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P R O C E E D I N G S

2:00 p.m.

1 CHAIR SADHWANI: Welcome to the California Citizens
2 Redistricting Commission. Today, we are continuing our
3 meeting from last week, which we needed to extend.
4 Please note the continuation order that was placed on our
5 website.
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7 We are continuing on agenda item number 2 with the
8 response to the visualizations that we reviewed last week
9 with a read back of the notes that were captured by
10 staff. Before we get started, however, let me start with
11 roll call.
12

13 Alvaro, you want to take the roll?

14 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes, Chair.

15 Commissioner Sinay?

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Here.

17 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Taylor?

18 Commissioner Toledo?

19 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Here.

20 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Turner?

21 Commissioner Vazquez?

22 Commissioner Yee?

23 COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.

24 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Ahmad?

25 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Here.



1 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Akutagawa?

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Here.

3 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Andersen?

4 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Here.

5 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fernandez?

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Present.

7 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fornaciari?

8 Commissioner Kennedy?

9 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.

10 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Le Mons?

11 VICE CHAIR LE MONS: Here.

12 MR. HERNANDEZ: And Commissioner Sadhwani?

13 CHAIR SADHWANI: Here.

14 MR. HERNANDEZ: You have a quorum, Chair.

15 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thanks so much, Alvaro.

16 Before we get started today, I just wanted to make a
17 few announcements, given that this meeting is -- that
18 today's meeting is a continuation of our meeting from
19 last week and was unplanned, unfortunately, we were
20 unable to secure ASL interpretation for this meeting.

21 That's certainly a concern for us because ensuring
22 that as many Californians as possible can watch and
23 participate in this process is really important to the
24 Commission. Unfortunately, scheduling is what it is.
25 But in our archival of today's meeting, we will be adding



1 in ASL interpretation for viewers to watch in the very
2 near future. So I did want to provide that update and I
3 do believe that closed captioning will still be available
4 for today's meeting.

5 We're going to start today, I believe, with Jose
6 Eduardo, who's going to continue with the reading of
7 notes followed by Kimberly who will also be reading
8 additional notes. And then we will move to public
9 comment later this afternoon.

10 We'll provide additional instruction on how to call
11 in to the commission if you are a member of the public
12 and looking to call in. As a reminder, you can always
13 visit our website and submit a comment through our online
14 feedback form, which is available under the meetings tab
15 for this meeting. There's a link to that form. You can
16 also always send us an email in any language and we will
17 do our best to have it translated and updated on our
18 website.

19 So with that, Jose Eduardo, thank you so much for
20 being here today and we look forward to hearing the
21 review of the notes from last week.

22 MR. CHAVEZ: Good afternoon, Commissioner. Thank
23 you so much. Thank you, Chair. I'll be reading the
24 notes from the visualization comments for District -- for
25 zones V, D, F, and G.



1 To start off with we have page 1 of handout B. And
2 that is West Bakersville 10/13 Commissioner Turner.
3 Visualization A, Bakersville and Tehachapi. She likes
4 that visualization. Commissioner Turner also likes
5 visualization B, which keeps southeast Bakersfield. And
6 she wants to make sure that Bakersfield is kept with
7 Benton, Cottonwood, and La Questa together.

8 Commissioner Turner, Visualization B which keeps
9 Fresno Hall. Commissioner Turner, visualizations that
10 keeps Stanislaus with Lodi, Linden, Lockeford, Oakdale,
11 Knights Ferry. Commissioner Turner wanted a
12 visualization that includes Stockton, Mountain House,
13 Tracy up through it and keeping Stockton whole. That's a
14 priority.

15 Commissioner Turner, a Visualization that goes
16 around Lathrup, Manteca and keeps Tracy with Stockton
17 also keeping Stockton together. Commissioner Turner,
18 Visualization B, keeping Lemon Hill, Fruitridge, Pocket
19 with Elk Grove and Florin together.

20 Commissioner Vazquez, keeping three rivers and
21 Visalia together which is Visualization B. Commissioner
22 Vasquez keep Mexican colony with Shafter and all of those
23 community -- all of those smaller communities together.

24 Commissioner Kennedy, a visualization that keeps
25 Sonoma, Lake, Mendocino together. Commissioner Sinay, a



1 visualization that keeps Lake, Napa, and Sonoma together
2 as well. Commissioner Sinay, go with Visualization B-
3 151, which is Sacramento City and West Sacramento.

4 Commissioner Fornaciari, visualization that keeps Tulare,
5 Fresno, Kings, making sure the smaller communities are
6 kept together.

7 Commissioner Fornaciari, consider a visualization
8 that keeps the coast with other coast communities and not
9 with inland part of Northern California. Commissioner
10 Akutagawa, consider a visualization were humbled not to
11 be together with the North. Consider eastern portions
12 like Siskiyou, Shasta, Tehama, and Modoc. And it seems
13 like based on COI input, they also wanted some of the
14 coast to be considered there with Trinity.

15 Commissioner Akutagawa, looking at page 9, if you
16 look at page 8 as well, which is the same PDF, a
17 visualization that keeps Eldorado, Placer, Inyo, parts of
18 Madera, and parts of Fresno. And if there's a
19 possibility that -- which keeps the deviation minus 7. --
20 which is -7.56 to be about since it is wide enough
21 already.

22 Commissioner Akutagawa, under A -- Visualization A-1
23 on page 6, it is the eastern part of the county -- of the
24 counties. A visualization that includes Tuolumne, Inyo,
25 and a portion of Kern County is included. She considers

1 that a tell portion, which is a portion of Kern County.
2 It is a little odd. So can you -- can the drawers do a
3 revision there?

4 Commissioner Akutagawa, please, remove Bakersfield,
5 remove all of the urban areas and try to keep it as close
6 to the mountains and to the east as possible.

7 Commissioner Toledo, A-1, Visualization A-1, Lake may be
8 better suited with Mendocino and Sonoma rather than with
9 Napa.

10 Commissioner Toledo, the northern part of the state,
11 which is visualization with Humboldt, and Del Norte, and
12 Trinity. Trinity may be best fit with the northern state
13 potentially. And there might be some conflict of
14 communities of interest in Humboldt and Del Norte.

15 Commissioner Andersen, Visualization B, page 9. It
16 is the North East. That area would like to do -- would
17 like to add Butte county and take out Sierra Nevada.
18 Commissioner Andersen, then moving to page 8, which is --
19 which she would like to add Sierra Nevada to page 8 as
20 well.

21 Commissioner Andersen, get rid of the Fresno area
22 and stay with northern parts hills of Madera, if
23 possible. If their needs -- if there's a need to go
24 farther south from Inyo into Bakersfield is also
25 possible. Commissioner Andersen, take Glenn and Butte.

1 Then Glenn, and Butte and Plumas and put those in the
2 north. Then you also have Colusa, Sutter, Yuba, and Yolo
3 together.

4 Commissioner Sinay, consider keeping the far north
5 together with -- together for forest management purposes.
6 Commissioner Fernandez, Visualization B which is VADV.
7 Delta, move Freeport, Hood, Cortland and remove making it
8 more of a Yolo County to Williams and Napa.

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Jose?

10 MR. CHAVEZ: Yes?

11 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Eduardo, on the keeping the
12 north together for -- it wasn't -- I thought it was more
13 I was reminding folks that that's why we kept it
14 together.

15 MR. CHAVEZ: And I have noted here that you put it's
16 just a consideration, not a direction.

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay.

18 MR. CHAVEZ: And Commissioner Fernandez, moving --
19 Commissioner Fernandez, Visualization B, page 4,
20 entitled -- it's El Dorado Hill. Commissioner Fernandez
21 likes this visualization. Also Commissioner Fernandez
22 Visualization B creates -- but also create a
23 visualization for Del Norte, Shasta based on community
24 input -- communities of interest Input.

25 Commissioner Fernandez, Visualization B, ADB-1, page

1 five, south of Sacramento, which combines Fruitridge,
2 Pocket in the Sacramento area, all the way down to Elk
3 Grove, considered looking at CVAPs for the Latino, Black,
4 and Asian, which are high. So we'll look at this for a
5 possible VRA coalition district.

6 Commissioner Fernandez, Visualization B, which is on
7 page 7, ADB-1. It is a good visualization. Consider
8 Commissioner Fernandez, DV-1, page 2, which is Tracy.
9 This one is again the highest CVAP for Latino, Black, and
10 Asian. Would also like to look at this as a possible
11 coalition for VRA.

12 Commissioner Fernandez, ADA page one, keep the
13 coastal counties together from Del Norte all the way down
14 or down as far as you can go. Commissioner Fernandez,
15 page 2, ADA. That is Merced, West Fresno also high
16 Latino CVAP. I like to look to see if there is a
17 possible VRA coalition district.

18 Commissioner Fernandez, ADA page 3 is Central North
19 likes this visualization as well. Commissioner
20 Fernandez, page 4, the Sierras, Calaveras County,
21 visualization that grabs more communities which may have
22 more commonalities. I'm hoping that the public can also
23 give input on that.

24 Commissioner Fernandez ADA page 5, West Placer and
25 Granite Bay and Roseville would like to see if there's --

1 if it's possible to for the full sum of Orange Dale. If
2 needed, it would be out -- it would be good to take out a
3 Rio Linda and add Alberta as well as Antelope just for
4 the numbers so that it can be considered.

5 Commissioner Fernandez, ADA-6, the North Sacramento
6 County take Orangevale, and Folsom out of that
7 visualization and add Citrus Heights and possibly
8 Rosemont, Vineyard, and Wilton to that one as well, or to
9 a separate visualization.

10 Commissioner Fernandez, ADA-7, leave as is with West
11 Sacramento combined with Sacramento. Commissioner
12 Fernandez, ADA page 8, South Sacramento and North San
13 Joaquin from Clarksburg to Rio Vista. We'd like to
14 remove those two communities out and put it more towards
15 the Yolo County up to Williams, if possible. There is
16 also a high Latino, Black and Asian CVAP. We'd like to
17 see a possible VRA coalition.

18 Commissioner Fernandez, ADA, which is on page 9, THE
19 Stockton area looking for a possible VRA coalition on
20 that one as well. Commissioner Turner wants to see
21 different visualizations for Central Valley. The
22 visualizations for San Joaquin should not remain the same
23 based on new COI input.

24 Commissioner Taylor, desert communities should
25 remain together, Palmdale, Lancaster community based on

1 community input. They should stay intact in a single
2 district. Commissioner Vazquez, Lancaster and Palmdale
3 absolutely have to stay together. Make sure that small
4 towns are kept together.

5 Commissioner Fernandez, ADA page 7, remove
6 Placerville, recommend taking out the counterpart piece
7 as well. Commissioner Andersen, Ridgecrest, specifically
8 asked or said not to be placed with San Fernando or even
9 Inyo. So we'd modify that if needed put with Kern even
10 if we add a piece of Kern with Tulare.

11 Commissioner Andersen, one, take out Sierra Nevada,
12 Placer, El Dorado and add Colusa. Commissioner Andersen,
13 add Sierra Nevada, Placer, El Dorado to essentially the
14 eastern part, what you would -- what you would call the
15 foothills in Mono and Inyo.

16 Commissioner Andersen, put Yolo with Solano. Try to
17 do a Delta area by getting Atell out of Sacramento into
18 Solano County for population purposes. Commissioner
19 Andersen, try to keep San Joaquin together. It would
20 remove a chunk of that portion and add with Calaveras and
21 Tuolumne if needed for population.

22 Commissioner Andersen, Merced with Madera. There's
23 also more than five percent over deviations. So that's a
24 lot of -- that's a large population already. If
25 possible, take parts off -- out of Madera and Fresno and

1 put it with this visualization. Use eastern portions of
2 Fresno possibly, and grabbing Tulare that is -- it could
3 also be considered a VRA district.

4 Commissioner Vasquez, splitting cities -- splitting
5 cities in half, rather than leaving little bits of big
6 cities to fend for themselves. Another district may feel
7 more -- another district feels like a more equitable
8 place to start. Just to clarify, if necessary, splitting
9 bigger cities than -- rather than smaller communities.

10 Commissioner Akutagawa, eastern Sierra District,
11 keeping Calaveras -- keeping a District that has been an
12 honor that Eastern Sierra region in one district. It is
13 important to -- that is better to go north-south than to
14 grab west for more population. So making sure that
15 there's a district that respects that community input.

16 Trading splits west of Madera and Fresno counties
17 and different -- is the difference between being on the
18 ballot floor versus being in the mountains, as noted in
19 community input.

20 Commissioner Akutagawa, Visualization B, which is as
21 the SDBECA, Ridgecrest moved down and include Lake
22 Isabella. They would prefer to stay with Kern,
23 considered going east and could go further south into San
24 Bernardino County. Two civilizations there, one that
25 would exclude that portion of Kern and go farther south

1 into San Bernardino as far as Fort Irwin and maybe going
2 to Bakersfield, going into Bakersfield.

3 Commissioner Akutagawa, keep El Dorado and Placer
4 together. Commissioner Toledo which is the SDA map
5 keeping Siskiyou, Modoc, try to keep the Hoopa together
6 as well as the (indiscernible) tribe. Most tribes want
7 to be in different areas but if possible to keep tribes
8 whole.

9 Commissioner Fernandez, Butte, Solano, which is the
10 SDA on page 2, Visualization SDA page 2, as you
11 potentially have Solano in there with -- together with
12 Yolo, try to keep Yolo and Solano together. Commissioner
13 Fernandez, add Yuba, Sutter, and Colusa to that
14 visualization.

15 Commissioner Fernandez, SDA-4, North Sacramento.
16 We'd like to see a visualization to the north Sacramento
17 draw a line right underneath North Highlands and Folsom
18 and make down to Elk Grove, down to Wilton. Try to
19 include Roseville, Rockland, and Auburn.

20 Commissioner Fernandez, ADA on page five, South
21 Sacramento, north San Joaquin. On which is this section,
22 a split off the Delta, which is from Hood all the way
23 down to Rio Vistas split out and put it into the Yolo
24 County, and it would include Pittsburg, Bethel, Inland
25 and Antioch.

1 Commissioner Fernandez --

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Wait, Jose Eduardo on that
3 one "and would not include."

4 MR. CHAVEZ: And would not include. Would not
5 include.

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Bethel. Right.

7 MR. CHAVEZ: I apologize.

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: No. You're fine. I'm glad
9 we caught it.

10 MR. CHAVEZ: Great. I have that on the notes.
11 Commissioner Fernandez, SGB-1, which is on page one,
12 keeping all of the northern counties together. We'd like
13 to see some coastal, if possible per COI input.

14 Commissioner Fernandez, split out Visualization B-1,
15 split up the coast -- the coastal. And we could, if
16 we -- if possible, add Sutter and Yuba to it possibly,
17 Placer and Eldorado. Commissioner Fernandez try to keep
18 Placer and El Dorado and Nevada together.

19 Commissioner Fernandez, Visualization b-2, break up
20 those communities. Communities are quite different.
21 Commissioner Fernandez, page three, splitting from --
22 splitting that from Arden Arcade and then Fair Oaks,
23 Arden Arcade, and Rancho Cordova.

24 Commissioner Akutagawa, requests one visualization
25 on B-1. In the far north all the way down to Mendocino



1 there or pluses and minuses on keeping them all together.
2 Commissioner Akutagawa, request for visualization that
3 would remove Sierra and Nevada Counties. Request for the
4 Eastern -- Commissioner Akutagawa, request for the
5 Eastern Sierras that all of -- that all of El Dorado
6 County be added to the Eastern Sierra visualization.

7 Also, add on Sierra and Nevada counties to that
8 resolution so it would be Sierra Nevada, El Dorado, and
9 excluding portion that includes up to Placerville.

10 Commissioner Akutagawa requests to add Lake County
11 to their specializations, Sutter, and Yuba Counties to
12 stay together with Butte. I would be -- it would be
13 interesting to see what those numbers would look like.

14 Commissioner Turner, Sutter, Yuba, Yolo, Colusa,
15 Glenn, and Tehama together. Commissioner Turner, San
16 Joaquin -- the preference would be for San Joaquin to be
17 kept whole and not cut parts of Mirata.

18 Commissioner Turner would like to try and keep all
19 of Kern together as well. Commissioner Toledo, Rural
20 parts of Fresno County, little communities have essential
21 workers. We'd like to see if those could be brought into
22 different communities, possible visualization.

23 Commissioner Andersen is also shown a page 7, and 8,
24 and 9. It is the Merced portion, Fresno, Kern and also
25 the Fresno Tulare area. Fresno is being split in four



1 district. Consider rearranging for -- rearranging for
2 VRA a consultant.

3 Commissioner Andersen, different versions on page 7,
4 8, and 9. Visualizations A-1-A. She would like to see
5 Northern California take out Sierra, Nevada, Placer, and
6 El Dorado. At all Central North except Yolo County.

7 Commissioner Andersen, add all of Central North except
8 Yolo County to keep Butte, Sutter, and Yuba together.

9 She would like to add, Commissioner Andersen, would
10 like to add Sierra, Nevada, Placer, and El Dorado to the
11 east, then pull out populations farther south out of
12 Kern.

13 Add Yolo -- Commissioner Andersen, add YOLO with
14 portions of Solano which would basically allow to shift
15 back down to -- because San Joaquin being cut in half as
16 it is -- so let me rephrase that. Yolo with portions of
17 Solano, which would basically allow things to shift back
18 down a little bit since San Joaquin be cut in half, as
19 is.

20 Commissioner Akutagawa, Visualization B --

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Sorry, Jose? Sorry. On
22 that, it was shifting things up. So San Joaquin County
23 could be possibly kept whole. If shifting things back up
24 by adding that. Thank you.

25 MR. CHAVEZ: Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioner

1 Akutagawa, Visualization B, page one, named C, D, B,
2 Northern California, or North Cal. Far North, a
3 visualization that would remove Butte and possibly Glen
4 from this visualization and add Mendocino to the two
5 visualizations as well.

6 Coastal counties have requested the state together.
7 Mendocino and Humboldt expressed strong support that they
8 belong together. A visualization, removing Butte and
9 possibly Glenn for Commissioner Akutagawa. Commissioner
10 Akutagawa at Glenn and Butte to that as well. Remove
11 Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, and possibly El Dorado to that
12 portion of El Dorado the most. That does not include
13 Placerville South and add it to East Sierra.

14 Commissioner Akutagawa, Visualization B, page 2.
15 There's not enough population to include Glen, Butte,
16 Colusa, and Yolo, possibly at Lake. Commissioner
17 Fernandez, Visualization A-2, draw the line -- draw the
18 line Colusa, Sutter, and Yuba. And then add Solano
19 removing Tehama, Glenn, and Butte.

20 Commissioner Fernandez, in terms of Visualization A-
21 3, she prefers the B-3 -- Visualization B-3.
22 Commissioner Fernandez, Visualization A-4, South
23 Sacramento, and San Joaquin, to draw the line right below
24 Oak Grove and Wilton. South Galt and Clay, is more of
25 San Joaquin. Would defer that to Commissioner Turner to

1 see if there is a possible B VRA collision in that
2 visualization as well.

3 Commissioner Fernandez, A-5, it's the North
4 Sacramento area: Arden Arcade, Carmichael. That area is
5 very different than the rest of -- those communities --
6 get rid of those two communities and add Elk Grove and
7 maybe add Vineyard and Wilton if possible, move Arcade
8 and Carmichael with probably the Rancho Cordova area.

9 Commissioner Fernandez, moving into Visualization B,
10 would like to see the coastal areas remain together.

11 Commissioner Fernandez likes this Visualization CDB-3,
12 which is Placer, El Dorado and Sacramento. Commissioner
13 Fernandez also likes this Visualization CDB-4, which is
14 West Sacramento in North Sacramento.

15 Visualization CDB-5, which is the South Sacramento
16 and San Joaquin. Look at it for -- look at four possible
17 be our eight coalition. Split to have Galt and Clay
18 included. Excuse me, split to have Galt and Clay,
19 include the Walnut Grove, Rio Vista area and try to have
20 more of the Yolo County.

21 Commissioner Sadhwani, wants to consider COI input
22 to redesign visualizations and reflect public input.

23 Commissioner Turner, visualizations for page B-9.

24 They're both Merced, Fresno. And that it -- if we can
25 look at it for possible VRA coalition.



1 Commissioner Fornaciari away from pairing mountains
2 with southern mountains with -- stay away from pairing
3 the mountain area -- southern mountain areas with cities
4 in the valley. Commissioner Fornaciari, putting all the
5 mountain counties together would be ideal.

6 Then as far as visualizations from the north
7 state -- the northern state, support the visualizations
8 for counties in the north to remain together. Those are
9 the notes for visualizations that the commissioners would
10 like to see. Any questions?

11 CHAIR SADHWANI: Very good. Thank you so much for
12 that, Jose Eduardo. Were there any additional
13 clarifications or comments or feedback for Jose Eduardo
14 on these comments -- or these notes?

15 Seeing none, I will say thank you so very much for
16 being flexible. Of course, we had hoped to get this
17 portion done on Friday. And I really appreciate you
18 being available this afternoon to come back and read
19 these notes. I think with that, we will turn to
20 Kimberly, who's going to read an additional set of notes
21 that was captured on visualizations.

22 Kimberly, are you with us?

23 MS. BRIGGS: Yes.

24 CHAIR SADHWANI: Hello?

25 MS. BRIGGS: Yes.



1 CHAIR SADHWANI: Perfect. The floor is yours.

2 MS. BRIGGS: Okay. Once you read the notes from the
3 Friday, October 15th meeting covering the zones A, C and
4 E. Starting with the assembly visualizations,
5 Commissioner Fornaciari said, keep as much of Santa Cruz
6 County together, swap out other cities further south.

7 Commissioner Fornaciari added, start at Pacifica,
8 and go down to Santa Cruz, grab from South Bay, Los
9 Gatos, not from the peninsula. Stay on the east side of
10 Hill and go down. Commissioner Fornaciari added, Eastern
11 Solano goes better with farming theme of Central District
12 over Napa.

13 Commissioner Sinay, speaking on assembly
14 visualizations, Ashland fits better with Hayward and San
15 Lorenzo. All three called Eden Area. For the San
16 Francisco A-1 visualization, Commissioner Sinay said,
17 don't cut up Bayview. Move Bayview with east groups like
18 Excelsior. And put Presidio with the Marina if more
19 people go in to see Cliff.

20 Commissioner Sinay added Look for feedback for black
21 communities in East Bay. Commissioner Sinay said, keep
22 American Canyon with Napa. Commissioner Andersen
23 speaking on Assembly visualizations, for the North
24 visualization, she said, add Lake with Mendocino and
25 Coast.

1 She added, put Napa and wine portion of Sonoma
2 together. Take that chunk out of Sonoma, add Lake, then
3 make District of Coast from Del Norte down to Marin.
4 Commissioner Andersen, speaking on the San Mateo to Santa
5 Cruz visualization said, San Mateo down to Santa Cruz is
6 too much. Wants to shift populations up.

7 Commissioner Andersen added, Pacifica. Down through
8 San Bruno, San Mateo, start at Bayside and go down from
9 there. Commissioner Andersen added, San Bruno, Millbrae,
10 Burlingame starting new area going down.

11 COMMISSIOENR ANDERSEN: Sorry, Kimberly.

12 MS. BRIGGS: Yes?

13 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: The division would be the
14 crest line in that. It's Pacifica going down on the west
15 side of the ridge and then San Bruno, Millbrae, etcetera
16 that's on the east side of it. Thank you. Of the ridge.

17 MS. BRIGGS: The crest line is the dividing line?

18 If you if you don't mind repeating, please.

19 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes. The crest line is the
20 dividing line or essentially 280.

21 MS. BRIGGS: Thank you.

22 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you.

23 MS. BRIGGS: So for the crest line, start new area
24 going down to Stanford, Atherton, west of 280. Portola
25 Valley, Woodside going to Palo Alto, not East Palo Alto.



1 Commissioner Andersen added, move Woodside and Portola
2 Valley East.

3 Commissioner Andersen speaking on the Santa Cruz
4 visualization, cut at Watsonville over to Moss Landing.
5 Commissioner Andersen added Las Olas Beach with Santa
6 Cruz. For the East Bay visualization, Commissioner
7 Andersen said, cut off at Alamo. One visualization with
8 Aranda going east. And another from Alamo going south.

9 Commissioner Akutagawa, speaking on the San Mateo to
10 Santa Cruz Assembly visualization, said to remove areas
11 near San Francisco Airport and go a little further east
12 and take in Palo Alto.

13 Commissioner Toledo speaking on the Assembly
14 visualization for the B-1 north coast map. Take out
15 Karuk preservation tribe and connect with the part that
16 is in Siskiyou. Commissioner Toledo added visualization
17 with Sonoma, Napa, and wine portions of Yolo County. It
18 makes sense to have a wine county district.

19 Commissioner Fernandez speaking on the Assembly
20 visualizations, she said Yolo has more connections with
21 Solano and Napa. Commissioner Kennedy, speaking on the
22 Assembly visualizations said, Lake is not the same as
23 Tehama, Glen, and Calusa. Lake looks more like Sonoma,
24 Napa, and Mendocino.

25 Commissioner Kennedy added, clean up areas around

1 Alum Rock. Commissioner Kennedy added, Tracy links more
2 to Livermore than places further south. Commissioner
3 Kennedy added, Peninsula West -- speaking on the
4 Peninsula West San Francisco visualization.

5 You can pick up Colma to gain population. Shift
6 south and west of 280 until down to Bertino, which is
7 with the coast and 280 excuse me, which is with the
8 coast. 280, is the dividing line between the eastern
9 facing district and west facing district.

10 Commissioner Fornaciari speaking on Assembly
11 visualization of San Mateo to Santa Cruz said, Skyline
12 Boulevard is the dividing line. He disagrees that the
13 280 is the dividing line. Commissioner Fornaciari added,
14 nothing in common with Atherton, Stanford, Palo Alto.
15 Not a connection there the same way if you took 17 or
16 went to Morgan Hill.

17 Moving on to visualizations for Senate districts.
18 Commissioner Toledo said, he preferred A more than B
19 visualizations except for the Oakland example.

20 Commissioner Fernandez, speaking on the Senate
21 visualizations, said, keep Moorpark and Simi Valley
22 together. For the B-9 visualization, she said, Prune
23 Dale and Elkhorn don't carve those communities out.

24 Commissioner Akutagawa, speaking on the Senate
25 visualizations, said try to capture Watsonville with the

1 agriculture districts. Commissioner Andersen speaking on
2 the Senate visualizations, prefers A for North Counties.
3 Regarding the East Bay visualizations, Commissioner
4 Andersen said, Oakland and Alameda are two different
5 worlds from Dublin and Pleasanton.

6 She added to go from Hercules down to San Leandro.
7 She added, Martinez out to Bethel Island. And then she
8 added San Ramon through Dublin, Pleasanton. Commissioner
9 Andersen added, people in San Benito would not want to be
10 represented by someone in San Jose. Commissioner
11 Andersen said, have San Benito and Monterey together
12 going south.

13 For the Ventura visualization, Commissioner Andersen
14 said, pull Camarillo and Moorpark out. Commissioner
15 Fornaciari speaking on the Senate visualizations, he
16 echoed Commissioner Andersen's thoughts on the East Bay.
17 He added, start at Hercules, going south along the bay.

18 He said, Put San Benito with Monterey County and
19 break up Santa Clara and Santa Cruz County to get
20 population. Commissioner Fornaciari added, he noted the
21 official stance of the city of Moorpark, which was to be
22 with Ventura County. Comments are coming from people in
23 Simi Valley to keep with Moore Park. Not so much from
24 people who actually live in Moorpark.

25 Commissioner Sinay speaking on the Senate

1 visualizations said, she likes the B -- she liked the B
2 visualization better for Bay Area and Central Coast more
3 than the A choice. Commissioner Sinay added, keep
4 Concord, Walnut Creek, Clayton, and Pleasant Hill
5 together. Commissioner Fornaciari speaking on the east
6 visualization said, north to south is better for Senate
7 North Hercules and down.

8 Going on to the Congressional visualizations.
9 Commissioner Fernandez says she likes the B
10 visualizations better. She prefers keeping coastal
11 counties together. Commissioner Fernandez, speaking on
12 the A-1, page 1 visualization, said she wants El Cerrito
13 and Kensington with the districts above it.

14 Regarding the East Ventura visualization,
15 Commissioner Fernandez said, include Oak Park and Bell
16 Canyon. Would rather split Thousand Oaks over Oak Park
17 and Bell Canyon. Regarding the visualization B-6,
18 Commissioner Fernandez said for the Delta visualization,
19 she wants to go more towards Yolo County. They have more
20 in common.

21 Commissioner Toledo, speaking on the Congressional
22 visualizations, said he favors keeping the North Coast
23 together. He does not want to see Marin with San
24 Francisco. Commissioner Toledo agrees with Commissioner
25 Fernandez to move the Delta area More with Yolo County.

1 Commissioner Yee, speaking on the Congressional
2 visualizations regarding the B-4 visualization versus the
3 A-13 visualization for Oakland, going out to El Cerrito
4 makes more sense. Prefers the B-4 visualization.

5 Speaking on the A-11 visualization, Commissioner Yee
6 wants the B version that goes into the tri valley area.
7 Going into the remainder of the notes past 5 p.m. these
8 are kind of -- there are speaking on different -- the
9 different district levels so they're not separated out
10 that way. These just go in the order that the
11 commissioners spoke.

12 Commissioner Andersen speaking on Ventura County,
13 Malibu, and Calabasas. She wants to include Simi Valley,
14 Moorpark, and Camarillo. Commissioner Andersen said,
15 "With a portion of Malibu as a separate district that
16 would keep Oxnard all the way through. I was wondering
17 if we could do it like that. Which would give us a shift
18 in population. I would like to see something like that
19 down south."

20 Commissioner Andersen added, "I agree with what
21 Commissioner Toledo said. Only reason we were talking
22 about going across the Golden Gate Bridge is if VRA
23 districts required us for that."

24 Commissioner Andersen added, right along the 101
25 there's population, but most of Marin is rural. And it's

1 not just San Francisco. So I don't really see how that
2 makes a lot of sense. Commissioner Andersen added, she
3 likes the coastal areas together, starting from Del Norte
4 to on down. Would like to put Lake with that. Take the
5 wine of Sonoma out, put it with Napa.

6 Commissioner Andersen added, I agree with
7 Commissioner Fernandez. Yolo and Solano have way more in
8 common. Those are the areas in terms of numbers, put
9 that area together. Commissioner Andersen speaking on
10 the East Bay, I really don't want to see Richmond, which
11 is in West Contra Costa, because they have a different
12 school system. Because it's Western Contra Costa.

13 Richmond, El Cerrito, North Oakley are one in the
14 same. I would again want to see keeping that. Oakland.
15 Looks lovely here. Put it all together. Usually it has
16 been cut just because there's so much of San Leandro.
17 There is so much interfaced with it. There's public
18 transportation that goes back and forth.

19 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Sorry. Kimberly? Sorry.
20 That was basically starting from Richmond, going south,
21 probably partially in Oakland because of public
22 transportation. Richmond is very, very different than
23 all of eastern Contra Costa County, which I was trying to
24 say there.

25 It has very much in common with Berkeley and Oakland



1 and then Albany and also Emeryville as well. So going
2 south and then because of population numbers, you might
3 not be able to keep Oakland completely together. And so
4 the southern portion of Oakland, which are very similar
5 to San Leandro, that's what I was trying to say there in
6 terms of where that line might end up going.

7 Those are all common. But again, starting in the
8 north, along the bay into the south. And it was Oakley,
9 it was Oakland because Oakley is out by the delta. Thank
10 you.

11 MS. BRIGGS: Thank you. Commissioner Andersen
12 added, "I would really like to see us explore staying on
13 the west of the ridge and then east of the ridge. I
14 prefer parts of both A and B in this. But the Orinda
15 area really needs to be with Contra Costa. Some parts of
16 this look good and some parts don't." Commissioner
17 Andersen added, unincorporated areas have more in common
18 with Danville.

19 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Sorry. That was east of
20 Oakland, the unincorporated areas east of Oakland have
21 more in common with the valley.

22 MS. BRIGGS: Thank you. Commissioner Kennedy said,
23 Karuk people in Northern California -- regarding the
24 Karuk people in northern California, I don't want us to
25 feel like we have to choose necessarily between a strict

1 A or a strict B.

2 The small areas in Del Norte de and Humboldt that
3 are part of group lands could be kept with the rest of
4 their lands in Siskiyou without forcing us into what I
5 consider a false choice between A and B.

6 Commissioner Turner speaking on Contra Costa County,
7 I definitely want Elsa Rito included there and perhaps go
8 down on the far south end. We can move those. There's
9 been testimony there. I want to include El Cerrito with
10 that going forth.

11 Commissioner Turner speaking on the visualization on
12 page 2, A-1, regarding East Contra Costa County. I don't
13 think I liked this because this was that east-west thing
14 going into San Joaquin County. Because it then pairs all
15 the way from Clayton, Pittsburg, to Garden Acres. Go
16 north-south rather than east-west. Use visualization B
17 instead of A.

18 Commissioner Turner speaking on the visualization on
19 page 3, add Castro at the bottom of it at the southern
20 end -- Castro Valley. Wanted to see what it would look
21 like to include Castro Valley and perhaps not put
22 Lafayette, Moraga, Orinda over with Walnut Creek.
23 Include Castro Valley, San Leandro into this
24 visualization.

25 Commissioner Turner -- excuse me -- Commissioner



1 Toledo, referring to the Oakland area visualization asked
2 don't include the Contra Costa portions. For the San
3 Joaquin visualization, Commissioner Toledo said he agrees
4 with Commissioner Turner. Go north-south rather than
5 east-west. Commissioner Toledo speaking on the Karuk
6 tribe, said keep tribe whole to capture those in the
7 Siskiyou area rather than the north coast area.

8 Commissioner Akutagawa, referring to the
9 visualization on page 3, she prefers a version A, which
10 is the combination with Marin. Commissioner Akutagawa
11 speaking on visualization B, where there's that weird
12 puzzle piece where half the city goes down and goes down
13 south in a district, the other half of the city goes
14 north up to Marin. Given how diverse the community is, I
15 think they're better served in a single district and not
16 one that is mixed in with Marin.

17 Commissioner Akutagawa, speaking on the East Ventura
18 area visualization said, take portions of most, if not
19 all, of the Simi Valley and Thousand Oaks and put it with
20 the L.A. County cities like Malibu -- some of those
21 cities, Calabasas, things like that. Hearing COI
22 testimony from those areas, it did sound like they would
23 not necessarily be a real equitable match. That's my
24 only concern about this.

25 Commissioner Sinay speaking on the San Francisco



1 visualization, said, I want to acknowledge for Simi
2 Valley, the first set of COIs we got most said, if you're
3 going to split Ventura County, do it east-west, not
4 north-south, meaning the coastal versus the inland.

5 Commissioners Sinay added, some groups said if we
6 split it north-south, meaning Thousand Oaks, Moorpark,
7 Santa Rosa Valley, if you take Santa Paula and stuff --
8 if you need more, go up to Ojai and that area. Others
9 said no to this. We need to review this further.

10 Commissioner Sinay added, I appreciate what was done by
11 keeping Piru, Santa Paula, and Fillmore together.

12 Commissioner Sinay referring to the San Francisco
13 visualization, prefers the one that keeps San Francisco
14 whole, except for that one little cutout. I would
15 actually go west. Commissioner Sinay added, Lake Shore
16 and Daly City -- oh. Go ahead.

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Kimberly?

18 MS. BRIGGS: Yes?

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: On that one, my comment was I
20 would do the cut out on the west side versus the east
21 side because the west -- the east side communities would
22 be -- have less in common with their neighbors to the
23 south versus the west side communities have more in
24 common with their neighbors to the south.

25 MS. BRIGGS: Thank you. Commissioner Sinay added,



1 Lake Shore and Daly City -- Daly City have more in common
2 because that is where Cal State San Francisco is and San
3 Francisco State is there.

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So I jumped the gun. That was
5 what I meant earlier.

6 MS. BRIGGS: Oh. Commissioner Sinay said, a lot of
7 the students from San Francisco State are now living in
8 Daly City and you drive easily between the two and
9 Brisbane. So I would like to see those neighborhoods
10 stay with San Francisco and maybe Lakeshore and Ocean
11 View.

12 Commissioners Sinay speaking on Ventura County
13 visualization. We received strong testimony throughout
14 the summer from folks from port -- I always say this name
15 wrong -- Port Hueneme -- I apologize -- to Piru. It's
16 home to workers who make lower incomes, for farm workers,
17 essential workers. They didn't want to be drowned out in
18 other areas.

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: You had Commissioner Sadhwani
20 for that one, right? Not Commissioner Sinay.

21 MS. BRIGGS: I will attribute that to her.

22 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Well, we both agreed with it.
23 But Commissioner Sadhwani said it first, and I supported
24 her second.

25 MS. BRIGGS: Okay, Thank you. Commissioner Sinay

1 added, I don't love pairing Simi Valley and Thousand Oaks
2 with Malibu. But at the same time, the population is
3 what it is. I wouldn't want to switch to the north-south
4 configuration that was mentioned. I think that would cut
5 up those communities of interest from those working-class
6 neighborhoods.

7 Commissioner Toledo, speaking on the Solano and Napa
8 Lake District. He's referencing feedback from the
9 American Companion, highlighted the importance of the 37
10 Freeway, which connects Solano County, Napa, Sonoma
11 County, and Marin.

12 Commissioner Toledo added, I would be in favor of
13 maintaining Solano and Napa, but adding a portion of
14 Sonoma, that's there. All of these communities are
15 working towards connecting the Smart train and expanding
16 into that area. Commissioner Toledo added, for the
17 roadway, the 37, connect a little bit more of Yolo
18 County, if possible.

19 Commissioner Sinay speaking on the Ventura County
20 visualization. I was saying, keep the communities of
21 interest what we heard this summer around the river.
22 Maybe it's a diagonal line in Ventura. The way they had
23 to find it was the coast versus inland. Look at it
24 separately. If you look at the river, that gets
25 confusing. It's kind of a diagonal line that corners up

1 from Piru down over Moorpark under CA-RIO is what they
2 described.

3 Commissioner Sinay added put West Sacramento with
4 Sacramento. And those are the notes I have from Friday,
5 October 15th for zones A, C and E. Please let me know if
6 anything else needs to be clarified or corrected.

7 CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. Thank you so much,
8 Kimberly. Was there any additional clarifications or
9 corrections? I'm not seeing any. Okay. Wonderful.
10 Thank you so much, Kimberly.

11 We really appreciate for all of the staff members
12 who have been working behind the scenes to follow along
13 in our lengthy discussions and to take such copious notes
14 and really appreciate all of the work that you and the
15 whole team are doing.

16 With that, we are going to move to public comment.
17 I see that we currently have about forty-two callers on
18 the line. I want to make a couple of notes at this point
19 in time. We do have mandatory breaks that we will need
20 to take. So one of them will be at 3:30 to 3:45. So
21 we'll get started with public comment, but we will need
22 to break it at 3:30.

23 In addition, the phone lines will close at 5 p.m.,
24 so anyone that gets in the queue at 5 will be heard, but
25 those lines will close at 5. So if you're hoping to make



1 a comment, please do try and call in before 5 p.m.

2 With that, I'm going to turn this over to our
3 incredible comment moderato, Katy, who is going to
4 operate the phone lines for us with two-minute increments
5 for comment from the public.

6 Katy?

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Wonderful, Chair. Thank
8 you. In order to maximize transparency and public
9 participation in our process, the Commissioners will be
10 taking public comment by phone. To call in, dial the
11 telephone number provided on the livestream feed. It is
12 877-853-5247.

13 When prompted to enter the meeting ID number
14 provided on the livestream feed, it is 88907180607 for
15 this meeting. When prompted to enter the participant ID
16 simply press the pound key. Once you have dialed in, you
17 will be placed in a queue. To indicate you wish to
18 comment, please press star nine. This will raise your
19 hand for the moderator.

20 When it is your turn to speak, you will hear a
21 message that says, the host would like you to talk and to
22 press star 6 to speak. If you would like to give your
23 name, please state, and spell it for the record. You are
24 not required to provide your name to give public comment.

25 Please make sure to mute your computer or livestream



1 audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during your
2 call. Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for
3 when it is your turn to speak. And again, please turn
4 down the livestream volume.

5 And as the Chair said, we will be doing two minutes
6 and you will be receiving warnings at thirty seconds and
7 fifteen seconds remaining. We'll be starting with caller
8 4201. And up next after that will be caller with the
9 last four 1149.

10 Caller 4271, if you will, please follow the prompts
11 to unmute at this time by pressing star 6. The floor is
12 yours.

13 MR. WALDMAN: Thank you. My name is Stuart Waldman.
14 I'm calling from the San Fernando Valley Redistricting
15 Coalition. The San Fernando Valley has been sliced and
16 diced with a Ginsu knife in the visualizations. The
17 valley is in fifteen different districts in both maps A
18 and B.

19 Pieces of the valley are in twelve of those, with
20 only three districts wholly in the valley, and only three
21 where Valley residents make up a majority of those
22 districts. But wait, there's more.

23 There are over 760,000 Hispanics in the San Fernando
24 Valley. And under the VRA, there should be a Senate
25 seat, but there isn't. In fact, not one of those Valley



1 residents would be in a Hispanic majority district. Even
2 worse, a Hispanic VRA congressional seat that never
3 existed before the last redistricting is completely
4 deleted.

5 The San Fernando Valley is bounded by mountains and
6 hills on the north, south, west, and east. These are
7 dividing lines. Freeways like the 405 is not a dividing
8 line in the San Fernando Valley. The L.A. City Council
9 Redistricting Commission has drawn a line in the sand
10 that no district crosses over Mulholland Drive. And we
11 ask that you do the same.

12 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

13 MR. WALDMAN: We ask that you keep the valley
14 communities united in the San Fernando Valley districts
15 that are either entirely in the valley or where the
16 valley is a majority. The visualizations show districts
17 that take parts of the San Fernando Valley, like Studio
18 City --

19 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

20 MR. WALDMAN: -- all the way to downtown L.A. These
21 communities have nothing in common. They show Panorama
22 City going to mid-Wilshire. They have nothing in common.
23 The San Fernando Valley is close to 1.9 million people.
24 It would be --

25 MR. MANOFF: Time.



1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
2 up next will be caller 1149. And after that will be
3 caller 2373.

4 Caller 1149, if you will please follow the prompts
5 to unmute at this time by pressing star 6. The floor is
6 yours.

7 MR. TORRES: Good afternoon. My name is Carlos
8 Torres. And I'm calling on behalf of the LGBTQ Center of
9 Long Beach. Our organization is dedicated to advancing
10 equity for LGBTQ people through culturally responsive
11 advocacy, education programs, and services.

12 Because of our work, we're deeply involved with the
13 city of Long Beach, our elected officials at the local,
14 state, and federal levels, and with partners across the
15 greater Long Beach area.

16 Thank you for giving us the opportunity to present
17 maps to you next week. But for today, I want to offer
18 our thanks to the commissioners for their words of
19 support on behalf of our communities and for the
20 visualizations which strongly reflect our needs as a
21 city.

22 Long Beach has a strong, vibrant, and diverse LGBTQ
23 community going back four decades. And it has let our
24 city as a leader for our surrounding areas. As an
25 organization that works to uplift, affirm, and invest in



1 LGBTQ people and our LGBTQ communities, we see how deeply
2 connected our great Long Beach region is every day.

3 It also means that our organization is critical -- a
4 critical resource for residents in Lakewood, Signal Hill,
5 Bellflower, Cypress, Los Alamitos, and Rosemont. These
6 are communities that we and others all around us hope
7 that -- to keep together with this important connections,
8 and it will be reflect it in the next round of
9 facilitations.

10 And I want to thank the commissioners for their
11 advocacy --

12 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

13 MR. TORRES: -- on our behalf. Thank you for the
14 great work.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
16 right now we have caller 2373. And up next after that
17 will be caller 3894.

18 Caller 2373, if you will please follow the prompts
19 to unmute at this time by pressing star 6. One more
20 time. Caller with the last four 2373, if you will please
21 follow the prompts to unmute at this time by pressing
22 star 6.

23 There appears to be some connectivity issue for a
24 caller 2373. if you will, please either call back in or
25 raise your hand again after you have better reception.



1 Right now we have caller 3894. If you will, please
2 follow the prompts to unmute at this time by pressing
3 star 6. The floor is yours.

4 MR. EDMUND: Hi. Thank you so much, Commissioners,
5 for taking the time that you do and working on this
6 important issue. My name is John Edmond. I'm speaking
7 here today on behalf of the Long Beach Chamber of
8 Commerce. Thank you so much for keeping Long Beach
9 together.

10 And the majority of these visualizations that we see
11 our community as united, as you've probably seen and
12 heard from many of our callers and folks who have written
13 in, and we appreciate the visualizations and the entirety
14 of our city in a single district.

15 We also consider Avalon and Signal Hill are -- to be
16 part of our community, an integral part of our community,
17 and want to thank you for including them as well. Now,
18 I'd be remiss if we didn't share how connected Long Beach
19 is to our northern Orange County, many of those
20 communities -- I take my kids to our businesses are very
21 much interwoven with them.

22 Many business employees who live in O.C. work in
23 Long Beach as well. So if you think about it from the
24 4.5 Freeway, Long Beach Airport, it just makes it very
25 convenient to move across the Orange County, L.A. County



1 border.

2 As you consider building out the Long Beach area
3 map, please consider adding these cities to our Long
4 Beach -- I'm sorry, to the Orange County border. And we
5 consider North Orange County cities to be an extension of
6 us as well. Thank you so much for your time and
7 consideration.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

9 Right now we have caller 3230. And up next after
10 that, we call her 4664.

11 Caller 3230, if you will, please follow the prompts
12 to a mute at this time by pressing Star 6. The floor is
13 yours.

14 MS. LEE: Hi. My name is Michelle Lee. I am a
15 resident of Tassajara Valley, an unincorporated portion
16 of Contra Costa County. And I am speaking to request
17 that the redistricting of congressional, legislative
18 districts in California, Senate and Assembly keep the
19 following areas together as a community of interest with
20 the town of Danville, the city of San Ramone, Alamo,
21 Black Hawk, Diablo, the unincorporated Tassajara Valley
22 area, La Marinda, Walnut Creek, Dublin, Livermore,
23 Pleasanton, and if we need to, Sunol, together and to go
24 east, if additional population and communities are
25 decided in the same block.



1 These communities are geographically contiguous,
2 share common concerns, strong sense of community in
3 particular, pay attention to those unincorporated
4 communities within that area and keep all of San Ramon
5 Valley Unified School District in the same emergency
6 services like the Sound Remote Valley Fire Protection
7 District, hospital service area, and similar municipal
8 service providers, agencies, and organizations Together.

9 I do serve on the Remo Valley Fire Protection Board
10 and I serve the communities in this town and those tribal
11 area. But I do not speak for the board with this. So
12 I'm just asking that first as a priority consideration,
13 keep the tri valley together, San Ramone Valley
14 unincorporated together.

15 And secondly, if you must combine us with another
16 area combined to the east and not to the West, not with
17 I-80, Nimitz Freeway communities and not with I-80 area
18 city. Thank you so much for your service in providing
19 this for the redistricting.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
21 now we will have caller 4664. And up next after that,
22 will be caller 6867.

23 Caller 4664, if you will please follow the prompts
24 to unmute at this time by pressing star 6. The floor is
25 yours.



1 MR. VALLE: Thank you. Good afternoon. My name is
2 Richard Valle. That's V-A-L-L-E. Thank you,
3 Commissioners, for your time. And thank you for your
4 service and consideration. I'm calling regarding
5 Assembly District map Fresno-Kings 1013 as well as
6 Assembly District map Tulare 1013.

7 Commissioners, both these maps split the city of
8 Corcoran in half. The Fresno-Kings New Assembly district
9 keeps all of Kings County hold except for the fact of the
10 city of Corcoran being split there and going over into
11 another assembly district proposed map being an assembly
12 district Tulare 1013.

13 Commissioners, I've spent the last 13 years -- I'm
14 currently the county supervisor in Kings County that
15 represents the city of Corcoran. I'm not speaking for
16 the board. I'm calling on behalf of the many folks here
17 in Corcoran who brought this concern up to me. I'm born
18 and raised in Corcoran.

19 We have a lot of challenges already with the new
20 map. If we go with the Fresno-Kings 1013. The challenge
21 would be now that our Assembly district would put Kings
22 County on the southern portion of the district and extend
23 into new territory all the way up to Firebaugh, Mendota
24 and into another Assembly representative's district for
25 that matter.



1 So we would have the challenge of building those
2 relationships to get our concerns heard and that probably
3 would be my job. However --

4 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

5 MR. VALLE: -- it would be critical the city of
6 Corcoran is split. We asked you not to do that
7 respectfully. Thank you for your openness. Thank you.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
9 right now we will have caller 6867. And up next after
10 that will be caller 6697. Caller 6867, if you will
11 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by
12 pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. Good afternoon. My
14 name's Taryn (phonetic), and I would like to share my
15 concern regarding Kern visualizations map. I heard that
16 there was a concern of where the Little Saigon boundaries
17 are.

18 I have lived in Huntington Beach since 1978, so
19 that's put us about over 43 years. My children growing
20 up here in Huntington Beach as well. And Little Saigon
21 have grown and expand into Fountain Valley, Huntington
22 Beach.

23 The businesses have grown into Beach City as well as
24 Los Alamitos and Rossmoor, and Seal Beach as well. And
25 my children have been growing up here and have

1 participated a lot of community events and services as
2 well as the Vietnamese community. And so just to let you
3 know that the community -- the Vietnamese community has
4 grown into Beach City and the businesses have had to
5 expand into the city.

6 So if you would, to consider keeping the district
7 the way it is, because taking Huntington Beach or
8 Fountain Valley or some of the city away from the Little
9 Saigon boundary --

10 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- would impact on the youth
12 who's growing up and half the diversity and half be able
13 to involve into the culture and the community. That is
14 important to these young children that --

15 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- growing up and knowing
17 their culture to be able to involve in it. I think
18 that's important. So I would like to put -- if you can,
19 reconsidering the bounded Little Saigon --

20 MR. MANOFF: Time.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
22 now we have callers 6697. And up next after that will be
23 caller 5146. Caller 6697, if you will please follow the
24 prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star 6. The
25 floor is yours.



1 MS. BARRIOS: Okay. Hi. Good afternoon. Thank you
2 so much. My name is Mary Grace Barrows. I live in
3 Assembly District 54, Congressional District 37, and SD
4 30. I am the vice president for policy and political
5 strategy for the Filipino-American Los Angeles County
6 Democrats, as well as an SEIU 2015 board member.

7 I'm speaking on behalf of myself and not of the
8 organizations. I thank the Redistricting Commission of
9 the State for doing this work, but this is my input. I'm
10 calling with serious concerns about your proposed Senate
11 map in Los Angeles County. Both the A and B proposed
12 plans reduce the number of Senate districts in our county
13 from 11 to 10.

14 Los Angeles is the largest, but the most diverse
15 county in the country. Reducing its political
16 representation not only hurts millions of people, it
17 reduces the opportunities for diverse voices to be heard.
18 Seven of the current 11 districts were drawn specifically
19 to empower communities of color.

20 By reducing the number of seats in Los Angeles you
21 are guaranteeing future opportunities for historically
22 underrepresented communities to elect their candidates of
23 choice. At a time when California is growing more
24 diverse by the day, this is simply unacceptable.

25 No commissioner should find it acceptable that your



1 draft map can cut the number of --

2 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

3 MS. BARRIOS: -- Senate districts in Los Angeles
4 where African-Americans can elect in half. By reducing
5 representation in Los Angeles, you are forcing
6 communities that do not be together to compete. Drawing
7 Koreatown into the San Fernando Valley makes no sense --

8 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

9 MS. BARRIOS: -- than drawing Santa Monica into
10 South L.A., then drawing Rancho Palos Verdes into Long
11 Beach. To be clear, this is not the case of making small
12 changes around the edges in a few weeks. This requires
13 big change now. Have the courage to admit you made a
14 mistake.

15 MR. MANOFF: Time.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
17 now we have caller 5146. And up next after that will be
18 caller 0378.

19 Caller 5146, if you will please follow the prompts
20 to a new at this time by pressing star 6. The floor is
21 yours.

22 MS. FOX: Good afternoon, Commissioners. My name is
23 Rachael Fox. I'm with the Long Beach Firefighters
24 Association. Thank you for hearing your comments earlier
25 this year. We really appreciate you keeping your roots

1 together in the maps that have been released.

2 We also know that Long Beach can't be in a
3 congressional district and maybe even a Senate district
4 by ourselves because of population. As you consider
5 building out the Long Beach area map, please move north
6 into Lakewood in Bellflower and consider east into
7 Cypress and some of our bordering North Orange County
8 cities.

9 Long Beach Fire has mutual aid agreements statewide
10 and across the nation. But one of the agencies we work
11 most closely with is Orange County Fire. We also respond
12 to 9-1-1 calls in Lakewood and even Bellflower. There
13 are days they help us out and days that we help them out.

14 It just makes sense to group us together in the
15 larger map that you were drawing. Thank you for thinking
16 about Lakewood, Bellflower, Cypress, and North Orange
17 County when you're also thinking about Long Beach.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
19 right now we will have caller 0378. And up next after
20 that will be caller 0243.

21 Caller 0378, if you will please follow the prompts
22 to a mute at this time by pressing the star 6. The floor
23 is yours.

24 MR. DAVIS: Thank you so much. This is Mike Davis,
25 and I'm calling -- I'm a former legislator, but also a



1 president of one of the local Democratic clubs in the Los
2 Angeles County area. And I'm calling with a concern
3 about the core neighborhood in Los Angeles County, many
4 of whom are of multi-cultural, diverse backgrounds
5 remaining intact and in place.

6 The effect of cracking these neighborhoods has a
7 chilling effect upon the opportunity for various
8 multicultural communities to compete to serve, therefore
9 limiting the diversity that would be created in the
10 Senate in particular. I am concerned about Senate
11 through the traditional neighborhoods.

12 The historical various multicultural neighborhoods
13 that have been there for years should remain, in my
14 opinion, and Senate District 35 as well. So these issues
15 are critically important as we think about some of the
16 terms that are used in the Voting Rights Act in terms of
17 cracking and certainly packing.

18 But in this case, we want to historically allow
19 these neighborhoods who have worked together, who have so
20 many things in common, to create an opportunity for each
21 and every one of them to compete, to be able to serve so
22 that our Senate is diverse, or at least as possibly
23 diverse as it can possibly be --

24 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

25 MR. DAVIS: -- in the state of California.



1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

2 MR. DAVIS: Thank you.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will
4 have caller there 0243. And next after that will be
5 caller 4549.

6 Caller 0243, if you will please follow the prompts
7 to unmute at this time by pressing star 6. The floor is
8 yours.

9 MS. MCKINNOR: Hello. My name is Tina McKinnor.
10 And I'm calling from L.A. Voice and L.A. Voice Action. I
11 am calling to express my strong opposition to your
12 proposed Los Angeles State Senate map Plan A and B.

13 I live in the 35th Senate District, and my
14 neighborhood is predominantly African-American. We have
15 a well-documented long standing voting power here, which
16 is why I chose to buy my house here.

17 South Los Angeles is an urban area whose people
18 share similar living standards, use the same
19 transportation facilities, have similar work
20 opportunities, have access to the same media of
21 communication.

22 Preserving this voting strip means ensuring all
23 these communities and their sizable African-American
24 populations stay connected in two Senate districts.
25 Under the current proposal, Commission would cause



1 irreversible harm to our representation.

2 This proposed change would also limit our voting
3 power to ensure representation that will focus on issues
4 that that have been historically prioritized by our
5 representatives, like the Omnibus Act, Crown Act, and the
6 Police Decertification Act. All these issues are
7 important to me and my neighbors.

8 Although Bipoc voters have a lot in common.
9 African-American voters deserve representation that
10 understands the issues that are unique to our culture,
11 like criminal justice reform, health disparities --

12 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

13 MS. MCKINNOR: -- and systemic oppression. Thank
14 you.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. An
16 right now --

17 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you. Katy, if I may just
18 interject. I just want to provide a reminder that we
19 will -- we are up against a mandatory break at 3:30, so
20 likely we'll be able to take about two more callers, I
21 would imagine.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes. Thank you, Chair.

23 Caller 4549. And up next after that will be caller
24 3748.

25 Caller 4549, if you will please follow the prompts



1 to unmute at this time by pressing star 6. The floor is
2 yours.

3 MS. TULASI: Hi, my name is Elizabeth Tulasi. And
4 I'm calling on behalf of the Long Beach Economic
5 Partnership. We are a member of the Keep Long Beach
6 Together Coalition.

7 The coalition includes: the Long Beach Economic
8 Partnership, Central Community Hispanic Association,
9 NAACP, Equity for Cambodians, the Maye Center, the Long
10 Beach Chamber of Commerce, Latinos in Action, Cambodia
11 Town, the Long Beach Nonprofit Partnership, the Bixby
12 Knolls Business Improvement District, Downtown Long Beach
13 Alliance, the Long Beach Convention Center and Visitors
14 Bureau, the Long Beach Hospitality Alliance, the Feria
15 District, the Long Beach Playhouse, the California
16 Apartment Association, the Long Beach Opera, the Long
17 Beach Museum of Latin American Art, International City
18 Theater, Long Beach Camerata Singers, Musica Angelica,
19 Long Beach Museum of Art, Arts Council for Long Beach,
20 Long Beach Lifeguard, the Long Beach Gay and Lesbian
21 Center, Long Beach Firefighters -- and the Long Beach
22 Firefighters Association.

23 Many of these same organizations about ten years
24 ago, asked the independent redistricting commission to
25 also keep one region together. And it worked. Now, we



1 would like to thank the 2020 state redistricting
2 commission and staff for the map visualizations that
3 include Long Beach. The thousands of residents and small
4 businesses we represent feel heard. Thank you.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
6 right now we will have caller 3748. If you will please
7 follow the prompts to unmute at this time by pressing
8 star 6. The floor is yours.

9 MS. FOWLER: Please and thank you, commissioners.
10 My name is Caroline Fowler. While I have many state and
11 local positions. I am speaking as a resident of
12 Englewood for over 20 some years. I have to express my
13 opposition to the proposed L.A. State Senate maps plans A
14 and B.

15 I reside in some of District 35 where it appears
16 that we're reducing from two districts to one. It really
17 literally almost cuts African-American voting power in
18 half. This has helped ensure that African-Americans in
19 the past -- and we spoke to this ten years ago, I
20 personally spoke to this ten years ago about the lack of
21 minority representation along the coastal lines.

22 My neighborhood in Englewood is predominantly
23 African-American homeowners, where we fought with
24 collectively side by side with Westchester, El Segundo,
25 Hawthorne, Gardena, and South L.A. on things like health



1 disparities, the airport expansion, and the fact that oil
2 drilling, Educational partnerships. We have a huge
3 freight forwarders location. And many of these things we
4 fought together on. And it is a community of interest.

5 How the airport could be separated from Inglewood is
6 just unconscionable. I'm hoping that we will take a
7 strong assessment and look at how we preserve this voting
8 strength because those Senate districts impact all
9 African-Americans --

10 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

11 MS. FOWLER: -- throughout the state.

12 The Commission needs to direct line drawers to
13 really correct this error. And I know you have the power
14 to make this right, and I'm counting on you to do the
15 right thing. Thank you so much for listening. I
16 appreciate it.

17 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you so much for that.

18 Katy, do we have time -- I don't think we have time
19 for one more caller. So I think with that, we will need
20 to go to our mandatory fifteen-minute break. We would
21 ask that callers remain in the queue and we will be back
22 at 3:45 to continue receiving public comment.

23 Katy, any additional instructions for callers?

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: No, they're there.

25 That'll be perfect. I mean --



1 CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hold on one second. But
3 there are -- people in the queue, if you would like to,
4 please press star 9 to raise your hand if you have not
5 done that. That would be great. Thank you.

6 CHAIR SADHWANI: Perfect. And we apologize, but
7 these breaks are really important for our staff and to
8 ensure the rights of those working for the commission.
9 So we appreciate your patience with us. We'll see you
10 back in fifteen minutes. Thanks.

11 (Whereupon, a recess was held)

12 CHAIR SADHWANI: Welcome back to the California
13 Citizens Redistricting Commission. As we continue with
14 our visualizations meeting from last week, we're on
15 agenda item number 3 public comment. I see that we
16 continue to have a lot of callers in the in the queue.
17 So with that, Katy, I'll hand it over to you.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much, Chair.
19 The commission is now taking public comment by phone on
20 agenda item number 3. To give comment, please call 877-
21 853-5247. Enter the meeting ID number 88907180607 for
22 this meeting.

23 Once you have dialed in, please press star 9 to
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 livestream landing page. At this
2 time we have caller 8566. And up next after that will be
3 caller 3520.

4 Caller 8566, if you will please follow the prompts
5 to unmute at this time by pressing star 6. The floor is
6 yours.

7 MR. ZUCKER: Thank you. My name's Lucas Zucker.
8 I'm the policy director at CAUSE. We're a local
9 community organization in Central Coast and commenting on
10 all of the maps related to Zone E that's that six-county
11 region from Ventura County to Santa Cruz County.

12 The main area I want to comment on is that we have a
13 strong preference for B over A in the Senate map. And
14 Ventura and Santa Barbara county is one of our top
15 priorities is to keep Oxnard and Santa maria together the
16 same Senate district. And there's a lot of competing
17 interests between these two areas.

18 These are family farmworker communities, some of the
19 largest indigenous Karok and other indigenous language
20 speaking communities in the state. They're very similar
21 histories from -- including being kind of military
22 communities and strawberry growing areas now.

23 They also share a lot of common issues like being
24 pesticide hotspots of the biggest in the state and also
25 some of the lowest health insurance rates in the state.



1 So we really want to see these together. It's create a
2 strong Latino voice in that district majority CVAP
3 because so many of our folks can't vote. But by the
4 majority Latino population kind of district, as long as
5 those are connected together like they are in A -- or
6 sorry, like they are in B.

7 Farther north and Central Coast, you know Map A in
8 the Senate is also kind of problematic for us if we split
9 Selena and Watsonville. I think as some commissioners
10 mentioned --

11 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

12 MR. ZUCKER: -- these are really kind of like four
13 cities. So we have a strong preference for B in the
14 assembly map is a big improvement in our current
15 district. Seems like A and B are roughly --

16 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

17 MR. ZUKER: -- the same. And this really keeps the
18 Voting Rights Act district in the Salinas area as well as
19 the coalition districts in western Ventura county that
20 stretches, as some commissioners have referred to, the
21 kind of poor one you need to Piru. That's how you
22 pronounce it, kind of stretch of --

23 MR. MANOFF: Time.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
25 now we have caller 3520. And up next after that would be



1 caller 8779. Caller 3520, if you will please follow the
2 prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star 6. Oh,
3 one more time. Caller 3520, the floor is yours.

4 MS. SANDERS: Thank you very much. My name is Karen
5 Sanders and I'm from Del Norte County. And I am from --
6 I'm in the construction and transportation industry. I
7 am requesting that the upper -- the super north area be
8 considered because we -- and all the counties from Del
9 Norte and Humboldt east -- and this is why we are all
10 rural lifestyle and autonomy.

11 Our attributes and our issues surround the logging,
12 timber, forest management, conservation, fire protection,
13 generational communities, education and even health care.
14 Every county that is below Humboldt and possibly
15 including Mendocino, but definitely below Humboldt,
16 Sonoma, Solano, Marin, Knapp, and so forth are urban.

17 They're very, very different than we are in
18 transportation, housing and just all aspects of
19 lifestyle. One of the corridors in our transportation
20 corridor, which is state route 299, which is -- goes
21 through Humboldt, Trinity, and Shasta. And this is
22 essential for Del Norte and even Humboldt to get our
23 goods and services.

24 We are constrained at the South in Mendocino County,
25 and this is having it all within the same district just



1 would help coordinate and improve corridor east-west. I
2 had heard a commissioner say basically from Del Norte to
3 Redding is four hours, but going from Del Norte to Sonoma
4 County is six, probably seven and sometimes more.

5 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

6 MS. SANDERS: So we are coastal. Our harbor is
7 not -- we don't have shared interest with the communities
8 south of Humboldt along the coast. Again,
9 transportation, we have very different needs. We're
10 rural --

11 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

12 MS. SANDERS: -- conventional highways. We're not
13 overpasses or commuter lanes. We also have the Klamath
14 River Dam, which is within the Del Norte, Humboldt, and
15 Trinity, in Siskiyou. And that should be within the same
16 district as well to help --

17 MR. MANOFF: Time.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
19 right now, we will have a caller 8779. And up next after
20 that will be caller 4554.

21 Caller 8779, if you will, please follow the prompts
22 to unmute at this time by pressing star 6. The floor is
23 yours.

24 MS. MEI: Thank you. Good afternoon. I'm Lily Mei,
25 the mayor of the city of Fremont. And I'm speaking today



1 on behalf of the residents of the city of Fremont, not
2 officially in this role. But I wanted to thank you for
3 your work and recognition that our Fremont residents have
4 similar priorities and challenges to the residents in
5 cities such as Sunnyvale, Santa Clara, Cupertino,
6 Milpitas, and other cities in the visualization labeled
7 CDA Union City regarding the citizens redistricting
8 visualizations presented during your October 15th
9 meeting.

10 Today, I'm here again to reiterate that I and the
11 residents of the City of Fremont, who I represent,
12 strongly support the visualization labeled CDA for Union
13 City. We do not support the visualization label CDB
14 greater ed.

15 As members of the Fremont City Council, we work very
16 closely and seeing how our home too many technology
17 workers who commute to and from Fremont and other South
18 Bay cities such as Sunnyvale, Cupertino, Santa Clara,
19 Milpitas.

20 And these workers face similar issues of traffic
21 congestion and low affordable housing availability. As a
22 result, for Fremont and the cities surrounding such as
23 Sunnyvale, Cupertino, Santa Clara, Milpitas, we face
24 similar traffic issues and are focused on coordinating
25 and investing infrastructure solutions.



1 Other things that I wanted to note is that in
2 comparison, Fremont and Sunnyvale are the second largest
3 cities in our respective counties --

4 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

5 MS. MEI: -- and many other cities in this area,
6 similar visualization. So again, I just wanted to say
7 it's our recommendation that Fremont be in the
8 Congressional district with Sunnyvale, Santa Clara,
9 Cupertino, Milpitas, and other cities shown in
10 visualization map CDA Union City. Thank you very much
11 for your time and for your consideration.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
13 now we have caller 4554. And up next, after that will be
14 caller 1234.

15 Caller 4554, if you will, please follow the prompts
16 to a mute at this time by pressing star 6. The floor is
17 yours.

18 MR. PULLEN-MILES: Yes. Thank you. I want to thank
19 you, first of all, Commissioners, for allowing me the
20 opportunity to speak. My name is Robert Pullen-Miles. I
21 am the mayor of the city of Lawndale. My comments are
22 regarding the proposed assembly map, particularly the
23 South Bay map and the STH map, both of which are South
24 Bay communities.

25 I'm requesting that the Commission keep the cities



1 of Gardena, Hawthorne, Inglewood in the same assembly
2 district. These are indeed communities of interest, for
3 instance, on the Metro board these communities are served
4 by the same representative for our area. And we are not
5 served by other representatives in the other areas that
6 the proposed maps would put us in.

7 Inglewood, Hawthorne, and Lawndale also share
8 Prairie Avenue. As you know, there's a lot of
9 development on Prairie Avenue. And the other three
10 cities, Lawndale included and Hawthorne, are proposed to
11 continue to develop our portion of Prairie Avenue. So we
12 have that in common.

13 And there's going to be a lot of economic activities
14 on Prairie Avenue so we need to continue to be with
15 Hawthorne and Lawndale and in Inglewood. We also share
16 Hawthorne Boulevard. It turns into La Brea Boulevard.
17 As you know, Hawthorne Boulevard is a state highway,
18 Route 107, and we depend on that highway as our major
19 corridor, our commercial districts for not only Lawndale,
20 but for Hawthorne --

21 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

22 MR. PULLEN-MILES: -- the city of Hawthorne as well.
23 So my request is that we would keep those communities of
24 interest together: Hawthorne, Gardena, Lawndale, and
25 Inglewood. And in contrast, we do not have anything in

1 common with the South -- with the South Bay cities of --

2 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

3 MR. PULLEN-MILES: -- the big cities, I should say,
4 particularly those of -- as we go up further north into
5 El Segundo, as well as Marina del Rey and things of that
6 nature. And we don't have that much interest --

7 MR. MANOFF: Time.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
9 now, we will have caller 1234. And up next after that
10 will be caller 3220.

11 Caller 1234, if you will, please follow the prompts
12 to a mute at this time by pressing star 6. The floor is
13 yours.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I am a resident, a current
15 commissioner, an active member of the Latino community.
16 I wanted to bring to your attention of the issue and
17 interest with regard to Cupertino. It has Apple and a
18 fairly vibrant startup community.

19 It was always thought that we were part of District
20 17, which has cities like Fremont, Milpitas, Alameda
21 County, instead of any Santa Clara County cities. I urge
22 you to carve out a district primarily of Santa Clara
23 County cities, the heart of the tech world and our
24 innovation economy.

25 The heart and soul of Silicon Valley's tech economy



1 of Cupertino, Palo Alto, Santa Clara, Mountain View, and
2 Sunnyvale. We're all here in the South Bay so kind of
3 keep us together. So doing a hopscotch of East Bay and
4 South Bay and generally making a strange puzzle out of
5 this.

6 We need a single congressional leader who will
7 address the needs of our high-tech ventures and
8 innovation frontiers. Besides Cupertino, Saratoga, Los
9 Gatos, Campbell, Monte Sereno should stay together as we
10 are West Valley cities. Please don't separate these
11 city. This is my request and the request of a lot of
12 residents of Cupertino. Thank you.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
14 right now we will have caller 3220. And up next, after
15 that will be caller 0407. Caller 3220, if you will,
16 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by
17 pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

18 MR. SAYLOR: Thank you. My name is Don Saylor. I'm
19 a county supervisor in Yolo County. I've lived in Yolo
20 County since 1987. I am calling because I really want to
21 first acknowledge and appreciate the open listening
22 approach that the commissioners have taken.

23 I've heard several comments this afternoon from
24 commissioners who have responded to their own view of our
25 of our circumstance here in the visualizations and listen



1 to the public comment that's come in and writing.

2 Yolo County is adjacent to Solano County and shares
3 a community of interest with Solano County, much more so
4 than is shown in the visualizations with far flung
5 mountain counties of Calaveras, Alpine, Amador, etcetera
6 that are shown in the CBDGSCA visualization.

7 We're also with University of California Davis,
8 right on the border between Yolo and Solano County. The
9 agricultural economy that binds our communities together
10 is one of innovation and an ongoing spinoffs that include
11 advanced technology seed companies and so forth.

12 The Delta draws our communities together. The
13 Interstate 80 corridor. Yolo and Solano County are both.
14 We're right on the edge of the Sacramento Capital Region
15 and the Bay Area region, and we have so much in common.
16 It really makes no sense to divide us in the way that
17 we're divided here.

18 So my basic issue here is to link the Bay Area and
19 the Sacramento Capital area, acknowledge that we share an
20 air base and we share a commitment to the environment.
21 We work together on issues as far --

22 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

23 MR. SAYLOR: -- flung as fire prevention to jobs and
24 the economy. Thank you very much.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And



1 right now we'll have caller 0407. And up next, after
2 that will be caller 4340. Caller 0407, if you will,
3 please follow the prompts to a mute at this time by
4 pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much,
6 Commissioners, for taking the time to do this very
7 important work. I live in the unincorporated community
8 of Ashland, California, which is a part of unincorporated
9 San Leandro. And I would like to make the appeal that
10 the unincorporated area of Alameda County be maintained
11 as one whole unit.

12 Right now you have a Senate map that is actually
13 called Eden. And I would like to say that unincorporated
14 in this area, this Eden area includes many different
15 towns. It includes Fairview. It includes Cherry Land,
16 and includes San Lorenzo, Ashland, Castro Valley, and
17 Hayward Acres.

18 This is a very large segment of a population, and we
19 must stay together so that our interests can be served as
20 one throughout. All of these state level maps, the
21 Senate, the Assembly, as well as the congressional lines,
22 need to include this entire unincorporated community as
23 one whole part.

24 To send any of us to the city of San Leandro and the
25 Senate district over there, or any of us to the tri-



1 valley area that we heard about from San Ramone and
2 Dublin, it doesn't make geographic sense. It also
3 doesn't make sense because our services are held within
4 one area.

5 Where I live in Ashland, my children would be
6 distracted into San Lorenzo schools. So to separate us
7 means that our governance would be separated. My Parks
8 and recreation are covered by the city of Hayward. So
9 again, to separate us means that our governance would be
10 separated.

11 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Please keep us whole. Thank
13 you.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
15 right now we will have caller 4340. And up next, after
16 that, will be caller 8544.

17 Caller 4340, if you will, please follow the prompts
18 to unmute. The floor is yours.

19 MS. LADDISH: Thank you. My name is Kate Laddish.
20 That's K-A-T-E L-A-D-D-I-S-H. I live in the Yolo County
21 city of Winters, just two blocks from the Yolo/Solano
22 County line. I'm a member of City, County, Regional, and
23 Statewide Committees Commissions and nonprofit
24 organizations focused on natural resources, emergency
25 preparedness and response and services for seniors and



1 people with access to functional needs.

2 Thank you to commissioners and staff for their
3 ongoing work. I urge the Commission to unify Yolo and
4 Solano counties and districts and to keep both counties
5 whole. Yolo and Solano Counties are particularly closely
6 intertwined to ensure economic infrastructure,
7 transportation, cultural, educational and resource ties.

8 Many of the visualizations reflect the outlines of
9 the outreach areas in Solano more than they reflect
10 connections based on communities of interest. Yolo and
11 Solano are adjacent, but in different outreach zones, and
12 that's a mostly different visualization.

13 I'm particularly alarmed by the current
14 visualizations that group Yolo County with unaffiliated
15 areas and it split Davis, West Sacramento, and Clarksburg
16 from the rest of the county. I request commissioners ask
17 the line drawers to go beyond the artificial constraints
18 of the outreach zones and to include the entirety of the
19 Yolo County and Solano County together in districts.

20 This indivisibility is particularly clear in the
21 greater Winters area, which includes the City of Winters
22 and Yolo and unincorporated areas in Yolo and Solano, and
23 is in both the coast Range and Central Valley physio
24 geographic regions.

25 The line between the counties and between the



1 outreach zones of Putah Creek, which even little kids
2 wade across. This creek is a focus for restoration and
3 recreation and is an important resource for both
4 counties. Restoration work which brings (indiscernible)
5 examine Winters if --

6 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

7 MS. LADDISH: -- facilitated by shared
8 representation. Putah Creek links us to the Sacramento
9 Bay Delta, including other areas in Yolo and Solano and
10 the Delta Tale of Sacramento County. Yolo and Solano
11 children attend Winters schools. The area has the
12 highest rate of wildfire ignitions --

13 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

14 MS. LADDISH: -- in our area. Flooding the greater
15 Winters area into different federal and state districts
16 would impede our ability to prepare for and recover from
17 fires. Thank you so much.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
19 now we have caller 8544. And up next, after that will be
20 caller 3000.

21 8544, if you will, please follow the prompts to
22 unmute at this time by pressing star 6. The floor is
23 yours.

24 MS. TATTERSFIELD: Hello. My name is Katherine
25 Tattersall (phonetic). I would like to applaud this



1 Commission --

2 MR. MANOFF: Caller 8544, could you please speak
3 closer to the microphone?

4 MS. TATTERSFIELD: Can you hear me?

5 MR. MANOFF: We're having trouble hearing you caller
6 8544. Could you please speak up?

7 MS. TATTERSFIELD: I'm on speaker now. Can you hear
8 me?

9 MR. MANOFF: That's better. Your time starts now.

10 MS. TATTERSFIELD: Great. Thank you. My name is
11 Katherine Tattersfield, and I'd like to uplift this
12 commission. I've participated in other redistricting
13 commission to live in the San Fernando Valley
14 neighborhood of Chatsworth, and I have not felt heard.
15 This Commission, I do feel heard because the AD-38 map
16 VADB, it really does reflect our communities of interest
17 and the comments that I made and people I know in my
18 community made as well.

19 I love the fact that you united our North San
20 Fernando Valley communities together: Chatsworth, North
21 Bridge, Porter Ranch, Granada Hills. We would love to be
22 represented by the same person because we're very
23 impacted by the Aliso Canyon gas disaster. And so Simi
24 Valley really isn't. And you removed Simi Valley from
25 that area. So I think that's great.



1 The only thing that I want to say otherwise is that
2 there are other maps that -- for this district that
3 include Orange County and I don't understand really the
4 logic there. In the communities I mentioned in Santa
5 Clarita Valley, we share transportation, we share,
6 schools, we share employment.

7 And that's not really the case with Kern County.
8 They don't have much in common with us. Their economy is
9 very different than ours, and it just doesn't make sense
10 to lump us together. Thank you.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
12 now we have caller 3000. And up next, after that, we
13 will have call-in user 1, which is representative of a
14 caller ID for those who have called in. We'll know who
15 you are then call.

16 3000, if you will, please follow the prompts to
17 unmute at this time by pressing star six. The floor is
18 yours.

19 MS. CHANDLER: Thank you very much. My name is
20 Susan Chandler. I live up in South Lake Tahoe. We have
21 some interesting parameters up here. In the past, our
22 congressional district, our Senate district, and our
23 assembly district have gone in three different
24 directions. And it would be wonderful if there could be
25 more collaboration between those districts.



1 We would like our district to be kept relatively
2 geographically small, meaning we would not want to have
3 to drive more than 3 hours to get into the far reaches of
4 the district. We also preferred, if we don't have to go
5 into Nevada to get to parts of our district.

6 We'd like to keep our district along transportation
7 routes. Looking at your three visualizations, the one
8 that affect El Dorado County and South Lake Tahoe, the
9 Greater Sacramento Congressional District would meet
10 those requirements. The Greater Sacramento District
11 would meet those requirements. And the Sierra Areas
12 Assembly District would meet those requirements.

13 We do have a lot in common with the Sacramento area
14 as we always travel through it. And many of our
15 government agencies that we deal with in the Tahoe
16 regional area do operate out of the greater Sacramento
17 area. Thank you very much for your time and for doing
18 this.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
20 right now we have call-in user 1. And up next after that
21 we'll have caller 7554. Call-in user 1, please follow
22 the prompts to a mute at this time by pressing star 6.
23 The floor is yours.

24 MS. O'CONNOR: Yes. My name is Anne O'Connor, and I
25 represent the northern part of Sherman Oaks called Poso,



1 about 7,000 residents in L.A. County. Our boundaries are
2 approximately Burbank Boulevard on the South, Oxnard on
3 the north, 405 freeway on the west, and Hazeltine on the
4 east.

5 We won our renaming to Sherman Oaks in 2009 Council
6 file 08-2758 and the 2010 Commission made a de facto
7 policy decision to maintain and respect communities that
8 had been identified with the Los Angeles community
9 renaming policy. We were then grandfathered into the
10 Sherman Oaks City map.

11 We support your Congressional Visualization A and
12 the State Senate visualization be both in District SFV
13 because they keep Poso and united with Greater Sherman
14 Oaks. However, none of the State Assembly visualizations
15 keep Poso and Sherman Oaks united.

16 We have sent certified letters dated 3/13/21 and
17 10/14/21 and gave testimony on 6/26/21. Our Sherman Oaks
18 Homeowners Association, Bob Anderson also submitted
19 letters and gave testimony to the Commission.

20 Please keep us united with Greater Sherman Oaks and
21 all California map. We worked very hard on our renaming.
22 It took a couple of years to attain, and we hope you are
23 listening to us. Thank you.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
25 right now we will have caller 7554. And up next, after



1 that, will be caller 0061.

2 Caller 7554, if you will, please follow the prompts
3 to unmute at this time by pressing star 6. The floor is
4 yours.

5 Good afternoon. I'm calling about the Southeast San
6 Gabriel Valley, Walnut, Hacienda Heights area of Southern
7 California regarding the Southern California Assembly
8 visualization A-1 titled Northeast Orange County on page
9 7. And that suggests grouping very dissimilar cities of
10 North Orange County and Chino Hills with the cities of
11 Walnut, Rowland Heights, and Diamond Bar.

12 There appear to have been a number of inputs to the
13 Commission regarding this. And also would like to very
14 much thank, Commissioners Akutagawa and Sadhwani, for
15 speaking on this region. The Commission's data Airtable
16 has a number of inputs talking about the vastly
17 dissimilar geographic divided areas of these cities, and
18 especially Chino Hills in North Orange County.

19 The Walnut, Hacienda Heights communities of interest
20 should be kept with the precinct to the west in the city
21 of West Covina, which includes a significant 50 percent
22 Asian population. So I would just strongly appeal to the
23 Commission to respect the tight community, religious,
24 residential, and commuting ties between West Covina, La
25 Habra Heights, La Hacienda Heights, Rowland Heights,



1 Diamond Bar and Walnut by redrawing the boundaries to the
2 West instead of further to --

3 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- dissimilar cities in the
5 South. Thank you.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
7 right now we will have caller 0061. And up next, after
8 that, will be caller 7843.

9 0061, if you will, please follow the prompts to
10 unmute at this time by pressing star 6. The floor is
11 yours.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I am presenting a haiku
13 entitled Respecting Communities Drawing Fair Lines. It
14 is in gratitude for Senate Visualization A of North Coast
15 otherwise known as (indiscernible).

16 To protect a fishing economy, redwood tourism, green
17 in many ways, connected by 101 Del Norte to Marin. Those
18 of us who reside in the coastal counties of Northern
19 California thank the Redistricting Commission for your
20 attempts to create meaningful visualization.

21 In return, I have visualization for you. Imagine a
22 coastline with an ocean and say the blues and grays fed
23 by rivers traveling from coastal hills. The local
24 industry is fishing, tourism, forestry, and some
25 wineries. The culture is common to the locals who live



1 along the northern coast.

2 We value the health of an environment that
3 determines our financial success and our lifestyle. From
4 Stinson beach in Marin County to the Sea Ranch in Sonoma
5 County, from the village of Mendocino in Mendocino
6 County, in the city of Eureka in Humboldt County, to the
7 Trinity River in Trinity County, and the Crescent City in
8 Del Norte, our culture is shared.

9 It is a culture of reverence for the environment.
10 It is a common value that sustains our delicate rural
11 infrastructure. Our attention is on environmental
12 protection. Our experience the past ten years have
13 proven that --

14 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- a common legislative force
16 is imperative to preserve our coast, our forests, our
17 wildlife, and our farming. Please help us. We must
18 maintain our current environmental emphasis in order to
19 survive and serve the environment --

20 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Please draw our lines in the
22 image of (indiscernible) VSCA North Coast 1013. Thank
23 you.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
25 right now we have caller 7843. And up next, after that,



1 will be caller 7969.

2 Caller 7843, if you will, please follow the prompts
3 to unmute at this time by pressing star 6. The floor is
4 yours.

5 MR. PROVENZA: Thank you very much. My name is Jim
6 Provenza. I am the chairman of the Yolo County Board of
7 Supervisors. Supervisor Saylor and Kate Laddish spoke
8 earlier about our desire to keep Yolo County and Solano
9 County united in single districts.

10 We have been working with Solano County the past 12
11 years on issues relating to the Delta, although we are
12 also linked by Interstate 80. The Delta is what we have
13 very much in common. We're working very hard for
14 conservation and to protect our water interests, working
15 with the state and federal government on a regular basis.

16 We work not only with government leaders, but with
17 community members on this and other areas of common
18 concern. We share a Air district -- Air District board,
19 and we share seats on the Delta Conservancy.

20 In addition, we are linked through UC Davis on our
21 agricultural economic development, and we share a common
22 interest by being on the I-80 corridor, what we refer to
23 as the portion of I-80 that is the innovation corridor
24 from the Fairfield Vacaville area, all the way to West
25 Sacramento, where there are transportation needs being



1 developed. But we are also innovatively developing our
2 economies.

3 We are very much together --

4 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

5 MR. PROVENZA: -- and we like to stay together. As
6 a as a brief aside, our Sierra Club is called the Yolano
7 Sierra Club for representing the uniting of Yolo and
8 Solano County on numerous issues --

9 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

10 MR. PROVENZA: -- before the state and local
11 governments. So thank you very much for the opportunity
12 to speak today. Thank you so much. Right now we have
13 caller 7969. And up next, after that, will be caller
14 2373.

15 7969, if you would, please follow the prompts to
16 unmute at this time by pressing star 6. And one more
17 time. Caller 7969, if you will, please follow the
18 prompts to amuse by pressing star 6. Caller 7969, there
19 appears to be a connectivity issue, if you will, please
20 call back in and raise your hand again.

21 And right now we will go to caller 2373. If you
22 will, please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by
23 pressing star 6. The floor is yours. Caller 2373, you
24 are unmuted, the floor is yours. I want to make sure
25 that your phone is not on mute.



1 Hello? Can you hear me?

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can. The floor
3 is yours.

4 MS. NAYLOR: Thank you. My name is Lynn Naylor.
5 I'm the CEO of Innovation Tri-valley Leadership Group, a
6 business led collective of regional leaders in the East
7 Bay. It's important for the Tri-valley to be kept whole
8 in many districts written by the Commission, as has been
9 shared in public comment throughout this process.

10 Five main cities make up a long-standing community
11 of interest in Alameda and Contra Costa counties,
12 collectively referred to as the Tri-valley. Livermore,
13 Pleasanton, Dublin, San Ramon, Danville, and the
14 unincorporated areas that are closely aligned with them.
15 Alamo, Blackhawk, Diablo, Tassajara Valley, and Sunol.

16 The Tri-valley is a region that workshops and
17 coordinates closely. Our city government leaders meet
18 regularly and work as a team on major issues like
19 housing, transportation, and land use. Our water
20 districts, park districts, and school districts span
21 multiple cities in the Tri-valley.

22 Wheels, and County Connection, and the Livermore
23 Amador Valley Transit Authority all serve the communities
24 of the tri valley together.

25 On the Senate visualizations, and to more closely



1 reflect community of interest testimony, we request a map
2 that keeps the tri valley whole and connects east for the
3 required population to more closely reflect continuity
4 and cohesion among cities in those areas.

5 Assembly Visualization A, labeled to East Alameda
6 County --

7 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

8 MS. NAYLOR: -- keeps the Tri-County Valley whole.
9 And improvement would be to include Contra Costa East all
10 the way to the county line.

11 Congressional Visualization B, labeled Concord,
12 Tracy keeps the Tri-Valley together and could also
13 extend --

14 MR. MANOFF: -- Fifteen seconds.

15 MS. NAYLOR: -- all the way to the county border.

16 Thank you for the opportunity to comment. We appreciate
17 your good work.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
19 now we will have caller 3852. And up next, after that,
20 will be caller 4835.

21 Caller 3852, if you will, please follow the prompts
22 to unmute at this time. The floor is yours.

23 MR. WILLIAMS: Hi, Commissioners. Thank you for all
24 your work and efforts in this process. My name is Brian
25 Williams. I'm a longtime NorCal resident and just



1 calling as a resident. I want to echo some of the
2 comments I've heard from other people I do not know from
3 Yolo County and from Tahoe, where your congressional
4 districts and other districts for the mid-Sierra region
5 seem to be scattered, huge.

6 And I'd like to Commission to stick with some of
7 their -- the constitutional goals of compactness. You
8 have the potential to draw congressional lines along the
9 50, the 49, and 80 highway corridors from Roseville to
10 Tahoe, from South Lake to Folsom.

11 In that general area, you have the ability to create
12 a congressional district up to five. That's similar to
13 the first Congressional District as it is now. These
14 areas share their flow of good people of the highways,
15 business ties, tourism, ties that similar environmental
16 and fire safety concern, infrastructure concerns, and the
17 flow of like seasonal workers and part time workers go
18 from -- between these areas.

19 So I think the commission has kind of over thought
20 those districts and should kind of like look again at the
21 compactness and see what they could do. So --

22 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

23 MR. WILLIAMS: -- members of the community don't
24 have to drive four hours to go to a district or you have
25 a district going from UC Davis to Alpine. So I think the

1 commission should kind of restart --

2 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

3 MR. WILLIAMS: -- on that area of the maps. Thank
4 you so much for all your help. Bye.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
6 right now we'll go to caller 4835. And up next, after
7 that, will be caller 3191.

8 Caller 4835, if you will, please follow the prompts
9 to unmute at this time by pressing star 6. The floor is
10 yours.

11 MR. MCFARLAND: Thank you. Hi. My name is Patrick
12 McFarland, and I'm a third generation South Central Los
13 Angeles resident. And I'm calling about the
14 Congressional, Senate, and Assembly map.

15 These proposed redistricting maps eliminate
16 districts that include much of central Los Angeles,
17 including historically black communities of Ladera
18 Heights, Butte Park, Baldwin Hills, Butte Park, Hyde
19 Park, Gramercy Park, Manchester Square, Mid-City, and
20 West Adams in the heart of South-Central Los Angeles.

21 To draw districts that split a collection of the
22 most historic black communities in the Western United
23 States would certainly disenfranchise black voters.
24 Since the Great Migration, South Central Los Angeles has
25 been a beacon for millions of black Americans in search



1 of the American dream.

2 It's become more than just a destination on the
3 Southern Pacific Railroad for my great grandparents and
4 many of our ancestors, but a cultural hub for black
5 people across the globe. These neighborhoods are linked
6 by their shared culture and the bonds formed by our
7 collective experiences.

8 As a community we have overcome so many obstacles
9 from residential housing segregation, chronic
10 disinvestment, underfunding of public schools, the crack
11 epidemic, the war on drugs, over-policing, and so much
12 more.

13 It's critical that we have shared representation
14 around our major transit corridors and new transit lines,
15 the Expo Line, and the Crenshaw Line, as well as the
16 Baldwin Hills Conservancy, and the Inglewood oil Field,
17 the largest urban oil field in the country. Black Los
18 Angeles faces the --

19 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

20 MR. MCFARLAND: -- central threat of homelessness,
21 gentrification, and displacement. That's why it's more
22 important than ever for our collective interests to be
23 collectively represented at every level of government.
24 This is a very specific group of communities that have
25 common interests and deserve to have shared --

1 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

2 MR. MCFARLAND: -- representation focused on
3 marshaling government resources to support these
4 communities. Thank you.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
6 right now we will have caller 3191. And up next, after
7 that, will be caller 4590.

8 Caller 3191, if you will, please follow the prompts
9 to unmute at this time by pressing star 6. The floor is
10 yours.

11 MR. KAMANTA: Hi. My name is Jonathan. And as
12 president of the California College Democrats, I am
13 requesting that this body do justice to the communities
14 it serves by establishing four black coalition assembly
15 seats and two black coalition state Senate seats in Los
16 Angeles County.

17 Right now, as the Commission has proposed some maps
18 that we can look at the State's considering eliminating
19 SC 30, which is the only seat represented by a black
20 woman in the state Senate, and they're considering
21 reworking 8074, which is a majority minority coalition
22 district and one of the most diverse in the state, not
23 just ethnically, but by categories that are for reform:
24 income, single family, households, educational
25 attainment, religion, and class.



1 For the city of Los Angeles, this Commission should
2 rely heavily on the neighborhood council boundaries when
3 we're defining our communities and refrain from splitting
4 adjacent cities and unincorporated areas unnecessarily.
5 AD-54 shows fifty-four percent of its territory as its
6 30. So a lot of these points overlap.

7 But we can't afford to disenfranchise our black
8 communities in Culver City, Mid-City, West Adams, the
9 Crenshaw Corridor, Baldwin Hills, and the unincorporated
10 communities of Ladera Heights, and Butte Park, Windsor
11 Hills under these new district lights.

12 We also can't afford to break up our AAPI and Jewish
13 community orthodox -- our Jewish Orthodox Communities in
14 Culver City, Palms, Beverly Wood, South Robertson, West
15 L.A., and Westwood.

16 Moreover, our boundaries that we have potentially
17 drawn here are severing the VA from the highest
18 concentration of veterans in the West Side in the Butte
19 Park and Windsor Hills neighborhoods. That's
20 unfathomable injustice to our troops who fought for us to
21 enjoy our freedoms, to come and petition our government
22 like we're doing today. And we can't allow that to
23 become a reality.

24 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

25 MR. KAMANTA: Both AD-54 and SD-30 represent USC and



1 UCLA respectively, which are two of the largest
2 institutions in the city and two of the largest
3 employers. And by fragmenting both USC and UCLA from the
4 communities in which they're placed, students aren't
5 going to be able to advocate for their communities. And
6 a lot of students who are --

7 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

8 MR. KAMANTA: -- living in these communities are
9 going to be disenfranchised and a lot of us face -- are
10 disproportionately facing housing insecurity, food
11 insecurity, poverty. And a lot of us are first
12 generation are immigrants. All in all, I think that
13 these boundaries should be --

14 MR. MANOFF: Time.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
16 right now we have caller 4590. And up next, after that,
17 will be caller 9627.

18 Caller 4590, if you will, please follow the prompts
19 to unmute at this time by pressing star 6. One more
20 time. Caller with the last four 4590, if you will,
21 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by
22 pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

23 DR. SANDERS: Good afternoon. My name is Dr.
24 Sabrina Sanders, and I'm a resident in the city of Long
25 Beach. First of all, I'd like to thank you to you for



1 your service and your commitment to serving the state of
2 California to ensure the voice of all of our communities
3 are heard. I really appreciate this opportunity to give
4 public comment today. And I want to thank you for
5 keeping Long Beach together in these visualizations.

6 Most recently, I served as the Director of Student
7 Affairs Projects and Initiatives at the California State
8 University Chancellor's Office. And I understand how
9 important the work of this Commission is across the
10 entire state of California.

11 As a resident, I'm calling in support not only to
12 keep Long Beach together, but to keep us together within
13 our greater communities of cities here in the region. I
14 worked closely with California State University Long
15 Beach, and I see each day how much our institutions of
16 higher learning. They aren't just an incredible asset to
17 Long Beach, but our entire region.

18 As a hub for education, business, and culture, one
19 which is an incredible partner to communities like
20 Lakewood, Bellflower, Los Alamitos, and Cypress. I'm
21 extremely supportive of what several members of this
22 Commission have mentioned about creating a Long Beach
23 district that moves north from our city to include those
24 neighboring communities as well. And I'd like to see
25 this idea incorporated into our final district plan.



1 Thank you for these comments in particular and for
2 all of your incredible work throughout this process. The
3 city of Long Beach and our neighboring communities truly
4 appreciate your thoughtfulness in this process. Thank
5 you.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
7 right now we will have color 9627. And up next, after
8 that, will be caller 7969 as they have called back in and
9 raised their hand.

10 Caller 9627, if you will, please follow the prompts
11 to unmute at this time by pressing star 6.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. Can you hear me?

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can. The floor
14 is yours.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay, So I have a couple of
16 concerns. The first is this one, how these -- not only
17 with how the districts are being redrawn, but also how
18 poorly this information is being presented to the public.

19 I was thankfully emailed a link that took me
20 directly to the actual maps on your website. There is no
21 link on your website to the actual map. That's the whole
22 point of this public redistricting is so that we, the
23 public, can find this stuff.

24 And once I got to that page, there's no summary maps
25 that show all of the districts as a single map, one map



1 for the congressional -- the Congressional districts, the
2 Senate districts, the Assembly districts. Each one of
3 the summary maps just has three parts. The current map,
4 your proposed A districts, and then you proposed B
5 districts. Those maps should be interactive.

6 I should be able to go to your website and zoom in
7 so I can see all of the districts throughout the state in
8 one map and then zoom out to see the individual districts
9 and their specific boundaries, as in street names, which
10 are also missing from all of the fifty different files
11 that you put the individual maps in.

12 So as far as presentation, really, this is
13 unacceptable because. It would have to improve
14 substantially to get to the point of being merely
15 unacceptable. But my specific concern is about the
16 consolidation of (indiscernible) on dozens of districts
17 with these Bradford's that would diminish --

18 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- the impact on the African-
20 American community. I would like to see those stay as
21 two separate districts. But I'd love to comment on the
22 other matter. But I don't have an infinite amount of
23 time to figure out your files.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
25 up next, we will have caller 7969. And after that will



1 be caller 2815.

2 Caller 7969, if you will, please follow the prompts
3 to unmute at this time by pressing star 6. The floor is
4 yours.

5 MS. ABRAM: Good afternoon, Commissioners and staff
6 and everyone. Thank you. I had trouble unmuting
7 earlier. But my name is Ebani Abram. I'm calling from
8 L.A. Voice and L.A. Voice Action. And I feel like a
9 resident of the 24th District with serious concerns about
10 the proposed Senate maps in L.A. County.

11 Both A and B proposed plans reduce the number of
12 Senate districts in the county from eleven to ten. And
13 Los Angeles, as the most diverse, largest county in the
14 country, does not need less representation for the
15 millions of people here. Seven of the current eleven
16 districts were drawn specifically to empower communities
17 of color.

18 By reducing the number of seats in Los Angeles, you
19 are guaranteeing fewer opportunities for historically
20 underrepresented communities to elect our candidate of
21 choice. So at a time when California is growing more
22 diverse by the day, this is simply unacceptable.

23 No Commissioner should find it acceptable that your
24 draft maps cut the number of districts -- Senate
25 districts in Los Angeles where African-Americans can



1 elect in half. And by reducing representation here,
2 you're forcing communities that do not fit together to
3 compete. And so drawing Koreatown into the San Fernando
4 Valley makes no more sense than drawing Santa Monica into
5 South Central Los Angeles, then drawing Rancho Palos
6 Verdes is the Long Beach.

7 So this is not about making small changes around the
8 edges in a few weeks. We need big change now.

9 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

10 MS. ABRAM: Please tell your line drawers to revisit
11 the plans in Los Angeles County and ensure our diverse
12 voices are heard. Thank you.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
14 right now we have caller 2815. And up next, after that,
15 will be caller 0564.

16 Caller 2815, if you will, please follow the prompts
17 to unmute at this time by pressing star 6. And one more
18 time. Caller with the last four 2815, if you will,
19 please press star 6 to unmute at this time. Caller 2815,
20 there seems to be some connectivity issues at this time.
21 If you will, please dial back in and raise your hand. I
22 will come right back to you.

23 Caller 0564 -- and up next after that will be caller
24 5831

25 0564, if you will, please follow the prompts to



1 unmute. The floor is yours.

2 MS. SHAH: Yes. My name is Manisha Shah. And I
3 have been living in Sunnyvale for the last twenty-five
4 years. And I also wrote a detailed letter regarding this
5 rezoning district. I'm in District CA-17 and it is a --
6 which is the South Bay off of El Camino, which is closer
7 to Palo Alto in Mountain View.

8 But you have District 17 have Eastbay, Fremont, and
9 Milpitas and all that is part of the CA District 17. And
10 I think we have different issues and I think we are -- we
11 need to we're seeking more to Palo Alto and Mountain View
12 because those districts are more closer to me, those
13 cities.

14 And also we are the tech hub here. So it doesn't
15 even have to go for the town hall meetings, you are
16 already aware of the traffic which is coming back with
17 the COVID going. And to attend town hall meetings or
18 anything. It's a it's like a la long journey to go to
19 Fremont.

20 So it just doesn't make sense because if you look at
21 the map, it just like a haphazard zoning problem where we
22 have our Asian -- we need the Asian-American
23 representation in our area because that's what the
24 diaspora is becoming these days.

25 And I think the rezoning is not done well. And I



1 would appreciate if you can look into it. I've also
2 written a long, detailed letter regarding this problem
3 for District 17 and District 18, so I think Sunnyvale
4 needs --

5 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

6 MS. SHAH: -- to be with District 18. I hope you
7 appreciate that.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
9 now we have caller 5831. And up next, after that will be
10 caller 3315.

11 Caller 5831, if you will, please follow the prompts
12 to unmute at this time by pressing star 6. The floor is
13 yours.

14 MS. BECK: Hello. My name is Rachael Beck. And I'm
15 a resident of Yolo County and an employee of the
16 University of California, Davis. I want to thank the
17 commissioners for their work and for their attention to
18 public input.

19 I'm calling to ask the Commission to reconsider Yolo
20 County's placement in both of the proposed Congressional
21 district visualizations and request that Yolo County be
22 united with adjacent to Solano County due to how tightly
23 our counties are integrated by our shared I-80
24 transportation corridor by the Sacramento, San Joaquin
25 Delta, by the shared resources of Putah Creek, and the



1 activities of so many non-environmental nonprofits that
2 work across these two counties.

3 And I additionally want to highlight the community
4 of interest of UC Davis, which is located on the county
5 line between Yolo and Solano counties with the center of
6 campus falling in Yolo and research lands in the
7 facilities of the University in Solano County.

8 And the campus water for important agricultural
9 research come from the Solano Irrigation District.
10 Students, faculty, nonfaculty staff live up and down the
11 I-80 corridor in Dixon, Vacaville, and Fairfield in
12 Solano County and in Davis and Woodland in Yolo County.

13 The university is an economic, educational,
14 agricultural, and innovation hub that extends into both
15 Solano and Yolo Counties. And I ask you to keep this
16 important community of interest intact in your next
17 rendering of the district --

18 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

19 MS. BECK: -- in our area. Thank you.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
21 right now we will have caller 3315. And up next, after
22 that, will be caller 9812.

23 Caller 3315, if you will, please follow the prompts
24 to unmute at this time by pressing star 6. The floor is
25 yours.



1 MS. MALCONION: Thank you. This is Miley Malconion
2 from Visalia in Tulare County. And I have a question and
3 comment. The question is I'm unable to find a
4 visualization anywhere that shows Visalia. I would very
5 much like to know what visual -- what plans you are
6 considering for the city of Visalia.

7 And my comment is that I do hope that your plans are
8 to keep Visalia in the same district with Three Rivers
9 and that whole 198 corridor, including Exeter and
10 Farmersville, as well as with Fresno on the 99 -- that
11 strip of the 99 at least part of Fresno. Those of us in
12 Three Rivers -- Three Rivers people get their medical
13 care in Visalia. Three Rivers and Visalia people do go
14 to Fresno for specialized medical care.

15 For education, we -- this triangle of Three Rivers,
16 Visalia, and Fresno, it defines an educational triangle
17 as well, where Three Rivers residents send their children
18 to high school in Wood Lake, which is by Exeter, and then
19 often go to community college in Visalia and then a four-
20 year state college in Fresno.

21 For entertainment --

22 MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

23 MS. MALCONIAN: -- we cross-pollinate in this
24 triangle very, very often. Three Rivers residents do
25 their shopping in Visalia. And Visalia and Three Rivers

1 residents do --

2 MR. MANOFF: Time.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

4 CHAIR SADHWANI: Katy, if I can just respond to the
5 caller's question. Visualizations of Visalia would be a
6 part of the Central Valley visualizations that are posted
7 on our website under meetings. And if you look for the
8 meetings from last week, you can find the links to all of
9 those maps there on our website. Thank you.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Perfect. Thank you so
11 much, Chair. Right now, we'll have caller 9812. And up
12 next after that would be caller 7466.

13 Caller 9812, if you would, please follow the prompts
14 to unmute at this time by pressing star 6. So one more
15 time. Caller with the last four 9812, if you will,
16 please unmute by pressing star 6 on your telephone keypad
17 at this time. Caller 9812, there appears to be a
18 connectivity issue with your unmuting. If you will,
19 please dial back in, I will please come back to you.

20 Caller 7466, if you will, please follow the prompts
21 to unmute at this time by pressing star 6. The floor is
22 yours.

23 MS. JONES: Good afternoon. My name is Carmen
24 Jones. I'm calling representing Black Women's Wellness
25 in Los Angeles. And I'm calling in opposition of the



1 current proposed plan A and B. It is very interesting.
2 The shrinking community that is comprised of African-
3 Americans is largely centered in Districts 30 and 35.

4 However, the proposed plans both managed to chop at
5 least two heavily African-American districts into five
6 different districts. And we are just having
7 conversations that we hope that that is an error and we
8 are asking for the commissioners to direct the lines
9 drawers to correct this error.

10 It actually goes against the tenets of the
11 constitutional basis of redistricting to take a community
12 and divide it in such a way that those who share
13 commonalities, such as law enforcement, our kids go to
14 the same schools, we worship at the same churches, we
15 even have the same COVID testing sites and called it
16 vaccination sites right now.

17 However, this will displace us, separate us, and
18 also minimizes the opportunities for us to have any black
19 leadership minimized from --

20 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

21 MS. JONES: -- two to one chance of that happening.
22 So again, we are asking for the commissioners to redirect
23 the line drawers to correct the error in which you divide
24 30 and 35 into five different districts. Thank you so
25 much for your time. Bye-bye.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
2 now we have caller 2846. And up next, after that ,will
3 be caller 2489.

4 Caller 2846, if you will, please follow the prompts
5 to unmute the floor is yours.

6 MS. LEEN: Hi. Can you hear me?

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

8 MS. LEEN: Yes. Good afternoon, Commissioner. My
9 name is Con Leen (phonetic), and my family has lived in
10 Huntington Beach since 1991. My two daughters and their
11 family also live in Huntington Beach and is currently in
12 Westminster.

13 But it was -- my business for over 30 years. Is
14 currently in Westminster, but it was previously in
15 Huntington Beach. And now back to Westminster. Last
16 night a customer at my restaurant was telling me about
17 the maps that were posted on your website on Wednesday
18 that has my community split apart.

19 I would like for you to know that our community and
20 cultural interest lies within Garden Grove, Westminster,
21 Midway City, Fountain Valley, Huntington Beach, Seal
22 Beach, Rossmoor, and Los Alamitos.

23 Yes, we started in Westminster, but have since
24 expanded into other cities. And now my children and
25 their friends have all moved to Huntington Beach,



1 Fountain Valley Beach, Rossmoor, and Los Alamitos.
2 Undoubtedly, Huntington Beach, Seal Beach, Rossmoor, and
3 Los Alamitos have seen a large growing number of Asian-
4 Americans, especially Vietnamese Americans, moving into
5 these cities in the last few years. And there is no
6 doubt this number will continue to grow in the next
7 decade.

8 These are the areas where we go visit our families
9 and friends, shop, go grocery shopping, dine out, church
10 and temples, and attend cultural and patriotic events and
11 festivals. Please don't --

12 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

13 MS. LEEN: -- split us apart. Keep my children --
14 the next generation of Vietnamese-Americans, together
15 with their parents and grandparents. Allow my
16 grandchildren to be able to learn my heritage and values
17 we share with the true family.

18 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

19 MS. LEEN: Please keep Garden Grove, Westminster,
20 and Midway City, Fountain Valley, Huntington Beach, Seal
21 Beach, Rossmoor, and Los Alamitos together. And please
22 don't split us apart. Thank you for your time.

23 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you for that. Before we move
24 forward, I just wanted to offer a reminder that our phone
25 lines will close at 5 p.m. We will do our best to hear

1 everyone who does call in. But you will no longer be
2 able to call in after 5 p.m. So if you're hoping to make
3 a comment and watching on the livestream, please be sure
4 to call in at this time. Katy?

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much, Chair.
6 And right now we will go to caller 2489. And up next
7 after that, will be caller 1940.

8 Caller 2489, if you will, please follow the prompts
9 to unmute at this time by pressing the star 6. The floor
10 is yours.

11 MR. BOGOSIAN: Yes. My name is Stan Bogosian. I
12 live in Saratoga, California. Life-long resident, former
13 mayor, two-term council member. And I would like to
14 comment on the West Valley cities in Santa Clara County.
15 I'd like to ask that the cities of Campbell, Saratoga,
16 Cupertino, along the West Valley Highway 85 corridor be
17 included in the same congressional district.

18 We have overlapping school districts, school
19 district boundaries that overlap our city limits. We
20 have a highway or we have transportation issues in
21 common. And we have perhaps most importantly, a tech-
22 centered economy. And a lot of folks in these
23 communities work in tech. Very important we do this.

24 When I grew up in Saratoga, we had a guy named
25 Charlie Gibson, who was a Gilroy garlic farmer who



1 represented our area in Congress and when we had a lot of
2 people living here that were working at Lockheed and IBM
3 and so on. I'd like to move forward well into the 21st
4 century and please keep these West Valley cities
5 together. Thank you very much.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
7 up next we have caller 1940. And after that will be
8 caller 6688. Caller 1940, if you will, please follow the
9 prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star 6. The
10 floor is yours.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you. I'm calling from
12 Marin County. And my comments fall under the heading of
13 If it ain't broke, don't fix it. And while I can only
14 speak to my district, from what I'm hearing on the call
15 today, there are a lot of places where it seems like it
16 ain't broke, but it's being fixed.

17 I think it would be helpful in clarifying to a lot
18 of us if on the website the existing Congressional, State
19 Senate, and Assembly districts with the overlay of the
20 current census data were there for us to see so we could
21 maybe understand why some of these changes are being made
22 or no further that perhaps they shouldn't be made.

23 I know you have a giant task in front of you, but it
24 seems that you're possibly making it more difficult with
25 these wholesale changes. I also attended -- I've been



1 attending these meetings and I also attended the meetings
2 ten years ago. And I know that so many people work so
3 hard here in these districts here to get these districts
4 established.

5 So it's unclear to me as to why, after so much
6 testimony to the contrary, both then and now, that I'd be
7 seeing the kinds of maps that I'm seeing from NorCal,
8 particularly ones that take some of our coastal counties
9 and move them eastward.

10 As I say, I've lived in Marin for over fifty-two
11 years and I know it's impossible to please everybody, but
12 I really don't find any of the maps as drawn, a couple
13 get a little bit close. But they're really not
14 acceptable --

15 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- to me. I think the north
17 coast should be kept together from Marin to Del Norte.
18 The coastal communities should be represented at the
19 state and federal level unilaterally. Marin is eighty
20 percent open space --

21 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- and we really are not an
23 urban situation. We should not be going south across the
24 Golden Gate. Thank you.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And

1 right now we have caller 6688. If you will, please
2 follow the prompts to unmute at this time. And after
3 that will be caller 9011. I apologize. Right now we
4 caller 6688, and up next will be 9011.

5 Caller 6688, please follow the prompts to unmute by
6 pressing star 6. The floor is -- one more time. The
7 floor is yours.

8 MS. FORTNER: Thank you. Thank you to the
9 redistricting committee to allow -- for allowing me to
10 comment today. I have lived in the Santa Clarita Valley
11 for twenty-four years. Santa Clarita is the third
12 largest city in Los Angeles County, behind the city of
13 L.A. and Long Beach.

14 The populous communities reside solely within the
15 boundaries of Los Angeles County, and I feel very
16 strongly that they should stay that way. As the third
17 largest city in the county, we should also be the
18 centerpiece of any congressional seat that's drawn here.

19 This time around, we have an opportunity to correct
20 the mistakes of the past. And I am not in any support --
21 I'm not in support of any maps that would stretch Santa
22 Clarita Valley into Kern, as we have almost nothing in
23 common with Kern, aside from a North-South freeway that
24 runs the length of the entire state of California.

25 Santa Clarita and the Antelope Valley have a history



1 of shared resources and are too closely aligned to
2 communities of interest. We share commuter routes, rural
3 roads, the Metrolink light rail system, and we have
4 traditionally been connected by mutual interests. We
5 share none of that with Kern County. And when trying to
6 compete for federal funding for projects, this would be
7 awkward and cumbersome.

8 Santa Clarita and the Antelope Valley are separated
9 from Kern by mountains and vast desert landscapes. Kern
10 is predominantly agriculture, gas, and oil, and share
11 very little in common with communities in Santa Clarita
12 and the Antelope Valley. Even our real estate markets
13 are totally divergent.

14 There could not be a more-clumsy map driven -- or a
15 clumsy map --

16 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

17 MS. FORTNER: -- drawn that -- than to link Santa
18 Clarita with Kern somehow. The CDBA and the state Senate
19 district north of that north L.A. County make more sense
20 for the entire region as a whole. They are
21 geographically contiguous and condensed.

22 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

23 MS. FORTNER: There have equal scale and almost
24 perfect rectangles, and they share the same common
25 interests. It just makes so much more sense. Thanks.



1 And this is Stacey Fortner.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
3 right now, we will have caller 9011. And up next after
4 that will be caller 9812, as they have called back in and
5 raised their hand.

6 Caller 9011, if you will, please follow the prompts
7 to unmute at this time by pressing star 6. The floor is
8 yours.

9 MR. NEWMAN: Good afternoon. My name is Glenn
10 Newman. I'm a twenty-two-year resident of Seal Beach in
11 North Orange County, right next to Long Beach. We share
12 a community with Los Alamitos and Rossmoor. And in
13 general, we go to the same schools, the same police
14 forces work together very closely. And we also are very
15 close to Long Beach. I worship in Long Beach. My
16 children do athletic activities in Long Beach.

17 I was born in Long Beach and feel a strong
18 connection with them. Most of the lines that were made
19 don't show that connection between Seal Beach, Los
20 Alamitos, and Rossmoor with Long Beach. And I'd like to
21 see that corrected.

22 We do feel like we are a part of Orange County, but
23 our medical centers, universities are in Long Beach. And
24 I think that we align more politically with the Long
25 Beach community. And if we are going to join those, the



1 greater Long Beach area, perhaps the Palos Verdes section
2 is taken out of Long Beach to accommodate my community,
3 to be part of the Long Beach area in all of the district
4 thing that you've done.

5 And I want to commend the commissioners on doing
6 such a good job of working so hard to make this as fair
7 as possible. Thank you very much.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
9 right now, we will be going back to caller 9812. If you
10 will please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by
11 pressing star 6. And one more time. Caller 9812, if you
12 will, please press star 6 to unmute. The star 9 did
13 work.

14 I apologize, Caller 9812. I do not know why you're
15 not able to unmute at this time. I will try you again
16 here shortly.

17 Right now we will be at caller -- real quick, in
18 three minutes the phone lines will be closing and I can
19 see on the Chair's face she would like that announcement
20 made. In three minutes at 5 o'clock, the lines will be
21 closing. So please call in. The full instructions are
22 on the livestream landing page.

23 Right now we will have caller 3082. And up next
24 after that will be caller 7028.

25 Caller 3082, if you will, please follow the prompts



1 to unmute at this time by pressing star 6. The floor is
2 yours.

3 PASTOR SMART, JR.: Greetings. I'm Pastor William D.
4 Smart, Jr., president, and CEO of the Southern Christian
5 Leadership Conference of Southern California. We are a
6 voting rights and civil rights organization. The one
7 that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. founded. And I'm calling
8 to express my strong opposition to your proposed
9 Senatorial maps A and B.

10 One of the things that we have fought for is the
11 Voting Rights Act, particularly Section 2 and Section 5,
12 and we've adopted it in no small reason because of the
13 hard work of African Americans all around the country and
14 this state.

15 The voting power comes from a long-standing, well
16 documented community of interest in South Los Angeles
17 with shared common, social, and economic interests that
18 should be included within common districts for purposes
19 of this effective and fair representation.

20 South Los Angeles is an urban area whose people are
21 similar living standards, use the same transportation
22 facilities, have similar working opportunities, and have
23 access to the same media communication.

24 Preserving this voting strip means ensuring all of
25 the community and their sizable African-American



1 population stay connected in two Senatorial districts.

2 Under your proposal, these communities and their

3 sizable --

4 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

5 PASTOR SMART, JR.: -- African-American population

6 are divided into no less than five Senate districts. The

7 slicing and dicing of South L.A. is rooted in your

8 decision to reduce the number of Senate districts from

9 eleven --

10 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

11 PASTOR SMART, JR.: -- to ten. We hope that you

12 agree you must reconsider this. You cannot this

13 disenfranchise this important community. And we hope

14 that -- we know you'll make the right decision in the

15 change. Thank you.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And

17 right now we will have caller 7028. And up next after

18 that will be caller 0851.

19 Caller 7028, if you will, please follow the prompts

20 to unmute at this time by pressing star 6. The floor is

21 yours.

22 MS. DE RIVERA: Thank you. Hello. My name is

23 Maricela de Rivera. I'm calling from North Long Beach.

24 First and foremost, I would like to thank you. This is

25 an incredible body of work that you are doing. And I'm



1 very grateful for each of you being on this Commission.

2 I'm also really grateful for you keeping Long Beach
3 together in the majority of the visualizations that
4 you've looked over the past few days. And I want to say
5 that as a resident of North Long Beach, we are served in
6 our area by three separate assembly districts currently.
7 And seeing that unified going forward is a welcome
8 change.

9 We are -- it is very difficult when a small slice of
10 the city, when some of your neighbors are represented by
11 different assembly districts. And so I really look
12 forward to seeing Long Beach kept together.

13 I'd also like to thank you for your supportive
14 comments on behalf of our area and for recognizing the
15 importance of our community and our representation as
16 such a large, populated and beautifully diverse city in
17 California.

18 I'm also calling this afternoon to let you know how
19 important it is that North Long Beach be kept with the
20 rest of the city because we are a vital part of Long
21 Beach. And residents like me and my neighbors, we share
22 schools, parks, libraries and so many other important
23 things with the rest of the city.

24 My daughters both go to school in a different part
25 of Long Beach from where we live --



1 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

2 MS. DE RIVERA: -- so that they can be part of our
3 district's amazing dual immersion program. I want to
4 make sure that we are electing representatives from our
5 area that reflect our diversity.

6 Our school district is an incredible resource that
7 doesn't just serve Long Beach --

8 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

9 MS. DE RIVERA: -- but all of our neighboring
10 city -- communities to the neighbor -- to the north and
11 east as well. I appreciate your time, your
12 consideration, and I hope you have a wonderful afternoon.
13 Thank you.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
15 right now we will have caller 0851. And up next after
16 that will be caller 5254.

17 Caller 0851, if you will, please follow the prompts
18 to unmute at this time. The floor is yours.

19 Thank you. Hello. My name is Catherine Lang and
20 I'm a resident of Carlsbad, calling to give feedback on
21 the State Senate visualization for North San Diego
22 County. I believe the visualizations are unnecessary to
23 separate the north coastal areas of Camp Pendleton,
24 Oceanside, Carlsbad, Encinitas, Solana Beach, and Del
25 Mar.



1 And these five cities form a single community of
2 interest and they should be grouped together whenever
3 possible. Letter A which separates these cities in
4 groups of Oceanside and Carlsbad, together with the
5 cities in Riverside County, is completely unacceptable.

6 Number B is, which does the same thing, but links
7 Oceanside and Carlsbad with South Orange County, which is
8 really not much better. These five cities along Camp
9 Pendleton should be grouped together for the following
10 reasons.

11 The coastal community we are fundamentally linked in
12 cities with a shared resource which is our coast. The
13 recent oil spill highlights the need to have these
14 coastal areas represented by a single state senator who
15 will fight for the billions of dollars and tens of
16 thousands of jobs supported by the marine and coastal
17 tourism economy.

18 The Buena Vista Lagoon, the Agua Hedionda Lagoon,
19 Batiquitos Lagoon --

20 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

21 MS. LANG: -- San Elijo Lagoon, each share a border
22 with at least two of these cities and the lagoons form a
23 vital link to these cities, unifying the coastal
24 community around the themes of environmental protection,
25 the transit corridor, I-5, El Camino Real. Also for the

1 school district and the real estate market.

2 I think that that's a very important thing to keep
3 these five cities together. Thank you very much. I
4 appreciate your time.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. And right now
6 we have caller 5254. And up next after that, we will
7 have caller 0308. Caller 5254, if you could please
8 follow the prompts to unmute at this time by pressing
9 star 6. The floor is yours.

10 MS. RAINEY: Hello. My name is Naomi Rainey. I'm
11 the president of Long Beach Branch NAACP and a member of
12 the Executive Committee of California's State Conference
13 in NAACP. We are part of Keep Long Beach Together
14 Coalition. We appreciate you keeping Long Beach together
15 in the maps that have been released.

16 Long Beach is a huge city and we're very, very
17 diverse. The great thing about Long Beach is that
18 despite our differences, we work together to support each
19 other with our own unique community needs.

20 I'm requesting as the NAACP, an organization of
21 civil rights and social justice, that Long Beach and some
22 of our smaller neighboring cities -- no, I'm requesting
23 that you keep Long Beach and some of our smaller
24 neighborhoods to these together.

25 But I do not believe, and the organization, that we



1 should be lumped with, San Pedro and Los Angeles state
2 those cities. I've heard that -- heard the comments from
3 San Pedro. And it appears that they do not want to be
4 with Long Beach either. And on that --

5 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

6 MS. RAINEY: -- I think it's -- both agree. Thank
7 you for supporting Long Beach and our diverse community.
8 And this is a request, not a bid, from Keep Long Beach
9 Together --

10 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

11 MS. RAINEY: -- coalition. Thank you.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
13 right now we will have caller 0308. And up next after
14 that will be caller 0434.

15 Caller 0308, if you will, please follow the prompts
16 to unmute at this time. The floor is yours.

17 MR. PATEL: Hello. Hi. My name is Darshan Patel.
18 And I'm a resident of Sunnyvale. I would like to speak
19 about Congressional District 18. I think it does not
20 have an American-Asian representation at the
21 Congressional district level.

22 I would suggest moving Sunnyvale and Cupertino to
23 CD-18. This will make sense geography as well, and
24 obviously help boost Asian-American leadership at that
25 district level. Thank you for giving me this



1 opportunity. Thank you.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
3 right now we will have caller 0434. And up next after
4 that will be caller 2978.

5 Caller 0434, if you will, please follow the prompts
6 to unmute at this time by pressing star 6. The floor is
7 yours.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. My name is Sage. I'm
9 calling from Santa Clarita Valley. Santa Clarita is the
10 third largest city in L.A. County. And I was looking at
11 some of the congressional maps and the State Senate maps
12 and Assembly maps.

13 So in the Congressional maps, there's option A which
14 goes -- unites Santa Clarita Valley and Antelope Valley,
15 which is great. But then it goes way north into Kern
16 County.

17 My big concern without with option A is that Kern
18 County is going to be disenfranchised because the
19 Antelope Valley and Santa Clarita Valley are communities
20 of interests and they will be basically a behemoth
21 politically. They'll be a political behemoth. And Kern
22 County -- those parts of Kern County are going to get
23 forgotten.

24 And but option B for the Congressional map is almost
25 perfect. I mean, it's the perfect square, meets the



1 constitutional requirements for a congressional district
2 as far as population is concerned. It unites Santa
3 Clarita Valley and Antelope Valley, dips down into
4 communities in the San Fernando Valley that have already
5 been really a part of -- we've been communities of
6 interest for a long time, this Porter Ranch and
7 Chatsworth.

8 I did, the Senate district, obviously the same thing
9 as the congressional district. I prefer the one I think
10 is called North L.A. County that goes into the San
11 Fernando Valley. And the Assembly districts, I love both
12 options for Assembly districts. But the last comment
13 will make is the Victor Valley. I know some people --

14 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- I have some commissioners
16 making comments about uniting the AV with Victor Valley,
17 and I would say that that's not going to be great. So
18 Santa Clarita Valley --

19 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- and Antelope Valley belong
21 together. So thank you for all you're doing. I
22 appreciate all of you. And that's the end of my comment.
23 Thank you.

24 CHAIR SADHWANI: Katy, before we move on, I just
25 wanted to remind everyone that we are up against a

1 mandatory fifteen-minute break at 5:15, so we can take
2 maybe two more callers before we have to take that break
3 and we'll come back to finish everyone else who's in the
4 queue.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Perfect. Thank you so
6 much, Chair. So we will have caller 2978. And up next
7 after that will be caller 5045.

8 Caller 2978, if you will, please follow the prompts
9 to unmute at this time by pressing star 6. The floor is
10 yours.

11 MR. MCKNIGHT: Thank you. I want to first and
12 foremost thank the Commission for making this time
13 available and then to give consideration and appreciation
14 to you for all of this tough work.

15 My name is James McKnight. I'm a pastor in South
16 Central Los Angeles and a member of L.A. Voice. And I
17 was thinking about what is being proposed, both A and B,
18 and certainly based upon these conversations and thoughts
19 that I've had about my community representation, a lot of
20 questions have surfaced.

21 In the interest of time, I would hope that there
22 would be a cessation of these plans and that folks would
23 go back to the drawing board to ensure that communities
24 of color like mine have the representation that they have
25 historically. Thank you very much.



1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
2 we do have time for one more caller before the break.
3 And I would like to make an announcement to those that
4 have called in, please do not hang up over the break.
5 Just please do not hang up over the break and you will
6 remain in line in the order you are in.

7 Right now we have caller 5045. If you will, please
8 follow the prompts to unmute at this time by pressing
9 star 6. The floor is yours.

10 Hi, my name is Liv Tesla (phonetic). I am a
11 resident of Oceanside. I'm calling to give feedback on
12 the State Senate visualizations of North San Diego
13 county. I believe the visualizations unnecessarily
14 separate the North coastal areas of Camp Pendleton,
15 Oceanside, Carlsbad, Encinitas, along the beach in Del
16 Mar.

17 These five cities from a single community of
18 interest, and they should be grouped together whenever
19 possible. The Visualization A which separates these
20 cities and groups in Oceanside and Camp Pendleton
21 together with cities and Riverside isn't good. The
22 Visualization B, which is the same, but links Oceanside
23 and Carlsbad with South Orange County is not much better.

24 These five cities, along with Camp Pendleton, should
25 be grouped together for the following reasons. First,



1 because their coastal communities. They are
2 fundamentally linked by the shared resources our coast.
3 The recent oil spill highlights the need to have these
4 coastal areas represented by a single state Senator will
5 fight for the billions dollars and tens of thousands of
6 jobs supported by the marine coastal tourism economies.

7 Also the Buena Vista Lagoon, the Agua Hedionda
8 Lagoon, the Batiquitos Lagoon, and the San Elijo Lagoon,
9 each share a border with at least two of these cities.
10 Lagoons form a vital link between these cities. We find
11 the coastal community around the themes of environmental
12 protection, which our representatives share.

13 Also transit corridors. The I-5, El Camino Real,
14 and Pacific Surfliner connect our cities along one
15 central transit corridor, which our state center will be
16 integral to securing funding for.

17 Also school districts. Several school districts in
18 these cities crossing useful borders --

19 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

20 MR. TESLA: -- for example, the Encinitas Union
21 School District extends in Carlsbad. And the San Diego
22 links Carlsbad and Encinitas, Solano Beach, and Del Mar.
23 The Mira Costa Community College District stems from
24 Oceanside and Carlsbad and sits on a beach in Del Mar --

25 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.



1 MR. TESLA: -- in each of the five cities and other
2 areas. And lastly, real estate markets. Which real
3 estate markets are very similar to many cities link
4 skyrocketing home values across the coastal area, and the
5 housing crisis, which is a matter of citywide concern,
6 demonstrates the --

7 MR. MANOFF: Time.

8 CHAIR SADHWANI: All right. And with that, we are
9 at 5:14, so I am going to suggest we pause at this point,
10 we take our mandatory fifteen-minute break and we'll be
11 back at 5:30 to complete hearing from those who are in
12 the queue.

13 If you're in the queue, please hold tight for
14 fifteen minutes. We will be back to hear your calls. If
15 you were unable to get in the queue today but wanted to
16 provide feedback to the Commission, know that you can do
17 that at any time. You can email us at the
18 VotersFIRSTAct@CRC.CA.gov or you can submit through our
19 online form which is available on our website.

20 So with that, we'll take a fifteen-minute break and
21 be back at 5:30. Thanks.

22 (Whereupon, a recess was held)

23 CHAIR SADHWANI: Welcome back to the California
24 Citizens Redistricting Commission as we round out our
25 meeting on district visualizations. We have a number of



1 callers left in the queue. And Katy, I will send it over
2 to you so that we can hear from them.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, Chair. We'll
4 be starting off the caller 5231. And up next after that
5 will be caller 6274.

6 Caller 5231, if you will please follow the prompts
7 to unmute at the time by pressing star 6. The floor is
8 yours.

9 MR MADHDHIPATLA: Hi. Good evening, redistricting
10 commission. My name is Muni Madhhipatla, a long-time
11 Cupertino resident, active community member within the
12 planning commission of Cupertino. I'm speaking here
13 representing myself as a resident.

14 When I look at the redistricting map of districts 17
15 and 18 that you are considering, it feels like someone
16 went out of their way to gerrymander these two districts
17 as there is a portion of West Valley community taken from
18 the 16 and artificially attached to District 17, which is
19 mostly East Bay cities.

20 I highly recommend to align Cupertino with
21 Congressional District 18 as Cupertino shares borders
22 with Los Altos, Saratoga, Mountain View, Sunnyvale, and
23 Santa Clara. Besides sharing borders, Cupertino has lots
24 of shared interests like their overlapping school
25 district CUSD 18, Freeways 85 and 280, public transit,



1 water, San Jose Water Company, community services in the
2 Tri-Valley Community Services with I guess in cities like
3 Saratoga, Los Altos, Palo Alto, Mountain View, Santa
4 Clara, and Sunnyvale.

5 We've got nothing in common with the East Bay cities
6 like Union City, Fremont, Newark, Milpitas, other than
7 Asian majorities. If Asian majority is the reason to
8 pack District 17, that's insulting to us and deprive is
9 depriving us of opportunity to have more than one
10 congressperson.

11 Please don't create a Asian out of district 17.
12 Restrict us to only one Congressman. Please move
13 Cupertino, Sunnyvale, Santa Clara to District 18.

14 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

15 MR. MADHDHIPATLA: -- to have a diverse vision and a
16 clean map not an inexplicable map of discontinuous
17 communities with nothing in common. Thank you.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
19 right now we will have caller 6274. And up next after
20 that will be caller 5165.

21 Caller 6274, if you will, please follow the prompts
22 to unmute at this time by pressing star 6. The floor is
23 yours.

24 MR. SHORT: Thank you. My name is Darrin Short. I
25 live in Crescent City up in the far north Del Norte



1 County. I am currently one of the members of the County
2 Board of Supervisors. And first off, I would like to
3 thank the Commission for the professionalism that this
4 inquiry and information gathering is being conducted.

5 I know you have an incredibly large amount of
6 information to gather, and I truly appreciate the ease of
7 which it is able to obtain the information on the
8 visualizations and the possible outcomes of this inquiry.

9 But what I would like to say is through my
10 listenings of the past few days, it seems as if there is
11 an opinion that the coastal cities through the Northern
12 California region and that -- and I mean through the
13 coastal regions that are above San Francisco and which
14 includes Del Norte Counties, which is six hours above San
15 Francisco. And I just wanted to kind of correct that.

16 Four out of the five supervisors here in Del Norte
17 County believe that we would be better represented as we
18 were ten years ago --

19 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

20 MR. SHORT: -- when we were three in District 1.
21 And I truly, truly believe that myself. We do share some
22 things with other coastal counties. But this just having
23 the Pacific Ocean on our --

24 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

25 MR. SHORT: -- our left side is not all there is to



1 it. Our rural community -- our rural heritage is
2 something that that really holds dear to us. We are very
3 small in Del Norte County --

4 MR. MANOFF: Time.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
6 right now we will have caller 5165. And up next after
7 that, will be caller 3315.

8 Caller 5165, if you will, please follow the prompts
9 to unmute at this time by pressing star 6. The floor is
10 yours.

11 MS. SAMITZ: Thank you. This is Eileen Samitz.
12 I've been a resident of Davison in Yolo County for over
13 thirty-five years.

14 MR. MANOFF: Could caller 5165, please speak closer
15 to the mic. We're having trouble hearing you.

16 Sorry. I am a thirty-five-year resident of Davis
17 and Yolo County and a former planning commissioner. And
18 I'm calling in strong opposition to both redistricting
19 maps suggested or proposed by the Commission for a
20 variety of reasons.

21 But most importantly, it's -- what needs to be done
22 instead is to unite Yolo County with Solano County, as it
23 has in the past for many reasons. If that is not enough
24 population wise, then to add in Contra Costa County would
25 make sense because these are all united by their



1 connected by the delta. These are all Delta counties.

2 Anyway, one of the most obvious reasons why is
3 because UC Davis has a -- its land is in both Yolo and
4 Salado County and these are adjacent counties. That's
5 just one of the reasons. I-80 transportation system that
6 connects both counties.

7 The idea that we have all these 40,000 military
8 veterans living in both counties which are in need of
9 continuity services within these two counties that have
10 contiguity. So it is so important. The other reasons,
11 air quality basin is shared between Yolo and Solano Air
12 Quality Management District.

13 So because of the agricultural connection, obviously
14 transportation, all these other --

15 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

16 MS. SAMITZ: -- economic-based and other dimensions
17 of commonality, we really -- the proposed districting
18 does not work of either of the proposals. And we need to
19 have Yolo County in Solano County --

20 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

21 MS. SAMITZ: -- for certain districts. Thank you.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
23 right now we'll be going to caller 3315. And up next
24 after that will be caller 4678.

25 Caller 3315, if you will, please follow the prompts



1 to unmute at this time by pressing star 6. The floor is
2 yours.

3 MS. MALCONIAN: Hello. I called a little earlier
4 from Visalia in Tulare County, and I was having trouble
5 finding Visalia on a map. I still cannot find Visalia on
6 a map even though I am looking at your visualizations
7 that are in the packet.

8 There are two packets, one with ten visualizations,
9 another with nine visualizations, and our county tends to
10 be in the end of the pack each time. But the city of
11 Visalia is not printed on any of these maps. I am
12 looking at District CDAF-T and I can see that the city of
13 Visalia is on this map, even though it is not mentioned
14 on here. A lot of other communities are named, but not
15 the city of Visalia. But I can see that it's there.

16 Unfortunately, Three Rivers is not in this
17 visualization, so I would object to it for that reason.
18 Now, the other possible map that might -- but include
19 Visalia, but it doesn't look like it does is the last one
20 in this pack. It is CDAECA. And that one looks like it
21 does include Three Rivers --

22 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

23 MS. MALCONIAN: -- maybe includes Fresno, but it
24 only includes half of Tulare County. So Visalia, being
25 on the eastern side of Tulare County --



1 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

2 MS. MALCONIAN: -- might not be included in this. I
3 kind of prefer this visualization to the other ones,
4 except that Visalia -- I would want Visalia to be in it.
5 And it's --

6 MR. MANOFF: Time.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
8 right now, we will have caller 4678. And up next after
9 that will be caller 8263.

10 Caller 4678, if you will, please follow the prompts
11 to unmute at this time by pressing star 6. So one more
12 time. Caller with the last four 4678, if you wish to
13 unmute, please press star 6 on your telephone keypad.
14 Caller 4678, you appear to have some trouble unloading.
15 I will come back to you.

16 Right now we'll go to caller 8263, if you will,
17 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by
18 pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you. My name is Paul.
20 First, I would like to thank the Commission and staff for
21 working overtime to accept public comment. I'm going to
22 speak specifically about the visualizations for the North
23 Coast from Marin to the Oregon border.

24 I've been a resident of Marin and Sonoma counties my
25 entire life, currently live in San Rafael, but I've lived



1 in Petaluma as well and worked in Santa Rosa. At one
2 time I was an organizational representative for the North
3 Coast from the Golden Gate Bridge to the Oregon border.
4 So I've driven the 101 corridor many times.

5 It's more than the Pacific Coast that links these
6 communities. Rural, including a significant portion of
7 Marin County, agriculture, and critically, transportation
8 along the waterfront corridor. The Smart train, which
9 stands for Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit.

10 I heard the reference earlier for taking it east,
11 but I think we'd like to finish building out what we have
12 between Marin and Sonoma before any further work gets
13 done that way. Many of us are currently concerned about
14 a proposal to attempt to revitalize the rail line, which
15 would run from Orange County all the way up through the
16 Eel River corridor to Humboldt.

17 Obviously not one many of us favor. But again, it's
18 a transportation link that unites this north coast
19 district in federal and state. And representation on
20 these issues is critical.

21 Water is another very critical issue in this era of
22 ongoing drought. Mendocino, Sonoma, and Marin County --

23 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- are all fed by the Russian
25 River watershed and in fact the Russian River and the Eel

1 River watersheds are connected by the Potter Valley
2 project that sits between them allows some rebalancing of
3 water supply when there's water to be had.

4 I think for all these --

5 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- reasons, I urge the
7 Commission to keep the North Coast together for state and
8 federal representation. Thank you for the opportunity to
9 comment.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
11 we will be going to caller 4678.

12 And we do have caller 1327. You have not made a
13 comment this evening. If you wish to give comment,
14 please press star 9.

15 And caller 5617, you have not given a comment this
16 evening and if you wish to give comment, please press
17 star 9.

18 And caller 9557, You have not given a comment this
19 evening and if you wish to give comment, please press
20 star 9.

21 And I do see all those hands and we will be coming
22 right up to you.

23 Caller 4678, if you will, please follow the prompts
24 to unmute at this time by pressing star 6. The floor is
25 yours.



1 MR. BLOCK: Can you hear me? Can you hear me?

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

3 MR. BLOCK: Okay. My name is Joel Block. I live in
4 Rossmoor in Orange County, adjacent to Long Beach. I've
5 lived here over twenty years. A lot of us in this area
6 of Orange County adjacent to Los Angeles County work and
7 have worked in Long Beach, and we have ties there in the
8 port.

9 I worked for Cal State University, and we have a
10 community of interests, along with Los Alamitos and Seal
11 Beach, the other adjacent communities. So we do support
12 the Long Beach District and the other communities
13 surrounding Long Beach that fill the additional numbers
14 who make equal districts.

15 I want to have the commission -- please do not lose
16 sight of the forest for the trees. You are not an
17 elected body. You are only elected citizens designated
18 to draw logical, fair, and non-gerrymandered district
19 lines as opposed to politicians who draw lines for very
20 self-interest motives. Please do no harm.

21 To give you some perspective, remember, for example,
22 that Congress and the state Constitution do not even
23 require congresspeople coming from the same districts
24 they represent.

25 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.



1 MS. BLOCK: There's a lot of glitches in the system.
2 Also remember that we have the exact same number of
3 assembly members and senators that we had in 1879. So
4 representation is just has to be seen in context. You
5 tried to --

6 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

7 MR. BLOCK: -- again.

8 MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
10 right now we will have caller 5617. And up next after
11 that will be caller 1327. And our last after that will
12 be caller 9577.

13 Caller 5617, if you will, please follow the prompts
14 to unmute at this time by pressing star 6. The floor is
15 yours.

16 MR. BRIGHT: Thank you. Good afternoon,
17 commissioners. My name is Kyle Bright. I'm a student at
18 MiraCosta College and a lifelong resident of Camp
19 Pendleton and Oceanside. I'm calling today to express my
20 concerns about North County San Diego being torn apart.

21 North County encompasses Camp Pendleton to Del Mar
22 and Oceanside to Escondido. Those of us that live here
23 are intensely proud of our North County identity and the
24 close-knit region we have built. Our region forms a
25 strong community of interest, one that should be



1 respected and kept together to the greatest extent
2 possible.

3 Having listened to previous sessions, I am grateful
4 to Commissioner Sinay and Akutagawa for rejecting the
5 unacceptable visualizations Camp Pendleton in 15 and Camp
6 Pendleton 15 NCF. The Alternative Visualizations
7 Assembly A, Tehama to ocean and Senate B (indiscernible)
8 coast are not ideal, but they are more acceptable.

9 With that in mind, I would like to ask the
10 Commission to revisit this area. And at the bare
11 minimum, please keep together the cities of Camp
12 Pendleton, Oceanside, Vista, Carlsbad, and Encinitas. I
13 specifically urge the commissioners to not go through
14 with their expressed interest in separating Vista from
15 Oceanside.

16 Vista and Oceanside are inextricably linked. Just
17 as Oceanside, Carlsbad, and Encinitas are also linked.
18 Our economies are highly integrated along the 78 and 5
19 freeways. We live and work in each of the cities. We
20 share the same transit network.

21 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

22 MR. BRIGHT: And we attend the same schools and we
23 also share the same fears over climate change, sea level
24 rise, pollution, and our housing crisis. I would also
25 ask that the commission staff on the Commission --

1 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

2 MR. BRIGHT: -- please show the commissioners a
3 detailed map of Camp Pendleton's housing and gates. The
4 northern borders of Camp Pendleton are not accessible,
5 nor are they relevant to our community as sharing
6 military connections. Again, please keep Oceanside,
7 Carlsbad, and Encinitas --

8 MR. MANIOFF: Time.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
10 right now we will go to caller 1327. Please follow the
11 prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star 6. The
12 floor is yours.

13 MR. SEARLES: Thank you. I apologize. My name is
14 Nathan Searles. I'm from Rossmoor, California, in the
15 northern western edge of Orange County. I was calling in
16 support of having Rossmoor, Los Alamitos, and Seal Beach
17 be included in the Long Beach map.

18 Long Beach is where I participate in my running
19 club. My daughter participates in her volleyball club.
20 It's where we do our shopping. It's a place of worship.
21 It's our now best airport. We also share the 605 Freeway
22 with Long Beach on the other side. And that means both
23 freeway noise. And unfortunately, it's also a location
24 where we have a homelessness issue.

25 And to have the same representation on both sides of



1 the freeway or the river would be extremely helpful for
2 residents on both sides. It's also -- Long Beach is
3 where a lot of our residents from Rossmoor have moved
4 from. And then as we maybe move out of Rossmoor, we also
5 then move back to Long Beach along the coastal areas.

6 So we have a lot in common with Long Beach. Our
7 students in our elementary schools, middle schools, and
8 high school come from Long Beach. And then those same
9 students, when they graduate off they go along to Long
10 Beach State or to Long Beach City College.

11 So it's very important as far as keeping Los
12 Alamitos, Seal Beach, and Rossmoor together. We all
13 share the same school district. And with the state
14 controlling most of the school financing, it would be
15 critical to have the same representation --

16 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

17 MR. SEARLES: -- for all three communities. So I
18 thank you for your time. And I know it's not easy to do
19 this and it's very appreciated. So thank you.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. We'll
21 be going to caller 9557 at this time. And after caller
22 9557, I would like to get a caller 2815 one more
23 opportunity to try to unmute.

24 Caller 9557, if you will, please follow the prompts
25 to unmute at this time by pressing star 6. The floor is



1 yours.

2 MS. TORRES: Thank you. Good evening. My name is
3 Eleanor Torres. And I'm calling on behalf of the Port of
4 Long Beach. Thank you for hearing our earlier comments
5 about keeping the Port of Long Beach fully connected to
6 the city of Long Beach. We are very much part of the
7 Long Beach community.

8 The way Long Beach has been districts big now, we've
9 been it's been very helpful for the port to be able to
10 work hand in hand with our elected state and federal
11 representative. The Port of Long Beach moves cargo
12 valued at more than \$200 billion annually and supports
13 more than 51,000 jobs in Long Beach and more than 2.6
14 million in the United States.

15 Recent media attention has put a huge spotlight on
16 the specific needs of our port that are critical to the
17 economic stability and growth of our region and our
18 nation. We're very grateful that the ten year -- that
19 ten years ago the state's Independent Redistricting
20 Commission kept Long Beach mostly together.

21 The city and Port of Long Beach want to continue to
22 lead on economic growth that is sustainable and more
23 climate resilient. And to do that, we need strong
24 legislative representation that will continue to be
25 dedicated to these unified goals.



1 Because the large majority of Long Beach is
2 currently kept intact in single state and congressional
3 districts, We have been empowered to better serve our
4 local communities. We're able to work together in ways
5 that have really, truly benefited our city.

6 The Port thanks to you for supporting visualizations
7 that keep --

8 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

9 MS. TORRES: -- Long Beach together. We know you
10 have had a tough job to do this and really appreciate
11 your time and effort. Thank you.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
13 caller with the last four of 2815 you were unable to
14 unmute earlier. If you do wish to give comment and we
15 can get you unmuted, please press star 6. One more time.
16 The floor is yours.

17 Thank you. Thank you for taking my call. I'm
18 calling from Cupertino, California, which is in the Santa
19 Clara district. This is regarding CD-17 and 18.
20 Presently, Cupertino, Sunnyvale and these areas banded
21 together with Milpitas, Fremont, Union City, and CD-17
22 basically although we do not share anything much in
23 common with them.

24 This part of the valley is the heart of the tech
25 community, and the Santa Clara County could go as a



1 single unit. We share a lot more in common with the Los
2 Gatos, Saratoga, Mountain View, Palo Alto, including city
3 borders, school districts, water companies, and the like,
4 including, highways like 85, 101.

5 It would be better to have all of these unified as a
6 single district so we can have a representative that best
7 represents the interests of this constituency. The
8 demographics of Santa Clara County, especially in the
9 South Bay, is a lot more tied to the fortunes of Mountain
10 View, Palo Alto, than Fremont or Union City.

11 So my recommendation would be to have the entire
12 Santa Clara County, especially the cities of Cupertino
13 and Sunnyvale, to be joined entirely with the entire Los
14 Gatos and the Mountain View and that part of the
15 district. So that is what I have to say. Thank you.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
17 Chair, that is -- everyone has spoke.

18 CHAIR SADHWANI: Wonderful. Well, Katy, thank you
19 so much for managing this process. If by my count, we
20 had over sixty callers this afternoon. So I really
21 appreciate everyone from the public who took the time to
22 follow this process and to call in.

23 We are listening. We hear you. We are not done
24 yet. We don't have any maps that are actually done at
25 this point. So we really appreciate the public taking



1 the time to weigh in on this process. You all help make
2 this process what it is. We really appreciate that.

3 For those watching, if you didn't have a chance to
4 weigh in this afternoon on the phone lines, again, please
5 feel free to write to us at the
6 VotersFIRSTAct@CRC.CA.gov -- that's for email -- or
7 through the online submission form available on our
8 website that's open twenty-four hours a day and we are
9 monitoring it on a regular basis.

10 Later this week, on Wednesday, we will be back in
11 session for a business meeting of the CRC. And this
12 weekend, or the later in the week, the 27th through the
13 30th, we'll be reviewing public presentations of district
14 maps for those who have requested appointments.

15 So we certainly encourage you to join us and take a
16 look at the ideas that are coming from within the
17 community. Those are already posted on our website. If
18 you go to the meetings tab and look for October 21st
19 through the 20 -- yes, 21st through the 23rd meetings,
20 you can find those visualizations there.

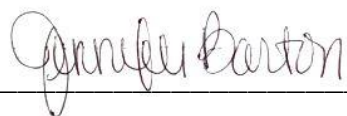
21 With that after many days, I will call this meeting
22 adjourned and we will see you all on Wednesday. Thanks,
23 everybody.

24 (Whereupon, the Visualizations Meeting
25 adjourned at 5:00 p.m.)



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