toledo,
25 did you want to make any amendments to your motion while

1 you have the floor?

2 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: So I'll, as an amendment, I will
3 ask that we -- and I don't see the amendment up there,
4 but to add a provision to withdraw this section from the
5 playbook and add it to some Lesson Learned document -- or
6 I'm not sure there is a -- to put it in some other
7 commission document. I believe there's a Lessons Learned
8 document that -- so maybe into a Lessons Learned
9 document.

10 CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay. Very good.

11 COMMISSIONER YEE: Okay. I can just make a note of
12 it and added under the notice edits that have already
13 been mentioned as part of the motion.

14 CHAIR SADHWANI: Very good. We have a little line
15 of hands, but I'm seeing Commissioner Fernandez maybe
16 wants to jump in on this point in particular. Is that --

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, I definitely don't
18 want to lose it. And being part of the Materials
19 subcommittee with Commissioner Kennedy, I actually was
20 going to have some of this information included into the
21 draft language when we submit our maps.

22 So I think that would be a very good place, noting
23 what our journey has looked like. So that would be my
24 recommendation. I don't know. Commissioner Toledo, Is
25 that okay?

1 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: I think that's a great
2 recommendation and I'll accept the friendly amendment.

3 CHAIR SADHWANI: Very good. Thank you so much.

4 Okay. Commissioner Andersen?

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: That was that's exactly what
6 I was going to say. So thank you very much. Great place
7 to put it, because I agree with Commissioner Turner. All
8 of these things have affected our maps. I mean, the
9 gubernatorial recall election, that's why a lot of people
10 did not nothing was going on because they were all
11 working on that in terms of our communications.

12 No one was talking redistricting. It was all of the
13 recall. So all of those things affected us. And I was
14 actually -- thank you, Commissioner Yee. I'd forgotten
15 that the January 6th, the Commission office had shut
16 down.

17 So all of these things affected us in all the
18 different ways. So I was really glad to see this. And I
19 love the place where we're putting it. Thank you.

20 CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. Thank you so much.

21 Commissioner Akutagawa?

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGWA: Yeah, I was just thinking
23 about -- I read through this, and then I just -- every
24 time I keep reading through it, I think, oh, but this
25 needs to be included. I think to what has been said, I

1 think I just want to affirm and maybe I'm just have to
2 say it out loud again so that I make sure I'm
3 understanding it.

4 I absolutely agree that this cannot be lost. I
5 think it's just part of it is I'm thinking in my mind
6 that this is to give a context for what else was
7 happening all around us. Right. So whether it's Black
8 Lives Matter, the stop AAPI hate, whether it is the
9 refugee crisis, whether it is the fires, the
10 gubernatorial election.

11 I would also add in Californians burdened by job
12 loss and also, the increased numbers of unhoused
13 individuals. Those are all the context in which the
14 environment in which we're working in. The direct
15 correlation for me is an example of COVID-19 just meant
16 we cannot meet in person.

17 We had to do things in other ways. The census delay
18 had a direct result in, you know, how much longer our
19 work extended and now our crunch time. So I think for me
20 there's a distinction between those two. So I just
21 wanted to say that out loud, and I appreciate the
22 continued braintrust that we have amongst the fourteen of
23 us to try to figure out ways to frame all of this. So I
24 just wanted to say that out loud. Thank you.

25 CHAIR SADHWANI: Yeah, very good. I think point

1 well taken. And it sounds like Commissioner Fernandez
2 and Kennedy will be using this in that document, which
3 might be a more appropriate place for that framing as
4 opposed to any document providing guidance on online
5 drawing. So really important work. Definitely great to
6 be captured. With that, are we prepared to proceed to a
7 vote? Alvaro, do you want to pull up the motion one more
8 time?

9 MR. HERNANDEZ: Here you are, Chair.

10 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you so much. And I think
11 we're ready to call a vote.

12 MR. HERNANDEZ: So I'll review the motion one last
13 time. Motion to approve Playbook and Attachments 1 and 2
14 with noted edits, an amendment to add provision to
15 withdraw Section 6 and place the language in the final
16 report document; is that accurate?

17 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Yes. Maybe to just withdraw
18 section?

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

20 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: What section was that? Section
21 6. And place language in the final report document --
22 the final --

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Draft. In the draft
24 because we don't know what's going to make it to the
25 final draft.



1 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: In the draft report document
2 that.

3 COMMISSIONER YEE: And then right above that maybe
4 Mapping Playbook, just to be clear. And also in the
5 motion.

6 MR. HERNANDEZ: Does that work there?

7 COMMISSIONER YEE: All good.

8 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. That looks fine.

9 MR. HERNANDEZ: All right. We'll begin the vote.

10 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Actually, Alvaro?

11 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes?

12 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Can you scroll back up and just
13 remove final? The third to last word. Yeah. I thought
14 you were going to do that, Alicia. That's your job.

15 COMMISSIONER TURNER: But before we do that, how
16 else do we differentiate this report document? I think
17 it is our final report document that we're speaking of.
18 And it's the draft of the final report.

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I was thinking the
20 same thing. Yeah.

21 CHAIR SADHWANI: Commissioner Kennedy?

22 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: It's actually the map -- the
23 report accompanying the final maps. It's not necessarily
24 our final report. We may issue a final report that
25 covers everything from the establishment of an

1 organization of the Commission through the very tail end
2 of litigation and lessons learned. So it's the maps.
3 Thank you.

4 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: I think that's very specific and
5 very good. I accept that amendment.

6 COMMISSIONER FERNADNEZ: Get rid of after draft
7 reports, just draft report. I had a -- I was very
8 lacking in my duties today. So I have to catch
9 something.

10 CHAIR SADHWANI: I love everyone's specificity.
11 This is fantastic. I think we're ready for the vote.
12 Alvaro?

13 MR. HERNANDEZ: Very well. We'll begin the vote.
14 Commissioner Taylor? I mean, I'm sorry. Let me
15 begin again.

16 Commissioner Sinay?

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

18 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Taylor?

19 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes.

20 Commissioner Toledo?

21 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Yes.

22 MR. HERNANDEZ: Thank you.

23 Commissioner Turner?

24 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

25 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Vazquez?



1 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes.

2 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Yee?

3 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes.

4 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Ahmad?

5 COMMISSIONER AHAMD: Yes.

6 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Akutagawa?

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

8 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Andersen?

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

10 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fernandez?

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

12 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fornaciari?

13 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes. Yes.

14 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Kennedy?

15 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

16 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Le Mons?

17 Commissioner Sadhwani?

18 CHAIR SADHWANI: Yes.

19 MR. HERNANDEZ: The motion passes.

20 CHAIR SADHWANI: Fantastic. Thank you so much. And
21 with that, was there anything more from the Mapping
22 Playbook subcommittee?

23 COMMISSIONER YEE: The reference just to share. No,
24 action needed. So we were asked to put together the
25 collection of some definitions and such that might help

1 us in our work. And so we have done that. If any of you
2 downloaded this last night, this morning's version is
3 improved. If there's anything you wish changed, just
4 email us. I don't think we need to discuss it here.

5 So all the population numbers that you've already
6 seen collected once again with the five percent ranges,
7 county populations, these are from the statewide database
8 for -- adjusted for reallocations, all 482 California
9 cities, actually cities and towns, I'll need to update
10 that with their populations all alphabetically. There
11 you go. 482 cities.

12 Mapping the counties. Map of L.A. County, and it's
13 incorporated cities. And then a bunch of terms and
14 acronyms. A pretty random list. Just things that we've
15 heard or used that have come our way. Not intended to be
16 exhaustive, but just for any reference ever made in
17 administration, every Gantt.

18 And in terms I note in this document, and I'll note
19 here, these are not legally precise definitions. They're
20 just general descriptions to help you remember was what.
21 Some VRA terms, coalition districts and so forth, some
22 racially polarized voting terms, not intended to be
23 legally precise.

24 So we have to throw in some trivia. Okay. Here's a
25 two-page summary of the VRA. Again, not meant to be



1 legally precise, but a general description, just to
2 remind you. And these are all things we've heard several
3 training presentations.

4 And then finally, the map requirements documents
5 that Chief Counsel Pane prepared for us. And I pieced it
6 in here and this is a slightly updated version, I
7 believe, with eleven points, not ten. And that's that
8 not a policy document just to write a reference. We were
9 calling this the sheet, but I decided to make it more
10 dignified.

11 CHAIR SADHWANI: Wonderful. I'm wondering if I see
12 there's a line of hands and I'm wondering if Commissioner
13 Turner being a part of the subcommittee might want to go
14 that way.

15 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Absolutely I do, because I
16 just want to confess before God and everyone that this is
17 totally Commissioner Yee. And I needed to publicly say
18 that because I wanted to fangirl out over it. It's the
19 best document I think we've delivered so far. Bravo,
20 Commissioner Yee.

21 CHAIR SADHWANI: Yeah, I love that. Thank you,
22 Commissioner -- I know Commissioner Yee already said he
23 is happy to take amendments and changes via email.

24 Commissioner Fernandez, you want to jump in?

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I just wanted to echo what



1 Commissioner Turner said. This is a great document and
2 thank you so much, Commissioner Yee, for all your time
3 and efforts into putting all the information I'm going to
4 need as I travel in one document.

5 COMMISSIONER YEE: It's a pleasure.

6 CHAIR SADHWANI: And Commissioner Sinay?

7 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you. Thank you. Thank
8 you. This is awesome Russell. And the only one addition
9 and I -- and maybe we just all have it on our own. But I
10 do want it.

11 I've been thinking a lot about this is that other
12 demographic data that either from ACS or from the census
13 and I'm not meaning just the ethnic data, but age, kind
14 of how counties are split up age wise as well as income
15 is really important as we were thinking about it and kept
16 coming -- kind of trying to figure some of those out.

17 I don't want us making assumptions that just because
18 a county is Latino, it's low income. And I want to be
19 able to have those conversations based on some of that
20 data. And the reason I'm bringing up age is because we
21 have a very young population in California and a very old
22 population in California and services -- there's specific
23 services that -- and focus that needs depending on the
24 age of the population.

25 And so that may come into play in some of the work



1 that we're doing. And so that's why I keep going back to
2 it. It'd be helpful to have demographic data. The other
3 thing I know I've said it before, but I'll say it again,
4 Commissioners, I strongly recommend that you do get a AAA
5 map of California and maybe Los Angeles, because if
6 you've never seen an old school map, it would be good for
7 you to go back to an old school map.

8 But it does have all the mountain ranges and
9 freeways and waterways and all that. And I did use it
10 during my hashtag redistricting road trip. I use that to
11 map out my whole thing, but I had been using it since the
12 very beginning. So a AAA is the California Auto
13 Association.

14 And if you don't have a membership to the AAA and so
15 you don't have -- I'm sure we can get copies of the maps,
16 but I have three copies of them now. You need two to
17 tape them together to create the whole State of
18 California, because it's printed on one path on one side
19 and then on the other.

20 But I strongly recommend it just because it helps
21 you see all the different pieces. Yes. Go ahead and
22 explain unfolding there are the old folks are making fun
23 of me talking about it. And the young folks are making
24 fun of me. The maps are still important.

25 And I think a lot of us aren't using map -- anyway,



1 I'll stop there. If you want to triple a map and you're
2 not a member, let me know and I'll pick you up one.
3 How's that for an answer?

4 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you for that, Commissioner
5 Sinay. Yes, I remember many a times of having to unfold
6 the whole map and chart out a -- chart out a drive.

7 Commissioner Akutagawa?

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGWA: This wasn't what I was going
9 to say. But I do want to clear out something else that
10 Isra is probably going to go what. Has any of you used a
11 Thomas Guide?

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Those are horrible.

13 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: What is that? What is a Thomas
14 Guide.

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, that used to be my
16 GPS -- Tom Tom.

17 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: I heard --

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes. Great. Tom. Tom.
19 Is that for Tom? Tom? That's how they got the tom. Tom
20 is probably because of the Thomas Guide. That used to be
21 my GPS before.

22 I just wanted to also appreciate Russell. And I
23 don't -- just for the sake of saying that, I'm just going
24 to add this and it may cause some controversy amongst
25 some of the commissioners, but I know that another term

1 that has been used amongst certain individuals is the
2 term Latinx, which I know is controversial in the
3 Hispanic, Latino, Chicano, Hispania, or Latina community.

4 And so, but I thought I just put it out there just
5 for maybe addition under the other terms, AMEMSA, AAPI,
6 BIPOC, AMENA, because that has been used here and there.
7 So I don't anyways for the sake of just being ultra
8 inclusive. But thank you Commissioner Yee, for all of
9 your fabulous work and I wish I had this three days ago.

10 CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. Thank you. I see
11 Commissioner Vazquez wants to come in here. And then if
12 we're done after that, then we'll be moving on.

13 Commissioner Vazquez?

14 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes, I like the -- I like
15 Commissioner Akutagawa's addition. I think Latinx is
16 gender inclusive, and I preferred that term, and I use
17 that term professionally and personally, so I would like
18 it included.

19 CHAIR SADHWANI: Very good. Thank you. Any other
20 final thoughts from -- Commissioner Sinay, are you trying
21 to get in there?

22 COMMISSIONER SINAY: As an old fart Latino, I would
23 say I prefer using Latina because that's what Latin
24 America would like us to use, because X doesn't exist in
25 Latin America if you want a gender inclusive one. And so

1 that is what South America -- I mean, Latin America on
2 the whole, has been using. But I really don't care.

3 But I will be honest. Most people in the community,
4 I've done focus groups and stuff, and someone will bring
5 up what -- that facility will bring up Latinx and I'll
6 explain that that's Latino.

7 And people look at me and go, huh? So it is really
8 a small group that's using it. And I think what I always
9 do is just ask people what they prefer. But I just
10 wanted to make that it is -- it's gender inclusive, but
11 it's not Latino inclusive. Right.

12 CHAIR SADHWANI: Right. And so before we launch
13 into a long conversation about the varying nomenclature
14 to identify for folks to self-identify, which is such an
15 important conversation. Definitely want on college
16 campuses where I teach and work.

17 Some suggestions to Commissioner Yee? I'm sure he
18 will be happy to add them in. I think there's plenty of
19 terms that could probably still be added and it sounds
20 like he's more than happy to include them.

21 So with that, if there's nothing more from the
22 Mapping Playbook, we will be moving on. We've got a
23 whole bunch more to do here. And we are up against a
24 break at 5 p.m. The sense is that we would take a
25 fifteen-minute mandatory break at 5 p.m. and then come

1 back at 5:15 and finish off hopefully till 6, which is
2 what we have told to staff to complete the rest of our
3 meeting for today.

4 We are still on agenda item number 4, subcommittee
5 updates. I'm going to go back to Finance and
6 Administration who had -- we had skipped earlier. I
7 think they have something for our consideration.

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Sorry I missed my
9 cue. Yes, So for the Finance and Admin, we just have a
10 one action item today. Executive Director Hernandez did
11 forward the application and all the information for a
12 budget officer.

13 And Commissioner Fornaciari and I as part of this
14 Finance and Administration subcommittee, have reviewed
15 the qualifications as well as the duty statement, and we
16 are moving this forward for approval by the Commission.
17 So I'm making a motion to move forward with the hiring of
18 the Budget Officer position.

19 CHAIR SADHWANI: Second.

20 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I second.

21 CHAIR SADHWANI: Very good.

22 Commissioner Toledo, did you have discussion or were
23 you trying to second?

24 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: No, I was just going to second,
25 but I got beat by Commissioner Turner.



1 CHAIR SADHWANI: Yeah, she was on it. She was on
2 it. Okay. Any discussion? Seeing none, we will go to
3 public comment on this motion. I see Katy has joined us.

4 PUBLIC COMMNET MODERATOR: I apologize.

5 CHAIR SADHWANI: No worries.

6 PUBLIC COMMNET MODERATOR: I am going to.

7 CHAIR SADHWANI: Yes, it's comment on the motion on
8 agenda item number 4, Finance and Admin.

9 PUBLIC COMMNET MODERATOR: Perfect. Got it. The
10 Commission will now be taking public comment on motion on
11 the floor for agenda item number 4, the Finance
12 Committee -- Finance and Admin.

13 To give comment, please call 877-853-5247 and enter
14 a meeting I.D. number 81995668446 for this meeting. Once
15 you have dialed in, please press star 9 to enter the
16 comment queue. The full call-in instructions have been
17 previously in the meeting and are provided in full on the
18 live stream landing page.

19 And we do not have to have anyone in the queue at
20 this time and we'll let you know when the instructions
21 are complete.

22 CHAIR SADHWANI: Very good. While we read any
23 discussion from commissioners on this topic?

24 And Alvaro, do you have motion language ready to go?
25 And while Alvaro is queuing that up, I wanted to thank



1 the Finance and Administration subcommittee for their
2 work on this. Really great.

3 PUBLIC COMMNET MODERATOR: And the instructions are
4 complete, Chair. And we do not have anyone in the queue
5 at this time.

6 CHAIR SADHWANI: All right. Thank you very much. I
7 think, Alvaro, with that, we can go to vote.

8 MR. HERNANDEZ: Hi. Commissioner Sinay?

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

10 MR. HERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you.

11 Commissioner Taylor?

12 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes.

13 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Toledo?

14 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Yes.

15 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Turner.

16 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

17 MR. HERNANDEZ: Thank you.

18 Commissioner Vazquez?

19 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes.

20 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Yee?

21 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes.

22 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Ahmad?

23 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yes.

24 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Akutagawa?

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.



1 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Andersen?

2 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

3 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fernandez?

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

5 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fornaciari?

6 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes.

7 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Kennedy?

8 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Abstained.

9 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Le Mons?

10 Commissioner Sadhwani?

11 CHAIR SADHWANI: Yes.

12 MR. HERNANDEZ: The motion passes.

13 CHAIR SADHWANI: Wonderful. And with those two
14 motions that we just passed, it was a helpful reminder
15 for me that I wanted to give a warm welcome back to
16 Commissioner Taylor, who had been missing for a couple of
17 days. And we're really excited to have you back.

18 Well, let's see, we are still on agenda item number
19 4. We have Legal Affairs Committee. Commissioner Yee,
20 anything from Legal affairs at this time?

21 COMMISSIONER YEE: I believe Commissioner Toledo is
22 the chair on this one.

23 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you.

24 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: And I'm willing to defer to
25 Commissioner -- or to Director Pane because I believe

1 he's working on the contracting portions to see if he has
2 any updates.

3 ATTNY PANE: Thank you, Commissioner Toledo.

4 Just a just a quick update. We're in the process of
5 hopefully finalizing the Gibson Dunn litigation contract
6 where we received -- we're going to we provided the -- a
7 counter and then we are going to hopefully finalize these
8 negotiations very soon. And we will obviously bring back
9 a final document to the Commission.

10 The Strumwasser & Woocher contract is a little bit
11 further along, though hasn't been finalized yet but that
12 one, at least under current pace, stands to hopefully be
13 finalized first. And that's the update I have. Thank
14 you.

15 CHAIR SADHWANI: Very good. Thank you so much,
16 Chief Counsel Pane. And finally, we have the Security
17 Subcommittee, Commissioners Fornaciari and Taylor.

18 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Thank you. Yeah, before I
19 start, I also want to fangirl out on Commissioner new
20 this document that he put together. Never heard that
21 expression before. Well done.

22 CHAIR SADHWANI: I'm a fan of fangirling out. Thank
23 you.

24 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Let's see. A few weeks
25 ago, when we gave guidance to the staff to put together

1 the meetings for draft map input, we directed them to not
2 accept -- to not allow screen sharing. But in
3 retrospect, there may be certain situations where screen
4 sharing might be more efficient and effective way to go.

5 And so I want to put forward a motion that would
6 give the staff latitude to allow presenters to share
7 their screens during our district map input meetings.

8 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: And I'll second that motion.

9 CHAIR SADHWANI: Any discussion on the motion on the
10 floor?

11 Seeing none, Katy, I think we're ready to go to
12 public comment again.

13 Alvaro, were you able to capture the language of the
14 motion?

15 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes, Chair.

16 CHAIR SADHWANI: Wonderful.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The Commission will now
18 take public comment on the motion on the floor in regards
19 to sharing your screen during upcoming meetings.

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21 the meeting ID number 81995668446 for this meeting. Once
22 you have dialed in, please press star 9 to enter a
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24 read previously in this meeting and are provided in full
25 on the live stream landing page.



1 And we do not have anyone in queue at this time.

2 And I will let you know when the instructions are
3 complete.

4 CHAIR SADHWANI: Wonderful. Thanks, Katy.
5 Commissioner Kennedy?

6 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I was trying to hit another
7 button and hit this one by mistake. Sorry.

8 CHAIR SADHWANI: Oh, no problem. No problem. Any
9 additional comments from commissioners while we wait for
10 the livestream to catch up? We had a long week. I
11 really appreciate everybody's energy and enthusiasm
12 throughout the week. Hopefully everyone gets a chance to
13 take a little bit of a break this weekend.

14 Commissioner Akutagawa?

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: So just, I think, partially
16 for clarity for the public as well too. So the staff is
17 going to create the, I guess, the -- I don't know, the
18 framework by which presenters will be sharing their
19 screens like under what conditions or other things like
20 that. Okay. I see Commissioner Fornaciari nodding his
21 head.

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Thank you.

23 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I purposely left it open
24 to allow the staff to design it as they feel appropriate.
25 I didn't want to be too specific, so I didn't want to tie

1 their hands.

2 PUBLIC COMMNET MODERATOR: The instructions are
3 complete, Chair. And we do not have anybody in the
4 queue.

5 CHAIR SADHWANI: Perfect. Thanks so much, Katy.
6 Alvaro, we are ready for the vote.

7 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes, Chair.
8 Commissioner Sinay?

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

10 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Taylor?

11 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes.

12 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Toledo?

13 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Yes.

14 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Turner?

15 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

16 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Vazquez?

17 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes.

18 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Yee?

19 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes.

20 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Ahmad?

21 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yes.

22 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Akutagawa?

23 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

24 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Andersen?

25 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.



1 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fernandez?

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

3 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fornaciari?

4 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes.

5 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Kennedy?

6 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

7 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Le Mons?

8 Commissioner Sadhwani?

9 CHAIR SADHWANI: Yes.

10 MR. HERNANDEZ: The motion passes.

11 CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. Thank you so much, Director
12 Hernandez.

13 I was very kindly reminded that we had not prior to
14 our lunch break, we were still on the Lessons Learned
15 subcommittee and there had been two hands raised. I
16 believe one of them was Commissioner Sinay. I actually
17 apologize. I didn't capture who the other one was.

18 So if you recall that conversation and still wanted
19 to make a comment, please feel free. We can go back to
20 that Lessons learned subcommittee report and discussion
21 before we close out this agenda item.

22 Commissioner Sinay?

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you. I just wanted to --
24 you had made a joke, Chair, that Commissioner Kennedy and
25 Commissioner Ahmad were going to be really busy with the



1 Lessons Learned committee.

2 But I do see that as something they're holding the
3 agenda for what we're doing, the final eight years of our
4 appointment. And I don't want -- I want you all to know
5 that we're here with you all. And I'm constantly excited
6 about all the different things we can work on.

7 As it's a ten-year commitment -- not commitment to
8 draw maps, but I don't want you to feel like you're
9 alone, that you have us with you on that part of it.
10 You're just the agenda holder.

11 It's kind of like in Harry Potter, where they take
12 that wand and they take the memories and they put it in a
13 pond or a container. I feel like you're holding all our
14 memories, all our memories for us. And then at the end,
15 we can pull them out and get to work.

16 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you.

17 Commissioner Ahmad?

18 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Chair.

19 And yes, Commissioner Sinay, don't you worry about
20 that. I will definitely be leaning on all of you for
21 that massive list that keeps growing in Lessons Learned
22 to help us prioritize what we do want to try to tackle
23 for the next ten years or eight years now, I guess.

24 CHAIR SADHWANI: Very good. Thank you so much.
25 With that, I think we have concluded this subcommittee

1 report.

2 Anthony, do we need to take additional public
3 comment on those subcommittee reports?

4 ATTNY PANE: If we haven't taken public comment for
5 the entire agenda item, we'll need to do that.

6 CHAIR SADHWANI: All right. Let's do it, Katy.

7 MR. MANOFF: I can help you with that, Chair.

8 CHAIR SADHWANI: Perfect. Thank you so much.

9 MR. MANOFF: Katy wasn't --

10 PUBLIC COMMNET MODERATOR: Here I am.

11 CHAIR SADHWANI: Oh, thank you. No problem.

12 PUBLIC COMMNET MODERATOR: Sorry, I froze. Here I
13 am.

14 CHAIR SADHWANI: You're in no hurry. No worries.

15 PUBLIC COMMNET MODERATOR: All right.

16 CHAIR SADHWANI: This would be a general public
17 comment on agenda item number 4.

18 PUBLIC COMMNET MODERATOR: Perfect. The commission
19 will now take public comment on agenda item number 4. To
20 give comment, please call 877-853-5247 and enter the
21 meeting ID number 81995668446 for this meeting. Once you
22 have dialed in, please press star 9 to enter the comment
23 queue. The full call-in instructions are read at the
24 beginning of the meeting and are provided in full on the
25 live stream landing page.



1 And we do not have anyone in the queue at this time.
2 And I'll let you know when the instructions are complete.

3 CHAIR SADHWANI: And while we're waiting, I just
4 wanted to remind everyone, especially that might be out
5 there watching or listening, about the many ways that
6 they can contact us. I know we've started to receive a
7 lot of emails to commissioners.

8 Any email that gets sent to us does get posted so
9 you're just as well off sending it to the Voters FIRST
10 Act email address. So I just wanted to offer that
11 reminder to folks.

12 MR. MANOFF: And those instructions are complete on
13 the stream, Chair.

14 CHAIR SADHWANI: Oh, wonderful. Thank you.

15 Commissioner Ahmad, did you have another comment?
16 Sorry. Go ahead.

17 CHAIR SADHWANI: No worries. Okay. So with that,
18 we -- why don't we get started in the twelve minutes that
19 we have with the line drawer subcommittee, Commissioners
20 Andersen, and Sadhwani.

21 And Commissioner Andersen has been working on the
22 calendar for this time period. We had discussed at
23 length last time. She went back, made a lot of changes
24 as prepared to share them with you.

25 Commissioner Andersen?



1 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Great. Thank you. It's in
2 the handout. You will see this calendar. I'm going to
3 share the screen with you, I hope, and walk you through
4 it.

5 Okay. Hopefully everyone can see that. And might
6 make mine small. So here we have -- what I've done here
7 is everything is as we've sort of seen it before. Here
8 we are right here on our meeting day.

9 Next week we're doing visualizations. This is our
10 business meeting. And then we have our public district
11 map input to -- in order to hit -- actually, I'm going to
12 switch to the next month.

13 The purpose of this map was to move from draft maps
14 on the 12th to move it to the 10th. And I talked with
15 length with the line drawers, say, how can we do that?
16 What do we need to do? And we went through all the
17 different ideas and calendars and things. And basically
18 what we need to do is we need to move these three days.

19 Okay. First of all, color wise, the blue, the reds,
20 the greens, those are all on the old calendar. With this
21 exception here, this red one. And the tan or kind of
22 gray color, that is the proposed change.

23 So basically taking these three days, which we are
24 going to be doing the drawing and then the line drawers
25 are going to be putting it all together and getting

1 posted to post here. We need to move those up a day and
2 then that that requires this week to move up a day. And
3 going back to October. This is the same week in
4 November. So this week to also move up a day. That is
5 the proposal.

6 It does not affect the public input map meetings.
7 That's still there. The only other changes we would wish
8 we would discuss is having the line drawing or the
9 visualizations move from the 28, 29, 30 up one day would
10 kick our business meeting potentially to Saturday the
11 30th. Or if we wanted, move it to Monday, the November
12 1st. But we do have a meeting this week. I don't know.
13 I'm not sure what we want to do there, but I did want to
14 bring that up.

15 So at this point, what I'd like to do is those are
16 the changes in -- oh, we'll actually -- and then one
17 other change. What I will do is going back to November,
18 if we -- making this the draft maps, posting the draft
19 maps I have in red here, the public input days, just not
20 knowing what was -- what the committee was going to come
21 up with.

22 I would then change this to reflect what we are
23 doing. But then from then on I would leave the calendar
24 as it is, which going to December puts us doing the
25 finish declaring maps final on the 20th, certifying



1 quote, the 24th, which actually ends up having it -- we
2 might have to meet something on the 27th to since the
3 24th is actually a holiday.

4 So leaving the December map calendar intact, going
5 back to November, it would move the 8, 9, 10 meetings up
6 to 7, 8, 9. Also the 10th would remove the 12th. We
7 would not have a meeting on the 12th. We already talked
8 about these two weeks in terms of what we would be doing
9 these two weeks.

10 And then going to on the 2nd moving from the 3, 4, 5
11 to 2, 3, 4 potentially moving a meeting to November 1st.
12 Which, again, is this week from Saturday the 30th.

13 So that's what I would propose doing, and I'd like
14 to discuss any of that, and I'd like to see like a motion
15 to accept the changes and move and move on with the
16 calendar once we decide what we want to do with that
17 business meeting. So any discussion?

18 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you so much for that,
19 Commissioner Andersen, and for your work leading this
20 effort. I do see a hand or two. Let's get started in
21 this conversation. And then at 5 o'clock, we will pause
22 for a fifteen-minute break.

23 Commissioner Akutagawa?

24 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I guess,
25 Commissioner -- I guess, I don't know if it's necessary

1 to do a December calendar. It looks like it's every
2 single day December is going to be taken up. So maybe
3 that was why.

4 I think for me, I would like to advocate or
5 recommend that we do meet on Saturday the 30th I think
6 just in alignment with that for week. I'll be honest,
7 since there is a lot of work that we're going to be doing
8 in between, I think just having an open weekday would be
9 helpful to have, especially as we get into a time where
10 there's going to be a lot more weekdays taken up. So
11 that's one recommendation that I would have.

12 The other, I guess, question and I guess I need some
13 clarity on this is what is the difference -- well,
14 there's two questions. One, what kind of time frame are
15 you going to be recommending in terms of start and end
16 time?

17 And then the other question I have is what is the
18 difference, if you can, Commissioner Andersen, could you
19 move to maybe it was November? Okay. Okay. The part
20 where you say line drawers create visualizations --

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: No.

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- is that is that going to
23 be with us in meetings? I'm just trying to understand --

24 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: No, actually --

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- that as well, too.



1 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah.

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I understand the 29th, 30th
3 in that time frame. But the line drawers create
4 visualizations, does that mean they're going to go off
5 and work without us? And so we're not meeting? I think
6 I'm just trying to get a sense of --

7 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- what our scheduling is.

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeas. Thank you for
10 bringing that up. That's a really good point. The
11 reason I put this down here is so people that don't
12 understand know actually happening. It doesn't look
13 like, oh, there's a blank here. Nothing's going on.
14 The red sort of is basically sort of for us this
15 kind of a salmony (sic) color or I'm not sure what --
16 purplish is that -- is when the line draws are actually
17 putting all this stuff together for us. And now I
18 actually if we go to December, one thing that you will
19 note is from the 12th on -- is it actually the 12th? I
20 can't go see the last day -- or is it the 11th because
21 of -- I'm sharing the screen but my I'm still on Zoom. I
22 can actually see the 11th on my calendar.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah. The 11th.

24 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: The 11th is red or? Okay.
25 So from the 11th on until we have finished, that's all

1 live line drawing, which is different. Right now, we're
2 showing that the line draws are showing us maps. We're
3 talking about maps. We're not actually moving lines.
4 From the 11th on will be moving lines.

5 So that will be in terms of the time frame for going
6 back now to these particular meetings that the 27, 28,
7 29; 2, 3, 4; and 7, 8, 9 I'm imagining we will do the
8 same kind of time frame what we've been doing lately in
9 terms of the first day probably started at 1 to give
10 people time to travel.

11 And we might do like Thursday since we do have some
12 conflicts. Thursdays might start like at 11. Something
13 like that is what I'm imagining. But I did not put times
14 into this. I thought we'd work that out with staff.

15 CHAIR SADHWANI: Commissioner Fornaciari?

16 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. Just if you recall,
17 we -- if you go to November the 20th is a meeting day.
18 We decided today that we would meet on the 20th. So just
19 we'll get it, but just want you to have it on your map or
20 your calendar.

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, I would move -- I
22 would correct from the 15th to the 24th to match what we
23 talked about today.

24 COMMISSIONER FORNACAIRI: Okay. Very Good.

25 CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay. Commissioner Fernandez?

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. Thank you. Thank
2 you, Commissioner Andersen, for working on all this. For
3 me, it would be helpful when we finalize it if we could
4 identify if it's like in L.A. or if it's in Sacramento,
5 just so that I know for future.

6 And then prior to the release of the draft maps, I
7 just see visualizations the whole time. Aren't we doing
8 some live line drawing also prior to the draft maps,
9 because I'm just -- that was my understanding that we
10 would be doing some -- I mean, because we --
11 visualizations aren't going to get us to a draft map
12 eventually.

13 So I'd like to see that in there too, when we
14 actually do like the live line drawn prior to our -- the
15 release of our draft maps. Thank you.

16 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Sara, do you want to take
17 that one on or?

18 CHAIR SADHWANI: You know, my impression was that,
19 yes, we are doing line drawing, but I don't know if you
20 had a different thought on that in that first week of
21 November.

22 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Basically, this next week
23 we're going to start seeing like sections of areas and
24 they're going to go back and then put all our input into
25 it. In terms of, let's see. I'm in November now. I

1 don't know if we are going to be doing the 7th, it sort
2 of depends on how quickly the next two weeks go if we're
3 doing live here.

4 Actually, these probably will be 7, 8, 9. There
5 probably will be some live actually. It's just the live
6 takes a lot, lot longer because you have to move the line
7 and then see how that changes things and move the line
8 again. So that's why I'm hesitating on this, but I
9 didn't actually specifically ask that direct question.

10 CHAIR SADHWANI: Yeah.

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: So I apologize.

12 CHAIR SADHWANI: So I think a part of it depends on
13 how the earlier weeks go.

14 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: It does.

15 CHAIR SADHWANI: If we are down to two
16 visualizations of much of the state that we can kind of
17 work together, we might have it, right? But if we need
18 to be in live session figuring it out, we will.

19 I see a number of hands still. I'm seeing
20 Commissioners Kennedy, Akutagawa, and Fernandez in that
21 order, but we are up against a fifteen-minute break, so
22 let's pause here.

23 I'm actually going to need to take off at this time.
24 Commissioner Toledo is going to stand in for me as chair.
25 I will call in. I'll be driving. But Commissioner

1 Toledo has kindly said he would step in for me. So thank
2 you very much for that. And with that, we'll take a
3 fifteen-minute break.

4 (Whereupon, a recess was held)

5 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Welcome back to the California
6 Citizens Redistricting Commission. We are on the Line
7 Drawing committee. We are considering the calendar for
8 October -- is it October/November?

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

10 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: And at this point, we have three
11 commissioners waiting to give comment. We'll start with
12 Commissioner Kennedy.

13 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. Just to
14 note that the October/November calendars were posted on
15 the website, but the December calendar doesn't seem to
16 have made it. So if that could be posted as soon as
17 possible, I'd appreciate it. Thank you.

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: The December calendar is the
19 same one that you received -- that was up last time. It
20 has not changed.

21 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Even so for the convenience
22 of the public and everyone, if the December calendar
23 could be posted along with the others --

24 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay.

25 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: -- so that there's a complete



1 set.

2 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah.

3 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you.

4 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. As soon as all the
5 changes are made, the whole thing will be published.

6 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. With that, let's
7 move to Commissioner Fernandez.

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Me?

9 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Yes, you're on queue.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I had my hand up. It's
11 going to come to me soon. Oh, yes. We were talking
12 about live line drawing before the draft maps. I think
13 like my --

14 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

15 COMMISSIOENR FERNANDEZ: Yeah. So my frustration, I
16 think, would be if we don't do line drawing and then we
17 continue to give it visualizations, then we don't get to
18 see those until like one or two days later. And I think
19 it would help us move along faster if we were able to do
20 the live line drawing before. Thank you.

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I checked because yes, we
22 are doing 7, 8, 9 is live line drawing and part of 10 if
23 we need to.

24 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Great. Any other comment? I
25 know Commissioner Akutagawa had her hand up but she is --

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

2 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: -- out of the office at the
3 moment. So she'll be back in a couple of minutes. Any
4 other comments in the meantime? Oh, sorry. Just saw
5 Vazquez and Turner.

6 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Are we or can we -- while
7 we're figuring out times, Ravi's calendar invites are so
8 helpful. And so if we could just hold the dates via our
9 commission calendars, that would be great. And then we
10 can edit those when we finalize times. But if we could
11 get dates held on our calendars ASAP, that would be
12 awesome.

13 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: That's a great suggestion,
14 Commissioner Vazquez. We'll go to Commissioner Turner.

15 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes. On the November map,
16 with the addition of 7, 8, 9 and it says alternate full
17 CRC. And then the 10th, you said yes as needed. And it
18 says alternate draft maps. Is that the same thing or --
19 because the wording is different, is that the same thing
20 or is a different function that day?

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Actually, it's you see on
22 the 12th says draft maps the alternate to that.

23 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Oh, the alternate to that?

24 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Right. Exactly. That's the
25 that's but it's in red because it's sort of a red-letter

1 day, so. So that's reason it is -- that it's that color.
2 But it would be taking it from the 12th which was the
3 original proposal moving to the 10th.

4 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I remember.

5 COMMISSIOENR ANDERSEN: So the 12th would no longer
6 be a meeting and I'm sorry. And also you notice that we
7 have the full CRC meeting on the 12th that is a meeting
8 to make sure we are voting on the maps so that we have
9 that. We may be line drawing as well. But it's
10 essentially the 7th through the 10th are meeting days.

11 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay.

12 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. I see Commissioner
13 Fernandez.

14 COMMISSIOENR FERNADNEZ: Yes. Thank you. And I've
15 just been thinking. I know it's shocking, but I've been
16 thinking about our locations when we go from Sacramento,
17 and then we said Southern California. I think at this
18 point, because we're not -- it doesn't seem like we're
19 going to Southern California too many times.

20 But even if we are. For me personally, it makes
21 more sense just to go to the same location every time.
22 For me, having to learn a new location each time is a
23 little bit challenging and just knowing that these
24 meetings will probably go long, I would like be familiar
25 with my surroundings.



1 So I'm just -- I know the Sacramento meetings will
2 be held here at headquarters, I believe, correct,
3 Executive Director Hernandez? Yeah.

4 MR. HERNANDEZ: At least through October, we have it
5 secured. We are working on the following month.

6 COMMISSIONER FERNADNEZ: Okay. And I was just
7 thinking that Southern California, it'd be nice to have
8 the similar or same location area just for my sanity and
9 safety, security and all that other good stuff. Thanks.

10 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner
11 Fernandez. Any other comment on the calendar?

12 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: So the idea of the 30th or
13 November 1st to the -- I've only heard one leave it on
14 the 30th. Is there any consensus on that -- the business
15 meeting going back to the October. Yes.

16 See, we had we had our business meeting on the 27th
17 and then three days for line drawing, 28, 29, 30. We're
18 moving the visualizations up a day. So that would put
19 our business meeting on Saturday the 30th.

20 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Fernandez, did you
21 have a comment on that?

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I don't mind moving it to
23 the 30th, but I would prefer if it was earlier in the --
24 like in the morning instead of at 1 p.m.

25 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Oh yeah, yeah.



1 COMMISSIONER FERANDEZ: Yeah. Either way it's -- it
2 appears that we'd have a meeting regardless. Or you also
3 mentioned the possibility of maybe moving it to November
4 1st. Was that correct?

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I did. And Commissioner
6 Akutagawa preferred -- spoke up and said she'd prefer
7 leaving it on the 30th and -- but yes, in these weeks
8 we're having four or five days -- three or four days in a
9 row.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Um-hum.

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: The first meeting would be
12 the sort of starting at one. The last meeting, with a
13 couple of exceptions, would be starting earlier. So it
14 would not start just late on that day.

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. I'm good with that.
16 Thank you.

17 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Sinay? And then
18 Commissioner Turner after that.

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Can we stay away from trying to
20 figure out the exact times because staff has kind of come
21 up with a good system because they've spoken to those of
22 us who need to travel and all of that.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Right.

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And if we can if we can just
25 worry more about the dates and it doesn't look right or

1 are we in the right path. And then the time, as we have
2 said in the past, give that to staff.

3 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Turner?

4 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I just wanted to agree with, I
5 think you said, Commissioner Akutagawa, I would
6 definitely not prefer to put it on Monday, and we already
7 have it scheduled for Saturday. I'd like to leave it on
8 Saturday. So for those that are by vocational, those one
9 day, at least a week if needed.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

11 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. With that, do we
12 have a motion? Any commissioner want to make a motion to
13 move this item forward?

14 Commissioner Andersen?

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I will move to accept the
16 calendar with the modifications -- the alternate
17 modification dates proposed and the correction of -- or
18 the changes for the week from the after the draft maps
19 per the other meeting.

20 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Do we have a second?

21 COMMISSIONER FERNADNEZ: I'll second.

22 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Fernandez seconds.
23 Any discussion? Seeing none, Commissioner Turner, did
24 you have your hand raised? No. Okay. So we will go to
25 public comment.



1 Katy, can you open up the line?

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair.

3 The Commission will now take public comment on the
4 motion on the floor with the ongoing calendar. To give
5 comment, please call 877-853-5247 and enter the meeting
6 ID number 81995668446 for this meeting.

7 Once you have dialed in, please press star 9 to
8 enter the comment queue. The full call-in instructions
9 have been read previously in this meeting and are
10 provided in full on the live stream landing page. And we
11 do have a caller in the queue.

12 Caller with the last four 2448, if you will please
13 follow the prompts to unmute at this time by pressing
14 star 6. The floor is yours.

15 MR. CANNON: Hello, my name is Peter Cannon. I want
16 to make three observations from your deliberations.
17 First, it is good you are experimenting and looking at
18 different options. By considering different options and
19 sometimes getting things wrong, you will know when you
20 get things right.

21 There are hard choices and decisions ahead and you
22 will have to tell someone with a legitimate concern that
23 their concerns cannot be accommodated. In a time of
24 hyper divisions, exploring, and discussing various
25 positions is the only way the fourteen of you will come



1 together.

2 Second, beware the paradox of choice, or as I call
3 it, the Netflix experience. Many of us are guilty of
4 spending hours surfing thousands of options on TV without
5 ever watching a show. Next week you should start
6 expressing preferences, narrowing, and refining, not just
7 adding more shows to the watch list. Otherwise you may
8 never press play and see the show.

9 Third, ensure all voices are heard. You have done
10 well in listening to the public. Now make sure that all
11 commissioner voices are heard. At a few points, only one
12 or two voices dominated the conversation for large
13 portions of the state.

14 As commissioners have said, it is important the
15 loudest or last voice doesn't win. That applies not only
16 to the public but to the fourteen of you as well. These
17 observations are --

18 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

19 MR. CANNON: -- offered as refinement, not
20 criticisms. Your hard work is appreciated. Thank you
21 for taking on this difficult job.

22 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much, Mr. Cannon.

23 With that, I'm going to open it up for general
24 comment as this is the last item on our agenda tonight.
25 So Katy, can you please open up for general comment in



1 case -- or just give -- let people know that they can
2 call in to give any comment on any item for today.

3 PUBLIC COMMNET MODERATOR: Got it. Okay. I'll read
4 the instructions again. One moment. All right. The
5 Commission will now take general public comment for items
6 not on the agenda.

7 To give comment, please call 877-853-5247 and enter
8 the meeting ID number 81995668446 for this meeting. Once
9 you have dialed in, please press star 9 to enter the
10 comment queue. The full call-in instructions have been
11 read previously in this meeting and are provided in full
12 on the livestream landing page.

13 And at this time we do not have you in the queue for
14 the general public comment, Chair.

15 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. We'll keep waiting
16 for a couple of minutes while we get the motion for this
17 particular item up on the screen.

18 Commissioner Andersen, does this motion look correct
19 to you? And I see that we are getting a call in for
20 comment, so.

21 PUBLIC COMMNET MODERATOR: We do you have a caller,
22 caller 4820. I have a couple of callers.

23 Caller 4820, if you will please follow the prompts
24 to unmute at this time by pressing star 6. There you go.
25 The floor is yours.



1 MR. SMART: Hello, my name is Pastor William D.
2 Smart Junior, the president, and CEO of the Southern
3 Christian Leadership Conference of Southern California.
4 And that's the organization that Dr. Martin Luther King
5 Junior started. And one of the issues that he worked
6 on -- we worked on was this has been along with voting.

7 This whole process is something that, as you know,
8 comes from the Voting Rights Act of 1965. And I'm sure
9 you have talked about that. This is my first time on it
10 because I have -- because I have been working with the
11 city on all of their making sure that's right.

12 But I'm concerned. So I'm calling to implore you to
13 respect the African-American community in Los Angeles.
14 First, your map split our communities south of the Santa
15 Monica Freeway and put them in downtown. I saw that on
16 page 32.

17 Then there were requests to split off Inglewood to
18 put with Santa Monica on page 22, split off Gardena to
19 split with Rancho Palos Verdes on page 23. And to split
20 off Carson and put with Long Beach, page 26.

21 These would leave large segments of the community in
22 districts where African-Americans would no longer be able
23 to elect the candidates of their choice.

24 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

25 MR. SMART: The Voting Rights Act was passed by the

1 activists of the African-American community. Please keep
2 us moving forward.

3 PUBLIC COMMNET MODERATOR: Sir, you might want to
4 see if you hit the mute button on your telephone.

5 MR. MANOFF: We can hear you. Please continue.

6 MR. SMART: Okay. So now that -- and so SCLC and
7 our affiliates will be participating. We're getting
8 ready to have a meeting because we're concerned about the
9 direction and we're hoping that we can -- that will
10 change and you will not get rid of important voting
11 blocks in this state. Thank you.

12 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments,
13 Pastor Smart. I encourage you to continue the process as
14 no decisions have been made at this point. All we have
15 is visualizations. And I encourage all Californians to
16 give their input on the visualizations and the line
17 drawing process as we get to those stages. Next caller.

18 PUBLIC COMMNET MODERATOR: This time we have caller
19 1440. If you will, please follow the prompts to a mute
20 at this time. The floor is yours.

21 MR. GUERRA: Hi, my name is Fernando Guerra. I am a
22 professor of political science and a professor of
23 Chicana/Chicano Studies at Loyola Marymount University.
24 I have written extensively on redistricting and the
25 impact it has on the incorporation of previously excluded

1 groups. Just some quick information. About 100 percent
2 of all congressional seats ever won by African-Americans
3 were first won by an African-American in the election
4 immediately following a redistricting.

5 Ninety-five percent of all congressional seats won
6 by Latinos, same thing. 100 percent of our state Senate
7 seat won by African-Americans, same thing. I can go on
8 and on. Redistricting plays a role in the incorporation
9 of previously excluded groups in California. So that is
10 clear. I think you guys know that. I just wanted to
11 frame my comments on that data.

12 Number 2, is inclusive democracy. I believe
13 California, with all of its recent laws and experience in
14 electoral reforms, is the most inclusive democracy in the
15 United States right now given its laws that it changed
16 and incorporated. You, as you are well aware, and the
17 Commission are part of the --

18 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

19 MR. GUERRA: -- inclusive democracy and
20 reapportionment plays a role. One of the important
21 things is that when people are represented, Latinos,
22 African-Americans, they have a higher participation rate.
23 You creating and maintaining --

24 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

25 MR. GUERRS: -- as many African-American and Latino



1 districts will add to the inclusivity of our democracy.
2 You are part of that. There is no way we would ever have
3 expected the turnout we had in September 14th when you
4 realize it was higher than the represent --

5 MR. MANOFF: Time.

6 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Professor Guerra.
7 And as we the Commission has over and over again
8 committed itself to a fair maps or fairer maps. I think
9 that some of the language that I have seen commissioners
10 use and certainly our commitment to the VRA is -- has
11 been mentioned over and over again. Next caller, please.

12 PUBLIC COMMNET MODERATOR: Caller 3818, if you will,
13 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by
14 pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

15 MS. GARNER: Hi. Good evening, Commissioners. This
16 is Grace Garner calling from the Black Hub. And I just
17 wanted to let you know that on behalf of the Black Hub
18 and over a dozen other organizations, we sent you a
19 letter regarding the racially polarized voting analysis
20 process and the closed session discussions that have been
21 taking place.

22 We hope that you'll take a look at that letter and
23 really consider it. We just wanted to raise that for you
24 now, since it'll be a while before your next official
25 business meeting.



1 Additionally, I wanted to get a little bit more
2 clarity on map presentations. I called in before with a
3 little -- a few questions. We have, just like you, a
4 team that is all over the State of California, and
5 several of those people will be part of that map
6 presentation.

7 And so we need a little bit of guidance from you on
8 how that will work logistically since we cannot all
9 physically be in the same room. Thank you so much for
10 all of your hard work on this and I look forward to all
11 of the meetings to come.

12 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Ms. Gardner, for the
13 for the letter and for your comments. And we will be
14 working on the details for presentations and more to come
15 soon. Next caller, please.

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

18 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: I see Director Kaplan has her
19 hand up.

20 MS. KAPLAN: If you wanted me to address that the --

21 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: If you can do it quickly, just
22 because we have a --

23 MS. KAPLAN: Yes, the present presenters are allowed
24 to have multiple people presenting and the sign-up form
25 is now closed. But if you can send us an email to the



1 Voter's FIRST email with the additional people that would
2 be presenting from your submission their email address
3 and phone number. So that was allowed in the form for
4 the submissions that went in and they would be provided
5 with separate links for the presentation.

6 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Director Kaplan.

7 And with that, I believe we're -- all public comment
8 has been captured. Is that correct, Katy?

9 PUBLIC COMMNET MODERATOR: Yes, Chair.

10 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

11 So with that, we'll go to a vote.

12 Director Hernandez, can you please present the
13 motion on the table?

14 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes, Chair. The motion to accept
15 alternate modification dates proposed and the corrections
16 of the days after the draft maps. So if that is okay, we
17 will begin the vote.

18 Commissioner Turner?

19 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

20 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Vazquez?

21 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes.

22 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Yee.

23 Okay. Commissioner Ahmad?

24 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yes.

25 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Akutagawa?



1 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

2 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Andersen?

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

4 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fernandez?

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

6 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fornaciari?

7 COMMISSIONER FORNACAIRI: Yes.

8 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Kennedy?

9 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

10 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Le Mons?

11 Commissioner Sadhwani?

12 CHAIR SADHWANI: Yes.

13 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sinay?

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

15 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Taylor?

16 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Abstained.

17 MR. HERNANDEZ: And Commissioner Toledo?

18 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Yes.

19 MR. HERNANDEZ: Does this require a special vote?

20 ATTNY PANE: No, it does not.

21 MR. HERNANDEZ: Okay. The motion passes.

22 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. With that, we'll

23 conclude today's meeting -- business meeting. We do have

24 a meeting scheduled for October 13th, October 14th,

25 October 15th, October 20th, October 27th, 28th, 29th,



1 30th, November 3rd, 4th, 5th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 12th, 16th,
2 17th, 18th, 19th, and 30th. The information is up on our
3 website as well as District Map Input meetings on October
4 21st, October 22nd, and October 23rd.

5 It's going to be a great month. Lots of good work
6 to be done and I feel the energy is going to pick up as
7 we move forward. So thank you so much, California, for
8 joining us. And thank you to the commissioners and our
9 Chair Sadhwani and staff for hosting us here in
10 Sacramento. Thank you again and have a good evening and
11 weekend. Thank you.

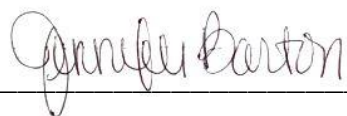
12 (Whereupon, the CRC Business Meeting adjourned
13 at 4:30 p.m.)

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