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Friday, October 29, 2021 9:30 a.m.

CHAIR TURNER: Good morning, and welcome to our day  
3 of our Visualization Meeting for the California  
Redistricting Commission. I am acting chair, Trena  
Turner, and excited for what we will accomplish today.

We left off yesterday having conversation in regards  
to our visualizations for the Congressional maps. We  
were in the Central Valley, just about to move into Los  
Angeles. And we did receive more public comment on last  
evening. I was really excited to hear.

And so before we move, we are going to stay just a  
bit longer in the Central Valley. We had a couple of  
commissioners that had some comments that they'd like to  
make, and we're going to start with Commissioner Sadhwani  
this morning.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Oh. Okay.

CHAIR TURNER: Oh, oh.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Do we need to do roll call,  
or?

CHAIR TURNER: I did not do roll call. Is everybody  
here? No, I'm just playing. Okay. I forgot roll call.  
I'm trying to get on with this business. But yes,  
please, let's do roll call.

FEMALE SPEAKER: Thank you.

1 MR. SINGH: Thank you, Madam Chair.

2 Commissioner Vazquez.

3 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Here, for the first time.

4 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Yee.

5 COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.

6 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Ahmad.

7 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Here.

8 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Akutagawa.

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Here.

10 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Andersen.

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Here.

12 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fernandez.

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Presente.

14 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fornaciari.

15 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Here.

16 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Kennedy.

17 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.

18 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Le Mons.

19 Commissioner Sadhwani.

20 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Here.

21 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Sinay.

22 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Here.

23 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Taylor.

24 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: I am present.

25 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Toledo.

1 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Here.

2 MR. SINGH: And Commissioner Turner.

3 CHAIR TURNER: I am here.

4 MR. SINGH: Roll call is complete, Madam Chair.

5 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. I tell you, it's hard to  
6 pull anything over on these commissioners. They are  
7 sharp and ready. We are all present and accounted for.

8 We will now go, as indicated -- thank you for all of  
9 your comments. I'd like for you to -- I'd like to  
10 encourage you to keep comments coming. Please continue  
11 to utilize -- please continue to utilize the tools that  
12 we have on our website. We are receiving them real time,  
13 as they come in.

14 As we continue through this process today, we are  
15 looking at our Congressional visualizations. And we will  
16 begin with Commissioner Sadhwani, and Commissioners, I'll  
17 take hands after her.

18 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Great. Thank you so much.

19 So we had left off, before we went to public  
20 comment, talking about the Central Valley, and so I  
21 wanted to just come back to that region. We had kicked  
22 off these several days with some maps from our VRA  
23 council about some of our VRA obligations throughout the  
24 state. And I want us to be really mindful about those as  
25 we think about these maps.



1 I'm not certain that we're hitting all those  
2 obligations yet, and in particular, there was some --  
3 there was actually some testimony last night that  
4 resonated with me. We got a lot of testimony last night.  
5 A lot of the concern is that we're going very long  
6 throughout the Central Valley. We're taking a north-  
7 south approach. And so I really wanted to think about  
8 the architecture of the Central Valley and our approach  
9 there. In particular, and by my count, it was caller  
10 number 34, who identified themselves as Cathy (ph.), and  
11 Cathy had suggested that, you know, from Bakersfield all  
12 the way up to the Stanislaus County border is a very  
13 long, long region, and is there a way to make it more  
14 compact? And so I want us to take a closer look.

15 One of the other things David Becker had talked  
16 about with us is having anchor points, and I think  
17 this -- as I've been thinking about the map in general, I  
18 think the Central Valley, while I think we've generally  
19 thought about Los Angeles as being a place where we have  
20 to, like, untie the knot, so to speak, and we've used  
21 that language, I've been thinking, actually, that the  
22 Central Valley is perhaps one of those areas where we  
23 need to be spending a little bit more time and focus.  
24 And that so much stems from the Central Valley, right?  
25 It stems down into the Los Angeles, Southern California

1 region, as well as up into Sacramento and the Bay Area.

2       So my direction here is really around this  
3 Bakersfield area, and I'd like to think about ways in  
4 which we can make that VRA district, and I understand we  
5 do have an obligation there, and making it more compact.  
6 In particular, my thought here is that around  
7 Bakersfield, that becomes our anchor, right, and other  
8 things are going to flow from it. And in particular,  
9 rather than having that huge north-south flow, can we  
10 pull in those portions of Bakersfield with portions of  
11 Kings and Tulare Counties?

12       I'm also really interested in finding out more about  
13 Latino CVAP in Bakersfield. I'd love to take a closer  
14 look at what those regions actually look like. I think  
15 this "curl", as it's been referred to, I think that was a  
16 term coming out of 2010. I'm curious if that's really  
17 still our obligation, or if it's a slightly different  
18 shape. When we look at the maps that were presented as  
19 options and ideas for us from some advocacy groups, it  
20 looks slightly different. Not so much of a rounded curve  
21 or curl, but instead, almost more like a scoop, kind of  
22 coming in through Bakersfield, and so I would be really  
23 curious to take a closer look at that region, and  
24 thinking about concentrating there, and then further  
25 going up.

1           So if Bakersfield were that anchor, so to speak,  
2 with that center point around those three counties, we  
3 are no longer having that north-south stretch, and we're  
4 opening ourselves up to additional districts,  
5 particularly in the Fresno area. And we've received  
6 quite a bit of testimony asking us, while, yes, we do  
7 have VRA obligations for the protected Latino community  
8 in that area, also keeping together some of the AAPI and  
9 AMEMSA communities, in particular, the Hmong, the Arabic  
10 speaking, as well as Punjabi Sikhs in the Fresno area. I  
11 have some specific regions, if that's helpful. So I  
12 think anchoring in Bakersfield, rethinking how our  
13 approach to Fresno.

14           We also received a lot of testimony yesterday with  
15 the concern of that other portion of Bakersfield going  
16 all the way up, that green region there, all the way up  
17 to, is it Tuolumne? Yep. All the way up here. I hear  
18 that. I want to be responsive to those folks that were  
19 calling in there, but I think this is going to become one  
20 of the decision points for the Commission is, do we take  
21 that region and continue that north-south divide, or do  
22 we end up breaking it up and going further down into the  
23 Antelope Valley? I'm not crazy about that idea. We  
24 heard so much testimony from the Antelope Valley. I'm  
25 really liking how that Antelope Valley, Santa Clarita

1 district is generally looking, and I think we're being  
2 really responsive to the testimony that we've received,  
3 but to me, that's the trade-off. I don't have a strong  
4 opinion yet on it, but I'd be curious to hear thoughts  
5 from others, so I'll stop. Thank you.

6 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you, Commissioner Sadhwani.

7 Seeing no other hands, I'll also chime in. We also  
8 heard on last evening quite a few callers that called in  
9 in regards to Mountain House, Tracy, Manteca, and the  
10 desire to not split that from San Joaquin County, and  
11 that particularly in Mountain House, there is a satellite  
12 college there, and I knew that, I forgot that, for Delta.  
13 Delta College has a satellite, and they talked about  
14 their connections with San Joaquin County, and the  
15 importance of not having them split over the Altamont,  
16 and so I would like to give direction that we put  
17 Mountain House, Tracy, but also going down, looking  
18 further at Manteca -- oh, Manteca's there, yeah, but just  
19 adding in Mountain House and Tracy.

20 But also, back on the Assembly map, when we go back  
21 and look at that again, we heard -- you covered Fresno,  
22 that we do need to look at that area a little bit more as  
23 well. And so I won't repeat that.

24 Commissioner Andersen?

25 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. Thank you for this

1 whole conversation. I really do appreciate the fact that  
2 we are looking at, what does anchor the entire maps, and  
3 I completely agree that these VRA districts right through  
4 the center of the Central Valley, they are an item that  
5 we have to address, and they do cause other issues in  
6 other areas, but I also wanted to include San Benito  
7 County. It isn't just -- it's San Benito and the portion  
8 of Monterey County, and with that in mind, and I hear  
9 what Commissioner Sadhwani is saying about the, you know,  
10 we're stretching north and south. Now, it does make  
11 sense still in many, many areas, because that's the only  
12 way, you know, there's the 101, there's the 5, there's  
13 the 99, and they go north and south.

14 But there are the local areas spreading out, and we  
15 were talking about the, you know, Fresno County, per se,  
16 you know, there are areas -- and also Madera County.  
17 These are, you know, those areas, they, you know, while  
18 they're -- yes, they're the hills, some people want to be  
19 separated from the valley, there is a lot to be said for  
20 going in the county itself, in that kind of -- try and be  
21 a little more compact area. And it does keep  
22 specifically, like the, you know, the Mariposa, Tuolumne,  
23 you know, those are areas that have -- they have a lot in  
24 common, and do they have a lot in common with  
25 Bakersfield? No, they don't.

1           So what I'd kind of like to do is just do an -- this  
2 is an overview, and as I'm seeing a certain counties that  
3 have been continuously saying, most of the public  
4 comments have been saying, please keep our areas  
5 together. And if we could go just a little bit further  
6 north, I think the issues that we're grappling with are,  
7 the Siskiyou get cut up or not, where there's the tribal  
8 lands up there, and then, you know, there's the postal,  
9 maybe Trinity, it might be an issue back and forth.

10           Coming further down, we have Sierra and Nevada  
11 Counties, who have repeatedly say they'd like to stay  
12 together. We have Placer and El Dorado Counties that  
13 continuously say they'd like to stay together. Then we  
14 have Butte, Yuba, and Sutter who also say they'd like to  
15 stay together. And all of these, when I -- I'm just  
16 doing a very quick listing here, but the reasons are, you  
17 know, for fire issues, for, you know, economic issues,  
18 they have central things in common.

19           Then we're also hearing about Yolo, Solano, and how  
20 those two counties really want to stay together. That  
21 also affects the entire Sacramento County, and parts of  
22 San Joaquin. And then we have -- we've talked about the  
23 postal many times. We have the wine countries of Eastern  
24 Sonoma, Lake, Napa, little bit of Yolo, those are areas  
25 we've talked about quite a bit.

1           And the reason I'm going through this is in terms of  
2 I hope the line drawers for priority of -- these seem to  
3 be what the commissioners and the public are saying.  
4 These are areas that we'd like to keep together.

5           The Yolo, Solano, Sacramento, San Joaquin area, and  
6 the delta portion of Contra Costa County are all areas  
7 where we're trying to do some playing around with. And I  
8 see, going down then, into the Central Valley, because  
9 Merced is essentially the beginning of, like, essentially  
10 the north end of our VRA areas, that puts Stanislaus, San  
11 Joaquin, north as the areas we can play with.

12           Then, Amador, Calaveras, Tuolumne, and Mariposa are  
13 all another -- those four counties are really, they want  
14 to stay together. They are the heart of gold country.  
15 They have cattle, as well as economic interests, which --  
16 mostly recreation. Then going Alpine, Mono, and Inyo,  
17 also all three want to stay together. They have many  
18 interests; they have self-government groups that are the  
19 three counties.

20           We've already kind of talked about the Bay Area.  
21 Going through that, which we'll shift -- that's like  
22 L.A., you know, you shift that back and forth. The San  
23 Benito/Monterey area, though, I think we really need to  
24 discuss a little more because, you know, do we -- we've  
25 heard Gilroy, Watsonville are part of that triangle with

1 Hollister, and that's, I think, an essential portion of  
2 the VRA district there, and so it causes things to go up  
3 and down.

4 I just brought all this up because I think those  
5 are -- that's what I've been hearing from most of the  
6 commissioners and most of the public, and I'd appreciate  
7 anyone who says, no, no, no, that's really not what I'm  
8 hearing. But I think that would help the line drawers a  
9 little bit, in terms of that sort of quick summary of,  
10 these are areas we'd like to keep together that we're  
11 caring about, and then we can have areas where we know  
12 that we'll probably shift around. So I hope that is  
13 successful, and I hope that also brings further  
14 conversation one way or the other. Thank you.

15 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.  
16 Commissioner Fornaciari, please?

17 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Thanks. Let's see. So  
18 yeah. This is a challenge, clearly, right? We've got  
19 some obligations in the Central Valley that we have to  
20 meet and treat those and anchors. You know, we're  
21 treating some groupings of counties as kind of sacred  
22 cows at this point, and I think we have to kind of get  
23 comfortable maybe not doing that.

24 You know, when we talk about regrouping counties,  
25 we're talking about moving 50,000 people at a time, you



1 know? And that's basically, rearchitecting the whole  
2 Central Valley when we do stuff like that, and we have to  
3 recognize and realize when we ask to move things, how  
4 that's going to roll out. And so I'm just really going  
5 to support Commissioner Sadhwani's comments that we need  
6 to start with an anchor that we can agree on and move out  
7 from there, and be comfortable with how the dominoes fall  
8 from there, because we have VRA obligations that we have  
9 to meet.

10 A couple of comments specifically related to  
11 yesterday. I'll just echo Commissioner Turner's  
12 comments. We really heard from Tracy, finally. The  
13 mayor got on the phone, and a number of folks, and so,  
14 you know, I've been trying to be pretty neutral about it,  
15 even though I'm from Tracy, and what's best, but we're  
16 hearing from Tracy what the city would like, and so I'm  
17 hoping we can try to honor that, you know? It's a very  
18 complex problem.

19 The other thing I want to get a little deeper on,  
20 too, is Fresno. Interesting comments from Fresno. I  
21 believe we have, in our Assembly map, we have Fresno as  
22 just one Assembly district, but I thought there were some  
23 interesting comments that I'd like to see if we can pull  
24 the thread on regarding a VRA district sort of starting  
25 in Fresno and emanating out from there, too. It seems

1 like there's a significant chunk of population in the  
2 City of Fresno, and I imagine you all have looked at it,  
3 but I'd just like to understand better, you know, what  
4 the, you know, what the trade-offs might be in looking at  
5 maybe Fresno, also, as kind of a -- South and East  
6 Fresno -- or West Fresno -- I'm sorry -- as sort of a  
7 starting point for a VRA district. So thanks.

8 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you, Commissioner Fornaciari.  
9 Commissioner Fernandez, please?

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair, and I  
11 will try to be quick.

12 Yes, thank you, Commissioner Sadhwani, for starting  
13 this discussion.

14 In terms of the north-south layout, and Kennedy,  
15 this is you, right? Okay. And as we get to the Senate  
16 districts, there's more of this north-south, and you've  
17 got counties from Yolo all the way up to the Oregon  
18 border, and they really do not have anything in common,  
19 so we really do need to relook at how we're doing that.  
20 I realize we have anchors, but I also feel that we really  
21 need to respect and try to work with as much as we can in  
22 terms of those communities that are related, do have  
23 commonalities.

24 Thank you very much for Yolo and Solano for calling  
25 yesterday. It made me very happy, and I know I've given

1 direction in the past that we need to keep Yolo and  
2 Solano together, and I'm going to probably amend my  
3 direction to ensure -- I was trying carve pieces of Yolo  
4 out, and it's like, no, keep them together. Keep Yolo  
5 and Solano.

6       If we have to increase, we go to Napa or Colusa, and  
7 the reason I say that is, those are farming and  
8 agriculture lands. I call it our flatlands. The only  
9 thing that's not flat is when you get on the freeway.  
10 You get a little bit of elevation there. But then once  
11 you move past Colusa, you're talking about mountains in  
12 completely different areas, so I'm saying it now. So  
13 that's my new direction is to please do as much as we can  
14 to keep Yolo and Solano together, and to rethink this  
15 north-south configuration for the northern part of  
16 California, because you're talking hundreds of miles and  
17 completely different territories and completely different  
18 priorities that each county has. And I realize the  
19 numbers are lower, but we also need to do the best we can  
20 to respect these communities and do the best we can.  
21 Unfortunately, we can't please everyone, but let's try to  
22 please as many as we can, and try to make it as fair as  
23 possible. Thank you.

24       CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

25       Commissioner Sinay?

1           COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you, everyone. Thank  
2 you, Sara, for slowing us down and taking us back to the  
3 Central Valley, and this is really what we're supposed to  
4 do, is keep slowing each other down, and remember that  
5 our obligations is, you know, number 2 is VRA.  
6 Communities of interest falls down to number 4, and even  
7 though we're human, and we're hearing humans, and so  
8 therefore, we want to go in that direction, we do need to  
9 start.

10           And that's kind of been my frustration from the  
11 very, very, very beginning when we started this is, for  
12 me, I wanted to anchor all the maps starting with VRA,  
13 having a better feel. And I still don't -- even though  
14 we saw those maps, sorry David, but they didn't have the  
15 county names of them. You got to kind of take three maps  
16 and figure it all out. I still don't feel like we have  
17 all the tools we need to be really good at this, and to  
18 be able to anchor it in VRA and where the, you know --  
19 I'm still circling things and -- anyway.

20           So what I would like to suggest is that, David,  
21 please go back and put the county names on the maps that  
22 you sent us. I'm not sure if those are public now. I  
23 know when I looked at them -- looked for them when you  
24 were presenting them, we hadn't posted them publicly, and  
25 they do need to be public documents, since we shared

1 them.

2 MR. LARSON: Commissioner Sinay, they are posted --

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay.

4 MR. LARSON: -- and are the handouts for today.

5 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you. Yeah. They weren't  
6 posted when I looked for them. That's why I hadn't gone  
7 back. So thank you that they are posted.

8 But I think it's important, anything that's given to  
9 us, to please have the county names at least on it. I  
10 mean, that's the bare.

11 And then the other piece I wanted to say is, and  
12 I've been saying this, also, from the beginning, is when  
13 we hear from the communities, it's usually Humboldt to  
14 Marin. If you actually read the stuff from Del Norte,  
15 Del Norte is okay going with Siskiyou and Trinity. And  
16 Trinity, Shasta, and Tehama have school districts and  
17 college districts together, so we've created this  
18 artificial north-south because we've gotten a lot of  
19 call-ins. We know some of that is politically motivated.  
20 Some of it is true, that they are a coastal area, but  
21 there is some moving around that we can do from the very  
22 north, because that's kind of started the whole north-  
23 south thing, so I do want us to be a little flexible.

24 I know I've heard a lot of you say, hey, but Del  
25 Norte has to go up to Oregon. They called in yesterday

1 saying that the 101 isn't even working for them right  
2 now. People have to go from Siskiyou to Humboldt to Del  
3 Norte. And going up to Oregon, I live on a border, on  
4 the other side, and so many of my friends, their life is  
5 in Mexico, you know, so just crossing over to Mexico to  
6 go to the doctor's and everything else. So I just wanted  
7 to make the -- that some of the things that we're making  
8 huge priorities are doable.

9       And so just to keep, you know, when the woman --  
10 when we spoke to one woman from Modoc, because I used to  
11 do outreach in Modoc, Commissioner Yee and I, and she had  
12 just gotten back from shopping in Oregon. She's like,  
13 no, we don't even have supermarkets in our area. You  
14 know, those borders, remember a lot of borders are  
15 artificially made. We need to keep these borders,  
16 because it's the State of California and we're doing  
17 redistricting, but.

18       So I would like to go back to what I thought we  
19 would be doing when we do redistricting, and is actually  
20 highlighting the -- starting with kind of highlighting  
21 the area that is VRA and overlaying that on top of the  
22 maps, and then so we could see, oh, wait. Okay. We're  
23 not meeting our obligations. We still have some  
24 opportunities, or something similar to that. I'm still  
25 feeling like we're just running around in different --

1 you know, trying to pull different pieces and making sure  
2 we're okay.

3 So thank you, again, for slowing us down.

4 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay. That  
5 was the plan, to continue in our Central Valley today.  
6 And so I appreciate your comments.

7 We also want to hear from Karin, and then we'll go  
8 to Commissioner Sadhwani.

9 MS. MAC DONALD: Thank you so much, Chair Turner.  
10 And thank you very much for all of that input.

11 So we have been working for a few weeks now on this  
12 particular orientation, and it sounds like you would like  
13 to change the architecture here, and I would just like to  
14 perhaps highlight a few things, and get some guidance of  
15 where you really want to go with this, because just  
16 changing the architecture there on the eastern side is  
17 going to affect your coastal counties. It's going to  
18 affect your wine region that you spent a lot of time  
19 working on just a couple of days ago.

20 So essentially, you can't just go, you know, east to  
21 west all of a sudden on one side of California. It's  
22 going to affect the entire northern area, and that's also  
23 why you just saw that I asked Tamina to come. Because I  
24 think we really need to talk this through right now  
25 because this is going to be a substantial change, and

1 just to let you know, you have seen from us  
2 visualizations of east-west that you did not want to do,  
3 and so what you're seeing on the map right now is  
4 actually all based on your direction, so we got there  
5 somehow, you know? We did get there somehow. We don't  
6 make these decisions, right? And it ripples. So I think  
7 there's perhaps certain sections that we can, you know,  
8 look at and try to figure out whether we can, you know --  
9 just like Commissioner Andersen earlier said, you know,  
10 that we can take some pockets, and perhaps try to make  
11 some of these districts a little bit shorter or so. But  
12 again, you have public input, public testimony, and you  
13 gave direction for everything that is on this map. So we  
14 need to know the degree to which you want to move in a  
15 different direction to be able to move forward.

16 CHAIR TURNER: Um-hum. Thank you. Thank you,  
17 Karin.

18 And with that, I want to say that I think that as we  
19 move, as we get new information, things certainly are  
20 changing. We get more comment as we present the  
21 visualizations, and you all know that, and you told us  
22 that, so we appreciate it. We appreciate that you are  
23 trying to respond to what we're giving you, and we are  
24 doing some shifting.

25 What this will cause, and so we have Kennedy, and



1 Jaime, and Tamina, and line drawers prepared to, even  
2 today, show us the visualizations that they've prepared  
3 before we've given them this feedback. And so in the  
4 moment, it's not going to shift. And so at this point,  
5 we're going to take some more comments from  
6 commissioners, but recognize, even as we move forward,  
7 what they present to us will be what was before this  
8 current conversation.

9 So from that perspective, it'll be an interesting  
10 presentation, and I'd just like us to keep that in mind,  
11 that it won't reflect any changes today for what we said  
12 today, but they are taking notes to continue to explore.

13 Commissioner Sadhwani?

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. Just, you know, a  
15 couple of thoughts. I wanted to, first of all, just  
16 acknowledge Karin's, you know, your team and all of the  
17 amazing work that you've done. And of course, this is  
18 absolutely the reflection of our direction, and I think  
19 one of the things that we're learning in this process is  
20 that we're trying to figure out how to shift, how to  
21 change, how to be responsive when new information becomes  
22 available, or once we see something and say, oh, that  
23 doesn't really work. So you know, I think that that --  
24 and I absolutely agree that this is a reflection of what  
25 we had said two weeks ago, and I think that now we're

1 still asking for additional changes, and that that's  
2 okay.

3         On the VRA piece, you know, I just wanted to respond  
4 a little bit to Commissioner Sinay. And I think, you  
5 know, this has most certainly been a learning process for  
6 me. I can imagine, if ever I had to go through  
7 redistricting again, which I don't think I ever will, I  
8 would want to do it totally differently and have a whole  
9 different set of tools available to me. But given what  
10 we have, I just want to say, yes, VRA does serve as an  
11 anchor to our maps, but we do still have -- I think, what  
12 I'm seeing is, we still have agency over how those VRA  
13 districts are drawn. And I think that when we started  
14 this process, there was an expectation, like, they're  
15 just going to magically appear, and a lot of that has  
16 been done, and I think that that's what those maps that  
17 David Becker had shown was that analysis. Like, these  
18 are the places where we have obligations. But I think  
19 what we're seeing here is, we can think about those  
20 obligations differently.

21         And so I'll just reiterate, for me, that direction  
22 is using Bakersfield -- and I'll agree with Commissioner  
23 Fornaciari, if there are two anchors, it's Bakersfield  
24 and Fresno, our obligations are so very clear there. And  
25 (audio interference) really re-thinking the architecture

1 for those two districts in particular and flowing out  
2 from them.

3 And I completely agree with Commissioner Andersen  
4 about San Benito as well. And I didn't go there, because  
5 I know that's more central coast-ish, but I completely  
6 agree with all of those pieces, so thank you.

7 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Any other commissioners  
8 before we move? Okay.

9 Karin?

10 MS. MAC DONALD: Yeah. If I may, so having heard  
11 all of that, I just wanted to say, of course you can  
12 change the map. What I was trying to say is, there are a  
13 lot of decision points that you feel really strongly  
14 about that are in this map right now, so if we completely  
15 go east-west, then all of that will go away. I mean, it  
16 will literally go away and you will have to start from  
17 scratch.

18 Commissioner Sadhwani's direction to look at that  
19 particular, the architecture just in that area. That is  
20 something we can do. There are some specific decision  
21 points that we would need from you, which for example, we  
22 heard Shafter shouldn't be split, for example.

23 CHAIR TURNER: Say that again?

24 MS. MAC DONALD: Shafter.

25 CHAIR TURNER: Oh.

1 MS. MAC DONALD: Can Shafter be split, you know, is  
2 that okay? Because if we're going to come back with  
3 something that looks completely differently, then you  
4 know, next week we're going to have this conversation  
5 when you say, well we told you not to split Shafter, but  
6 we may have to split it, so I just want to highlight that  
7 going forward. So is that going to be okay to split  
8 Shafter, for example? And then, can Sunnyside go with  
9 Southwest Fresno, for example? Or does it have to go  
10 with Southwest Fresno? Or can it go -- is it okay not to  
11 go with Southwest Fresno?

12 CHAIR TURNER: We're practicing with these masks,  
13 and I'm not hearing all of your words. With what? With  
14 Southwest Fresno?

15 MS. MAC DONALD: I'm sorry. Sunnyside.

16 CHAIR TURNER: Oh.

17 MS. MAC DONALD: Does it have to go with Southwest  
18 Fresno, for example?

19 CHAIR TURNER: Show it to me on the map.

20 MS. MAC DONALD: So there's these kinds of decision  
21 points that are going to make a difference in the  
22 rotation down there, for example.

23 CHAIR TURNER: I wouldn't want to answer quickly. I  
24 don't recall Sunnyside being named, so I'd have to go  
25 back to the COI testimony and see if that was part of

1 Southwest Fresno. I mean, I don't know if you're asking,  
2 like, specifically right now, but I'd want to go back and  
3 pull and see what was said about Sunnyside.

4 MS. MAC DONALD: Right.

5 CHAIR TURNER: I don't know if any of the other  
6 commissioners, do you remember Sunnyside in the list  
7 being named? Okay.

8 MS. MAC DONALD: I mean, perhaps more generally. Is  
9 the direction to do what we have to do to change the  
10 architecture down there?

11 CHAIR TURNER: I like that as a direction, yes.

12 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes.

13 MS. MAC DONALD: That's okay?

14 CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

15 MS. MAC DONALD: All right.

16 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Commissioner Taylor?

17 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Thank you, Chair, and sorry I  
18 didn't get my hand up quicker.

19 Just sort of in response to some of our thought  
20 processes, or at least in response to my thought process,  
21 I never looked at some of these issues as being border  
22 issues or a specific line here or there. But my thought  
23 process was always to meet community members' requests  
24 for accessibility and how accessible we're drawing these  
25 districts. I think that's something that we can and we

1 should have in our thought process, and something that  
2 should be consistent from district to district, and I  
3 think in answering those calls for accessibility, it's  
4 not contingent on whether or not community members always  
5 avail themselves of that. I think it's part of our duty  
6 to make this -- to seat our government in an accessible  
7 manner. Thank you.

8 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Commissioner Andersen,  
9 followed by Commissioner Kennedy?

10 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes. Thank you. I just  
11 want to say, you know, the -- this don't go north-south.  
12 I think that's -- and also don't go east-west. I don't  
13 believe that's the entire state. It's really, in the  
14 Central Valley, we've kind of cut things that might be a  
15 little bit too long. Commissioner Sadhwani is saying,  
16 let's look at little bits east-west-ish in this area.  
17 You know, there are sections where it makes perfect sense  
18 to go north-south because, you know, we have sets of  
19 mountains, so I think, you know -- and I hope the line  
20 drawers are hearing this. There's a little discussion.  
21 The line drawers? The area to go east-west is really in  
22 the Central Valley-ish, not the entire state. So it's  
23 just a -- and we're looking at our anchor points, really,  
24 specifically. You know, how can we rearrange that?

25 And I understand we did, because originally, Merced

1 was an entire county, a solid line. And I thinks that's  
2 where we're looking at playing. And I completely agree,  
3 it's Bakersfield and Fresno. So I tried to be a little  
4 more clear there. Thank you.

5 So the areas would be -- in the Central Valley is  
6 the area to go a little bit more east-west. Don't go  
7 completely north-south there. It's a more subtle thing.  
8 It's not rearrange the entire architecture. There are  
9 groups of counties that want to stay together for very  
10 valid economic reasons, like Mr. (sic) Fernandez was  
11 saying. And it's all around the state. So I think it's  
12 just a little adjustment here is what we're talking  
13 about. Thank you.

14 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.  
15 Karin?

16 MS. MAC DONALD: Yes. So the reason for why I was  
17 talking about the coast was, and we're huddling here, as  
18 you can tell, because we're trying to figure out what the  
19 ripple is, so when you were talking about putting Yolo  
20 with Solano now, that's actually going to end up  
21 affecting the wine area and the East Bay. So it won't be  
22 good. So there really are significant ripples. Probably  
23 not San Francisco, but definitely, it's going to ripple  
24 around into the East Bay. So is that something you do  
25 want to explore by next week? I mean, we could see what

1 we could do, okay? We don't have, really, much time to  
2 map, anyway, but --

3 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Fernandez, you wanted to  
4 answer her?

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. In terms of this wine  
6 country, I wasn't necessarily in agreement with that,  
7 because I see all of that as being agriculture and  
8 farming, so I don't want to -- I see it more as  
9 agriculture, not necessarily two counties of wine  
10 country. And I know that I'm in disagreement with some  
11 of the commissioners, but I don't want it to be a  
12 specific product in farming that's going to group  
13 communities together, since I'm a community that does  
14 more than just wine. We do tomatoes, corn, and as does  
15 Yolo, does more than just wine.

16 So I'm not sure what you're looking for, in terms of  
17 direction, but my direction would be Yolo and Solano. I  
18 don't want to say I don't care about the wine countries,  
19 because I do. I see it as a agriculture, which is very  
20 important to me, so I group them all together not by  
21 product or what they're growing, if that makes sense.  
22 It's the same type of needs. Your water needs, your  
23 farming, agriculture, broadband issues, too. I forgot to  
24 bring that up yesterday.

25 CHAIR TURNER: Karin?



1 MS. CLARK: May I ask a question? The Yolo and  
2 Solano or the Solano delta area? Which is your priority?

3 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Kennedy, did you want to  
4 respond to that specific question? Because I have some  
5 that do.

6 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yeah. The others can go  
7 ahead and respond to that first.

8 CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

9 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you.

10 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Sadhwani, response to  
11 that? Okay.

12 Commissioner Toledo?

13 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah. I hear what  
14 Commissioner Fernandez is saying, and I think, you know,  
15 an agricultural district would make sense, that has Yolo,  
16 potentially some Calusa, potentially the rural parts of  
17 Solano County, right, the Dixon area, around there,  
18 potentially some of the delta area, with some of the Napa  
19 area makes sense to me. That's how it's traditionally  
20 been. If having a -- it's a agricultural area. It's a  
21 lot of farming community, a lot of farm workers, and  
22 Latino community, so making sure that we're keeping that  
23 together.

24 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Commissioner Kennedy?

25 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. Two

1 things. First of all, rather than saying -- or rather  
2 than focusing on shifting from north-south to east-west,  
3 I prefer to think of it as, let's see if we can raise,  
4 you know, our game a bit on compactness. You know, if  
5 people are saying, you know, what sense does a district  
6 make if it goes all the way from Bakersfield to Los  
7 Banos, is there a way to say, okay, we'll have a  
8 Bakersfield-based VRA district that doesn't go beyond  
9 Kern, Kings, and Tulare, and a Fresno-based VRA district  
10 that doesn't go beyond Fresno, Madera, and Merced? I  
11 think we can -- I think we can tighten up a bit on  
12 compactness, basically.

13       Second, as far as wine versus agriculture, you know,  
14 I'm fine treating it all as agricultural. All I was  
15 trying to say yesterday was, it looked to me like we were  
16 very, very close to having a potential wine country  
17 district-sized area at the Assembly level. And perhaps  
18 another Assembly-sized district that wasn't quite as much  
19 focused on wine to the east of it. So just want to make  
20 that clear. If there's a possibility of a wine-focused  
21 area that is just kind of naturally Assembly-sized, I  
22 would say let's go for it, but that's not to the  
23 exclusion of other types of agriculture. Thank you.

24       CHAIR TURNER: Thank you, Commissioner Kennedy. And  
25 I really appreciate your bringing us back and speaking of

1 this in terms of compactness.

2 Commissioner Sadhwani?

3 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yep. Actually, most of my  
4 comments were already said by Commissioner Kennedy and  
5 Andersen, so thank you for that.

6 I was never suggesting switching the entire  
7 architecture of the map from north-south to east-west,  
8 but simply those anchor points in the Central Valley.  
9 Bakersfield, I think is the -- in particular, it's the  
10 visualization, VCV Merced (indiscernible), but I think  
11 it's the compactness piece that I'm looking for, and I  
12 think we can rethink this area, pulling from Kings,  
13 Tulare, and Kern. Again, I think that that curl of  
14 Bakersfield needs to be reconsidered.

15 On the Yolo Solano piece, I'm open to seeing options  
16 that the line drawers can come up with. Thank you.

17 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Commissioner Fernandez?

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. Thank you, Chair.  
19 They asked a question about Yolo versus delta, the piece  
20 of delta that I am recommending that be included with it  
21 is a population of, I believe, 10,000, and when we talk  
22 about the delta that I'm referring to, it's from Rio  
23 Vista north, not the other -- there's two pieces of  
24 delta. So I'm referring to the one that is not as  
25 heavily populated as your Pittsburg and all that other

1 area, so hopefully, that clears it up. Okay. Thank you  
2 so much.

3 And then also, in terms of east-west on the  
4 northern, I definitely would be open to that as well.  
5 You've actually done a pretty good job with it so far, so  
6 thank you.

7 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Commissioner Sadhwani,  
8 did I interrupt you in the middle? Do you have more?  
9 No? Okay.

10 Commissioner Toledo?

11 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you. Just going back to  
12 a point that Commissioner Sadhwani said in terms of our,  
13 you know -- in terms of how we analyze and think through  
14 the VRA issues, we do have quite a bit of -- I mean, we  
15 didn't get -- we have quite a bit of flexibility within  
16 that, as long as we're adequately meeting the needs of  
17 populations that need to be protected.

18 And with that, I think optimizing, you know, the  
19 number of VRA seats is important in making sure that we  
20 have districts that reflect the and allow for the  
21 communities to elect people of their choosing.

22 And one of the things that comes back to me is  
23 really looking at those CVAPs, right? And the percentage  
24 of -- the percentages there, I mean, some of the  
25 community input was to go lower on those CVAPs, even

1 though -- I mean, there's lots of options, lots of  
2 flexibility. Want to make sure that communities have an  
3 opportunity to effectively elect candidates of their  
4 choice, but we do have some discretion, and I mean, these  
5 are maps for ten years, and I want it to show that  
6 individuals are fairly represented and choose whoever  
7 they want to elect to office. So just bringing that back  
8 up in terms of the CVAP numbers and thinking through the  
9 Central Valley a little bit more. Thank you.

10 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Jaime?

11 MR. CLARK: Thank you. And thank you, everybody,  
12 for this discussion.

13 A question that I have based on some of this  
14 conversation around the Central Valley, and this is  
15 specifically about Assembly size visualizations. So I  
16 guess, a question around changing -- basically, if we're  
17 calling the current area a curl, it's like, changing the  
18 direction of the curl, right, from like a C to U, kind  
19 of, is basically what the -- is being proposed. That  
20 potentially, and we'd maybe do a little bit more mapping  
21 on it, but that potentially would sort of split Antelope  
22 Valley, and in Congressional as well, would potentially  
23 split Antelope Valley, and in some instances, depending  
24 on what other changes would want to be in L.A., could  
25 also potentially split Antelope Valley and Victor Valley.

1 So just sort of flagging that.

2 And I guess, additionally, and some -- excuse me --  
3 and some questions also could be, like, including coastal  
4 areas with Central Valley areas, like central coast and  
5 Central Valley areas, so that's, I guess, also a question  
6 that we have, if that's, like, a hard line for you or  
7 not?

8 CHAIR TURNER: We will discuss it.

9 Commissioner Sadhwani?

10 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. You know, I had  
11 mentioned this in my opening remarks. I think that this  
12 is going to be one of those decision points for the  
13 Commission to make. I don't know that we're prepared to  
14 make it now. The way that we currently are visualizing  
15 L.A. County with Antelope Valley, I really like, but that  
16 being said, I also heard a ton of testimony yesterday  
17 from folks calling in saying they don't like the idea of  
18 parts of Kern going all the way up to Tuolumne. So for  
19 me, I'm open to seeing what the options are, and I think  
20 that -- that's for me, like, if Bakersfield becomes that  
21 anchor point for us, then we can make some decisions  
22 around what happens to the Antelope Valley, or the rest  
23 of Kern with other places, right? I mean, we have, just  
24 on the Assembly level, visualizations linking Kern to San  
25 Bernadino. I mean, I'm not suggesting that that's what I

1 want to see. I'm saying I'm open to seeing what those  
2 options are, if we took Bakersfield as that anchor.

3 I think, you know, from what I've seen from the  
4 testimony, it looks like -- I'm just trying to come up  
5 with, like, if this is a curl, then what's this other  
6 thing? I'm looking at some of the pieces from other  
7 folks, I was looking at some of the maps around the wards  
8 of Bakersfield as well. It's almost more of like a  
9 dollop, if you will. I don't know. I know what a good  
10 word for it is, but it seems to come, like, more straight  
11 down from Tulare into Bakersfield, but again, that's  
12 where I would want to see what the CVAP is looking like  
13 in the Bakersfield area, because I don't have a -- like,  
14 this is based on elections from potentially ten years  
15 ago. I don't have a sense of how the Latino community  
16 has changed or grown over those ten years, but I think  
17 that, potentially is the piece that seems to be missing,  
18 at least from the data that I -- from what's available to  
19 commissioners.

20 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Commissioner Akutagawa?

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Thank you. I, too,  
22 am also interested in seeing the east-west, at least, for  
23 visualization.

24 I wanted to ask Jaime a question for perhaps  
25 clarification, but more for a sense of an example. You

1 said that if we make some of these potential changes of  
2 this east-west orientation instead of the current north-  
3 south, you said that we might be looking at splitting the  
4 Antelope Valley, perhaps splitting Victorville. Can you  
5 give us, like, can you just explain a little bit further,  
6 like, what's an example? Like, I'm just not sure what  
7 you mean by splitting the Antelope Valley.

8 MS. CLARK: Do you mean, like, what do I mean by the  
9 Antelope Valley, in terms of, like, a definition, or  
10 like, how it would be split?

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Like, do you have  
12 a -- for example, I mean, obviously, it's not a for sure,  
13 but are you saying that if we were to do an east-west  
14 orientation, are you saying that --

15 MS. CLARK: Yeah. Okay.

16 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- like, maybe Lancaster  
17 and Palmdale will be separated from each other?

18 MS. CLARK: Yes.

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I know that's not what  
20 we're saying, but.

21 MS. CLARK: Yeah. Potentially, or -- and of course,  
22 it would depend on how the Commission would want to split  
23 Antelope Valley, so there's flexibility there, also, if  
24 it was, like, do more of a split along the 4, or  
25 something like that, where maybe multiple cities could be



1 split. It would kind of depend on how the Commission  
2 directed that to go. Without, like, actually mapping it,  
3 I don't have a more definitive answer than, like, at  
4 least one city.

5 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. No, that's what I  
6 wanted to just get a -- I knew that you wouldn't have a  
7 definitive answer, but I --

8 MS. CLARK: Yeah.

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- just wanted to  
10 understand, like, are you talking about, like, you know,  
11 big swaths, or are you talking about, like, certain  
12 cities would be split?

13 MS. CLARK: Yeah. I'm sorry. I don't have -- I  
14 don't have a more definitive answer. I don't think it  
15 would be, like, a couple blocks or something like that.  
16 I think it would be a little bit bigger than that, and of  
17 course, it's something that Kennedy and I will  
18 collaborate on together to -- since it's, like, Kern and  
19 Los Angeles, that's sort of, like, an area we have  
20 overlaps, so we'll work on that together to explore  
21 exactly what it would mean.

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: And just one more  
23 clarification, when you also say, you know, splitting,  
24 you know, certain regions, are you talking about  
25 splitting certain regions as they're currently, you know,

1 been presented as a visualization, or --

2 MS. CLARK: I mean splitting areas that have been  
3 defined as COIs.

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Got it.

5 MS. CLARK: So like -- yeah.

6 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Thank you.

7 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Sinay?

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I just wanted to answer the  
9 line drawers. When you were asking questions about lines  
10 and such. I think I said this yesterday, so I apologize  
11 if I am repeating (indiscernible), but in order for us to  
12 be able to do our work, there's six criteria. Counties,  
13 lines, and city lines fall under the community of  
14 interest, which is number 4. And I think as a  
15 Commission, we've kind of looked at communities of  
16 interest being, of those different ones they have in  
17 there, community of interest takes A over B, you know,  
18 and it's going to depend on what the community of  
19 interest is.

20 As we have said, some communities of interest, we  
21 know have been submitted that are veiled in politics,  
22 others veiled in racism, others veiled in whatever, and  
23 sometimes we're going to have to just work through that.  
24 And sometimes we're just going to have to say there might  
25 be a veil, but let's just take it as it is.

1           But I go back to something that Commissioner  
2 Ahmed -- Ahmad, sorry, said to all of us a long, long,  
3 time ago, and we're not here -- I'm not here for San  
4 Diego County. I'm not even here for San Diego County and  
5 Los Angeles County or Orange County, where I've worked  
6 and lived and -- or San Francisco and San Mateo, where  
7 I've worked and lived, I'm here for the 40 million --  
8 okay. I know it's less than 40 million now, but 40  
9 million Californians, and I hope that everybody's happy  
10 and angry at the maps. You know, I mean, we're not going  
11 to make everybody happy, and if we did make everybody  
12 happy, then there's something we did wrong. And I'm a  
13 firm believer of that. That with 40 million people,  
14 we're not going to make them all happy.

15           Yes, there's going to be people who are going to be  
16 loud. We cannot, I mean, I'll say it again, we cannot --  
17 we need to always go back and make sure we're listening  
18 to everybody, even the first person who called in, and  
19 kind of measure it all together, and not just, who was  
20 the last person to call in? Though I do appreciate what  
21 the Commissioner -- the commissioners who are, like, oh,  
22 finally, that region's called in, because I had felt that  
23 way as well. But we need to keep pulling ourselves away  
24 and being neutral about, especially regions where we live  
25 in and such, and try to look at the big picture of the 40

1 million, and be able to make those hard decisions.  
2 That's why we were selected, because we can do that. And  
3 that's why there's 14 of us, because we each have to keep  
4 reminding ourselves of that and supporting each other.

5 So that was a really long answer to say, yes, go  
6 ahead and do splits and, you know, let's keep our 1  
7 through 4 -- okay -- 1 through 6 criterias, but  
8 remembering, you know, what our obligations are.

9 And we're going to have to split, because our first  
10 obligation is equal sizes, and there's no way to do equal  
11 sizes when you look at these counties and cities and  
12 stuff.

13 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Commissioner Yee?

14 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes. Returning to the VRA  
15 districts, I think I'd like to hear some combination of  
16 the line drawers and Mr. Becker give us some more  
17 concrete idea of how to proceed, then. You know, how do  
18 you exercise the flexibility we have in creating those  
19 VRA districts? You know, of course, we had to look at  
20 CVAPs and so on, but I mean, concretely, in terms of, how  
21 we're going to proceed with that, and in terms of timing,  
22 when we're going to proceed with that? I think I need to  
23 hear more.

24 MR. BECKER: I'll try to -- I'll try to address that  
25 as much -- as best I can. So where we've advised that

1 minority populations require certain districts to be  
2 drawn to protect their voting rights under the Voting  
3 Rights Act, you have a lot of discretion in how those  
4 districts are drawn, so long as -- so long as you don't  
5 sew, crack, or PAC minority voting rights so as to limit  
6 their ability to elect candidates of choice in the number  
7 of districts where they can have them.

8       That being said, I mean, what we can't tell you is,  
9 here is the magical hypothetical district you should  
10 draw. You'll need to draw districts, and we'll be able  
11 to tell you, yeah, that -- based on the -- based on the  
12 voting behavior, that looks like that's a district that  
13 will protect minorities, consistent with the Voting  
14 Rights Act. And we've already -- we've already given  
15 some advice along those lines.

16       I'd also just add, there are areas where there are  
17 minority concentrations where the (indiscernible) pre-  
18 conditions don't all apply, as we discussed. And that  
19 doesn't mean that those minorities are unprotected, it  
20 just means they require less protection under the Voting  
21 Rights Act, and they require -- and don't require a  
22 particular district to be drawn.

23       But there are other districting principles that  
24 apply, and it may very well be that there are districts  
25 that are majority minority that aren't VRA districts,

1 just because there are communities of interest there that  
2 happen to overlap and that can be used there. So I, you  
3 know, when we're talking about the Central Valley, there  
4 are clearly Voting Rights Act considerations there, as  
5 we've indicated for Latino populations. Similar in  
6 Southern California from L.A., Orange, San Bernadino,  
7 Riverside, Imperial, and San Diego.

8       There's even an area where there are significant  
9 Asian -- considerations with regard to the Asian  
10 populations in Los Angeles area. That doesn't mean that  
11 there aren't -- because of more concentrations of people  
12 happen to live, that there won't be high concentrations  
13 in some districts that are not necessarily districts that  
14 had to be drawn for VRA compliance. And I just want to  
15 stress that again, because there are areas that have very  
16 significant minority populations. We've discussed this.  
17 A great example is the peninsula in the South Bay of the  
18 Bay Area, where there are very high concentrations of  
19 Asian voters, but not much racially polarized voting.  
20 There is a -- it's really a -- it's a place where the  
21 Voting Rights Act, or the promise of the Voting Rights  
22 Act is really played out, that people are not voting  
23 solely based on race.

24       And so there might not need to be particular  
25 districts drawn, but it might very well be that a

1 district drawn happens to be a majority Asian, and as  
2 long as it -- as long as it's traditional redistricting  
3 principles that have been applied, communities of  
4 interest, and other things that you have before you,  
5 that's entirely appropriate.

6 I don't know if that answered your question,  
7 completely, Commissioner Yee, and I'm happy to go into  
8 more detail if you had something -- some follow-up.

9 COMMISSIONER YEE: Right. That's all good. And  
10 I'm, you know, looking at the Central Valley especially,  
11 I mean, you guys, with the line drawers and with our  
12 input, did create us a visualization here that we're  
13 looking at, and discussing, and weighing, and considering  
14 altering, so I'm just trying to get a handle on, okay,  
15 how do we weight all the considerations that went into  
16 what we see now, and then at what point and how do we  
17 introduce new considerations, some of the things  
18 Commissioner Sadhwani and others have suggested to create  
19 alternate visualizations?

20 MR. BECKER: So I think Commissioner Sadhwani is  
21 right. You have a lot of agency here. It is not just  
22 related to the Voting Rights Act. The Voting Rights Act  
23 is actually a limitation to some degree.

24 I'll just also say, you've got -- what we're looking  
25 at right now is Congressional districts, correct? There

1 is a significant amount of deviation that's going to need  
2 to be fixed in there which gives you some ability to  
3 move. Equal population is the number one criteria in the  
4 State of California and constitutionally. And for  
5 Congressional districts, that means as close to equal as  
6 possible. That means if you need to split cities and  
7 counties and even communities of interest you can do that  
8 because equal population takes precedence over all other  
9 criteria.

10       So what I might do is -- I think this is where we  
11 should be right now given the instruction given to the  
12 line drawers. I think this is more of a kind of a  
13 starting or middle point, and now we should start getting  
14 to the point where if, for instance -- if for instance,  
15 you wanted to confirm whether or not the Merced Fresno  
16 area is a VRA area, which I have to go back to the maps,  
17 but my recollection is there were VRA considerations  
18 there absolutely. And whether it was possible to unpack  
19 particularly the Fresno Tulare district a little bit and  
20 create better population equality while also perhaps  
21 creating some -- that wouldn't be the only place; there  
22 might be other places -- where you might be able to  
23 satisfy Voting Rights Act considerations in that Merced  
24 Fresno area.

25       I think that would also be an appropriate direction.



1 I think there's also likely some way to move into San  
2 Benito and Monterey to the west to take in some of the  
3 population there and allow the Merced Fresno district to  
4 also creep over to the west somewhere.

5 I am -- but you're the commissioners. These are  
6 just some brain-storming ideas that you might want to  
7 direct the line drawers to look at.

8 Recognizing, also, that when you get closer to the  
9 coast, you're probably elongating a district because the  
10 coast can't go anywhere. You can't go any further west  
11 there, so you might end up having an elongated district  
12 out there. But because every decision you make has a  
13 domino effect on the rest.

14 But there are no significant Voting Rights Act  
15 considerations once you get beyond that San Benito  
16 Monterey area on the western coast.

17 COMMISSIONER YEE: Right so in terms of workflow we  
18 can sit here and talk about Mountain House and Tracy  
19 let's say and think about the boundaries and think about  
20 just the raw populations.

21 But when it comes to talking VRA district, we have  
22 to consider a lot more things, right, and in much more  
23 detail, and I'm just not fully grasping how to manage  
24 that detail altogether right here in coming up with  
25 possible variations on the VRA districts.

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2 MR. BECKER: I'm mean, you're still at a point where  
3 you can ask line drawers to experiment with some things.  
4 Obviously, these are not close to final because the  
5 deviations are not quite there yet, so I would use that  
6 opportunity.

7 What we know is that there are significant Hispanic  
8 populations in San Benito and on the kind of eastern edge  
9 of Monterey County. That may be helpful if we want to  
10 abide by Voting Rights Act considerations.

11 And then if we started with an anchor through the  
12 Central Valley here and then radiated out and then also a  
13 separate anchor for maybe the southern part of California  
14 which we discussed.

15 That will probably lead you to pretty solid  
16 compliance with the Voting Right Act while leaving you  
17 enough flexibility to take in a variety of community of  
18 interest testimony on districts that where the Voting  
19 Rights Act does not require a particular district to  
20 drawn.

21 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you.

22 ACTING CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Commissioner Yee  
23 and Mr. Becker, for that. At this point, we're going to  
24 take quick break to do some shifting. Just a quick  
25 break. Let's see. It is 10:35, we'll be back at 10:45.

1 Thank you.

2 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 10:35 a.m. until  
3 10:45 a.m.)

4 ACTING CHAIR TAYLOR: Okay. Thank you for that time  
5 while we shifted some things around. Commissioners and  
6 Californians, what we are going to do at this point is to  
7 move into our Los Angeles Congressional maps.

8 I'd like for us to recognize going in and there will  
9 be some additional shifts that I want to name. As we  
10 move, we are fluid. We are responding to comments that  
11 we're receiving, public input, and I'm excited about that  
12 that we are trying to again drawn the best visualizations  
13 to allow our public to respond to those visualizations.

14 So with that, the presentations that we have again,  
15 are reflective of what we've said in the past so it will  
16 not reflect the changes.

17 So we are going to still present the balance of the  
18 Congressional maps for Los Angeles and for Southern  
19 California to allow more responses, and at that, time we  
20 are going to get a summary only for Senate based on what  
21 the line drawers believe that they are hearing and  
22 direction.

23 We will not go through Senate maps because they will  
24 not reflect what we're currently thinking. They're still  
25 reflective of the old thought process so it makes no

1 sense to do that. So out time today we're going to  
2 through our Congressional maps, respond.

3 We will get a general thought about how to think how  
4 we're currently thinking about Senate. The mappers will  
5 tell us what they are hearing and then we will open up  
6 for public comment at that point, which will conclude our  
7 session.

8 So it will depend on how long it takes us to get  
9 through the Congressional maps. And so at this point, we  
10 are going to be in the hands of Jamie --

11 MS. CLARK: Just one moment, please.

12 Hello, thank you.

13 I'm going to go through the set of visualizations  
14 for Congressional-sized visualizations for Los Angeles  
15 county. This is page 41, and I am just going to follow  
16 the order of the handout.

17 So this is page 41 of the handout. It includes the  
18 Antelope Valley and Santa Clarita Valley, and I'm going  
19 to zoom in. It does, for population, pick up Granada  
20 Hills North and Porter Ranch and the San Fernando Valley.

21 This, again, for population. The rest of the  
22 borders of this visualization are the county line with  
23 Ventura, Kern, San Bernadino counties.

24 Then next we're going to page 42.

25 This visualization includes neighborhood in San

1 Fernando Valley, including Sylmar, the City of San  
2 Fernando, Pacoima, Foothill Trails District, Sun Valley,  
3 Pacoima, Mission Hills, North Hills, Lake Balboa, Reseda,  
4 Van Nuys, North Hollywood, Panorama City, et cetera.

5 Next is page 43.

6 This visualization includes the rest of San Fernando  
7 Valley for the most part. Granada Hills, North Ridge,  
8 Chatsworth, West Hills, Bell Canyon, Woodland Hills,  
9 Tarzana, Encino, Sherman Oaks, Studio City, also  
10 including Hollywood Hills, Bel Air, Palisades, and then  
11 in sort of this very western Los Angeles area including  
12 Hidden Hills, Calabasas, Topanga, and Malibu.

13 Yesterday the Commission gave Tamina direction to  
14 include Calabasas with Agoura Hills and Westlake Village.  
15 And this visualization, that is based in Ventura county,  
16 so just noting that. That balances very well and works  
17 out. Thank you.

18 Moving down the coast, this is page 44. This  
19 visualization includes West Hollywood, Beverly Hills,  
20 Westwood and Westside neighborhoods, Santa Monica,  
21 Venice, moving down through Marina Del Ray, El Segundo,  
22 Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, Torrance, Lomita, Rolling  
23 Hills, Palos Verdes.

24 And next, we are going to page 45. Kind of going  
25 back up, going to zoom in.

1           This visualization page 45 of the Congressional  
2 district's handout. This includes Burbank, Glendale,  
3 Eagle Rock, Glassell Park, Hollywood United Neighborhood  
4 Council, Atwater, Los Feliz area, Echo Parks, Silver  
5 Lake, East Hollywood areas, Koreatown, Greater Wilshire,  
6 and Mid City West.

7           And next page 46. This visualization includes South  
8 Robertson, Pico, Mid City, West Adams, Palms, Mar Vista,  
9 Culver City, Del Ray, View Park, Ladera Heights, Park  
10 Mesa, Inglewood, West Monarch, West Athens, Lennox,  
11 Hawthorne, Del Aire, Lawndale areas.

12           And next we are going to page 47, please. This  
13 visualization we collaborated with your VRA team on.  
14 This includes Westlake areas, Downtown, and this was a  
15 community of interest that this was called like Downtown  
16 and Skid Row. It's includes this area, Pico Union. I'm  
17 going to zoom in to see the detail on this here. It's  
18 sort of eastern part of Olympic Park. No, I'm sorry. It  
19 is eastern part of Olympic Park and also this is sort of  
20 a Jefferson Park area includes South Central Neighborhood  
21 Council, Zapata-King, and then also includes Huntington  
22 Park, Florence-Firestone, and the northern part of Watts.

23           Next, moving down to the Harbor Gateway areas. This  
24 visualization includes San Pedro, Wilmington, Gardena,  
25 the Harbor Gateway Cities, Carson, West Carson, Compton,

1 West Rancho Dominguez, and East Rancho Dominguez,  
2 Willowbrook, the southern part of Watts, and these areas  
3 along the 110. This is Empowerment Congress Southeast  
4 and CANNDU Neighborhood Council areas.

5 Next, moving to the Long Beach area. This is page  
6 49. Just going in page order.

7 This includes the entirety of the city of Long  
8 Beach, Signal Hill, Lakewood, Bellflower, Hawaiian  
9 Gardens, Cypress, Los Alamitos and Rossmoor. Cypress,  
10 Los Alamitos and Rossmoor are in Orange county, and none  
11 of those cities are split in this visualization.

12 And we are going to page 50 next. This is another  
13 visualization we worked with your team VRA team on. It  
14 includes Paramount, Lynwood, Southgate, Bell Gardens,  
15 Downy, Pico Rivera, West Whittier, South Whittier, East  
16 Whittier, Santa Fe Springs, La Mirada, Artesia, Cerritos,  
17 and Norwalk.

18 And we are going to page 51 next. This  
19 visualization, again, one that we worked with your VRA  
20 team on. It includes Highland Park area, LA-32  
21 Neighborhood Council -- sort of El Sereno area, Lincoln  
22 Heights, Boyle Heights, East Los Angeles, Vernon, Bell,  
23 Maywood, Commerce, Montebello, South San Gabriel, San  
24 Gabriel, Rosemead, Monterey Park, Alhambra.

25 And next we are going to page 52. Another area that

1 we worked with your VRA team on. This visualization  
2 includes Azusa, Irwindale, Covina, West Covina, Baldwin  
3 Park, El Monte, North El Monte, South El Monte, Whittier,  
4 La Habra Heights, Hacienda Heights, Heart of the City of  
5 Industry, South San Jose Hills, La Puente, Valinda, these  
6 areas.

7 I did want to note that during our last round of  
8 visualizations, there was a comment or a request from  
9 commissioners to explore these being more of an east to  
10 west -- sort of having a more east to west structure or  
11 architecture. And I did attempt that. It did require  
12 like Zapata-King and other neighborhoods in L.A. to be  
13 with Hacienda Heights for population purposes. And when  
14 I looked sort of at changing things around balancing it  
15 out a little more it essentially was looking a lot like  
16 these two eastern and west versions. So I just wanted to  
17 name that, and let you know that I tried.

18 And next going to page 53, please, 210 corridor.  
19 This is my last visualization presenting today. So this  
20 includes a lot of the areas of the Angeles National  
21 Forest. It goes from Sunland-Tajunga, La Crescenta, La  
22 Canada, Altadena, all of the city of Pasadena, South  
23 Pasanda, San Mario, Arcadia, Monrovia, Bradbury Duarte,  
24 Glendora, San Dimas, all the way out to Clairmont and the  
25 county limit -- county line here of Los Angeles County.



1 And then in San Bernardino County includes Brightwood,  
2 Little Creek, northern parts of Rancho Cucamonga,  
3 northern parts of Upland and San Antonio Heights. This  
4 is sharing a border with a district visualization in San  
5 Bernadino County that has some VRA considerations.

6 ACTING CHAIR TAYLOR: And that's it, Jamie?

7 MS. CLARK: Yes, that's it.

8 ACTING CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you so much.

9 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

10 ACTING CHAIR TAYLOR: We appreciate it, and a  
11 reminder to those that are viewing that you can for sure  
12 also submit your feedback on these visualizations real  
13 time on our website at [www.wedrawthelineca.org](http://www.wedrawthelineca.org) and so we  
14 just want to make sure that you are participating with  
15 us. Thank you so much for that.

16 And at this time, Commissioners will take additional  
17 feedback for Los Angeles area. Commissioner Sadhwani?

18 Oh, wait I'm sorry. Before we do that, we do have a  
19 scheduled required break that we need to take, so we are  
20 going to do that now, and we will be back at 11:15.

21 Thank you.

22 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 11:15 a.m. until  
23 11:15 a.m.)

24 ACTING CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, and welcome back  
25 from break. We just heard visualizations coming from

1 Jamie from our line drawer in Los Angeles, and at this  
2 point, we are going to give feedback to what we've heard  
3 from the Los Angeles Congressional visualizations.

4 And we'll start with Commissioner Sadhwani.

5 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Thank you, Chair. And thank  
6 you, Jamie, for working on these. This is a really great  
7 starting point, and definitely, as you mentioned, the  
8 pushing things east-west in comparison of the north-south  
9 and that hourglass that had existed previously,  
10 definitely an improvement.

11 I have lots of thoughts here, but I actually want to  
12 start on this visualization named VCD East of LA.

13 This is marked as a VRA district and that bright  
14 yellow I believe according to the PDFs, this is a sixty  
15 percent Latino CVAP. So I'm really concerned here that  
16 we are overpacking this district.

17 In addition, a couple of pieces. One, I think we're  
18 crossing a lot of COI testimony that we've received  
19 particularly from the Asian American community in some of  
20 this San Gabriel Valley areas that are brought into this  
21 district.

22 Secondly, I'm just not sure that these neighborhoods  
23 belong together. So what I'd like to think -- and for  
24 me, when I look at this District and the reason I want to  
25 start here, is much like the Central Valley where for me

1 it feels like Bakersfield. And if we get that right a  
2 lot is going to flow from Bakersfield.

3 I think if we get this east L.A. area right where we  
4 clearly, very clearly, have a VRA obligation for a  
5 protected community. I think if we get this right, a lot  
6 more flows from it. And I don't think we are there quite  
7 yet.

8 So for me, I would want us to work on taking out  
9 parts of Alhambra, Monterey Park, the Rosemead, the San  
10 Gabriel, maybe leave in Montebello, maybe take it out.  
11 I'm not sure. I think Montebello could potentially  
12 connect like with that Pico Rivera area a little bit  
13 better, but I could also see it staying in, so I'm  
14 definitely open to playing around with that. And instead  
15 kind of anchoring east L.A., Boyle Heights further into  
16 some of these northern areas like Glassell Park. Hang  
17 on. I've got some notes here. Possibly up to Eagle  
18 Rock. Do we have Pico Union -- I think Pico Union is  
19 already included in here, isn't it? Is Pico Union in  
20 there?

21 ACTING CHAIR TAYLOR: No.

22 MS. CLARK: Pico Union is in the one next door.

23 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Okay. So I think extending  
24 out that way towards Pico Union perhaps could be an  
25 option for us here. Echo Park, Eagle Rock, Glassell

1 Park, possibly even coming up into Atwater Village like  
2 that northern way. I'm using my -- exactly, like that.

3 I think the big question for me if we were to  
4 reorient this east L.A. District, is we would certainly  
5 need some more population. And I think the question mark  
6 for me is does that come from Koreatown, and I'm really  
7 open to hearing other people's thoughts on this.

8 Certainly, we've also received a lot of testimony  
9 about keeping Koreatown with other API communities of  
10 interest. Hang on one second. I think I have them in  
11 front of me somewhere here. Chinatown, Filipinotown,  
12 Cape Town, Little Tokyo, and Thai Town, keeping those  
13 whole and together.

14 So I think either we include all of that within such  
15 a district or we have to think about a different solution  
16 there. But I don't think this east L.A. anchor is with  
17 Alhambra, San Gabriel, Rosemead, Monterey Park. I think  
18 that that's moving into something separate and different,  
19 and so I'd like to see this more geared towards a  
20 downtown area. And again, for me, this would be a major  
21 anchor point in which we stream out from it, and I want  
22 to be really cautious about not overpacking this  
23 district. I hope that's clear enough. Thank you.

24 ACTING CHAIR TAYLOR: Yes, Jamie.

25 MS. CLARK: Thank you, and thank you Commissioner

1 Sadhwani for that feedback. And certainly happy to  
2 explore this option, and you know, certainly part of this  
3 area not being included is receiving previous direction  
4 to not include it with sort of Lincoln Heights, Boyle  
5 Heights, East Los Angeles area. Happy to look at that.

6 And also, the -- I'm just going to zoom out a little  
7 bit. And so basically talking about these four areas,  
8 maybe these five visualizations. And given that they're  
9 sort of a whole block of VRA consideration areas here, I  
10 guess sort of wondering if you have -- and if not, that's  
11 okay, and I will look at it. Wondering if you have other  
12 thoughts.

13 This essentially would kind of be like under  
14 populating this area in Burbank, under populating this  
15 area in the central L.A., and then moving, it sounds  
16 like, this entire area which is a higher population I  
17 think out. Yeah, I'm just sort of wondering what you are  
18 envisioning?

19 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes, I do -- I do actually.  
20 So a couple of pieces. As we move further like southeast  
21 into the VRA areas that have been identified for VRA.  
22 Again, I think, thinking about how do we -- how do we  
23 have communities work together and not against each  
24 other, right. And so we have obviously the Latino  
25 community being protected in these regions, and yet

1 strong testimony from this area, and we looked at this  
2 yesterday with the Assembly going out to Rowland Heights,  
3 Diamond Bar, Walnut, and can that be brought into a  
4 district that would include that -- I'm pointing to a  
5 screen that you can't see -- but the Whittier, Pico  
6 Rivera, all the way down potentially even into La Mirada,  
7 Norwalk, Cerritos. Could we look it at that direction  
8 there so that it might still be a Latino's VRA district?  
9 But it could also keep together those API COIs that we've  
10 received and heard really strongly from.

11 MS. CLARK: Just a clarifying question about that.  
12 So you are envisioning something kind of going like La  
13 Mirada area to Diamond Bar and then also something along  
14 605 corridor-ish?

15 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes. I'm thinking east of  
16 the 605.

17 MS. CLARK: And then -- okay. So then --

18 COMMISSIONER 1: But probably ending around that  
19 Montebello -- is that the 110 that's flowing there?

20 MS. CLARK: Yeah

21 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yep.

22 MS. CLARK: So then --

23 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- around 110.

24 COMMISSIONER 1: So then it would be like Downey,  
25 Paramount, South Gate; these areas with Montebello or

1 maybe going up here because I'm just thinking about  
2 population also.

3 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes, and I think that's  
4 where it beings to get a little bit more murky for me  
5 too.

6 But I think yes, most likely, and I think there's a  
7 lot of COIs from that Watts, Inglewood. It starts  
8 streaming into all the way over to the coastline. And I  
9 think there's some work to be done there too, right.  
10 We've heard I think even last night someone called in  
11 talking about Torrance and Gardena --

12 ACTING CHAIR TAYLOR: Gardena.

13 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes. So I think that  
14 there's some movements over in that area. And that's why  
15 I'm thinking, like if we get the east L.A. piece right  
16 like, I don't think there's any question about the fact  
17 that we have some responsibilities in the east L.A. area.  
18 If we get that right, a lot can stream from it.

19 And that's where I think that there's some changes  
20 in the architecture that I'd like to kind of play around  
21 with and see what our options are and just being really  
22 cautious to not overpack because right now, that east of  
23 L.A. visualization feels overpacked to me with a sixty  
24 percent Latino CVAP.

25 I think for example the Black Hub had offered some

1 testimony about communities that are connected through  
2 West Adams as well, right, so I think that could  
3 potentially go into that district that's currently  
4 Central L.A. I have more notes there, but I'll let  
5 others weigh in because I'm sure others will have some  
6 other ideas there but happy to continue this conversation  
7 as well. Thank you.

8 ACTING CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Commissioner  
9 Sadhwani. Commissioner Akutagawa?

10 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, thank you,  
11 Commissioner Sadhwani for starting here, and I appreciate  
12 and I agree with your comment about anchoring or starting  
13 here as a way to anchor and then have -- look at the way  
14 the other districts are visualizations or potential  
15 districts can eventually flow out.

16 I have a lot of notes on this area and I do agree  
17 with what you said about -- I'll start with the east of  
18 L.A. one.

19 I do agree with everything that you've said. I  
20 think that when I looked at this, there are three  
21 distinct communities of interest that are grouped  
22 into one. And they don't necessarily share common  
23 identities. And so based on what she is saying,  
24 if you were to use Highland Park, El Sereno,  
25 Arroyo Seco, Cypress Park, Lincoln Heights, East



1 L.A., Boyle Heights as your anchor, I would agree  
2 to with what Commissioner Sadhwani said about  
3 adding Koreatown to this visualization. I would  
4 also have us look at adding Echo Park and -- Echo  
5 Park to this visualization, as well as the  
6 portion. So if we add Koreatown, then that means  
7 we would add Westlake North, Westlake South, Boyle  
8 Heights.

9 MS. CLARK: Boyle Heights is in there right now.

10 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Is it in there?

11 MS. CLARK: Yeah.

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay.

13 MS. CLARK: It's his downtown area.

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Sorry. I'm just looking at  
15 both the Central L.A. and the east of L.A. notes that  
16 I --

17 MS. CLARK: Yeah.

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- so could you just zoom  
19 in a little bit more on that so that we can see it a  
20 little bit more clearly in that section? That corner  
21 section, yeah.

22 Yeah. And then I'd also like to see -- is the  
23 Historic Cultural North included?

24 MS. CLARK: Yes. Oh, it's with Downtown.

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay.

1 MS. CLARK: So adding --

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I would --

3 MS. CLARK: -- in that --

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah -- I would -- as I  
5 said, I would also encourage including the Historic  
6 Cultural Neighborhood Council, as well as the Historic  
7 Cultural North Neighborhood Council. What that would do  
8 is bring in some similar communities. I would also  
9 encourage that we look at is the Elysian Valley  
10 Riverside.

11 MS. CLARK: That's with the Burbank/Glendale area.

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. I would even  
13 encourage us to take a look at possibly adding that if  
14 you need more population, as well as Pico-Union, adding  
15 that to it.

16 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: And then -- I'd also then  
18 like to --

19 MS. CLARK: Before we move on, I apologize.

20 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay.

21 MS. CLARK: When saying adding Koreatown, we have  
22 our Koreatown neighborhood council definition, and then  
23 also COI submissions for neighbor -- or one specific COI  
24 submission for the boundaries of Koreatown. They are not  
25 the same. And the Koreatown COI submission goes into

1 areas that have been defined as greater Wilshire by that  
2 neighborhood council boundary and also by members of the  
3 public. Just wondering which version you would like me  
4 to be using?

5 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I think for the purposes  
6 right now -- and I guess -- I think for the purposes  
7 right now, I would just say, let's stick with the  
8 neighborhood council. I think -- yeah. Let's stick with  
9 that and see what the population numbers look like.

10 Okay. Can I move on to -- or I guess it's still  
11 kind of related to the same visualization of this East  
12 L.A. one, so that means we need to do something with -- I  
13 think it was Rosemead, Monterey Park, Alhambra, San  
14 Gabriel -- South San Gabriel, and Montebello. On that  
15 particular one, I think what -- I want to point us -- I  
16 want to point us to what we also discussed around the  
17 Assembly district in that region and the cities that were  
18 grouped together in the Assembly district visualization  
19 that we looked at the other day. And on that note then,  
20 I would like us to look at including San Marino, East San  
21 Gabriel, Temple City, and Arcadia, and taking them away  
22 from the foothill cities. They're less foothill, more  
23 aligned with the San Gabriel Valley.

24 And then if you need, then, for additional  
25 population -- and I think this gets to -- this one's kind

1 of all over the place. I think -- I'd also then, like us  
2 to look at if you included -- I think this is where  
3 Commissioner Sadhwani is right. Montebello is a mixed,  
4 very diverse city, heavily Latino, but also with a --  
5 with an Asian population there as well, too. I think  
6 maybe for the sake of looking at population, we could  
7 include them. They could also go in with the Harbor  
8 Gateway cities like Commerce and Pico Rivera. We could  
9 also look at including El Monte and South El Monte.  
10 Okay. And perhaps -- I don't know if this makes sense to  
11 also include South Pasadena, as well, too. Any  
12 questions? Okay. Thank you. And I will stop here and  
13 let someone else comment on others -- I have other  
14 comments on other maps.

15 ACTING CHAIR TURNER: Are there any other comments  
16 on the current maps? Commissioner Vazquez?

17 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes. Thank you. I think  
18 Commissioner Akutagawa got most of my potential  
19 direction. I just also wanted to say that I think  
20 especially for this East San Gabriel Valley portion that  
21 I do think Rowland Heights, potentially Walnut, could be  
22 included. With respect to some of the additions with San  
23 Marino, East San Gabriel, Temple City, Arcadia,  
24 especially if population becomes an issue, I would maybe  
25 use -- I guess mostly for Arcadia -- I would use the 210

1 as a border in Arcadia for looking at population.

2 I'm curious to see how something like South Pasadena  
3 impacts the western portion of this district. I'm not  
4 sure that it works there completely. Definitely, I would  
5 not include any portion of Pasadena in those  
6 visualizations. And I think -- and just lastly, I wanted  
7 to echo -- I think Montebello is probably one of the more  
8 contested San Gabriel Valley regions as to whether they  
9 go more South Bay or whether they go -- whether they're  
10 more San Gabriel Valley Proper, so I would -- that may be  
11 actually a decision point at some point as to whether it  
12 makes sense to split Montebello. Thank you.

13 ACTING CHAIR TURNER: Thank you, Commissioner  
14 Vazquez. Commissioner Sadhwani?

15 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. Just in terms of like  
16 that -- I think -- I'm trying to remember what  
17 Commissioner Akutagawa mentioned -- Alhambra, San  
18 Gabriel, South Pass -- taking them out somehow. So for  
19 me, if I'm understanding what you're saying, Commissioner  
20 Akutagawa, I think I disagree with that. My thought in  
21 removing Alhambra, Monterey Park, San Gabriel out of what  
22 is currently -- what we're currently looking at east of  
23 L.A., is to tie them more specifically to those foothill  
24 cities. I think we had had some interesting testimony  
25 regarding the taking kids to recreational areas in the

1 mountains, and using those neighborhoods as a gateway  
2 into the Angeles National Forest. So for me, it was  
3 actually having some of those connected to that larger  
4 210 corridor district that we're seeing.

5 So in other words, having it dip down a little bit  
6 more. I think that can maintain some of those AAPI COIs  
7 that have been mentioned. In fact, I think there was  
8 some collaboration in some of the groups that had been  
9 presenting to connect the West San Gabriel Valley,  
10 Alhambra, Arcadia, Monterey Park, Rosemead, San Gabriel,  
11 South Pass, and Temple City along that 210 corridor.

12 Oh, sorry, the one other piece that I had originally  
13 raised my hand about -- can we zoom in and take a closer  
14 look at downtown L.A.? I think in all places in general,  
15 we've been trying to really maintain the neighborhood  
16 council district borders. Downtown L.A., I'm trying to  
17 wrap my head around, because we've had a lot of  
18 conflicting testimony about various portions that fall  
19 within downtown L.A., including things like Little Tokyo,  
20 Skid Row, et cetera. So to me, is downtown L.A. its own  
21 neighborhood council? I don't see it being identified on  
22 the map here as an NC.

23 MS. CLARK: Yep, it is.

24 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: It is?

25 MS. CLARK: It's a neighborhood council area. Yeah.

1 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Okay.

2 MS. CLARK: And it follows sort of where the hand is  
3 going there.

4 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Got it. Got it. And  
5 Historic Cultural Neighborhood Council is like the Arts  
6 District. And is Little Tokyo included in that maybe?  
7 Oh, I --

8 MS. CLARK: In the Historic Cultural North, so north  
9 of --

10 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: No, Little Tokyo is in  
11 Historic Cultural Neighborhood Council, along with  
12 Chinatown, and --

13 MS. CLARK: --(indiscernible) with Chinatown.

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- the Arts District.

15 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: This might be the only place  
16 where I might want to entertain possibly breaking up some  
17 of those neighborhood councils. I'm sure they're not  
18 going to be pleased about that, but we have so much kind  
19 of conflicting testimony in these areas. Or maybe we  
20 just need to think creatively about them, that maybe  
21 downtown Los Angeles connects with South Central, but  
22 Historic Cultural and Historic Cultural North is  
23 connected more so into Echo Park and out all the way to  
24 Koreatown, so to speak. Keeping some of those COIs  
25 together. I think that's where I'm just trying to wrap

1 my head around how to connect them. And I'm pretty  
2 familiar, actually, with all of these areas. I'm just  
3 trying to figure those out.

4 MS. CLARK: Commissioner Sadhwani?

5 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yep?

6 MS. CLARK: I can display the COIs for this area to  
7 sort of -- and that might -- just, I guess, a different  
8 framing of like what is downtown.

9 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. Okay.

10 MS. CLARK: Okay.

11 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I didn't know that was an  
12 option for us, Jaime.

13 MS. CLARK: Yeah. So this is a COI that's been  
14 defined as downtown L.A.

15 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Um-hum.

16 MS. CLARK: And then, this one is -- I hope you can  
17 see it with the yellow overlay -- but this is like Skid  
18 Row, sort of like Central Downtown Los Angeles.

19 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Got it. And did we have any  
20 of the AAPI COIs as polygons?

21 MS. CLARK: One moment, please.

22 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: In that area, because I know  
23 we've received testimony -- I think they even called in  
24 last night, talking about Chinatown, Little Tokyo, and  
25 keeping those together -- Filipinotown -- Thai Town is a



1 little further out.

2 MS. CLARK: I have -- yeah, I have Thai Town here.

3 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Right.

4 MS. CLARK: Koreatown.

5 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Right.

6 MS. CLARK: And this is the Greater Wilshire area,  
7 so that's sort of the area I was discussing.

8 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Um-hum.

9 MS. CLARK: I do have the Filipinotown COI I added  
10 to a map I was working on more recently, and so -- not on  
11 this one, but that's -- was that Commissioner -- oh, I  
12 thought I heard -- I do have that. It's just not on this  
13 map, I apologize.

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Towards like that Historic  
15 Cultural North and Echo Park kind of area -- I'm trying  
16 to think about like where the Filipino Workers Center is  
17 and stuff. I'm assuming that's kind of where the  
18 Filipinotown is -- Historic Filipinotown is.

19 MS. CLARK: I haven't seen that defined --

20 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Okay.

21 MS. CLARK: -- geographically in Airtable. I will  
22 do another look for that.

23 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: No worries.

24 MS. CLARK: And I hadn't seen that like as its own  
25 shape, yet.

1 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Okay. Perfect.

2 MS. CLARK: Again, I will look one more time, just  
3 to double-check, and if it is in there, then I will add  
4 it to the map absolutely.

5 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Awesome. Thank you very  
6 much.

7 ACTING CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Commissioner  
8 Sinay.

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Can I respond to  
10 Commissioner Sadhwani?

11 ACTING CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: So Commissioner Sadhwani,  
13 I'm going to have to respectfully disagree with you about  
14 what you said about combining those San Gabriel Valley  
15 communities with the foothills. I grew up in that area  
16 and it is very different from the foothill communities.  
17 I understand what is being proposed. I guess before we  
18 go there, I would prefer to see how we can keep more of  
19 those -- I guess using some of the other terminology --  
20 like those on the Valley floor to be grouped together  
21 versus grouped with the foothill communities. They are  
22 very different than those who live in areas --  
23 particularly if you go south of Huntington Drive -- very  
24 different. And so I would -- and then the further north  
25 you go in towards the 210, I mean, just having grown up

1 there, I would never have seen myself in alignment with  
2 any of those communities there.

3 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: If I may, I would just say,  
4 I don't disagree with you. I think those are very  
5 different communities, but I'm basing it not on my  
6 personal perspective but on COI testimony. So I think  
7 that would be the only difference there.

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I think we've also received  
9 COI testimony also -- I mean, it's conflicting. I think  
10 that that's the issue here, is that it's conflicting  
11 testimony, because there's different things that we've  
12 seen.

13 ACTING CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. And the hands  
14 weren't lowered, so I'm not sure about the order, but --  
15 okay. Commissioner Vazquez?

16 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes. Just also wanted to  
17 respond and clarify that at least my direction was in  
18 thinking about creating a West San Gabriel Valley  
19 visualization that excluded things to the west of East  
20 L.A. that really -- how I was visualizing this is that I  
21 wanted to keep Alhambra, San Gabriel, Rosemead, with the  
22 San Gabriel Valley in some iteration and that, if  
23 necessary in drawing this new visualization of the San  
24 Gabriel Valley, West San Gabriel Valley, that if  
25 necessary, we could include San Marino, San Gabriel,

1 Temple City, and the southern portion of Arcadia. But  
2 that -- yeah, I don't necessarily think that that's  
3 because Alhambra has a ton in common with -- particularly  
4 at the higher income portions of Arcadia, et cetera. As  
5 you get closer to those hills and the 210 as you go more  
6 north, you get -- very quickly it becomes a much  
7 wealthier set of community. San Marino, in particular  
8 even, is a pretty high-income community as compared to, I  
9 would say, places like Alhambra and as you go into  
10 Monterrey Park, et cetera.

11 ACTING CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Commissioner  
12 Sinay?

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Just staying in that area and  
14 building on what was -- and I don't know this area as  
15 well, but my question was, Azusa's kind of been pulled  
16 out of the foothills and I didn't know of that one could  
17 serve, kind of that -- I thought we got some COI  
18 testimony around Azusa. Or even it might have been  
19 Commissioner Kennedy had said it. I can't remember what  
20 we heard about Azusa, but it just felt like all of a  
21 sudden, they were pulled out of that corridor, and I was  
22 curious to see those of you who know that area better  
23 what you're thinking.

24 ACTING CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Vazquez and  
25 Andersen?

1           COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes. Very familiar with that  
2 area. It's very different from the rest of the  
3 surrounding foothill communities. High numbers of  
4 immigrants and second and third generation Latinx  
5 families. So Azusa, in particular, is pretty different  
6 than Glendora, who is right next door. So they make  
7 sense to be with more of the working-class immigrant  
8 communities in the San Gabriel Valley, in my opinion.

9           ACTING CHAIR TURNER: And did you want to add,  
10 Commissioner Andersen?

11           COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, I do, actually. It  
12 was about Azusa. Yes, that's correct in terms of who  
13 lives there. However, they're a gateway community into  
14 the mountains, and they actually have -- we had COI  
15 testimony and a presentation, actually, from -- and I  
16 can't recall the group's name -- but they specialize in  
17 getting immigrants into using the San Gabriel Valley.  
18 And they specifically asked, if at all possible, can we  
19 be with the foothills? Because they have programs, they  
20 have camps that take people from the San Gabriel -- the  
21 Valley floor up into the mountains all the time. So that  
22 was my one item. I was hoping to say, can we possibly  
23 pull Azusa and put it with the 210 corridor group? And I  
24 just -- well, I had one other comment to talk about, but  
25 I can wait.

1           ACTING CHAIR TURNER: It's actually your turn next,  
2 followed by Commissioner Taylor.

3           COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. Then, my one other  
4 comment was, I also agree -- Commissioner Sadhwani  
5 mentioned -- I thought we were trying -- I don't know if  
6 there's a possibility -- this is a Congressional  
7 district, so more people -- but was there an Asian CVAP  
8 in this area? And I recall quite a few COI testimony,  
9 including Walnut, Diamond Bar, Rowland Heights, with the  
10 Hacienda Heights, Industry -- that sort of area was even  
11 possibly West Covina in terms of for expanding that area.  
12 I thought that had a lot more of Asian -- sort of a  
13 community of interest with a lot of testimony about that  
14 area. So I was sort of surprised not to see that  
15 included in any special opportunity district, at least.  
16 I'd like to see that explored, please.

17           ACTING CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Commissioner  
18 Taylor?

19           COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Thank you, Chair. I find  
20 Commissioner Sadhwani's take on this very interesting.  
21 She brings up one of the COIs that's very unifying in  
22 recreation and where we work. I think this community  
23 works all over the place. Montebello, Alhambra,  
24 Pasadena, Altadena -- those communities tend to live,  
25 work, and recreate throughout this region, so when we

1 look at it beyond just where they reside, there's a lot  
2 of unifying communities of interest that they share. I  
3 think Temple City and Montebello can be swing locations  
4 that have multiple community of interest that ties to the  
5 surrounding communities. I'm looking at the numbers of  
6 it. North of the 210 is slightly overpopulated, so it'd  
7 be ideal to take away. Over Glassell, Silver Lake -- we  
8 need to, ideally, take a small amount of population away  
9 from there. So I think some of Commissioner Sadhwani's  
10 ideas can be entertained to get more optimal numbers.

11 Thank you.

12 ACTING CHAIR TURNER: Thank you, Commissioner  
13 Taylor. With that, Jaime, do you have any other  
14 clarifying questions for the commissioners?

15 MS. CLARK: No. Thank you. It's a lot to work  
16 with, and again, we'll continue to work with your VRA  
17 team to create visualizations for next time.

18 ACTING CHAIR TURNER: Beautiful. Commissioner  
19 Taylor, you have more? Commissioner Sinay?

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you. I wanted to look at  
21 the Harbor Gateway visualization. And I know they're  
22 very excited. We've got a lot of thank yous for that  
23 one. But I was wondering if -- because Watts is not  
24 included in this one, correct?

25 MS. CLARK: The southern part of Watts is included.

1           COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. So I wanted to see if we  
2 could, actually, make it all of Watts in here. Let me  
3 step back. Do we have a reason why we couldn't?

4           MS. CLARK: I believe that that was having to do  
5 with the potential VRA consideration area to the north.

6           COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. I was just asking  
7 because -- do we -- and I know -- I think -- do we know  
8 what the percentage is that we are trying to strive --  
9 because it feels like a lot of the districts -- the VRA  
10 districts here, are packed for the -- the numbers are  
11 really high for Latinos. And it feels like we could play  
12 around a little bit more up on those and allow Watts to  
13 be together with Compton, which has come up often in that  
14 Harbor Gateway.

15           MR. LARSON: So I can share that -- one part that  
16 Dr. Gall is currently looking at is the appropriate CVAP  
17 percentage in various proposed visualizations here that  
18 would sufficiently give effective voting opportunity, so  
19 we can't, at this point, say what that percentage is in  
20 any one place, but we are analyzing that right now.

21           THE COURT REPORTER: Excuse me, this is the court  
22 reporter. Who was just speaking?

23           MR. LARSON: This is Dale Larson.

24           COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. Because it just -- to  
25 me, it just feels like we have it really packed, as



1 others have said, and that the Harbor Gateway has a  
2 potential to be an -- right now it's an opportunity area  
3 for Latinos, but it could also be another CVAP for  
4 Latinos, as well as uniting the Watts and Compton, as  
5 we've been asked, and kind of that 110, east of the 110.  
6 So I'd like us to explore that as much as possible.

7       And then I wanted to go over to the Inglewood.  
8 We've heard that Inglewood and the LAX -- the airport,  
9 are really connected. And I know we took -- LAX is  
10 actually in the coastal one, but I was wondering if there  
11 was a way that -- if it could be connected with  
12 Inglewood, as the community had asked.

13       MS. CLARK: I apologize. If which area could be  
14 connected with Inglewood?

15       COMMISSIONER SINAY: LAX.

16       MS. CLARK: Oh, so here's something --

17       COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah.

18       MS. CLARK: -- for you all.

19       COMMISSIONER SINAY: I knew that there was going to  
20 be something there, so that's why --

21       MS. CLARK: There's like a little stretch of  
22 shoreline that could --

23       COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah.

24       MS. CLARK: -- connect these sort of bay cities.

25       COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yep.

1 MS. CLARK: And then connect LAX itself to the east.  
2 I didn't go out on a limb and present that to you on my  
3 own, but can definitely take a look at that.

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So I've spent lots of hours  
5 skating that -- that was pretty rollerblades -- skating  
6 it and biking it. It's basically just the bike path and  
7 Rottweiler -- I mean, not Rottweiler Beach. But I know  
8 which beaches and stuff. They are very different even  
9 though -- I mean people do -- people on the beach side is  
10 considered South Bay and LAX is considered L.A. So it  
11 wouldn't be completely off -- I just wanted -- I was just  
12 thinking how -- that was one of the requests, so I would  
13 leave it up to my commissioners if they think that looks  
14 too funny. But it is -- it is kind of like a bridge,  
15 right?

16 And then the other one was we did hear -- going to  
17 Torrance, in the South Bay area. We did hear that  
18 Gardena and Torrance have kind of an -- don't kind of --  
19 they do have an API community, and that API community  
20 there is getting stronger. And there's a lot -- there's  
21 also a strong Latino community. There's a very good  
22 Peruvian restaurant there in Gardena. So if there's a  
23 way -- so if there was a way to combine them, moving  
24 Gardena into the South Bay, and then if we can go up to  
25 the top part of that purple one.

1 Crossing the 405 is pushing it for a coastal  
2 community in the West L.A. area. And I know you're going  
3 to ask me, so where do you want to put them, but this is  
4 where we've had -- I know that we completely -- I think  
5 we skipped the whole Valley, didn't we? But this is kind  
6 of that whole issue again where we have gone south of  
7 Mulholland on the Valley -- and we were asked not to go  
8 free-falling there -- and it is a true boundary for that  
9 community. And Bel Air in Westwood are -- UCLA actually  
10 straddles Bel Air and Westwood, so the northern, western  
11 part of UCLA is up there in the -- and then Westwood is  
12 the frontside. So it just feels like those communities  
13 that are west of -- I mean, that are south of Mulholland  
14 and east of the 405 kind of belong more with the -- I  
15 don't know if -- the Burbank area -- but they don't  
16 belong where they're at right now, which is a terrible  
17 answer to you. Well, and --

18 MS. CLARK: I'm --

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes?

20 MS. CLARK: If I may?

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I'm not --

22 MS. CLARK: Oh, I'm sorry. Go ahead.

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Well, I guess I said,  
24 Mulholland and then north of Santa Monica where you had  
25 it, because I was going to leave a triangle kind of, but

1 go ahead. I'm sorry.

2 MS. CLARK: Thank you so much for all of that. And  
3 just kind of zooming out. If we move Gardena out of this  
4 Harbor Gateway-based visualization, this is going to be  
5 underpopulated. We would need to do a trade somewhere.

6 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Watts isn't enough, right? The  
7 other half of Watts?

8 MS. CLARK: I do not believe so.

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah.

10 MS. CLARK: I will explore that. And that could  
11 also leave this underpopulated, especially as we're sort  
12 of narrowing down to Congressional district-sized  
13 deviations.

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay.

15 MS. CLARK: And then this would be overpopulated, so  
16 it's kind of moving population up to the northern part  
17 and not really pulling from anywhere to the south.

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Well, and that's where I would  
19 say -- I was wondering if we could pull from the Gateway.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I mean, I just feel like  
22 there's a lot of overpopulated areas -- I mean, Latino --  
23 you know -- to the -- so just as we were pushing some --  
24 just kind of figuring out, is there -- honestly, is there  
25 a fifth CVAP? I mean, a fifth VRA district in that one

1 or not? I don't know if we've got the numbers, but just  
2 with the overpopulation I'm looking at.

3 MS. CLARK: We'll absolutely continue working with  
4 your VRA team on that. And then I guess that kind of  
5 brings us generally to San Fernando --

6 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah.

7 MS. CLARK: -- Valley area, which we haven't talked  
8 about.

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Exactly. That's --

10 MS. CLARK: And of course, this in mapping it is an  
11 interesting area because it's somewhat more densely  
12 populated area and it's near a lot of areas that are a  
13 lot less densely populated. So making big changes in  
14 this area would potentially cause geographically bigger  
15 changes in other areas. And I -- Commissioner Sinay,  
16 it's absolutely not -- like not trying to put you in the  
17 hot seat. It's not a question directed towards you  
18 specifically, but just if there's general feedback from  
19 anybody about this visualization. Haven't heard a lot  
20 about it, which sometimes means that people are happy  
21 with it, so just sort of wondering with a lot -- I mean,  
22 and honestly, a lot of the changes that have been  
23 requested today would eventually, certainly, impact this  
24 area.

25 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I turned off my mic on purpose

1 to step back and let my colleagues step in.

2 ACTING CHAIR TURNER: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay.  
3 Commissioner Akutagawa, followed by Commissioner  
4 Fernandez and Andersen?

5 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Let's see. Let me  
6 start at the Harbor Gateway since Commissioner Sinay  
7 brought that one up. I know you asked about maybe trying  
8 to put all of Watts in. What about adding in all of  
9 Lynwood, because I saw some COI testimony requesting  
10 Lynwood to be put together with Compton, Willowbrook --  
11 that area. And just the thought there to bring it up to  
12 the, perhaps the deviation that you would want, which may  
13 then also -- then going in the same direction that she  
14 was going, there was that COI testimony about a portion  
15 of Gardena, not necessarily needing all of Gardena, but a  
16 portion of Gardena to be perhaps pulled in with that  
17 shoreline visualization potentially. But we'd have to  
18 look at the COI testimony to see. They gave some very  
19 specific boundaries for that. And I think it was kind of  
20 like that southern boundary of Gardena there. So that's  
21 another thought there.

22 Then moving up that shoreline towards the Malibu,  
23 San Fernando Valley, and then Antelope Valley -- I think  
24 that in that Malibu visualization, it includes Bel Air  
25 which is a little odd because I think that also includes

1 parts of the San Fernando Valley. Is that correct, if  
2 I'm seeing it correctly?

3 MS. CLARK: Yep, that's correct.

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. So I just wanted to  
5 clarify that. And so we've also received a lot of  
6 continued COI testimony about the south of Mulholland --  
7 that that's the dividing line. I'm wondering as we  
8 relook at Bakersfield and some of the ripple effects --  
9 maybe relooking at this Malibu, San Fernando Valley  
10 portion may help -- I don't know, I'm just thinking out  
11 loud right now -- that it may help to recenter this  
12 district so that you could make that cutoff at  
13 Mulholland, as was requested.

14 I also want to note that you did include Sherman  
15 Oaks, but it's hard to see, but we've been receiving  
16 continued testimony -- COI testimony -- that they call  
17 themselves POSO -- I guess part of Sherman Oaks or  
18 something like that is I think their name -- and they  
19 wanted to be included as part of Sherman Oaks. So  
20 keeping that in mind, is there a way that we can try to  
21 honor that if that's possible with some of these other  
22 changes, potentially, if you try to keep the Valley north  
23 of Mulholland?

24 I also have another question going up, then, towards  
25 the Antelope Valley, and there is the addition of Porter

1 Ranch and Granada Hills to the Antelope Valley  
2 visualization there. Down in that -- yeah, that little  
3 corner -- yes, right there. Again, I'm just wondering if  
4 with some of the potential changes that we might be  
5 relooking at for the Bakersfield area, if there's a way  
6 to bring Porter Ranch and Granada Hills back into the San  
7 Fernando Valley.

8 MS. CLARK: I think that the way that that  
9 population change would go would be maybe moving further  
10 into San Fernando Valley.

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay.

12 MS. CLARK: And yeah, again, those were included for  
13 population, and there had been COI testimony and also  
14 commission direction to, if needed for population, have  
15 these areas with Santa Clarita Valley. And that's why  
16 those specific ones, and San Fernando Valley, are in  
17 there.

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Got it. Okay.

19 MS. CLARK: But can definitely look at all of this.

20 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. All right. Yeah, so  
21 that calculus all there. All right. Can we go to the  
22 Long Beach Harbor visualization? Just out of curiosity,  
23 I did see some COI testimony indicating that Seal Beach,  
24 Los Alamitos, Rossmoor and Cypress were fairly connected  
25 together. If you needed to bring up that standard



1 deviation, would Seal Beach have enough population to  
2 bring it up closer to zero?

3 MS. CLARK: I think it would -- we absolutely can  
4 look at that. Can absolutely look at that. Thank you.  
5 I think it could fit.

6 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. I know that there's  
7 been mixed testimony on that. I think it was just to see  
8 whether or not that made sense. And then moving to the  
9 Gateway Cities -- so if South Whittier, East Whittier, La  
10 Mirada, Norwalk, Artesia, and Cerritos were removed,  
11 possibly even West Whittier as well, too. And you  
12 added -- I don't know -- I know we got mixed testimony on  
13 this too, but I was just thinking, if you added Vernon,  
14 Maywood and Bell to this visualization, given some of the  
15 other changes that you'll be making to the east of L.A.  
16 visualization. Would that work?

17 MS. CLARK: I am not 100-percent sure. I have a  
18 hunch; we might be talking about removing more population  
19 from these sets of districts than we're talking about  
20 adding in. So I'm just -- sort of as an overall -- I'm  
21 not 100-percent sure.

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Okay.

23 MS. CLARK: And by removing these areas, could you  
24 clarify what you mean?

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Putting them together with

1 the -- with potentially the San Gabriel Valley.

2 MS. CLARK: Okay. I understand. Thank you.

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Does that -- yeah.

4 MS. CLARK: Yeah. I understand.

5 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I mean -- so if you needed  
6 more population, possibly Commerce and Montebello would  
7 make sense with this grouping. They've also indicated  
8 some affinities as well, too, so. Okay.

9 Last comment: This is about the 210 corridor one.  
10 It's a little interesting on this one because you have  
11 Wrightwood in there. I guess it's all part of the  
12 mountain/forest areas, but Wrightwood is a ski area, and  
13 then together with some of the more hotter foothill  
14 areas, too. I think I'm just asking about this, and then  
15 if it makes more sense to -- there's not really a good  
16 place, but I --

17 MS. CLARK: Okay.

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- was just --

19 MS. CLARK: Yeah. If I may, my understanding is  
20 that there's different testimony about Wrightwood -- if  
21 it goes more with that forest area, if it goes with  
22 Victor Valley, and this is -- it's not super-densely,  
23 high-population area. I think it could potentially go  
24 with either. It's just here in this visualization.

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay.

1 MS. CLARK: And I think -- yeah. And also something  
2 that the Commission could certainly explore during live  
3 line drawing and considering other changes that are being  
4 proposed.

5 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Thank you.

6 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Excuse me, Chair. Can I  
7 directly address that?

8 ACTING CHAIR TURNER: Yes, please.

9 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: So I think -- if you look at  
10 like Wrightwood -- some of those areas are affected by  
11 L.A. County Emergency Services, so that could be a tie-in  
12 to those areas that -- who services those communities,  
13 where do they draw their services from? Yeah, so --  
14 that's it -- just where are they drawing their services  
15 from would best serve those community members?

16 ACTING CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. And Commissioner  
17 Sinay and Akutagawa, if you'd lower your hands?  
18 Commissioner Fernandez and Andersen following.

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair. Very  
20 quickly -- you might have already said this -- on page  
21 42, which is the San Fernando Valley one, it is a high  
22 Latino, so I'm wondering, is it not a VRA because of  
23 crossover voting? Just wanted to confirm whether or not  
24 that was the case.

25 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I don't think David Becker

1 is with us, but if I recall, he had said, no, it wasn't.

2 ACTING CHAIR TURNER: We have Sal with us.

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Dale --

4 ACTING CHAIR TURNER: Dale with us.

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- is with us.

6 MR. LARSON: Sorry. I'm just checking our notes.

7 Hang on one second.

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: He has a mask on today, so

9 kind of looked like Sal.

10 MR. LARSON: What is the existing Congressional

11 district there -- number?

12 MS. CLARK: 29th.

13 MR. LARSON: Yeah, so our initial analysis here is

14 that -- there's still an outstanding question as to the

15 third Gingles pre-condition. So first two are likely

16 met, but third is likely not met at this point.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

18 ACTING CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Fernandez, you

19 good? Commissioner Andersen, followed by Commissioner

20 Sadhwani.

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you, Chair. Yeah, I'd

22 like to just echo the sentiments of all the people who

23 were calling in about the San Fernando Valley. And I

24 understand we did go into -- if our population shifted

25 down, with some of the changes, though, I believe, we

1 will be shifting back again, because if we take Echo Park  
2 out of -- what's that -- Glen Burr, then we need more  
3 people. And I'm thinking the Bel Air or Beverly Hills --  
4 that area could certainly go with say Hollywood and a few  
5 things like that.

6 I'd like to see us look at that -- to relook at that  
7 again, but also the whole idea of Malibu and how we deal  
8 with the line between Los Angeles County and Ventura  
9 County, I think we also need to look at as we're shifting  
10 population since -- remember this is all being driven by  
11 getting our VRA districts. So if we need to shift over  
12 that way, I think we should please keep that in mind.  
13 Thank you.

14 MS. CLARK: Yeah. Thank you. And this certainly is  
15 an area that the Commission has seemed to have a lot of  
16 flexibility with in terms of sort of orientation.

17 ACTING CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

18 MS. CLARK: And I absolutely will keep that in mind.

19 ACTING CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Sadhwani, please?

20 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Thank you. I want to go  
21 back southward toward the 405 corridor, Central L.A. and  
22 Harbor Gateway. I think we're missing some of that key  
23 testimony that we've received from black communities of  
24 interest in this area, and we're slicing and dicing and  
25 cutting them up. Just let me say, we've had some

1 competing testimony between Harbor Gateway, as well as  
2 keeping Compton, Watts, Inglewood, Hawthorne, Gardena,  
3 and other areas together.

4 I think that there's a strong case for that Harbor  
5 Gateway that we've heard, but going back to that east of  
6 L.A. piece, I think as we are reconsidering that as that  
7 initial anchor in Los Angeles, if we were to remove some  
8 of these -- some of these neighborhood councils --  
9 Zapata-King, South-Central, Empowerment Congress, et  
10 cetera, I think that those could be built in with  
11 Inglewood, Lennox, Hawthorne, Lawndale, and even parts of  
12 Torrance. I think we've had competing testimony for  
13 Torrance. Some have said, keep it whole; some have said,  
14 keep portions of it whole; separate it from the coastal  
15 parts of Torrance because of a, I believe, a Pacific  
16 Islander and AAPI communities that might also be there.  
17 And I'm thinking if we can reorient here and just be a  
18 little bit more mindful of some of those black COIs  
19 testimony that we've received. In particular, I think  
20 one of the issues might be Culver City. So we currently  
21 have Culver City as a part of this 405 corridor piece.  
22 I'm wondering if we started swapping parts of Torrance  
23 for Culver City and then pulling into Zapata-King -- is  
24 Empowerment Congress in that yellow in the Central L.A.,  
25 or is that -- I can't really tell which --

1 MS. CLARK: Yes, yeah. Again, it's one of the areas  
2 that we worked with the --

3 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yep.

4 MS. CLARK: -- VRA Council on.

5 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: And I'm wondering if like  
6 from -- what is this? The 10 Freeway? That's south of  
7 the 10 Freeway. If we start pulling from some of those  
8 components there. I know West Adams was also a part of  
9 some of that COI testimony that we've received. Just to  
10 maintain some of the communities of interest testimony  
11 that we've received from the African American Community.  
12 I'm going to take a look at what those options are, and  
13 I'm thinking that a part of it is that swap between  
14 Culver City and parts of Torrance in order to maintain  
15 some of these other areas. I don't know if that was  
16 entirely clear, but I hope so.

17 ACTING CHAIR TURNER: Jaime?

18 MS. CLARK: I understand. Thank you.

19 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Perfect. Thank you.

20 ACTING CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Sinay, and  
21 Akutagawa?

22 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I'm glad Jaime understood.  
23 Commissioner Sadhwani, so are you looking at kind of  
24 going east at the top of that Gateway going east?

25 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: At the top of Gateway?

1           COMMISSIONER SINAY: The blue. You were talking  
2 about swapping Culver City, and so I was just trying to  
3 figure out, are you still --

4           COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. Oh, go ahead. Sorry.

5           COMMISSIONER SINAY: No, I was trying to understand  
6 if you were trying to keep Inglewood, Lynwood, Watson --  
7 Watts, sorry, and Compton together, or --

8           COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I think, let's take a look  
9 at what our options are. Right?

10          COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay.

11          COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: So we've heard really  
12 strongly from the Gateway folks with the San Pedro ports  
13 that they see themselves as connecting northward. I hear  
14 that. What that does, though, is cut up some of the  
15 black COIs that we've also received. And so I think what  
16 I'm trying to play around with here is, like, some of  
17 that COI testimony has suggested keeping Gardena there  
18 with Hawthorne. And again, here I might need -- if staff  
19 can go back and take a closer look at some of that  
20 testimony -- would it make sense for Harbor Gateway to --  
21 if we took Gardena out, would it make sense for Harbor  
22 Gateway to move further north into that Zapata-King area?

23          COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay.

24          COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Including parts of Watts as  
25 well? Would that be enough population for us? Because



1 that would also help us keep together Gardena, Hawthorne,  
2 Lawndale, Inglewood, and I think even moving down into  
3 Torrance, if we swapped Torrance and Culver City. I  
4 think -- I don't know -- I don't have all the populations  
5 in front of me -- I think if we swapped Culver City and  
6 connected that with, like, the Marina del Rey sort of  
7 areas -- isn't that what they were asking for when they  
8 called in yesterday -- that they wanted to be with  
9 westside communities? That would potentially alleviate  
10 some of the Beverly Hills, Westwood areas that are  
11 currently a part of that coastal district.

12 MS. CLARK: Could I ask a clarifying -- this  
13 actually made me realize -- I do have a clarifying  
14 question for you.

15 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I probably have some  
16 clarifying questions, too, but yes. Go ahead.

17 MS. CLARK: So then if you're removing these areas  
18 from the visualization called Central L.A. --

19 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah.

20 MS. CLARK: -- are you sort of looking at like this  
21 as one of the potential VRAs?

22 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes.

23 MS. CLARK: That's like the population trade there.

24 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Exactly. So if you recall,  
25 the first comment I made was about having an anchor on

1 East L.A., and having it go up into Echo Park, Glassell  
2 Park, possibly Capetown, et cetera. So that would be  
3 that tradeoff.

4 MS. CLARK: Okay. Thanks.

5 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. Now -- yes, I still have  
6 a comment. Thank you, Chair. So I wanted to go back to  
7 the Valley, and I was looking --

8 MS. CLARK: I'm sorry; which valley, please?

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I'm about to tell you. The  
10 Malibu/San Fernando Valley visualization. The original  
11 Valley Girls. Page 43. And I know that what I'm about  
12 to say contradicts what was told yesterday, but we were  
13 approaching it from pink to -- yeah, we were approaching  
14 it from the central -- I mean the, yeah, the central  
15 coast -- and we did receive testimony, and thinking  
16 through the fires that Malibu -- sorry -- that Malibu,  
17 Westlake, Agoura Hills, Calabasas, and Topanga, and one  
18 of those is not in -- but anyway, they do work closely  
19 with fires and they're part of the Council of Government,  
20 and I know that yesterday there was a conversation of  
21 moving Calabasas out of -- you know. But I just  
22 wanted --just to remind us that we had heard that a few  
23 times just that those -- that area works closely together  
24 for fires and I was -- so.

25 MS. CLARK: Can I ask a follow-up question, please?

1 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

2 MS. CLARK: For that, would you rather have -- would  
3 you rather have these areas all with this sort of like  
4 Ventura County-based area and potentially -- haven't  
5 looked at the numbers exactly, but I have a hunch -- it  
6 would maybe split the Piru to Oxnard COI?

7 COMMISSIONER SINAY: No.

8 MS. CLARK: So leave it here --

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah.

10 MS. CLARK: -- as opposed to --

11 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah.

12 MS. CLARK: Okay. Thank you.

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And then my other question was,  
14 if we needed -- if we were moving in Westlake and Agoura  
15 Hills into the -- what I have is green -- okay, you have  
16 it as green, too -- that Bell Canyon could go to the  
17 pink. I didn't know if that was a fair trade or not.

18 MS. CLARK: So as is, Calabasas can go with the  
19 Ventura County-based visualization; no problem. And then  
20 Bell Canyon we can also move if you wish.

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Well, I couldn't remember why  
22 we wanted to move Calabasas the other way, and I guess  
23 when I was studying the maps last night I was like, wait,  
24 I heard that we moved Calabasas, and I know that there  
25 was an explanation, but I just had -- I had circled it

1 because I kept thinking of the Council on Governments and  
2 the fire testimony we got. So maybe someone could remind  
3 me why we're moving Calabasas.

4 ACTING CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Sinay, just to  
5 note that Calabasas should be in the west when I think it  
6 was Woodland had called in last night, but I --

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Did --

8 ACTING CHAIR TURNER: -- don't have a reason.

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I thought that there -- I  
10 also saw COI testimony that asked that Calabasas, Agoura  
11 Hills, and Westlake Village, they share similar, I think,  
12 Council of Government work together and --

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: The Council of Government  
14 includes Malibu, because we got that last week when they  
15 were looking at the maps, and so I was just --

16 ACTING CHAIR TURNER: As well as keeping Calabasas  
17 with unincorporated Calabasas?

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I was just trying to figure  
19 out -- so I could understand -- okay, if we were moving  
20 Calabasas because there's Westlake Village and Agoura  
21 Hills, and Calabasas, but then that separates the -- any  
22 reason we have Malibu there, I guess is what I'm saying.  
23 That the reason Malibu was there was to work with those  
24 communities, but those communities are going to be in  
25 another Congressional district. So Malibu doesn't make

1 sense there. And it might just be that I'm putting it  
2 out there in case we still need to play around with it.

3 ACTING CHAIR TURNER: And I'm not -- I don't recall  
4 what staff we have on -- I lost my sticky telling me for  
5 this time of day -- but if staff can pull up testimony  
6 specific to Malibu to see if we have anyone that's sent  
7 in public comment about Malibu.

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: We have a lot from Simi Valley  
9 saying no to Malibu.

10 ACTING CHAIR TURNER: Outside of -- if we can  
11 exclude that -- we've got that -- outside of the Simi  
12 Valley comments. It will be Jose. Thank you. While  
13 we're waiting, did you want to move to something  
14 different? Okay, Commissioner Akutagawa?

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I -- just real quick,  
16 Jaime, I just realized that I wanted to perhaps ask you  
17 to look at one other thing around the Antelope Valley. I  
18 forgot to mention this when I spoke last. In the  
19 Assembly District, I believe we moved up and included  
20 California City, Mohave, and Rosamond in the Assembly.  
21 So again, I know that you're going to be relooking at  
22 that Bakersfield area. I just wanted to ask the -- what  
23 if you were to move up and include that portion similar  
24 to what is in the current Assembly District  
25 Visualization -- what would be the ripple effects from

1 there. Instead of going south into the San Fernando  
2 Valley, which -- we heard conflicting testimony as to  
3 whether or not some people wanted to go south versus  
4 going north, and so I wanted to ask about that since we  
5 do have an Assembly District that we did look at that  
6 visualization, and that might also serve as a basis. So  
7 that's what --

8 MS. CLARK: Yeah, this --

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Oh, go ahead.

10 MS. CLARK: I'm sorry.

11 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Go ahead.

12 MS. CLARK: Just to clarify, I think that the  
13 population ripple would be taking some of Antelope Valley  
14 and putting that more in like a Kern County-based area,  
15 so then this purple visualization would be  
16 underpopulated, and that's why we would have to dip  
17 further. So it would be the area to the north, sort of  
18 driving that change further south.

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Got it. Okay. Thank you.  
20 I guess we'll wait to see the next set of visualizations.

21 MS. CLARK: We'll try not to do that.

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: One last thing -- and I  
23 know I'm going to --

24 ACTING CHAIR TURNER: Before you move -- Jose, you  
25 want to respond?

1 MR. CHAVEZ: Hi, Chair. Hi, Commissioners. Yes, so  
2 there is COI available that would -- that are asking to  
3 support visualizations that would keep Santa Monica and  
4 Malibu in the same district, as they have long history  
5 together, sharing geography and demographic similarities.  
6 They also share school districts, as well as industry.  
7 The cities of Beverly Hills, Culver City, Malibu, Santa  
8 Monica, and West Hollywood, which is also different COIs,  
9 combined with the West Los Angeles areas, (indiscernible)  
10 overlay would create a Congressional area representing  
11 the homes of many that rely and work in the entertainment  
12 industry, and community that is large LGBT+ -- LGBTQ+  
13 community.

14 ACTING CHAIR TURNER: Thank you, Jose.

15 MR. CHAVEZ: Um-hum.

16 ACTING CHAIR TURNER: I'm sorry. Go ahead,  
17 Commissioner Akutagawa.

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. I'm going to  
19 contradict myself from what I just asked earlier, Jaime,  
20 and I don't know if this is going to be more to be  
21 directed to John -- on the Long Beach Harbor, I'd  
22 actually like to do something different. Instead of  
23 adding Seal Beach, I'd like to actually remove Rossmoor,  
24 Los Alamitos, and Cypress, and then to see kind of along  
25 the lines of the other -- like the L.A. Harbor Gateway

1 District that flows north. If we were remove from the  
2 current visualization the Long Beach Harbor one, remove  
3 Rossmoor, Los Alamitos, and Cypress, and then add  
4 Paramount, South Gate, Bell Gardens, Bell, Cudahy, and  
5 Maywood, depending on how far north you can go to achieve  
6 the population that you need. So it would be a longer  
7 district kind of adjacent to or just right next to the  
8 Harbor Gateway visualization.

9 As I was listening to what Commissioner Sinay was  
10 talking about, perhaps that might be also a way to keep  
11 some communities of interest together, too. And then  
12 also move communities from Orange County as we've gotten  
13 conflicting testimony, move some of those communities  
14 back into Orange County, or into an Orange County  
15 potential district. Thank you.

16 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you, Commissioner. Okay,  
17 Commissioners. Seeing no other comments, we are about  
18 two minutes away from lunch, I think. 15 minutes away?  
19 Oh. Cool. Well, then we're going to go ahead and get  
20 started with our visualizations for Southern California  
21 from John. And John, please take it away.

22 MR. O'NEILL: Sure. Just give me a moment to share  
23 my screen.

24 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Akutagawa.

25 MR. O'NEILL: Okay. We're going to start up in San



1 Bernadino, work our way south through Riverside over to  
2 Orange County, and then down into San Diego. There's  
3 going to be three jumps in the slide numbers, but other  
4 than that, we'll mostly be able to go sequentially.

5 So we're going to start off on page 70, I believe.  
6 So this would be this Beaumont/Victor Valley district  
7 here in blue. There was a commissioner request --

8 THE COURT REPORTER: Excuse me.

9 MR. O'NEILL: Oh, go for it.

10 THE COURT REPORTER: This is the court reporter. Is  
11 this John O'Neill speaking?

12 MR. O'NEILL: Yeah. Let me turn on my video.  
13 Sorry. Or did you have another request, or is that good?

14 THE COURT REPORTER: Nope. That's sufficient.  
15 Thank you.

16 MR. O'NEILL: All right. Sorry about that, and  
17 thanks for catching that. So starting off with this  
18 first district with a previous visualization in this  
19 area, we had received a commissioner request to keep the  
20 Victor Valley whole. We'd also received community of  
21 interest testimony about that, and this district does  
22 that.

23 We had also received from out of community of  
24 interest testimony from folks in the San Bernadino  
25 community not to be breaking this boundary going north or

1 west, and this district also reflects that request as  
2 well.

3 Moving to the south, this is going to be our first  
4 jump. This is on page 56. This is the district titled  
5 SECA for Southeastern California. This is similar in the  
6 northern -- in the San Bernadino portion to versions of a  
7 district like this that you've seen -- a visualization  
8 like this that you've seen before here in Coachella  
9 Valley.

10 I'll note that there had been some differing -- we  
11 had received a lot of community interest testimony  
12 requesting Imperial County be kept with southeastern  
13 Coachella Valley, but there was some disagreement about  
14 the exact order. This particular configuration does not  
15 include Indio and Indio Hills. The version you saw  
16 yesterday did include Indio/Indio Hills for the Assembly,  
17 and with the Senate, it just includes Indio but not Indio  
18 Hills. So that's one where if the commissioners have a  
19 preference, that would be good to know.

20 And this also reflects community of interest  
21 testimony requesting that Chula Vista, South San Diego,  
22 and Imperial County be kept together. Moving to the next  
23 page, which is page 57, is district titled for Pomona,  
24 Ontario, and Fontana. It's here in yellow, signifying  
25 that this -- a strong yellow signifying that this is one

1 of those areas of potential VRA considerations.

2 Continuing to the next page, 58, is a district  
3 titled RIASB: Rialto, San Bernadino. One thing I'll  
4 just note here is that this configuration does include  
5 Highland wholly with San Bernadino, which had been a  
6 request, a commissioner request.

7 Moving to the south and moving to the next page,  
8 page 59, there's a visualization here titled Riverside,  
9 Moreno Valley, Perris, RIVMORPER. There was a  
10 commissioner question, I believe, during the  
11 presentations last week about some of the public  
12 testimony we've received about keeping Riverside City,  
13 Moreno Valley, and Perris whole and together, and so this  
14 is one visualization which does do that. And again, this  
15 and the preceding district are both shaded in a strong  
16 yellow signifying that these are areas where there's  
17 potential VRA considerations.

18 And this is our last jump. Moving to page 69, we're  
19 going to be looking at a district which is in green.  
20 It's called MORCOA, Morongo Basin/Coachella Valley. And  
21 again, that's on page 69. And so one thing I'll just  
22 note with this district is that, for population reasons,  
23 it does reach farther south and west than some of the  
24 other configurations of a district like this that we've  
25 seen.

1 Moving to the preceding page, page 68, we have a  
2 district titled Southwest Riverside. And so I'll just  
3 note that we've, of course, have received requests from  
4 commissioners to not cross this boundary into Orange  
5 between Orange and Riverside.

6 In this particular configuration, it does, but based  
7 on the guidance I received yesterday to take a look at  
8 including Chino Hills with this Riverside portion, that  
9 might actually be a swap that would be able to eliminate  
10 that overlap right here in a pretty straightforward way.

11 Moving to the preceding page, page 67, there's a  
12 district for Orange County/South Inland. Commissioner  
13 direction on a prior visualization in this area was to  
14 remove portions of Santa Ana and include cities to the  
15 south, specifically Laguna Woods, Aliso Viejo, Laguna  
16 Hills, Ladera Ranch, Coto de Caza, most of which were  
17 included in this configuration. And this also satisfies  
18 some community of interest testimony that we received  
19 asking to keep Irvine and Tustin whole.

20 Moving again to the preceding page, so page 66.  
21 This district in blue is titled OCSBLA. This reflects a  
22 commissioner request based on a previous visualization to  
23 be splitting Anaheim between Anaheim Valley and Anaheim  
24 Hills, including Anaheim Hills with regions like Yorba  
25 Linda Placentia.

1 Moving to the preceding page again, page 65, this  
2 district is -- or this visualization is titled SANANAANA,  
3 Santa Ana Anaheim. And again, this also reflects some  
4 commissioner input that we received based -- I received  
5 based on the previous set of visualizations two weeks  
6 ago. So commissioners expressed concern about the number  
7 of times that Santa Ana had been split. So I reduced  
8 that to two in these Congressional-sized visualizations.

9 Moving again to the preceding page, this district --  
10 page 64. This district is title North OC Coast. There  
11 was a commissioner request to modify a prior North OC  
12 Coast visualization to extend further south to include  
13 communities like Costa Mesa and Newport Beach and to  
14 exclude communities which were farther inland and north  
15 like Buena Park. And this also satisfies a commissioner  
16 request based on a previous set of visualizations to keep  
17 Garden Grove whole.

18 Moving again to the preceding page, this is page 63,  
19 South OC/North San Diego. This is a district which is  
20 similar to what we saw yesterday in terms of  
21 incorporating some of the southern Orange County  
22 communities and the northern San Diego communities, but  
23 this also incorporates commissioner guidance and request  
24 to include more of these San Diego coastal communities,  
25 so Carlsbad, Encinitas, Solana Beach, and Delmar.

1 Moving to the preceding page again. This page 62.  
2 We have a district title for San Marcos, Escondido,  
3 Poway. Two things I'll just note here, this is -- we did  
4 receive some community of interest testimony requesting  
5 that Poway Unified School District be kept whole.

6 And one other thing which I'll note here is just  
7 commissioner, two weeks ago, requested that Miramar be  
8 kept whole and kept with the West Side. That's an error  
9 in this map. That would be straightforward to include  
10 Miramar with the West Side and keep it whole as it is  
11 here.

12 Continuing to the preceding page, this is page 61,  
13 titled SDCOAST, and it is this district here in light  
14 yellow. This is the district that Miramar base would be  
15 added to, and this also reflects commissioner requests to  
16 include Fairbanks Ranch and is it Rancho Santa Fe with a  
17 coastal district.

18 And then turning to the final page, this is the  
19 visualization here in green --

20 MS. ANDERSON: Actually, John.

21 MR. O'NEILL: Oh. Go ahead.

22 MS. ANDERSON: Quick clarification on --

23 MR. O'NEILL: Of course.

24 MS. ANDERSON: Does Imperial Beach, does that  
25 actually go to the border?

1 MR. O'NEILL: Oh yes. Yes. So this actually --  
2 this does extend. This particular configuration does  
3 extend south to include Imperial Beach.

4 MS. ANDERSON: So we actually have technically two  
5 Congressional districts there at the border, then.

6 MR. O'NEILL: That would be the case, yes.

7 MS. ANDERSON: Yeah. Thank you.

8 MR. O'NEILL: With the final district, this is on  
9 page 60, final visualization here. This is in green  
10 titled SESDELC, Southeast San Diego/El Cajon. And this  
11 similar to another district or another configuration that  
12 you all saw yesterday with the Assembly-sized  
13 visualizations, this incorporates a fair amount of  
14 community of interest submissions that we had received  
15 keeping many of these communities in Paradise Hills or  
16 Southeast San Diego together with some of the cities to  
17 the -- or communities to the northeast. And given that  
18 this is a Congressional district and has a larger  
19 population, it was able to keep together more of those  
20 community of interest submissions.

21 That was, very quickly, the visualizations that I  
22 had for Congressional districts. One thing I'll just  
23 mention is that some of these districts also incorporated  
24 some of the communities of interest or commissioner  
25 guidance that I had received that were also incorporated

1 into the Assembly visualizations that I presented  
2 yesterday, but I figured I would skip over that since  
3 you've all heard all of those, and I didn't want to take  
4 up too much of your time.

5 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you, John. I appreciate your  
6 presentation of visualizations. At this time, we'll hear  
7 from commissioners, starting with Commissioner Vazquez.

8 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Thank you, Chair. These are  
9 questions -- first a couple of questions for John.  
10 Looking at the San Bernadino metro area, I would say.  
11 Yes, right thereabouts. I was wondering if you could  
12 share both the -- what's the deviation for that Colton,  
13 Grand Terrace, Rancho, San Bernadino, Highland? What's  
14 it currently right now, the deviation?

15 MR. O'NEILL: This is the RIASB?

16 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes.

17 MR. O'NEILL: So Commissioner Fornaciari had  
18 requested to show Congressional deviations with the raw  
19 numbers.

20 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Oh, I see.

21 MR. O'NEILL: So that district is 122 people below  
22 population.

23 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Got it.

24 MR. O'NEILL: So I apologize. I should have  
25 clarified that. I thought the other mappers had done



1 that as well.

2 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Got it. Thank you. That's  
3 very helpful. And so the district -- or the  
4 visualization to the right, the BEAVICVAL, that Big Bear  
5 piece.

6 MR. O'NEILL: Yes.

7 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: So that's positive, that's  
8 overpopulated by 4,500.

9 MR. O'NEILL: That's right.

10 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Okay. Thank you. And then  
11 do you have the CVAP for Latino voters for that BEA  
12 district?

13 MR. O'NEILL: Andrew, could you check that slide?  
14 It'd be page 70.

15 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: I'm sorry. I don't have my  
16 materials in front of me.

17 MR. DRECHSLER: Thank you. The Latino CVAP is 35.19  
18 percent. The Black CVAP is 8.86 percent. Asian CVAP is  
19 3.74 percent. And indigenous CVAP is 1.18 percent. And  
20 white CVAP is 50.56 percent.

21 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Okay.

22 MR. DRECHSLER: Oh. This is Andrew Drechsler.  
23 Turning on my camera. Sorry.

24 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Great. Thank you. So I  
25 think my question is if -- or my direction -- and I

1 understand this will cause ripple effects, but I'd like  
2 to see included in the IRRRIASE visualization -- I had  
3 requested this at some point in early iterations, but  
4 there's a portion of Redlands, a big portion of Redlands,  
5 that's known locally as Northside Redlands.

6       It's literally north side of train tracks that is  
7 very high Latino residents. It's much more working class  
8 and even low income. And my concern is that by including  
9 them with the rest of Redland, they're not actually being  
10 included with communities of interest that maybe they  
11 should be.

12       You don't have freeways or anything, but it's  
13 really -- it's like where you see it -- there we go.  
14 That big line right there, yes, up through the airport.  
15 So I'm hoping that that won't add too much -- too much  
16 additional population that it won't cause too much ripple  
17 effect. But this feels, at least for me, especially for  
18 a Congressional district, pretty important to try to keep  
19 that community -- that little community with folks who  
20 maybe share more experiences with them.

21       MR. DRECHSLER: I'd have to check it, but I think  
22 you're right. I don't think there's a lot of population  
23 there, and I think that would be straightforward to add  
24 in.

25       COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Great. Thank you.

1 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you, Commissioner Vazquez.

2 Let's see. How are we doing on lunch time?

3 MR. MANOFF: It is lunch time, Chair.

4 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you so much. Okay. So we will  
5 pick up with Ms. Akutagawa. Are you finished  
6 Commissioner Vazquez? With Commissioner Akutagawa,  
7 Commissioner Yee, Commissioner Toledo when we return. We  
8 will be back at 1:30.

9 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 12:45 p.m.  
10 until 1:34 p.m.)

11 CHAIR TURNER: Good afternoon and welcome back. I  
12 hope you all enjoyed a wonderful lunch. When we went to  
13 lunch, we were just at the point of receiving  
14 commissioner response to the Southern California  
15 visualizations that were rendered by John, our mapper,  
16 and we do have hands up, but to set the expectation for  
17 the balance of the day for our public, I just wanted to  
18 say that once we complete the visualization comments for  
19 Southern California, we will, Commissioners, the -- what  
20 do you call them?

21 We will need to review and approve the posted  
22 directions that's been given over the last several days.  
23 So we'll do that. And with that, I want to announce that  
24 we will go into a time of -- we'll hear general feedback  
25 from the mappers in regards to the Senate visualizations,

1 and it will be generalized feedback because, of course,  
2 we know what has been prepared reflects previous  
3 sentiment.

4       So we'll get general feedback, have some generalized  
5 comments about what we're hoping to see with Senate, and  
6 then we do -- review and approve our posted directions to  
7 the line drawers for October 23rd, 27th, 28th, and if  
8 available, for the 29th. And at that time, we will open  
9 it up for public comment for our agenda items two and  
10 three.

11       And so with that, we do have hands raised. It's  
12 going to be Commissioner Akutagawa followed by  
13 Commissioner Yee.

14       COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you. All right.  
15 Thank you. I'd like to ask about -- I guess I'll start  
16 with the Santa Ana and Anaheim visualization. And I'm  
17 going to ask a similar question that I asked about the  
18 Assembly district one. I know that we've gotten several  
19 COI input testimonies about the Little Arabia district in  
20 Anaheim, and I believe the COI testimony also saw that  
21 that portion also extended a little bit into Stanton as  
22 well, too. Is it possible to see that? Yeah. Thank  
23 you.

24       Okay. So the majority of it is in Anaheim, then.

25       MR. O'NEILL: Yes, that's right.

1 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay.

2 MR. O'NEILL: This very portion in Buena Park and a  
3 bit of northeastern Stanton.

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I know that we also  
5 received some COI input testimony about -- and it's hard  
6 to see from these maps, but is Santa Ana whole in this  
7 visualization here?

8 MR. O'NEILL: Yes. In this visualization, Santa Ana  
9 is whole.

10 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. I think I'd like to  
11 ask -- I know we received several COI testimony about the  
12 Vietnamese community and other Asian --

13 MR. O'NEILL: Yep. I just --

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- communities.

15 MR. O'NEILL: -- pulled it up.

16 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay.

17 MR. O'NEILL: One from a Vietnamese-American  
18 submission --

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay.

20 MR. O'NEILL: -- that does split Santa Ana.

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: And I'm looking at the  
22 standard deviation. I was going to ask if could  
23 perhaps -- and maybe this is also -- I think if I recall  
24 correctly, I don't think that this -- what is the  
25 Westminster, Garden Grove, Midway City, Fountain Valley

1 area concerned a VRA district? Because I was going to  
2 ask if we could pull in that western portion of Santa Ana  
3 that was identified by several COI inputs as a -- more of  
4 an Asian area, if we could also pull them in. And  
5 then --

6 MR. O'NEILL: So the Santa Ana/Anaheim district is  
7 currently underpopulated, and the northern Orange County  
8 Coast district is currently overpopulated.

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I see.

10 MR. O'NEILL: So it initially contained a portion  
11 here of Garden Grove. You'll notice that the population  
12 figures here are very similar in opposite directions. So  
13 I just un-split Garden Grove, which is moving 35,000  
14 people -- was in that area that was originally split, but  
15 add those districts, it's much closer to balanced.

16 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay.

17 MR. DRECHSLER: And to answer your question, neither  
18 of these districts are VRA considerations.

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: They are not?

20 MR. O'NEILL: Oh, yes. Thank you, Andrew.

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Because on the  
22 last -- one of the last visualizations I requested, I  
23 also requested pulling back into Orange County Rossmoor,  
24 Los Alamitos, and Cypress with the intent of moving out  
25 Westminster, Stanton, Garden Grove, Midway City, Fountain

1 Valley. I don't know if -- would those cities plus those  
2 portions of Anaheim and Santa Ana, whether or not that  
3 would enable a Congressional district?

4 I know we also got COI testimony about Latino  
5 districts in portions of Buena Park and South Fullerton  
6 as well, too, and portions of Placentia to pick up more  
7 of the population numbers. I think right now I'm just  
8 asking.

9 MR. O'NEILL: Commissioner Akutagawa, I apologize.  
10 Do you mind defining exactly where you were saying this  
11 would be, what would be comprised potentially in that?

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: In the north Orange --  
13 NOCCOAST, I guess --

14 MR. O'NEILL: Yes.

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- pulling in Rossmoor, Los  
16 Alamitos, and --

17 MR. O'NEILL: Cypress.

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- Cypress.

19 MR. O'NEILL: So that'd be about --

20 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Unless it's --

21 MR. O'NEILL: -- 60, 70,000 --

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- better --

23 MR. O'NEILL: -- here.

24 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Unless it's better --  
25 actually, it might be actually better -- I'm sorry. Now

1 that I'm looking at it, it might be better to go the  
2 opposite way, maybe to pull in Rossmoor, Los Alamitos,  
3 Cypress together with La Palma and Buena Park. I don't  
4 know if it makes it more complicated.

5 I know that Los Alamitos, Rossmoor, and Seal Beach  
6 all -- we received testimony that all three of them want  
7 to be together. And Cypress is kind of in the middle.  
8 It could be there; it could not be there.

9 John, do you need more?

10 MR. O'NEILL: Sorry. So is the question about  
11 adding those communities potentially to this North OC  
12 Coast and potentially also adding this portion of Santa  
13 Ana?

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. The small portion  
15 that --

16 MR. O'NEILL: Okay.

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- has --

18 MR. O'NEILL: What would you be thinking of losing  
19 from that community -- from this visualization, then,  
20 because that would add quite a bit of population.

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I was actually thinking  
22 them going further down the coast and creating more of a  
23 coastal district, still. And then I know that we also --  
24 there was testimony about Costa Mesa, Irvine, and Tustin  
25 being closer together.



1           Because I'm also looking for ways to pull in more of  
2 the south Orange County cities back into Orange County  
3 instead of with San Diego, and then also separating that  
4 Inland, Orange County, Rancho Santa Margarita, Trabuco,  
5 Williams, Canyon, Silverado similar to what the  
6 discussion we had around the Assembly districts, pulling  
7 them back into Orange County, or at least separating them  
8 from Riverside because of the testimony.

9           And we've gotten a lot of new testimony, too, about  
10 the Cleveland National Forest being a dividing area in  
11 which they don't -- neither side, both the Riverside  
12 testimonies and the Orange County testimonies both said  
13 that they don't belong together. And so, looking for  
14 ways to restructure that part.

15           MR. O'NEILL: So with these communities here  
16 specifically, which are included with the Riverside --

17           COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah.

18           MR. O'NEILL: -- visualization --

19           COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: John --

20           MR. O'NEILL: -- I do think --

21           COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- is your mic at your  
22 mouth?

23           MR. O'NEILL: I can get closer.

24           COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay.

25           MR. O'NEILL: These communities here in Orange

1 County with this Cleveland National Forest, more rural  
2 area, those potentially could be added into this Orange  
3 County/Inland district or some other Orange County  
4 district if Chino Hills were added to this Riverside-  
5 based district and some population were shifted.

6 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah.

7 MR. O'NEILL: That's one way --

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Perhaps we could --

9 MR. O'NEILL: -- to address that.

10 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- remove Chino Hills from  
11 that, and maybe if you were to include Yorba Linda with  
12 that -- I'm also conscious that I think Santa Ana and  
13 Anaheim, I want to -- I know that the Latinos CVAP as it  
14 stands right now is at about 48 percent, which I think is  
15 potentially comfortable as a VRA district.

16 And I think this was also -- you said that that was  
17 not identified as a VRA district, I think.

18 MR. DRECHSLER: That's correct.

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay.

20 MR. DRECHSLER: Yep.

21 MR. O'NEILL: One other thing that you had been  
22 asking about, Commissioner Akutagawa, was here with this  
23 district which spans southern Orange County and northern  
24 Orange -- sorry -- southern Orange County and northern  
25 San Diego County. Again, this is similar to what we saw

1 with the Assembly visualizations.

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Uh-huh.

3 MR. O'NEILL: The primary constraint that's pushing  
4 this San Diego to having a district that reaches up into  
5 southern Orange County is that we have here a  
6 visualization of a district here on the eastern side  
7 which incorporates a number of the tribal areas. And so  
8 that means that once we've included three total  
9 population San Diego potential Congressional  
10 visualization -- Congressional-sized visualizations here,  
11 we wind up with not quite enough to get to a full  
12 Congressional district with this remainder. And then  
13 based on the previous guidance I'd received from the  
14 commission, I wasn't reaching up into Riverside here  
15 toward Temecula and some of these other communities, so  
16 that means that because there's this constraint here to  
17 the east, the only place to reach is into southern Orange  
18 County, so that's something which could certainly be  
19 adjusted if the Commission wanted me to take a different  
20 approach to either which tribal areas were included or  
21 including this whole tribal area in a separate district,  
22 than the Imperial County district.

23 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay, then --

24 MR. O'NEILL: Yeah.

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Given that

1 constraint, then one of the other requests that I was  
2 going to make of you --

3 CHAIR TURNER: Is it in the same area, Commissioner  
4 Akutagawa?

5 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, it would --

6 CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- it would impact south  
8 Orange County and that northern San Diego, perhaps, like  
9 yesterday, removing Rainbow and Fallbrook and Bonsall  
10 from that visualization. I think it might have been  
11 Commissioner Sinay that said yesterday maybe finding a  
12 way where maybe it's a little bit more balanced and the  
13 split is shared. In this case, I am also thinking  
14 that -- I think one of the concerns is that the south  
15 Orange County communities don't want to be, I think,  
16 consumed by a northern San Diego-driven district. Sorry  
17 to say that, but I think I'm just trying to see if --

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: All of it -- all the people  
19 representing that have always been from Orange County.

20 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, so I'm just trying to  
21 see if we could find a balance, perhaps, on that.

22 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Akutagawa, there are  
23 other hands that want to comment on what you're saying --

24 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay.

25 CHAIR TURNER: -- and they have their hands up, so I

1 want to make sure you --

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Thank you.

3 CHAIR TURNER: Was it -- Commissioner Yee, are you  
4 on this same topic? Okay. Then I just want to check  
5 down, Commissioner Toledo, on this topic, on this same  
6 area discussion?

7 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: In the area that she was just  
8 talking about.

9 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Yes.

10 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: If that's appropriate.

11 CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

12 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: So in general, just for all of  
13 the maps, just some general guidance, even for this one,  
14 just to try to keep the, especially for the VRA areas,  
15 (indiscernible) some around where they are not to go any  
16 lower because I know we're giving a lot of comments and  
17 feedback, but to try to keep them where they're at if not  
18 a little bit higher when possible, not lower. And for  
19 the Santa Ana opportunity district that's identified  
20 here, potentially adding the City of Stanton would be a  
21 good move since it does have the area of interest that's  
22 Asian opportunity but also wouldn't change the  
23 demographics too much. And it does look like we're  
24 missing 35,000 people, so we do have to add additional  
25 areas around it, so potentially some of Fullerton and

1 some of the Tustin area. If that's the case and we put  
2 those in, we may need to take some of the Orange areas  
3 out, but that gives us some opportunities, so that's just  
4 general guidance. Thank you very much, Chair.

5 CHAIR TURNER: Um-hum. And Commissioner Sinay, on  
6 that area?

7 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes, thank you. I really like  
8 that district the way it is, and I like the idea of  
9 Stanton, and for the same reasons that Commissioner  
10 Toledo said, I think it is an opportunity district, and  
11 we should keep opportunity districts and see when we can  
12 grow them into VRA districts. Also, as I mentioned  
13 earlier, Santa Ana, Orange, and Anaheim are three of the  
14 lowest income cities in Orange County where there is a  
15 lot of investment taking place, and they're working  
16 collaboratively to bring up the low income communities  
17 and living wages. They're doing a lot of different --  
18 not necessarily living wage, but those three being in the  
19 same district whole would actually allow them to continue  
20 that work. So I would rather not see Santa Ana split.

21 CHAIR TURNER: Before we go back to the top,  
22 Commissioner Akutagawa, did you have more on that?

23 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I'm comfortable with that.  
24 I'm also even thinking if it would be odd to -- here's  
25 another solution. I do agree that, perhaps, then pulling

1 Stanton in with Anaheim and Santa Ana and Orange and  
2 Villa Park would work better, less complicated.

3 I just want to ask the line drawers then if, let's  
4 say, for example, Garden Grove, Westminster, maybe  
5 Fountain Valley if you connected it through Cypress to  
6 Buena Park and Fullerton sharing some similar  
7 demographics and then connected Yorba Linda and, perhaps,  
8 Placentia with that, that inland, and removing Chino  
9 Hills to Riverside. Would that be an option? That would  
10 still honor, I think, the different communities of  
11 interest in that area.

12 MR. O'NEILL: That might be (indiscernible). I'd  
13 have to take a look at it, though. I couldn't say off  
14 hand because there's a couple of changes there.

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay.

16 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Commissioner Yee?

17 COMMISSIONER YEE: Are we ready to move on to a  
18 different area? Okay, I'd like to take a look at  
19 southeastern San Bernardino County. That bit that comes  
20 up from Riverside County. And I think we covered this a  
21 little bit in the Assembly plan, but I'm wondering why  
22 not continue with these Riverside border all the way to  
23 Arizona. There's a little bit of population in Needles,  
24 I know, but as it is a visualization follows Highway 62,  
25 it looks like to the border rather than the county border

1 itself, and then it comes up to Needles. So yeah, just  
2 wondering why we're doing that. If we shifted it to the  
3 county border itself, we would lose a little bit of  
4 population going the wrong way, but we would respect the  
5 border. So just wondering what the thought was there?

6 MR. O'NEILL: If I could just ask, which was the  
7 district you were wondering about?

8 COMMISSIONER YEE: So looking at the right side  
9 there, the part that comes up, yeah.

10 MR. O'NEILL: This portion right here?

11 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah.

12 COMMISSIONER YEE: So this is a request from  
13 Commissioner Kennedy. So it reaches up to Needles, and  
14 it also includes a portion of an Indian reservation here,  
15 but I believe he was saying that this encompassed, was it  
16 the Colorado River watershed potentially? I would defer  
17 to him, though, on exactly what it was that was being  
18 captured, though.

19 COMMISSIONER YEE: Okay. That's fine. Thanks.

20 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Commissioner Sinay?

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you. So the line drawer  
22 had asked us two questions to help us think through -- to  
23 give us, if we wanted more flexibility, we had to answer  
24 one of two questions or ignore them both. So the two  
25 questions were do we want to still continue to keep the



1 tribal lands all together with the VRA district because  
2 in this area Orange County and San Diego and Imperial,  
3 there is one -- there's that bottom corner, it's a whole  
4 VRA district. So that is one question.

5 And then the second question that was asked was are  
6 we willing -- do we still want to say don't cross into  
7 Riverside? I would say I'm okay crossing into Riverside,  
8 and the reason being that we actually have gotten mixed  
9 testimony. Some people see that if we cross into  
10 Riverside, then I would make sure that we keep Rainbow,  
11 Pala, Bonsall, all unincorporated areas with Escondido,  
12 that whole 15 corridor. The justification would be  
13 you're keeping that whole 15 corridor together because  
14 that's the communities of interest that we've heard. I  
15 don't know if we need to go -- so I'm going to answer  
16 that one.

17 On the tribal lands, I think when it comes to tribal  
18 lands, I would say the Congressional district might be  
19 the most important district to have them all together  
20 versus State Senate or State Assembly, but I would be  
21 curious to hear what my colleagues say because I think  
22 when the line drawers say here's two questions, we  
23 probably should start by answering those two questions so  
24 that the line drawer -- so we all know if we have the  
25 flexibility or not. So I'm going to put the two -- I

1 want to make sure that before we go on to another part of  
2 the map, we answer the two questions so we know how we  
3 can play with the map.

4 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Commissioner Kennedy?

5 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. You know  
6 the issue with going over that Riverside County line and  
7 taking in Temecula is Temecula really is the anchor city  
8 for that entire region of Riverside County. So if you  
9 take Temecula, you can't just take Temecula because what  
10 you do if you take just Temecula is you have shattered  
11 that entire corridor. If, as Commissioner Sinay says,  
12 you want to have a 15 corridor district and you want to  
13 balance the population between the Riverside County  
14 element of it and the San Diego County element of it,  
15 then that might be something to be discussed, but you  
16 can't just take Temecula and certainly not just a piece  
17 of Temecula. If we put the terrain level on, you'd see  
18 Temecula and Murrieta, French Valley, Lake Elsinore, all  
19 of that is kind of flatlands along the 15, and then  
20 between Temecula and Rainbow, you go up this huge hill,  
21 so it's a very different world crossing that county line.

22 And as to Commissioner Yee's earlier inquiry  
23 regarding the county line versus Highway 62, I think  
24 where there's a small divergence I don't see that  
25 sticking with the highway rather than the county line

1 would necessarily make sense. I mean if we're supposed  
2 to try to keep counties whole, then I'd be perfectly fine  
3 taking that small sliver of yellow between Highway 62 and  
4 the county line and shifting it to the blue district, but  
5 yes, the idea east of there was to have kind of the  
6 Colorado River Valley in a single district all the way  
7 from the Nevada line and making sure to include that  
8 entire reservation up there at the very top all the way  
9 down to the Mexican border.

10 I will repeat the comment from yesterday to John.  
11 Please check for disadvantaged unincorporated communities  
12 in the sphere of influence of the City of Needles and  
13 make sure that those are included with Needles. When  
14 we're slicing very close to cities that don't have  
15 adjacent incorporated cities, I think we always need to  
16 be looking for those unincorporated communities that are  
17 formally part of the city's sphere of influence. So just  
18 to be careful of that.

19 On the broader question of reservations, obviously  
20 the number one priority is not to split any single  
21 reservation. If we need to discuss putting a dividing  
22 line between two reservations, we can certainly look at  
23 that. I would prefer not to do that, but recognize that  
24 it may be necessary in some places, as between the  
25 Morongo Band and the Agua Caliente. As long as the

1 Morongo reservation is entire on one side of the line and  
2 the Agua Caliente lands are entire, complete, on the  
3 other side of the line, then so be it. Thank you.

4 CHAIR TURNER: John?

5 MR. O'NEILL: Commissioner Kennedy, could you, in  
6 terms of just clarification. I may have misheard. The  
7 little yellow -- the part of San Bernardino County that  
8 you want -- was it the little sliver at the bottom that  
9 you wanted with --

10 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yeah.

11 MR. O'NEILL: Okay. Thank you.

12 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: And again, just to make sure  
13 that the disadvantaged unincorporated communities that  
14 are part of Needles sphere of influence are included with  
15 Needles, and don't cut exactly at Needles city limits  
16 because there are areas that are formally part of its  
17 sphere of influence --

18 MR. O'NEILL: Yes. Understood.

19 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: -- that would need to be with  
20 it.

21 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Commissioner Andersen?

22 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you. Yeah, on the  
23 SCCA, I really would like to keep all the tribal lands in  
24 there, and I also like the Colorado River basin in that  
25 area because this is a Congressional district, and those

1 certainly have Congressional impacts. That's where they  
2 need the representative. That's at the right level. So  
3 I would really like to keep that.

4       Then also, what Commissioner Kennedy said about  
5 let's keep the area adjacent to the direct city limits of  
6 Needles together, I would like that to be a general  
7 direction to all the line drawers for rural cities.  
8 Don't cut the line right at that city border,  
9 particularly in a rural city because there's a lot of  
10 population that are around little rural cities that are  
11 basically part of the rural city, but they aren't  
12 officially in city limits. We tend to, when it's more  
13 developed areas, once city line goes directly into the  
14 next city line, so there isn't that that sort of  
15 unincorporated area, but I would like us, particularly  
16 for small cities and rural areas, to really look at where  
17 we're drawing those boundaries, particularly when we're  
18 getting population. Let's not lose a community around  
19 that.

20       And then in terms of going into Riverside, I agree  
21 with Commissioner Kennedy, you can't just take Temecula.  
22 It is that whole area. And I was wondering if we don't  
23 want San Clemente as part of the area in -- to dominate  
24 the San Diego section of that. Can we go up -- well, I  
25 guess there's no population essentially, unless we do

1 take those cities all the way up in Temecula, 15, so I  
2 don't quite have an answer for us on that one, so.

3 CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

4 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Sorry about that.

5 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Toledo?

6 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah, just two things. So I  
7 just wanted to hear what the trade offs are of keeping  
8 the Native American communities, the tribal communities  
9 as a whole and/or any of the direction that we're  
10 currently giving up, is there, I mean certainly  
11 flexibility, but I'm just also wondering about CVAP if we  
12 want, because it is a VRA area, making sure that the CVAP  
13 remains at a level that currently is and we're not  
14 diluting it anymore.

15 MR. O'NEILL: With these areas specifically that  
16 were included in the community of interest map that we  
17 received identifying tribal area in eastern San Diego and  
18 Riverside, these are very low population areas, so adding  
19 or removing a portion or even a good sizable chunk of  
20 this, these areas wouldn't have a significant effect, I  
21 don't think, on whatever that potential VRA district  
22 might be. So this is a low-population area.

23 One other thing, just to your question about trade-  
24 offs, in the event that this portion, for example, were  
25 not included in this district, SCCA, and were included

1 with some other district, this is a low-population area.  
2 This area, as well, up here in Riverside, this is low  
3 population. I think Sage is about 3,000 maybe. Hemet,  
4 San Jacinto up here, those do have a bit more population,  
5 but it's maybe 20, 30, 50,000, that sort of a thing as  
6 opposed to Temecula, 100,000 or so, and then some of  
7 these other communities. So this is much more densely  
8 populated. So if commissioners did want me to redraw the  
9 district here that reaches up into Riverside, if it were  
10 incorporating Temecula, it would probably incorporate  
11 Temecula and maybe one more city. If it were reaching  
12 farther to the east, it would need to reach up much more  
13 to incorporate more population here, as well.

14 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Follow-up to that, would --

15 MR. O'NEILL: Yeah.

16 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: -- you be able to keep the  
17 CVAPs around the same levels, or --

18 MR. O'NEILL: So that would not have significant  
19 effect on this SCCA district or the CVAP levels because  
20 this population is not heavily populated.

21 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you.

22 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Sinay, and then  
23 Commissioner Akutagawa?

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you, Chair. I wanted to  
25 start with San Bernardino and Riverside because just like

1 with Los Angeles, there are significant VRA areas, and I  
2 want to make sure that we have them right, and we're  
3 taking -- that we are doing what we need to do in those  
4 areas before we move out to Orange County and San Diego.  
5 And they felt good to me, but I just wanted us all just  
6 to take that moment to really think through, do we have  
7 the right kind of VRA anchors here, or is there any -- I  
8 know we moved some things around, but I just wanted to  
9 slow down and just take a look at that.

10 MR. O'NEILL: So just so I'm clear, the question on  
11 the table is are the current visualizations accurately  
12 reflecting the proper VRA solution for that area?

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: It's kind of an open question,  
14 not just for legal counsel, but for my colleagues, as  
15 well, is are we -- yes, we can check the box, but it's  
16 more than can we check the box. Have we taken, I don't  
17 want to say full advantage, but are we looking at our  
18 obligations and really taking them to the full extent.  
19 If -- I'm trying to channel Commissioner Sadhwani, and  
20 I'm not doing a very good job, so whatever Commissioner  
21 Sadhwani said about Los Angeles, I want to make sure that  
22 we -- and Central Valley, that we also do it in San  
23 Bernardino and Riverside because this is one of our  
24 critical growing areas in California.

25 MR. LARSON: To that point, I would simply say that



1 these visualizations represent one potential way to  
2 handle some of the VRA considerations in this area. And  
3 I would repeat what we've told the commissioners before,  
4 that you do have some control over how to resolve a VRA  
5 consideration, and to the extent commissioners want to  
6 suggest alternatives here, we would be more than happy to  
7 go back and look at the numbers and try different ways of  
8 doing it.

9 MR. O'NEILL: Could I make one just very quick  
10 comment about one of these districts?

11 CHAIR TURNER: Yes, if you speak into the mic.

12 MR. O'NEILL: All right. All right. Here we go.  
13 So one thing that we heard earlier today, I believe from  
14 Commissioner Vazquez, was about potentially incorporating  
15 some of this portion of northern Redlands into this  
16 potential VRA district here. Something that we've heard  
17 in community of interest testimony and something that I  
18 believe Commissioner Kennedy has also brought up in  
19 previous meetings was about whether Grand Terrace here  
20 could potentially be included with Redlands or some of  
21 these areas to the east. If I make that adjustment here  
22 with northern Redlands, that would add some population to  
23 this district. I think this is Loma Linda, which is  
24 maybe about 25,000 people. It might be possible to move  
25 Loma Linda into the district to the east and move Grand

1 Terrace into the district to the east if we then pick up  
2 that population from northern Redlands. I just wanted to  
3 note that that's one -- a couple of requests from  
4 commissioners might actually come together to make them  
5 all happy and the communities, as well.

6 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you, John. Commissioner  
7 Akutagawa?

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: John, would you be able to  
9 show us some of the COI testimony blocks in these areas  
10 that might help to better understand various options, I  
11 guess?

12 MR. O'NEILL: So with the southern district here,  
13 with Riverside, we did receive some submissions  
14 requesting Perris, Moreno Valley, and Riverside to be  
15 kept together. I'll just note it's these three cities,  
16 and those are kept together. With these communities here  
17 in San Bernardino, let me just check right now to see  
18 what I have for communities I've just currently pulled  
19 in.

20 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I think in particular we  
21 heard from some of the black communities that have been  
22 growing out here that they noted their community of  
23 interest.

24 CHAIR TURNER: And as a reminder to the  
25 commissioners, as well, that we have a notification from

1 Marcy earlier that reminds us that one of the documents  
2 that we asked for that places the COI testimony with the  
3 visualization is available for us to look at, and it's  
4 just a matter of can we get to it quick enough, but we  
5 will be able to look at that. A new column has been  
6 added.

7 MR. O'NEILL: So just to show a few examples of  
8 communities of interest, the first one will be a little  
9 tricky to see because it's in yellow, but you can see  
10 here this is the portion that excluded from these  
11 communities, so this Alta Loma and Rancho Cucamonga, as  
12 well as northern Upland, and so this community had  
13 requested to be -- or sorry, an individual from this  
14 community had requested to keep their community with some  
15 of the more rural areas to the north, as well as they  
16 asked to be with some areas to the east, but that wasn't  
17 entirely possible. A similar submission, a different  
18 definition of what this community is, but those are some  
19 areas that were excluded.

20 And then looking at this Pomona, Ontario, Fontana  
21 visualization, here was a community of interest  
22 submission we received entitled Pomona Valley.  
23 Differences between the submission and the district, of  
24 course, would be that the visualization, of course, would  
25 be that Fontana is split in the visualization, and a

1 portion of Upland is included in the visualization, which  
2 is not the case with the community of interest  
3 submission.

4 And there were one or two others here that I wanted  
5 to show. One that we received quite a few submissions  
6 about was keeping Rialto and Fontana together. That was  
7 something that I found challenging while also meeting the  
8 guidance I'd received from the VRA attorneys.

9 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Commissioner Vazquez?

10 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah, I just wanted to  
11 endorse the strategic thinking about including the north  
12 side of Redlands in with this San Bernardino VRA district  
13 in that particularly Loma Linda may be better suited  
14 community of interest wise with Redlands, Mentone,  
15 Yucaipa, Oak Glen, et cetera.

16 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Commissioner Kennedy?

17 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. Yeah,  
18 further to that, I just wanted to remind us that the main  
19 issue with Grand Terrace, or the main challenge with  
20 Grand Terrace is its surrounded on three sides, all of  
21 it's San Bernardino County's side is Colton, so the only  
22 way to remove Grand Terrace from that without messing  
23 with Colton is to come through that very northern strip  
24 of Riverside County, yeah, through Highgrove, so we all  
25 need to keep that in mind. So I'm all for linking Grand

1 Terrace with Loma Linda and most of Redlands, but we have  
2 to understand that that means we're going to be coming  
3 through that northern strip of Riverside County. Thank  
4 you.

5 CHAIR TURNER: That's good stuff. Commissioner  
6 Sinay?

7 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I was going to share some  
8 comments we got on this visualization from the public,  
9 but when I'm looking at it, well, what it says is keep  
10 San Bernardino City, Colton, Grand Terrace, and part of  
11 Rialto together, and we do have that right now. But it  
12 was kind of a concern for making sure that you're keeping  
13 communities of color together and with a voice, but I see  
14 that that has happened.

15 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. I see no hands.  
16 John, do you need anything else from us?

17 FEMALE SPEAKER: There's a hand back here.

18 CHAIR TURNER: I don't see any. Okay,  
19 Commissioner -- there are hands now. Magic words, say no  
20 hands. Tada, we have hands. Commissioner Akutagawa?  
21 And then Commissioner Sinay?

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I just have a  
23 question. I know that we talked about this earlier, but  
24 the -- I mean, you have like Big Bear, Running Springs, I  
25 mean these are the mountainous areas of San Bernardino,

1 and I think it was said that there was mixed testimony  
2 about Wrightwood, and then I also saw testimony about  
3 keeping Wrightwood together with Phelan, and I think  
4 it's --

5 MR. O'NEILL: Pinon Hills, I think.

6 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: No, yeah. Pinon Hills,  
7 yeah. I'm wondering if it might make more sense to pull  
8 Wrightwood in so that then at least all of the more  
9 mountainous winter sport areas might be together. I  
10 mean, it's an interesting mix because you have  
11 Victorville and Apple Valley, which are the desert areas  
12 together with the more mountain areas, but at least if  
13 they're all together, maybe --

14 MR. O'NEILL: There's 4,000 people in Wrightwood.  
15 It would be very straightforward.

16 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay.

17 MR. O'NEILL: And consistent, as you noted, with  
18 some of the community of interest testimony that we  
19 received.

20 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, one last thing. I  
21 guess just going back to what you were asking about in  
22 terms of the tribal lands. I do agree. I mean, I think  
23 it's important that we keep them whole as much as  
24 possible and not split reservation land, and I appreciate  
25 what Commissioner Kennedy said that if you had to split

1 two different tribal lands together, at least -- that's  
2 not great, but it's better than splitting a reservation  
3 itself. I do want to just ask, though, in terms of my  
4 request to separate out the Orange County inland, Orange  
5 County canyon area from Riverside, that particular area  
6 is going to need to pick up additional population. I  
7 just want to -- I think I just want to just circle back  
8 on that --

9 MR. O'NEILL: You're --

10 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- and just understand what  
11 you understand.

12 MR. O'NEILL: Sure. You're referring to this area  
13 right here?

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

15 MR. O'NEILL: Okay. So that wouldn't have any sort  
16 of effects here to the south, as I would see it. What I  
17 would expect I would do is add Chino Hills, for example,  
18 right here --

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay.

20 MR. O'NEILL: -- to this district, potentially some  
21 other population from this more northern district. But  
22 quite frankly, Chino Hills is probably about equivalent  
23 to these areas. This district -- this visualization or  
24 some other visualization in this area would then need to  
25 reach down probably a little bit farther south to pick up

1 some population. So right now, I think it's just the  
2 eastern portion of Orange that's -- trying to zoom in --

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. So then --

4 MR. O'NEILL: -- so you can see the light post.

5 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- are you saying then that  
6 you would reach down into perhaps Yorba Linda and Anaheim  
7 Hills?

8 MR. O'NEILL: This Yorba Lina/Anaheim Hills  
9 visualization would probably reach down to pick up this  
10 population of Eastern Orange. And then this OC Southern  
11 Inland, would extend over to pick up this whole area.

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay.

13 MR. O'NEILL: So that would be the circle.

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Thank you.

15 MR. O'NEILL: Yep.

16 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Sinay?

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I just wanted to check if we  
18 were ready to go to San Diego kind of southern Orange  
19 and --

20 CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. So again, I'd like to  
22 start at the very bottom, since that's our anchor  
23 community or VRA community. And is there a  
24 possibility -- it is kind of surprising with the large  
25 Latino and Asian community and -- in San Diego that we



1 only have one VRA and not necessarily been an opportunity  
2 Congressional districts. So is there a possibility of --  
3 I don't know how strong the CVAP needs to be for -- well,  
4 my thought here is can we take -- let me see. I -- kind  
5 of connect Imperial Beach, San Ysidro with National City  
6 and Bonito? Is it Bonito or -- Bonita. Connect them all  
7 together kind of in the existing -- you know, in the  
8 existing green. And I'll tell you what I was thinking of  
9 taking out. But would that change the CVAP too much for  
10 the VRA community if we took --

11 MR. O'NEILL: I'd certainly be eager to hear if the  
12 VRA attorney had any comments on that. Well, we can take  
13 a look at it and run the numbers there and see how it  
14 looks.

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay.

16 MR. BECKER: Okay.

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So let me just finish my idea  
18 on this one so that you have everything.

19 MR. O'NEILL: Sure. Thank you.

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So the idea here would be, you  
21 know, Imperial Beach, National City, San Ysidro. Bonita  
22 would move into the green as well. Jamul would move into  
23 the green. Sorry. I'm not doing it based on name but  
24 colors. And then El Cajon, you know, again, we may split  
25 El Cajon, the canyon, from the hills, and the hills would

1 move in with the blue.

2 MR. O'NEILL: Commissioner Sinay, could I ask a  
3 quick qualifying question -- clarifying question on that?  
4 Previously I took a look just to check where that  
5 division might be, and it seemed as though this road  
6 seemed to fairly accurately describe the -- is that  
7 correct?

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: It seems right.

9 MR. O'NEILL: Okay.

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I mean, I'm --

11 MR. O'NEILL: Perfect.

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- I would have to do some  
13 research, but I think that seems about right.

14 MR. O'NEILL: Look at satellite image, that seemed  
15 to be where the division was?

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And then I think we've talked  
17 about this before. If we need -- you know, we're -- if  
18 we need to move things still, we've got that line between  
19 the yellow and the green that's a little flexible on  
20 that -- on the other side, the light yellow.

21 MR. O'NEILL: Right.

22 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So those were kind of where I  
23 was on my thinking on that one.

24 MR. O'NEILL: Okay. Thank you.

25 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And the idea, again, matching

1 what Commissioner Toledo said, we want to keep the VRA,  
2 but I'm just trying to see if there is an opportunity  
3 create another opportunity district.

4 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay. Do  
5 you have more?

6 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I do, but I was trying to step  
7 back in case others had something.

8 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Right now it's just you. Go  
9 for it.

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Oh, okay. Thank you.

11 CHAIR TURNER: Uh-huh.

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And then if we could go up to  
13 the north now? So here I still think that Rainbow,  
14 Bonsall, Fallbrook do better being with Escondido and  
15 Vista and all the unincorporated areas in that area. You  
16 know, the idea of kind of a representative representing  
17 Encinitas and representing Rainbow is kind of -- would be  
18 very different. One is very rural and one is very high  
19 affluent coastal. So if it's possible to move those  
20 into -- with Escondido, that would be great. And then if  
21 we need to move -- if there is as possibility, you know,  
22 I agree with Commissioner Akutagawa.

23 And I misspoke. There has been representative on  
24 the State Assembly side, but on Congressional -- and  
25 Congressional as well, where it flip flops between San

1 Diego and Orange County in this area. Keeping it equal  
2 numbers kind of on the coast with Camp Pendleton in the  
3 middle, would -- is always -- is best. If we do figure  
4 out how to move more south, then I would just continue to  
5 go -- instead of moving straight south, I would go from  
6 Del Mar, go inland on the 56th, kind of that little  
7 triangle that's sticking up there. I would take parts of  
8 that.

9       And then the other comment we got, I'm not sure --  
10 it was the San Diego Country Estate if that can be  
11 with -- with Ramona. That fits. And we got one today  
12 that just asked, you know, Jamul is the rural area, but  
13 Jamul feels like it's more associated with El Cajon in  
14 that area or Spring Valley. So there is an opportunity,  
15 if we have the space, to -- to move. I know that one  
16 won't change the CVAP, I don't believe.

17       MR. O'NEILL: Yeah, these are all low population  
18 areas?

19       COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah.

20       MR. O'NEILL: It's still possible.

21       COMMISSIONER SINAY: So I thank you for letting me  
22 chat, everybody.

23       CHAIR TURNER: Well, we appreciate you chatting.  
24 Commissioner Akutagawa?

25       COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Can -- I want to ask

1 Commissioner Sinay a question. In terms of that south OC  
2 North San Diego, you said something about a triangle.  
3 Are you talking about moving Del Mar into the SD Coast  
4 visualization? Is that what you're saying?

5 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I believe they're already in  
6 there. Del Mar's already in there. But if the San -- if  
7 the Orange County parts keeps -- if we need to go further  
8 south, because Orange County is going further south, then  
9 we can go inland.

10 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I think Del Mar is  
11 part of the South Orange County North San Diego -- are  
12 you trying to say --

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. I'm sorry. No, that  
14 was -- my -- the conversation I was having -- thank you,  
15 sorry -- was to expand north -- if we need to go further  
16 south from the north, then don't go south, but go inland  
17 at that point.

18 MR. O'NEILL: One --

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: But Del Mar can go either way.

20 MR. O'NEILL: One clarifying question I would just  
21 have is in this visualization, Vista is split between  
22 these two just visualizations --

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes, thank you for reminding  
24 me.

25 MR. O'NEILL: -- we've -- have gotten different

1 testimony on where Vista ought to go. But if you have a  
2 preference about keeping it more with one or the other.  
3 Could you --

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: You know, that's a great  
5 question. I would almost -- I think we -- if we asked  
6 everybody in Vista, we'd probably get a 50/50 response.  
7 They're very connected to Oceanside and then parts are  
8 very connected to Carlsbad and San Marcos. I tend to  
9 want to say connect them with Oceanside, just to give --  
10 Oceanside's kind of different from Carlsbad and  
11 Encinitas, and so that would allow -- that would kind of  
12 balance the district a little bit. So that would -- it's  
13 just my guess, but I'm sure we'll get some calls.

14 MR. O'NEILL: Thank you.

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I guess -- yeah. And  
16 that's why I wanted to ask the question. So I'd like to  
17 suggest to your point, Commissioner Sinay, I was going to  
18 ask if we can move -- originally, I was going to ask if  
19 we can move Encinitas down going south to the San Diego  
20 coast visualization, because the South OC North San Diego  
21 has more to give, in terms of its overpopulation, and the  
22 San Diego coast has a little bit less population. But I  
23 do hear what you're saying.

24 Carlsbad, to me, is kind of like that middle ground,  
25 where it's kind of Camp Pendleton, but not Camp

1 Pendleton, and it's more San Diego, but it's not really  
2 San Diego. It's very north county.

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So what I would say is if  
4 you're going to -- well, Del Mar, Solana Beach, Rancho,  
5 Santa Fe, Encinitas, and Carlsbad are all one school  
6 district, and there is a lot of moving between all of  
7 them, especially along the coast; Del Mar, Solana Beach,  
8 Encinitas, and South Carlsbad. So South Carlsbad is  
9 different than North Carlsbad. If you were going to add  
10 anything, I would start with Del Mar. I mean the closer  
11 you are to the City of San Diego, the more connection you  
12 have with the city of San Diego. If you were to put  
13 Solana Beach or Encinitas with the city of San Diego,  
14 they would say we would move -- we moved, appear to be,  
15 away from the city if Encinitas. I mean from the city of  
16 San Diego.

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Kind of like what we see in  
18 Orange County.

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah. So Del Mar is kind of  
20 the -- right next to Del Mar is still the city of San  
21 Diego, but -- so I would start from the southern tip  
22 going up, if I'm answering your question.

23 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. So -- all right.  
24 John, is that enough? I was -- because I was going to  
25 suggest -- and if you took Carlsbad to Del Mar, then you

1 could add all of Vista to Oceanside, and I think the  
2 population numbers wouldn't be -- it would still kind of  
3 be close to balancing out. So John, are we good enough  
4 for you to move forward?

5 MR. O'NEILL: Yep. I feel good.

6 CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Chair, one last -- the last  
8 one. This is about the Brea area. Again, I just want to  
9 note, again, we continue to get testimony about the  
10 inclusion of Hacienda Heights with Rowland Heights, and I  
11 don't see them included in this particular visualization.  
12 Sorry. I'm just trying to get to that page. So I wanted  
13 to just note if we could look at that. I know that we  
14 also talked about restructuring some of those  
15 visualizations in the San Gabriel Valley, but I know that  
16 people were very clear that Hacienda Heights, Rowland  
17 Heights, and Diamond Bar are all interconnected together  
18 and that they wanted to stay together.

19 And with that said, if it helps La Habra Heights,  
20 which is that little pink corner there down, yeah,  
21 between Hacienda Heights and Rowland Heights, I don't  
22 know if it helps to include them or if it's -- I think  
23 they're also one of those that can kind of go either way.  
24 But I just want to just note that we received quite a bit  
25 of testimony around Hacienda Heights being together with



1 Rowland Heights and Diamond Bar. Thank you.

2 CHAIR TURNER: Very helpful. Thank you. Thank you  
3 for that. So where we are currently -- thank you, John.  
4 Where we are currently, is we're going to move now for a  
5 general overview of the Senate. And I keep stretching --  
6 or stressing general overview. The line drawers at this  
7 point, they've heard a lot of -- not me. Not me. The  
8 line drawers or mappers have heard a lot of feedback from  
9 us, some of which has shifted, based on what we've  
10 previously said, therefore, is not in alignment with the  
11 current visualizations, even for our Senate. And for  
12 sure, our mappers will need to go back and work together.  
13 John will not be able to do his work outside of Jamie,  
14 outside of Jamie working with Kennedy, outside of Kennedy  
15 working with Tamina. They're going to try and put  
16 together what we've said for our One California to make  
17 it match together like the perfect puzzle that it will  
18 be.

19 So at this time, for the Senate Area Commissioners,  
20 the mappers are going to give us general overview of what  
21 they've heard. We will not be able to see it. They're  
22 going to tell us what they're going to be attempting for  
23 the Senate in each of the areas. And if there's  
24 something drastically different that we want a name for  
25 them, we can do that so that they can start this process

1 of changing the visualization so that we'll have  
2 something viable and something that's solid -- a little  
3 more solid for next week.

4 And so we can start -- we'll start with Tamina. I  
5 see black pants. We'll start with Tamina and work our  
6 way down. So commissioners, we're listening and taking  
7 notes at this point. Thank you.

8 MS. ALON: Good afternoon, commissioners. For the  
9 court reporter, I am Tamina Alon, not Karin Mac Donald,  
10 but I'm now putting up my screen, so I appear on Zoom as  
11 Karin right now. I'm going to review the -- a couple of  
12 themes that I'll be looking at for the Senate -- for the  
13 north -- for the coastal areas, that you have given me  
14 direction in your feedback during Congress and Assembly.

15 So I'm going to be looking at keeping the Humboldt,  
16 Karaoke, and Siskiyou Karaoke tribal lands together and  
17 using the Humboldt square instead of taking half of  
18 Siskiyou County. I'm going to be looking at keeping the  
19 north coast together from Del Norte south through Sonoma  
20 and/or Marin, but not including Lake, keeping Lake  
21 together with Napa and the wine and agricultural areas,  
22 reducing the Santa Rosa split, keeping Yolo with East  
23 Solano and the delta areas.

24 For the East Bay, I will be looking at keeping  
25 Oakland whole, looking at the Sacramento Delta area and

1 the Tri-Valley up to San Ramon. I will be -- not -- I  
2 will be looking at not crossing the Oakland Hills. I  
3 will be looking at keeping San Mateo with -- San Mateo  
4 cities within San Mateo County, instead of going down the  
5 coastline, Santa Cruz with the city of Los Gatos and to  
6 take that trade moving the line near Redwood City a  
7 little bit to north to accommodate for that population.  
8 I'll be looking at moving Arroyo Grande north with San  
9 Luis Obispo County and moving Montecito with Santa  
10 Barbara County and trading Moorpark and Somis if that is  
11 required. I'll be looking at keeping Calabasas with the  
12 Ventura area and keeping Santa Barbara and Ventura  
13 Islands together.

14 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you, Tamina. Karin, were you  
15 going to add something?

16 MS. MAC DONALD: No.

17 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Thank you. Are there  
18 reactions to what we've just heard before we move to the  
19 next section or something that we believe at a high level  
20 was -- is off or different or missed? We just have two  
21 hands, Commissioner Fernandez and Commissioner Andersen.

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. Thank you, Chair.  
23 Tamina, I think you said -- and I did change it this  
24 morning, so I'm going to apologize for that. I think you  
25 mentioned Yolo with East Solano, and my new direction

1 today was Yolo with all of Solano. And it's needed for  
2 numbers and to include the delta areas, the northern  
3 delta areas and to go into Napa and/or Calusa, yeah, in  
4 terms of numbers needed.

5 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

7 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Andersen?

8 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, thank you. In terms  
9 of -- now this is Senate considerations; is that correct?

10 CHAIR TURNER: That's right.

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. And the Sonoma Wine  
12 Country, the Lake -- you know, the Wine Country of  
13 Sonoma, Wine Country of Lake, Napa, and the little  
14 portion of the Wine County of Yolo we were talking about,  
15 that remains the other -- the -- and then that fits in  
16 with what Commissioner Fernandez was saying about the  
17 Yolo, Solano, and the Delta. I think though Vallejo has  
18 to be cut out of Solano just because of population for a  
19 Senate district. And I think that could go up into the  
20 portion of the Napa Sonoma or more -- it might go down  
21 with the -- out to Bay Point area.

22 Then for Senate districts, it was a long -- you did  
23 mention following the hills -- the East Bay hills  
24 respecting the ridge there. Yeah. And then so going  
25 along the bay there. But then I don't believe I heard

1 the other area would be the Tri-City.

2 CHAIR TURNER: She mentioned it.

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I did.

4 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Well, okay. And -- I missed  
5 that one. Great. Thank you.

6 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Yee?

7 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes, in the Tri-Valley area, I  
8 think you mentioned, Tamina, going up to San Ramon. If  
9 at all possible, it would be good to go all the way up to  
10 Danville, I think. That's usually considered part of the  
11 Tri-Valley. But I know population may not allow.

12 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you, Commissioner Yee. Tamina,  
13 thank you.

14 MS. ALON: Thank you, Commissioner.

15 CHAIR TURNER: Kennedy? Okay. And at this time,  
16 Kennedy will give us a high level of what she's heard  
17 from us for Senate -- what she will attempt based on new  
18 direction that we gave for Senate. Thank you.

19 MS. WILSON: Thank you, Chair. So I will start in  
20 the north. We have Tamina going over Siskiyou and taking  
21 Humboldt instead of slicing Siskiyou, removing Yolo from  
22 the north and making sure to keep Butte, Sutter, and Yuba  
23 together, working to keep -- this is now moving over to  
24 the eastern side. We would work to keep Sierra Nevada,  
25 Placer, El Dorado together, keeping Calaveras, Tuolumne,

1 possibly Mariposa together. And then moving into  
2 Sacramento, moving Folsom, Rancho Murrieta out over to  
3 the eastern side, removing West Sacramento from  
4 Sacramento, if necessary. Keeping out Grove with parts  
5 of Sacramento. Keeping Stockton whole, moving Mountain  
6 House and Tracy back into San Joaquin area, keeping those  
7 more inland than going out. Moving down working to keep  
8 Merced whole, moving into Fresno, trying to minimize  
9 splits in the city of Fresno and the country of Fresno,  
10 keeping together -- trying to keep together neighborhoods  
11 of Sunnyside, West Park, Southwest Fresno, Northwest  
12 Fresno, Old Fig Gardena and then keeping Northeast and  
13 Clovis together. Then working with the VRA lawyers to  
14 try to reconfigure what we can in this area, as well.  
15 I -- trying to get rid of the curl.

16 CHAIR TURNER: I'll just comment. I love that  
17 direction and what you're going to attempt, and  
18 hopefully, you're successful with it. Beautiful. Seeing  
19 no hands, we're going to move to Jamie.

20 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Sorry. Could I -- before  
21 that, the idea of keeping Merced whole, I don't believe  
22 that it was looked at going those VRA districts, keeping  
23 them compact where possible. It doesn't necessarily mean  
24 that you had to keep Merced whole if -- just in terms of  
25 compactness. Thank you.

1 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you for that addition. We're  
2 ready, Jamie, thank you.

3 MS. CLARK: Thank you. For Assembly, there really  
4 wasn't a ton of big direction, and so just sort of based  
5 on today, sort of continuing the direction to keep the  
6 Boyle Heights, Lincoln Heights, El Sereno, East Los  
7 Angeles area together in the San Gabriel Valley, seems  
8 like the direction is now to look at more north to south  
9 orientations for districts. Of course, continue to work  
10 with the VRA team on that area specifically, as well as  
11 other areas of L.A. and to, of course, look at Latino  
12 populations, as well as respecting Asian COIs and COIs  
13 from black communities in Los Angeles counties, as well.

14 CHAIR TURNER: Sorry, I hit the wrong button, and  
15 lost -- almost lost my -- Commissioner Akutagawa?

16 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: And just for clarification,  
17 are you just talking about just the L.A. area or are you  
18 also speaking about the entirety that includes like  
19 Antelope Valley and some of those other areas and the  
20 South Bay?

21 MS. CLARK: I was -- that was sort of a general  
22 overview for L.A. County. Those are really big changes.  
23 And in terms of like Antelope Valley, yeah, I can  
24 definitely look at trying to not include areas of San  
25 Fernando Valley. And South Bay, it was like movement --

1 different direction with movement, in terms of like  
2 Gardena and Hawthorne or Englewood, Gardena, and  
3 Torrance, potentially splitting Torrance. I think a lot  
4 of that would maybe be driven by potential VRA areas, so  
5 going to definitely try and iron those out first, and  
6 then move on to other areas of Los Angeles County.

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. I -- Okay. Thank  
8 you. I -- I'm -- two things. One, can I just also say  
9 that as you're looking at some of these Senate districts,  
10 there were some odd combinations, like, for example,  
11 there was say -- it says SDNELA, which is -- it looks  
12 like it includes some of the more affluent parts of L.A.,  
13 along with like all the way down to Bell, which was a  
14 little odd. And you already acknowledged the one in the  
15 Antelope Valley. It just kind of dips down into the San  
16 Fernando Valley, which was also weird. Clarification  
17 question for you. This -- the South Robertson  
18 neighborhood council, because it's hard to see on the  
19 map, does that include Century City?

20 MS. CLARK: So just to clarify, for the Senate  
21 visualization, it's Antelope Valley and Victor Valley  
22 together, which was a request from the commission from  
23 last time and that it doesn't -- no part of Corrin County  
24 like dips into --

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Oh, I'm sorry.



1 MS. CLARK: -- Antelope Valley.

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: My mistake. I mean the  
3 Santa Clarita Valley; it dips into the San Fernando  
4 Valley. It's SC -- VS --

5 MS. CLARK: Yeah.

6 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: And that's the one that  
7 you're talking about that you would --

8 MS. CLARK: This was -- I guess I was just talking  
9 about general direction that I received --

10 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, so --

11 MS. CLARK: -- today so far.

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you.

13 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. And we -- and yes. And  
14 we do recognize that a lot of this is new information  
15 that's received, and so we're wanting to give general.  
16 But what you're doing, Commissioner Akutagawa is to make  
17 sure in the new generalization that that's not missed,  
18 right?

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes. I just --

20 CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I just want to also  
22 point -- ask that question. Is South -- does South  
23 Robertson neighborhood council include Century City?

24 CHAIR TURNER: Or just say if you want it included,  
25 just name that for them.

1 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Actually, I would prefer to  
2 exclude the Westside Neighborhood Council. And if South  
3 Robertson does include Century City, I would like to see  
4 that removed. I think it does not -- it does not align  
5 with the remainder of that west of 110 visualization.

6 MS. CLARK: And you would rather have it go with --

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I think it would be better  
8 suited with the L.A. Bay --

9 MS. CLARK: Okay. Yeah. With the Beverly Hills.

10 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: The L.A. Bay Area is what I  
11 think is what it's called. And I think the other  
12 conversations you already heard about the San Gabriel  
13 Valley and East L.A., so thank you.

14 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Andersen?

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, thank you. I just  
16 wanted to make sure, as you're looking at the potential  
17 VRA districts, that we also have a consideration of the  
18 historically African American district -- historic  
19 districts in terms of making sure can they be opportunity  
20 districts in that area -- in that section.

21 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

22 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you.

23 MS. CLARK: And I guess I -- just a general point of  
24 clarification is that last week the San Fran -- San  
25 Gabriel Valley area, I did receive direction to have the

1 districts more oriented east to west, and today that was  
2 very different, and the direction I got was north to  
3 south. So just I guess, wondering if -- what the  
4 thoughts are on that.

5 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Sinay?

6 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I don't -- I wasn't going to  
7 speak to that one.

8 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Commissioner Vasquez, were you  
9 going to speak to that or Commissioner Vasquez, and we'll  
10 come back to you, Sinay?

11 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: Yes. Today I think there was  
12 some north-south in discussing East L.A. as an anchor,  
13 but that it -- East L.A. -- that was because East L.A.  
14 and the areas and it that we were asking to be included  
15 in East L.A. as an anchor are not considered part of the  
16 San Gabriel Valley. And so the east -- I think the east  
17 to west version of a San Gabriel Valley district that  
18 starts really at Alhambra and goes east potentially,  
19 again, picking up some of the foothill communities but  
20 not all of the foothill communities for population, I  
21 think it's directing -- I think the feedback today was  
22 attempting to direct what is currently visualized as San  
23 Gabriel Valley directing that east.

24 So picking up also then Hacienda Heights, Rowland  
25 Heights, Diamond Bar, et cetera what we -- we just would

1 like, at least what I understood, is that we'd like  
2 really that whole visualization move shifted east as what  
3 we consider the San Gabriel Valley. Is that helpful?  
4 Does that answer your question?

5 MS. CLARK: Kind of.

6 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: MS. CLARK: So I guess last  
7 week there seemed to be interest in having those  
8 visualizations be more like very east to west. Right now  
9 they're sort of next -- right next to each other. And  
10 last week there was interest in like a very -- two very  
11 east to west districts. And that was -- that is not the  
12 direction I received today. So just wondering for Senate  
13 to explore -- keep exploring it east to west. That's how  
14 this visualization is. It's very east to west oriented  
15 visualizations today, and I guess, wondering if I should  
16 make that north to south instead.

17 MS. CLARK: I would -- if I'm trying -- if I'm  
18 synthesizing in my brain, everything I've heard about the  
19 San Gabriel Valley, it may be that it is the VRA  
20 considerations are so fine-tuned, when it comes to  
21 Assembly districts that, we may have sort of different  
22 but much differently oriented maps in the same area for  
23 Senate and Congressional, just because those have to have  
24 more population.

25 So I would bifurcate sort of the feedback that we

1 have given around Assembly and sort of set that aside for  
2 those particular maps and then move forward with Senate  
3 and Congressional districts as another set of feedback,  
4 if that's helpful.

5 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: Right. Thank you. Yes.

6 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Trying to see where the  
7 hands were normalized. There we go. Commissioner Sinay?

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you. I ask this every  
9 time, but I'm going to ask it again. Regarding Long  
10 Beach. We haven't even talked about Long Beach today,  
11 but it has come up in a lot of the -- some of the  
12 comments that we received. Keeping Long Beach whole, is  
13 that keeping us from exploring additional opportunity  
14 districts or VRA districts?

15 MS. CLARK: I think the short answer is no, not  
16 really. No.

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: What's that?

18 MS. CLARK: Yeah, and we can take a look, of course.

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you.

20 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Akutagawa?

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Sorry. Wanted to just  
22 respond to your question, Jamie. And I would agree with  
23 what Commissioner Vasquez said about the bifurcation. In  
24 terms of the Assembly districts being smaller, we could  
25 make a much more easily created east-west district. So

1 you have the East San Gabriel Valley and the West San  
2 Gabriel Valley. And I think that that worked in that  
3 east-west kind of direction.

4 I think given the numbers, she as has also stated,  
5 it does become a little bit more complicated. I think  
6 looking at -- I guess, looking at some of the -- both the  
7 COI testimony as well as just also, you know, just  
8 understanding the cities that are together -- and we've  
9 heard that cities like Alhambra, Monterey Park, San  
10 Gabriel, Rosemead, in particular, should be kept together  
11 or we've heard -- we've seen testimony around that. I  
12 would also -- and I think this is where it gets tricky.  
13 And Commissioner Vasquez also brought this up too. Areas  
14 like San Marino and Arcadia are much more affluent than  
15 say the areas like Alhambra or Monterey Park or even San  
16 Gabriel and most definitely Rosemead. And so -- yet  
17 there are some common interests in term of the shops and  
18 the shopping that goes on, the eating places, the kind of  
19 cultural activities that also go on in some of those  
20 areas.

21 So I think there's a visualization for foothill  
22 districts, and I think pulling some of those not right at  
23 the foothills cities maybe into this visualization may  
24 help. I would also say that cities that go east of the  
25 605, as you get further north, like Irwin Gale, Azusa,

1 Glendora, San Dimas, are fairly different, but I think  
2 as -- as you look at having to expand, I would actually  
3 recommend that you look not as far as the 210, but  
4 perhaps in -- up to the Valley Boulevard in that area and  
5 then you -- and you look further south.

6 Because along that San Gabriel Valley District, as  
7 you get into like La Puente, as you get into Valinda,  
8 West Covina, those are also all areas that have a lot of  
9 alignment with that larger community, so I don't know  
10 if -- it's kind of like a more of a big rectangle, I  
11 guess. So you're kind of expanding up and down and then  
12 also to the side. So it looks more like a -- yeah, a big  
13 rectangle. I don't know if that helps you.

14 But stopping at Hacienda Heights, because, again,  
15 referring to the COI testimony, I think that's where  
16 there's a request to then keep that more to the east with  
17 Rowland Heights and Diamond Bar.

18 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Commissioner Sinay?

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I just want to say -- first of  
20 all, I want to thank the public, because they are  
21 submitting a lot of really good thinking around the  
22 visualizations, and some of the areas that we've been  
23 struggling with a little bit, they have been submitting  
24 input. So I hope that we -- all of us commissioners can  
25 find nooks of time to read though them. But also, line

1 drawers are stuck, there are some more communities of  
2 interest that some visualization comments are really  
3 strong.

4 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you for that. And I just  
5 wanted to add, beyond finding time at the end to read  
6 through, they are actually popping up right as you're  
7 submitting them. So we are seeing them live in real time  
8 and making adjustments and comments based on what we're  
9 seeing. So I did want to name that as well.  
10 Commissioner Akutagawa?

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. So I want to say to  
12 the mappers -- to the line drawers, I'm excited to see  
13 what you're going to do with -- missed John. John?

14 MR. O'NEILL: Based on all the commission guidance,  
15 you love my districts. You don't want any changes to the  
16 State Senate? So we could just skip this.

17 CHAIR TURNER: No.

18 MR. O'NEILL: No, no, no. I can, of course talk  
19 about the State Senate visualizations. Starting off --  
20 oh, I need to start my video. Starting off just to the  
21 north, Jamie touched on this, but there was an Antelope  
22 Valley, Victor Valley, potential configuration. That's  
23 something where it would just be good to know from the  
24 commission if in broad terms that's something that you  
25 would like of if you'd prefer that we go back to not



1 having something like that.

2       Some general guidance I received from the  
3 commissioner, which you asked to share with the rest of  
4 the map drawers was to make sure that in drawing  
5 boundaries around the rural cities to be going in and out  
6 farther to try and take in some of the surrounding  
7 unincorporated areas that are associated with those  
8 cities, shifting to the south with some of the potential  
9 VRA area districts with the -- there's one area around  
10 San Bernadino Riverside and some of the communities to  
11 the south there which continues to include Grand Terrace.

12       This would be another question for the  
13 commissioners. I could have a go at excluding Grand  
14 Terrace from that based on some of the community of  
15 interest requests and Commissioner Kennedy's requests for  
16 some of the other districts. But that would make for a  
17 very, very narrow neck between the Riverside and San  
18 Bernardino portions following the western portion of  
19 Colton.

20       In terms of some of the areas farther to the south,  
21 this configuration also features a southern Orange  
22 County, northern San Diego district, which is heavily  
23 weighted to the San Diego portion. Commissioners  
24 generally expressed a preference to take a look there in  
25 terms of whether it would be possible to either have a

1 district that's more balanced between the San Diego and  
2 Orange County portions or to be maintaining a bit of a  
3 harder line there between San Diego and Orange County.  
4 In this case just given the populations of State Senate  
5 Districts, I imagine a hard line would probably make more  
6 sense than trying to balance that.

7       With San Diego City specifically, I had a district  
8 there where it takes in a good portion of the coast and  
9 the majority of San Diego city, but then just based on  
10 some of the guidance I'd previously received from the  
11 commission, and this is something that we heard similarly  
12 today, some of the commissioners suggested that it  
13 wouldn't necessarily make sense to continue north to  
14 include areas like Solano Beach or Encinitas. And so, I  
15 wound up going inland and north. But goes fairly far  
16 north, so I would just want to get some confirmation  
17 there that commissioners agree with that particular  
18 decision.

19       And then with Orange County and the Riverside  
20 border, this is a series of visualizations, where  
21 happily, I was able to incorporate the commissioner's  
22 guidance to not be jumping across there. So I'll do my  
23 best to try and continue to maintain that and protect  
24 them. Just one more thing that I would note in the  
25 Orange County area that might -- some of the -- could be

1 inconsistent with some of the community of interest  
2 testimony we received, or some of the commissioners might  
3 have a concern there with just in splitting Garden Grove  
4 and West Minsters. So that would be one thing to take a  
5 look at in them of whether it's possible to be keeping  
6 those together, since that's been a request with some  
7 other districts.

8 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you, John. Appreciate it.  
9 Commissioner Sinay has a few responses.

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: A response. Just to answer  
11 your question about the city of San Diego, you bring up a  
12 really good point. I hadn't even looked at how many  
13 times we've split up the city of San Diego, how many  
14 districts. So as much as when going north capturing as  
15 much of the city of San Diego, and then grabbing other  
16 cities, as needed, but just trying to -- or balance the  
17 splits within the city of San Diego, I guess. So if it  
18 ends up being in two different Congressional districts,  
19 as much as possible, have some of the city of San -- you  
20 know, the same amount of the city of San Diego. Is that  
21 clear?

22 MR. O'NEILL: Yes, I follow. Thank you.

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. Thank you.

24 CHAIR TURNER: Get out. Is that all you have  
25 really?

1 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

2 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. All right. Commissioner  
3 Vasquez?

4 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: Yes, just wanted to affirm to  
5 John that I am warming to the idea of the Antelope Valley  
6 and Victor Valley being paired together. So I'm  
7 comfortable with moving forward with that visualization,  
8 unless other commissioners feel strongly otherwise.

9 MR. O'NEILL: Thank you.

10 CHAIR TURNER: We do not feel strongly otherwise.  
11 Commissioner Sinay?

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Just because you asked.

13 CHAIR TURNER: Come on with it.

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Commissioner Vasquez, to answer  
15 your question, I think a lot of the feedback we're  
16 getting is that people like that visualization of the  
17 Antelope Valley with Victor -- yeah. So I'm good with  
18 that one. I just wanted to put that -- but I -- yes, go  
19 ahead and answer.

20 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: So here's something we didn't  
21 really address. But this takes us back to those  
22 Congressional visualizations, which are -- which keep the  
23 Antelope Valley with Santa Clarita. And I know that  
24 throws -- that potentially throws a wrench in a lot of  
25 things but was dare I open the door to that conversation.

1 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Well, I don't want it opened,  
2 but how do you feel about it?

3 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: Part of me feels like on some  
4 ways -- I'm weighing importance. I don't know.  
5 Especially if we're getting community feedback that the  
6 pairing of the Victor Valley and the Antelope Valley  
7 makes sense to them, this -- that feels -- I'm not  
8 sure -- I -- I'm not sure what the strong justification  
9 would be for having a very different Congressional map  
10 would be. So maybe if there's a strong -- other than  
11 like this is how it worked out, or this is how we  
12 started, if there's another strong, compelling  
13 justification for a Congressional map looking different  
14 from -- very different from the Senate and Assembly, I'd  
15 be willing to entertain that, but I'm wondering if maybe  
16 we have to go back to that Congressional map.

17 CHAIR TURNER: Well, our line draws hurt you, and  
18 they will respond to it appropriately.

19 MS. SINAY: Okay. Now I'm ready.

20 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Sinay?

21 MS. SINAY: And I think this builds on what you were  
22 saying, Commissioner Vasquez. And I think it's for the  
23 whole -- we -- yeah, Commissioner Tulouch said it  
24 earlier, and Commissioner Akutakawa said it. I think  
25 we've all said it is that one of our priorities is really

1 looking at the strength of representation for communities  
2 and making sure that they feel heard. So if there are --  
3 if there is a new opportunity district or, you know, if  
4 it's between an opportunity district or not, or, you  
5 know, opportunity districts plus community of interest is  
6 good. Let's leave -- just leave it at that. But it kind  
7 of went with San Diego. I -- John, I'm sorry if you  
8 said, and I didn't hear you. But I need another cup of  
9 coffee. I just want to make sure that with the Saint  
10 districts, I know they're huge, but if there is an  
11 opportunity to have another -- or a Latino opportunity,  
12 you know, just exploring the South Bay Area and the  
13 tribal.

14 MR. O'NEILL: I haven't said anything about that,  
15 but I can certainly talk to the VRA attorneys about that.

16 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. We will go to break in  
17 three minutes. Commissioner Akutakawa?

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAKAWA: Thank you. I just-- I  
19 guess I wanted to just go back to Jamie. And I was  
20 thinking about what I said about the big rectangle for  
21 that San Gabriel Valley area. I was just quickly looking  
22 through some additional communities of interest  
23 testimony. I think the one thing -- and this aligns with  
24 what I think Commissioner Sadhwani said this morning. On  
25 the one hand, I think what I -- I guess, attempting to

1 describe this to at least have somewhat of a semblance to  
2 what I'll call an Asian opportunity district.

3       However, there was something that, both in terms  
4 of -- I think it was the -- it was one of the community  
5 presentations that we had, and in it, they talked about  
6 being able to align various other communities that go  
7 deeper past the foothill communities, to that they have  
8 access to the mountains and others. And I know that  
9 there's been a number of community testimony from the  
10 same organization, but if it helps, and it gives you that  
11 flexibility to think about grouping further into the San  
12 Gabriel Valley that includes Alhambra, Monterrey Park,  
13 Rosemead, San Gabriel and going northward and combining  
14 it with some of the foothill communities.

15       I thought I'd just say that out loud to you as well,  
16 too. So if that gives you more flexibility, in terms of  
17 creating the Senate district, and, I guess, the  
18 Congressional district.

19       CHAIR TURNER: What -- thank you. Commissioner  
20 Toledo?

21       COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah. So thinking back on  
22 that, I think, you know, the community groups last week  
23 gave really good input on some of their thoughts from  
24 their community engagement efforts on how the VRA  
25 districts might be able to look with both from the Asian

1 American community and from the Latino Community. So  
2 going back to those -- taking a look and saying that  
3 there's anything that might help us in crafting these  
4 things, of course, with our VRA attorneys would be, I  
5 think helpful, because there's some good points in there.  
6 Thank you.

7 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. And with that, as we  
8 prepare to go to our break, I'd just like to say to our  
9 line drawers, thank you so much for your flexibility in  
10 hearing from our commissioners and being responsive to  
11 the public input that we're receiving. And as you go  
12 back now and try and incorporate everything that we said,  
13 everything that we implied, and because of the wizards  
14 you are, everything that we meant, the expectation is  
15 that you'll comeback with perfect renditions, our next  
16 level of visualizations. And I'm just excited, in all  
17 honesty, to see what you come up with.

18 We recognize that every shift has implication ripple  
19 effects for a different area, so this is why we are  
20 excited for the team. I mentioned earlier, John, what  
21 you do will impact Jamie. Jamie will impact Kennedy,  
22 Tamina, and, of course it flows the other way. So I'm  
23 glad that the four of you are working together on your  
24 maps to ensure that, as you make whatever tradeoffs and  
25 in actually applying what you heard, that you'll be the



1 right ones to do it, and we're looking forward to receive  
2 it. So we're excited about it.

3 Commissioners, thank you for just really doing your  
4 best to give the direction and keep it high enough --  
5 high enough level, but deep enough so that they'll know  
6 what to do with it. We're going to go to break now for  
7 15 minutes, and when we come back, what we will do is to  
8 take a vote on our directions that was given for the line  
9 drawers for 10/23, 10/27, 10/28 and 10/29.

10 For the public, a couple of things. I want you to  
11 know that you, like we've been saying, can continue to  
12 engage with we draw the law CA -- always get that wrong.  
13 Wedrawthelinesca.org. You can continue to submit there.  
14 But we are also going to open for public comment today.  
15 Now recognizing that short time period, our intent is to  
16 ensure that we allow you ample time for public comment.  
17 So once we open for public comment, we are willing to  
18 stay and hear as many as we can. And depending on who's  
19 calling in and how many calls we have, if we need to do a  
20 continuance, we are prepared even to do that.

21 We want you to know that we want to hear from each  
22 and every one of you. It's a balance that we have to do  
23 between hearing from our public and being able to  
24 actually get the job done. And if we open public comment  
25 too soon, we won't get to our business at all. The line

1 drawers won't be able to receive from us and draw lines,  
2 and we'll be stuck in a place of hearing and not doing  
3 any of the work. So we thank you for your patience, and  
4 looking forward to public comment today. So at this  
5 time, we're going to go to break. We will be back at  
6 3:20. Thank you.

7 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 3:07 p.m.  
8 until 3:20 p.m.)

9 CHAIR TURNER: Welcome back. I hope you all enjoyed  
10 your break. And thank you so much for all of the  
11 wonderful exchange that we've had, commissioners and for  
12 our staff and for our public that is patiently waiting.  
13 At this point, what we're going to do -- I see so many  
14 hands, I'm excited that I'll be able to share. We're  
15 going to go straight into public comment for our agenda  
16 item number two. And so, Katie, if you are ready --

17 MR. MANOFF: I'm here to help you with that.

18 CHAIR TURNER: You're here to help -- Oh, we got  
19 Kristian. Okay. So we are ready to go into public  
20 comment on our agenda item number two. Thank you.

21 MR. MANOFF: So it's good Chair. In order to  
22 maximize transparency and public participating in our  
23 process, the commissioners will be taking public comment  
24 by phone. To call in, dial the telephone number provided  
25 on the livestream feed. It is 877-853-5247. When

1 prompted, enter the meeting ID number on the livestream  
2 feed. It is 83289935025 for this meeting. When prompted  
3 to enter a participant ID, simply press #.

4       Once you've dialed in, you'll be placed in a queue.  
5 To indicate you wish to comment, please press star 9.  
6 This will raise your hand for the comment moderator.  
7 When it's your turn to speak, you'll hear a message that  
8 says, "The host would like you to talk." Press star 6 to  
9 speak. If you'd like to give you name, please state and  
10 spell it for the record. You're not required to provide  
11 your name to give public comment.

12       Please make sure to mute your computer or livestream  
13 audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during your  
14 call. Once you're waiting in the queue, be alert for  
15 when it is your turn to speak. And, again, please turn  
16 down the livestream volume. We will be enforcing a time  
17 limit of two minutes with a warning at 30 seconds and 15  
18 seconds remaining.

19       All right. We have a plethora of callers today.  
20 First up, we have caller with the last four digits, 0619.  
21 And on deck, we have caller 0260. Caller 0619, if you'll  
22 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time. The  
23 floor is yours.

24       RICHARD: Hello?

25       MR. MANOFF: Go ahead.

1           RICHARD: Thank you. This s Richard, and I'm  
2 calling as a resident of the Santa Clarita Valley. If  
3 you look at the geographic map of this area, you will see  
4 a Santa Susana Mountains that run east and west that  
5 separate the San Fernando Valley to the south from the  
6 Santa Clarita Valley to the north. If you go further  
7 west, along that mountain range, you also separate the  
8 San Fernando Valley to the south from the Simi Valley  
9 area to the north at Rocky Peak. The mountain range  
10 creates a natural boundary that separates the San  
11 Fernando Valley area from the sister cities of Santa  
12 Clarita and Simi Valley that have many things in common,  
13 which do not align with the San Fernando Valley.

14           At the present, including any parts of the San  
15 Fernando Valley into the Simi and Santa Clarita Valleys  
16 does not keep our area whole, which is what we would like  
17 to see. It makes no sense to separate the Porter Ranch  
18 and Granada Hills areas from the San Fernando Valley,  
19 which those residents don't want. And also have nothing  
20 in common with the communities to the north.  
21 Furthermore, the communities of Porter Ranch and Granada  
22 Hills are part of the city of Los Angeles, which have  
23 council districts which they belong to. So the Summarize  
24 the San Fernando Valley --

25           MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

1 RICHARD: -- needs to remain whole and the sister  
2 cities of Simi Valley and Santa Clarita also need remain  
3 whole and to continue to be joined together as was the --  
4 with the present district --

5 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

6 RICHARD: -- the number lost in these district of  
7 porter Ranch and Granada Hills could easily be made up by  
8 continuing to having Simi Valley a part of the district  
9 to the north. Using geographic boundaries that separate  
10 the districts make sense, and should be considered.  
11 Commissioners --

12 MR. MANOFF: Time. Thank you. Next up, we have the  
13 caller with the last four 0260. And after that will be  
14 0703. 0260, if you could please follow the prompts to  
15 unmute.

16 (Pause.)

17 MR. MANOFF: Caller with the last four digits of the  
18 phone, 0260, please follow the prompts to unmute by  
19 pressing star 6.

20 (Pause.)

21 MR. MANOFF: All right. It seems like there might  
22 be some connectivity issue there. We're going to come  
23 back to you. Next up, we have caller 0703. If you will  
24 please follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

25 MR. STRATTON: Can you hear me?

1 MR. MANOFF: We can hear you. Go ahead, please.

2 MR. STRATTON: Hello. My name is Scott Stratton. Lat  
3 name is spelled S-T-R-A-T-T-O-N. I've been a 31-year  
4 resident of Santa Clarita. I agree with the comments  
5 from the previous caller regarding keeping Santa Clarita  
6 and the Antelope Valley's together but also recognizing  
7 that we have a lot in common with the Simi Valley  
8 community, not only geographically, but we share  
9 resources of fire, and police. We are -- we have  
10 similar -- very similar demographics, and it's as short  
11 drive between the two communities. We have much less in  
12 common with Porter Ranch and Northern Granada Hills  
13 areas. But even though this crosses a county line, which  
14 I know has been kind of guideline on the current  
15 visualization, for me, it makes a lot of sense to keep  
16 communities with similar identities similar demographics,  
17 similar diversity together, as they are currently drawn  
18 in the 25th Congressional District map. Thank you for  
19 all you're doing to get this right. We know this is a  
20 great deal of work. Appreciate your -- your time.

21 MR. MANOFF: Thank you so much.

22 Next up, we'll have caller with the last four, 8458  
23 and after that will be caller 0057.

24 Caller 8458, if you'd please follow prompts to  
25 unmute. The floor is yours.



1 MS. GALLEGOS: Thank you.

2 Hello, my name is Luz Gallegos Executive Director of  
3 TODEC Legal Center, a 35-year-old immigrant justice  
4 regional community organization founded in the city of  
5 Perris, California.

6 Working and organizing at the grass root level with  
7 the population that we serve, we are well aware of the  
8 realities and challenges Latino residence in these  
9 communities face on the daily basis. That is why it is  
10 our responsibility to elevate our local realities as you  
11 are making decisions for our communities that my impact  
12 our VRA districts.

13 Perris and neighboring cities that -- and  
14 communities that connect to what we locals call the  
15 Perris Latino 215 corridor, we all connect not only by  
16 the 215 freeway but by ethnicity, culture, community,  
17 work, shop, school, economy, family, and immigrant  
18 integrations, composed by Perris, Moreno Valley, Mead  
19 Valley, Good Hope, Romoland, Nuevo, Lakeview, Homeland,  
20 Winchester, Santa Jacinto, and a small portion of  
21 Riverside.

22 I am calling in reference of two of your  
23 visualization from the Assembly and Senate districts. I  
24 will start with the Assembly visualization, page number  
25 95, V-A-D-M-O-R-P-O-R-A-T-M-1-0-2-7. Our community

1 members have noticed that you have included the cities of  
2 Hemet and East Hemet to the -- to our proposed Assembly  
3 district.

4       Although, little by little, these communities  
5 continue to grow and diversify, Latino community (sic)  
6 that live in this community know the reality and have the  
7 memory as to the back sentiments of the City of Hemet  
8 dating back in time.

9       MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

10       MS. GALLEGOS: An example I pose, we are asking for  
11 you to please exclude Hemet and East Hemet from our --  
12 from our Assembly district and consider including Good  
13 Hope in lieu of Hemet. In addition to visualization page  
14 55, we are --

15       MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

16       MS. GALLEGOS: -- we are asking you to remove  
17 Temecula, Corona, Coronita, Wildomar, Menifee, Murrieta,  
18 to this Senate district. And include the communities of  
19 Riverside, Jurupa Valley, Lake Marino Valley, Perris,  
20 neighborhood area, Santa Jacinto, Good Hope --

21       MR. MANOFF: Thank you so much.

22       Next up, we have caller 0057, and after that, will  
23 be caller 3966.

24       Caller 0057, if you could follow the prompts to  
25 unmute, please. The floor is yours.



1 FEMALE SPEAKER: Good afternoon. My name is Alana  
2 (ph.) and I'm calling regarding the visualization, page  
3 95, number V-A-C (indiscernible) 10/27. The way the  
4 mapping was done was not the best of interest for us  
5 Latinos to make. As part of our community -- as part of  
6 daily lives where we live, work, and engage, it does not  
7 show the best interest for our community.

8 Hemet has a history of racism within Latino  
9 community (indiscernible) environment. Coming from a  
10 community of color, it's important that we shape together  
11 and not divided. I ask you to exclude Hemet and East  
12 Hemet of district Assembly. And instead, add Good Hope.  
13 Thank you and have a great day.

14 MR. MANOFF: Thank you.

15 Next up, we've got caller 3966, and after that will,  
16 be caller 4145.

17 Caller 3966, if you'd please follow the prompts.  
18 The floor is yours.

19 FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi my name is Noemi (ph.). I am  
20 calling in regards to the visualization page 95. And for  
21 the MORPERHAM1027. The way our community is (audio  
22 interference) shows our interest as Latino, Hemet is not  
23 part of our community interest due to the amount of  
24 racism that we have gotten in the past. Please exclude  
25 Hemet from our district, and add Good Hope to our

1 district. Thank you.

2 MR. MANOFF: Thank you.

3 Next up, we've got caller 4145, and after that, will  
4 be caller 9217.

5 Caller 4145, please follow the prompts to unmute.  
6 The floor is yours.

7 MS. TAVOULARIS: Thank you. My name is Kathy  
8 Tavoularis. I'm a councilwoman from the City of Orange  
9 in Orange County. Parts of San Bernardino in Orange  
10 County and Riverside County have become commuter counties  
11 the last decade. And our area has gained population, of  
12 course, which includes housing with prices that have been  
13 soaring.

14 I believe our city is more like Yorba Linda and  
15 Anaheim Hills. We have the same challenges and my  
16 colleagues in these cities have similar concerns.  
17 Currently, my city of Orange is split between two  
18 Congressional districts, two Senate districts, and one  
19 Assembly district, all with different issues that make no  
20 sense.

21 It's a hodgepodge.

22 In addition, the City of Orange is divided into  
23 districts. So my colleagues and I have to work with two  
24 different Congress office (sic), two different Senate  
25 offices, and an Assembly person, which can get very

1 confusing. We need a representative, especially  
2 Congressional representative that understands the issues  
3 of Orange. We're a city of 150,000 people.

4 There's no need to divide us up and put us with  
5 cities that we have nothing in common with and can't  
6 fight for the issues that -- that concern us, which is  
7 housing and traffic, and all that great stuff. We need  
8 somebody that can advocate for us and be there for us.  
9 Thank you so much for letting me speak today.

10 MR. MANOFF: Thank you.

11 Next up, we've got caller 9217, and after that, will  
12 be caller 9879.

13 Caller 9217, if you could please follow the prompts  
14 to unmute. The floor is yours.

15 MS. MEAMBOR: Thank you. My name is Ulah Meambor  
16 (ph.) and I live in the northernmost part of this -- this  
17 state, Siskiyou County, near the Oregon border. I think  
18 it may be known as region B. But this -- I've already  
19 had submitted a comment. But I needed clarification and  
20 I wanted to know if today's meeting will be on audio  
21 or -- or I can access it later just to receive some  
22 clarification on like the Senate district in Siskiyou  
23 County, as well as the Assembly district.

24 And I don't know if this is possible at this time.  
25 Was there someone there could tell me -- from what I

1 understand, that Siskiyou County in the Senate district  
2 has remained whole and in the Assembly district, that it  
3 pretty much remains as is? So I just need clarification  
4 and -- and where to go, and get that information.

5 MR. MANOFF: Thank you so much.

6 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Siskiyou County is  
7 whole -- well, in our current visualizations. And this  
8 recording -- it -- the sessions are all recorded and will  
9 be available on our website for you to go back and  
10 review.

11 MR. MANOFF: Next up, we've got caller 9879, and  
12 after that, will be caller 2435.

13 Caller 9879, if you could please follow the prompts  
14 to unmute. The floor is yours.

15 FEMALE SPEAKER: Good afternoon. My name is Jimena  
16 (ph.), and I'm calling regarding visualization page 95,  
17 V-A-D MORPERHAM1027 because I feel like the mapping done  
18 wouldn't benefit the Latino communities. But the City of  
19 Hemet is not part of our interest community and has been  
20 known to negatively affect Latinas because of racism.  
21 Please exclude Hemet and East Hemet from our district and  
22 consider adding Good Hope instead. Thank you.

23 MR. MANOFF: Thank you.

24 Next up, we've got caller 2435, and after that, will  
25 be caller 3700.

1           Caller 2435, if you could please follow the prompts.

2           The floor is yours.

3           MALE SPEAKER: Good afternoon, Commissioners. I'd  
4           like to thank you for your hard work on this. I know  
5           it's a difficult problem. Over the last several days,  
6           we've heard comments from the commissioners about keeping  
7           communities of interest based on industry together, such  
8           as farming, logging, and the wine industry.

9           And I would like to submit to you that aerospace and  
10          defense is also a critical industry to Californians. And  
11          in that vein, I would like to see if we could keep the  
12          Congressional district containing Simi Valley, Santa  
13          Clarita, and the Antelope Valley together because that is  
14          an access of a -- a defense and aerospace industries.  
15          Further, I'm concerned about the San Fernando Valley  
16          being ripped of thunder both -- both and Congressional  
17          and State Senate districts.

18          It seems that the San Fernando Valley is the  
19          community of interest and they have a lot of common  
20          interests such as water -- all getting their water from  
21          the Department of Water and Power and the Los Angeles  
22          City Council. So I'd like you to take these under  
23          consideration. Thank you for your time.

24          MR. MANOFF: Thank you.

25          Next up, we've got caller 3700, 3-7-0-0, and after

1 that, will be caller 5696.

2       Caller 3700, please follow the prompts to unmute.  
3 Go ahead; the floor is yours.

4       MS. WILSON: Hi. My name is Betty Wilson (ph.), and  
5 I wanted to comment on zone as San Joaquin County. We  
6 are asking the commission to seriously consider our  
7 submitted map, Congressional submitted by V1006202112,  
8 senatorial map, 10062021123, and two Assembly districts  
9 submitted ID, 10072021124.

10       We were very careful to listen to the citizens that  
11 live and work in San Joaquin regarding their wishes to  
12 keep the county together. The message was very clear.  
13 They were asking for one Senate, one Congressional, and  
14 two Assembly districts. We heard that importance of  
15 equitable representation at the state and federal level  
16 to be sure our unique challenges are understood.

17       We paid attention to our communities of interest and  
18 our diverse population, while complying with the  
19 commission's criteria. The districts we have presented  
20 are compact, populations areas are not bypassed, and  
21 census blocks are not split.

22       Physical barriers are respected, and we believe we  
23 have supported Voting Rights Act based on our  
24 demographics. We ask the commission to support the  
25 wishes of the people to keep our county strong, together,

1 and to seriously consider the maps we have referenced  
2 above. Thank you very much for your time.

3 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. And as a reminder to all of  
4 our callers, your comments today are being interpreted  
5 and transcribed in real time. So please speak at a  
6 steady pace and slow down on those numbers and names so  
7 we can get everything interpreted please.

8 Next up, we've got caller 5696, and after that, will  
9 be caller 2948.

10 Caller 5696, if you could please follow the prompts.  
11 The floor is yours.

12 MS. MARIQUENS: Hello. My name is Maribel Mariquens  
13 (ph.), and I live in Congressional District 46. My  
14 district has a proud Hispanic community. And I know that  
15 the commission has the best interest of our district.  
16 Therefore, if our district needs a larger population, we  
17 should add additional Hispanic communities like those in  
18 Fullerton by drawing them into our community.

19 Given our similar interest, values, and priorities,  
20 I believe that this the best decision because our voices  
21 need to be heard. Thank you.

22 MR. MANOFF: Thank you.

23 Up next, we've got caller 2948, and after that, will  
24 be caller 3838.

25 Caller 2948, if you could please follow the prompts.

1 The floor is yours.

2 MR. MOORE: Hi. My name is Thomas Moore. I'm a  
3 Seal Beach council member and former 2019 Mayor of Seal  
4 Beach. I've also spoken with the current Mayor, Joe  
5 Kalmick, who's in full support of an OC Beach cities  
6 district, which we saw a visualization about a week ago,  
7 that includes all the Orange County beach cities.

8 First, I want to thank all the commissioners for  
9 spending so much time on this redistricting effort. I  
10 realize it's a long and difficult process. And I  
11 appreciate all the hard work that you are doing.

12 I'd like to voice my support for the map that showed  
13 Seal Beach and a district called OC coast, from San  
14 Clemente to Seal Beach, which was shown in the southern  
15 California Congressional visualization, State Senate  
16 visualization, that was available when we looked a few  
17 days ago.

18 We have many common interests with small beach  
19 cities in Orange County from cleaning up polluted  
20 beaches, sand replenishment, how to deal with traffic,  
21 and along the Pacific Coast Highway, impacts of parking,  
22 and ocean, and coastline perseveration. The issues that  
23 Seal Beach deals with on a regular basis are many of the  
24 same issues that these other Orange County beach cities  
25 deal with. And most recently our life guards and staff



1 work closely with Huntington Beach, Newport Beach, and  
2 Laguna Beach on the oil spill issue and clean up.

3 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

4 MR. MOORE: Seal -- Seal Beach residents would like  
5 our representatives to understand the issues of being a  
6 small beach city and problems of our area. And it's  
7 important to understand the unique issues that Orange  
8 County beach cities have to deal with, impacting issues  
9 on our community and how to deal, and work together  
10 address -- to address these concerns.

11 And both myself and the Mayor of Seal Beach, support  
12 the OC beach cities district. Thank you for your time  
13 today.

14 MR. MANOFF: Thank you.

15 Up next, we've got caller 3838, and after that, will  
16 be caller 1868.

17 Caller 3838, if you could please follow the prompts  
18 to unmute. Go ahead; the floor is yours.

19 FEMALE SPEAKER: Good afternoon. I'm commenting on  
20 the Congressional north coast map, 10/27. As a resident  
21 of the north coast, it is overwhelmingly important for  
22 the coastline to remain together, including Del Norte,  
23 Humboldt, Trinity, Mendocino, Sonoma, and Marin Counties.  
24 That's keeping a continuous and contiguous coastline from  
25 the Oregon border to the Golden Gate Bridge.

1 This is the current Congressional configuration,  
2 which has worked well for the past ten years. Our  
3 culture is one of resource conservation. Our industries  
4 require environmental conservation. Major coastal  
5 industries are fishing and tourism.

6 These industries need healthy waters, both ocean and  
7 rivers. The culture of our conservation is common. It's  
8 common to all of us locals who value the health of an  
9 environment that determines our financial success and our  
10 lifestyle. Our common legislature of protection is  
11 paramount.

12 Additionally, these counties are linked together by  
13 Highway 101 and Highway 1, which travel north and south  
14 as should the linking of the counties in our district.  
15 We are rural communities asking the commission to,  
16 please, help us maintain our current Congressional  
17 configuration. Please keep Marin with its coastal  
18 neighbors to the north. Thank you, and thank you for all  
19 the work you're doing.

20 MR. MANOFF: Thank you.

21 Up next, we will have caller 1868, and after that,  
22 will be caller 9629.

23 Caller 1868, if you could please follow the prompts  
24 to unmute. Go ahead; the floor is yours.

25 FEMALE SPEAKER: Thank you. I live in Tracy,

1 California. And I want to speak against the attempt to  
2 divide San Joaquin County into three Congressional  
3 districts. We currently have two Congressional districts  
4 that serve the county.

5 And to try to break us up into a third Congressional  
6 district will only further divide the people of San  
7 Joaquin County and the efforts on the national level of  
8 providing the support that we need for the issues that  
9 are critical to our area that have very little in common  
10 with the East Bay and the South Bay.

11 We are primarily an agricultural county. We have a  
12 high rate of unemployment that is coupled with a very low  
13 rate of college graduates. So this is not anything we  
14 have in common with our neighbors to the west. I think  
15 it's very important to the people in San Joaquin County  
16 to be a cohesive unit, to feel a sense that we're all  
17 working together. And dividing us into three  
18 Congressional districts is not going to do that very  
19 well.

20 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

21 FEMALE SPEAKER: Thank you for your time.

22 MR. MANOFF: Thank you.

23 Up next, we've got caller 9629, and after that, will  
24 be caller 5308.

25 Caller 9629, if you could please follow the prompts

1 to unmute at this time. The floor is yours.

2 MALE SPEAKER: Hello. Can you hear me okay?

3 MR. MANOFF: We can hear you.

4 MALE SPEAKER: Okay, fantastic. Hey, I'm calling  
5 from central California, specifically Fresno. And I'm --  
6 I'm concerned with some of the proposed changes for these  
7 visualizations. I personally feel like you are dividing  
8 up our Hispanic community too much in the area,  
9 specifically for southern Fresno.

10 I think this is a really big opportunity to make  
11 sure we have a really strong voice for our area. But  
12 these proposed changes would really divide that far too  
13 much. And I think it would really hinder our -- our --  
14 our chance for -- for proper representation.

15 So I would really urge that the commission to  
16 rethink the way they have Fresno divided up at this time  
17 and really make sure that it's along the lines of making  
18 sure that we have a strong Hispanic voice for our area.  
19 And thank you very much for the opportunity to speak and  
20 your work on the major project. Thank you. Bye.

21 MR. MANOFF: Thank you so much.

22 Up now, we've got caller 0495, and after that, will  
23 be caller 5308.

24 Caller 0495, if you could follow the prompts to  
25 unmute. Go ahead; the floor is yours.

1 FEMALE SPEAKER: Yes. Good afternoon. Can you hear  
2 me?

3 MR. MANOFF: We can hear you. Go ahead.

4 MS. HOWARD: Great. Respected -- respected council  
5 members -- commission members -- I'm so sorry -- thank  
6 for your time and dedication to the efforts on this  
7 redistricting process. I'm calling from Temecula. My  
8 name is Martha Howard and I'm Latina Association of  
9 Riverside County founder.

10 I want to bring my support for the maps that you  
11 have presented under the visualization. And there are  
12 three, on the Assembly, of State, of Congress. I'm going  
13 to start with the Assembly, VAD (indiscernible) area,  
14 12027, page 109. I strongly support that.

15 The State, V-S-D-S-W-R-I-D-1-0-2-7 on page 55, I  
16 strongly support that visualization. And for the  
17 Congress districts, V-C-D-S-W-R-I-Z-1-0-2-7, on page 68,  
18 I strongly support that.

19 We in our community are supporting the  
20 visualizations that you have presented for that. And we  
21 can no longer remain isolated from our communities of  
22 interest, nor from our sister cities. And thank you so  
23 much for taking in consideration our comments, our maps,  
24 and thank you so much for the work you have done.

25 MR. MANOFF: Thank you.

1           Next, we got caller 5308, and after that, we'll have  
2 caller 5858.

3           Caller 5308, please follow the prompts to unmute.  
4 Go ahead; the floor is yours.

5           MR. TORRES: Hello. Good afternoon. My name is  
6 Eddie Torres. I am with the Inland Coalition for  
7 Immigrant Justice. And I am calling on behalf the  
8 visualization map, Assembly district, High Desert, 10/27.  
9 And specifically, I wanted to mention that the Latino  
10 communities within this district will be better served  
11 with being coupled with the black and Latino communities,  
12 reaching the across the Antelope Valley.

13           We have seen previous iterations of these  
14 communities coupled together and with the Antelope  
15 Valley, they created a VRA compliant district. The  
16 current map that we have, the visualizations attempts  
17 only seven (indiscernible) is very concerning.

18           Please consider adopting the VRA compliant district.  
19 Thank you for your time.

20           MR. MANOFF: Thank you.

21           Next up, we've got caller 5858, and after that, will  
22 be caller 9218.

23           Caller 5858, if you could please follow the prompts  
24 to unmute. Caller with the last four digits 5858, if you  
25 could please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing

1 star 6 at this time. All right. Caller 5858 we are  
2 going to come back to you.

3 Next up, we've got caller 9218. If you could please  
4 follow the prompts to unmute. Go ahead, the floor is  
5 yours.

6 MR. KNOBLOCK: Hello. My name is Steve Knoblock,  
7 K-N-O-B-L-O-C-K. I'm a city council member in the City  
8 of San Clemente. And I'd like the commission to consider  
9 having an Orange County beach cities Congressional  
10 district.

11 Our beach cities from Seal Beach to San Clemente  
12 have a huge commonality in terms of our common issues  
13 with traffic along PCH, local beach sand replenishment  
14 issues, tourism, and traffic, particularly along the  
15 Pacific Coast Highway.

16 This district is really a -- a natural district  
17 because it's divided from other -- if you allow this,  
18 it's divided from other Congressional districts by  
19 natural boundaries such as the county boundary of San  
20 Diego and the county boundary of Los Angeles.

21 We're also divided from our neighboring counties by  
22 two major military bases and international port  
23 facilities. Currently, Camp Pendleton to the south is  
24 twenty mile wide, twenty mile deep, and completely  
25 separates us from San Diego. People in Orange County

1 have really no community connection to the people in San  
2 Diego County.

3 I've lived in Orange County forty years and -- and  
4 San Diego twelve years. And I got to tell you, the  
5 citizens of each really don't consider us a -- a -- with  
6 commonality of interest. Not only are we bounded by  
7 military base on the south but north, the City of Seal  
8 Beach is separated from Los Angeles County by the -- by  
9 the (indiscernible) Naval Weapons Station --

10 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

11 MR. KNOBLOCK: -- and the international --  
12 international port. So I'd like to have (indiscernible)  
13 to have one beach cities Congressional district, Laguna  
14 Beach, Dana Pointe, San Clemente, ideally don't belong in  
15 a -- in -- in a San Diego county district.

16 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

17 MR. KNOBLOCK: And Huntington Beach does not belong  
18 in Los Angeles. So I'd like to have one Congressional  
19 beach districts with our -- with our Orange County beach  
20 cities. Thank you very much for your consideration.  
21 Appreciate it.

22 MR. MANOFF: Thank you so much.

23 Next up, we've got caller 0919, and after that,  
24 we'll have caller 6058.

25 Caller 0919, if you could please follow the prompts





1 to unmute. Caller with the last four digits, 0919, if  
2 you could please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing  
3 star 6. Go ahead, the floor is yours.

4 MR. MULDOON: Hello. Am I on?

5 MR. MANOFF: You're on.

6 MR. MULDOON: Great, thank you. Hi. My name is  
7 Kevin Muldoon. I'm the Mayor Pro Tem of Newport Beach.  
8 I appreciate all the time you commissioners are giving to  
9 us on a Friday afternoon. I know you do very important  
10 work.

11 I'm calling on behalf of about 90,000 residents of  
12 Newport. You know, you're probably familiar with the oil  
13 spill and we have a lot of common needs and issues that  
14 we face with our neighboring coastal cities. And I'm  
15 calling to advocate for one unified Congressional seat  
16 here in Orange County.

17 MR. MANOFF: Thank you very much.

18 Next up, we've got caller 6058, and after that,  
19 we'll have caller 2261.

20 Caller 6058, if you could please follow the prompts  
21 to unmute at this time. Go ahead, the floor is yours.

22 FEMALE SPEAKER: Hello?

23 MR. MANOFF: Yeah. We can hear you.

24 FEMALE SPEAKER: Hello, yes. Can you hear me?

25 MR. MANOFF: We sure can. Go ahead.

1 FEMALE SPEAKER: Okay, very good. Yes. I live  
2 in -- I'm a -- I'm a resident of -- of Cypress for over  
3 thirty years. And this is regarding VCD Harbor Gateway.  
4 I am calling to request to please keep the cities of  
5 Cypress, Los Alamitos, and Rossmoor to not to be  
6 redistricted into Long Beach and L.A. county.

7 And see actually in Orange County, we need our own  
8 Orange County representatives to deal with issues that  
9 are Orange County based. We have schools that are part  
10 of -- part of Orange County school system. Our utility  
11 companies are different from Long Beach and L.A. County.

12 Our law enforcement has a mutual aid agreement  
13 between the neighbor -- neighboring Orange County cities,  
14 where they cross city lines and help one another. No  
15 such agreement existed with Long Beach or L.A. County.  
16 We are part of Orange County transit authority. And we  
17 work with Orange County community to address issues of  
18 homelessness, healthcare, education.

19 So we have a very strong connection to southern  
20 border cities, culturally and economically. So we  
21 partake in community events like in the cities of Orange  
22 County, not with L.A. County or in our school district,  
23 cross over Cypress, Los Alamitos, Rossmoor, Seal Beach,  
24 Westminster, as well as our churches, temples, grocery  
25 stores. They are all down south, like Los Alamitos,

1 Huntington Beach, Westminster, Garden Grove.

2 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

3 FEMALE SPEAKER: Okay. We also celebrate holidays  
4 and festivals in Huntington beach, Garden Grove,  
5 Westminster, not with Long Beach, Grand Prix, or boat  
6 racing. So I implore you to leave the cities of Cypress,  
7 Los Alamitos --

8 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

9 FEMALE SPEAKER: -- Rossmoor, as part of Orange  
10 County, Congressional, Senate, and Assembly districts so  
11 that we can have representation that speaks our needs and  
12 concerns. Thank you very much for your time. And thank  
13 you for all your -- all your hard work.

14 MR. MANOFF: Thank you so much.

15 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

16 I'd like to remind and just make an announcement for  
17 all of our callers to please stay connected in the queue.  
18 We will close the lines at 4:30 for public comment. The  
19 lines will be closed, but we will address those of you  
20 that are waiting in the queue. Thank you.

21 MR. MANOFF: Thank you for that reminder, Chair.

22 Up next, we've got caller 2261 and after that, we'll  
23 have caller 7693.

24 Caller 2261, if you could please follow the prompts  
25 to unmute at this time. Again, caller 2261, if you could

1 please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6.

2 One more time.

3 FEMALE SPEAKER: Thank you.

4 MR. MANOFF: Go ahead; the floor is yours.

5 MS. HERNANDEZ: Thank you. Just for some of those  
6 people that might be missing it, the prompt doesn't  
7 actually come up. So go ahead a repeat that every single  
8 time you unmute somebody.

9 But thank you all so much for taking public  
10 comments. My name is Amanda Hernandez (ph.). And I'm a  
11 lifelong resident of Apple Valley, California here in the  
12 High Desert. I also serve on the Apple Valley Fire  
13 Protection District. I just wanted to call in to say  
14 thank you to the commission for the work that they're  
15 doing and that the visualizations that were put out  
16 reflecting the community.

17 The Congressional and Assembly visualizations that  
18 keeps the greater High Desert mostly connected and tie us  
19 with other rural communities in our region is -- it looks  
20 great. And I just wanted to say that I also signed on to  
21 a letter with over a dozen elected officials out here  
22 from the Victor Valley, including mayors and council  
23 members asking to not be with L.A. County or the Antelope  
24 Valley.

25 And I just appreciate that the -- the committee

1 honored those at the Assembly and Congressional levels.  
2 So I just want to say if the final map ended up being  
3 close to these visualizations, our community would be  
4 very happy. So I just wanted to express my gratitude for  
5 your work and thank you for your time.

6 MR. MANOFF: Thank you.

7 Up next, we've got caller 7693, and after that, will  
8 be caller 4828.

9 Caller 7693, if you could please follow the prompts  
10 to unmute by pressing star 6 at this time. Go ahead; the  
11 floor is yours. Caller 7693, you are unmuted. Please  
12 make sure that your phone isn't muted.

13 MS. ROW: Hello. This Christine Row (ph.) and my  
14 phone was muted. I'm a resident of West Hills, CA, which  
15 is the far end of the West Fernando Valley. I'm looking  
16 at both the Assembly and the Congressional districts.

17 Our boundaries for the -- it's important to keep the  
18 San Fernando Valley whole, the boundaries being  
19 Mulholland and -- on the south in the Santa Monica  
20 mountains and the Santa Susana mountain peak to the top,  
21 as referred to by other people.

22 Bell Canyon, which is in Ventura County is  
23 landlocked. It -- no one can access there. So they must  
24 go through West Hills to get out. So they should be  
25 included in the Assembly district and the Congressional

1 district. It's important that you not draw the districts  
2 below Mulholland highway.

3 For example, we should be -- the San Fernando Valley  
4 should be divided. For example, you've taken and created  
5 a block where you've put Reseda, Lake Balboa, North Hills  
6 in with the areas to the east of the 405. They should  
7 remain in the San Fernando Valley. Absolutely, do not  
8 take Porter Ranch and Granada Hills and put them into the  
9 larger San Gabriel, Antelope Valley, Santa Cruz area. We  
10 deal with fires and other issues.

11 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

12 MS. ROW: And -- and the bottom line is -- so we  
13 need to keep our -- our northern area is impacted by  
14 fires and the -- the Aliso Canyon issues, the West Sand  
15 Fernando Valley is impacted by --

16 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

17 MS. ROW: -- the Santa Susana Field Lab. And so  
18 please keep our Congressional districts and stuff whole.  
19 And keep the area of Calabasas, Agoura Hills, and  
20 Westlake Village with the --

21 MR. MANOFF: Thank you so much.

22 Up next, we've got caller 4828, and after that, will  
23 be caller 9316.

24 Caller 4828, if you could please follow the prompts  
25 to unmute by pressing star 6. It looks like you got it.

1 The floor is yours.

2 MALE SPEAKER: Hi. Good afternoon, Commission. My  
3 name is Jeremiah (ph.). I'm an Eagle Rock resident,  
4 Highland Park. I just want to say, these are some of the  
5 observations that I've seen on your first -- on this  
6 visualization -- I'm sorry.

7 So Eagle Rock has always been a part of Northeast  
8 Los Angeles community and is not a part of the  
9 Glendale -- Northeast Los Angeles community is not part  
10 of the San Fernando Valley, Glendale, or the San Gabriel  
11 Valley.

12 Northeast Los Angeles is a community of interest  
13 that's always been part of the City of Los Angeles and  
14 the current map splits our community into the Valley and  
15 the San Gabriel Valley. This is not what we need and  
16 this is not what we want. Thank you and have a good day.

17 MR. MANOFF: Thank you.

18 Up next, we've got caller 9316, and after that, will  
19 caller 2211.

20 Caller 9316, if you could please follow the prompts.  
21 The floor is yours.

22 MALE SPEAKER: Hi. How's it going? I'm a long-time  
23 resident of Northeast Los Angeles, specifically Eagle  
24 Rock and the Highland Park area, the previous caller  
25 stated. I noticed that the map is trying to split up

1 Eagle Rock and Highland Park and put some of the  
2 northeast communities within the valleys, San Gabriel and  
3 the San Fernando Valley.

4 Eagle Rock and Highland Park are a long-time  
5 community of the Northeast Los Angeles region. And we  
6 would like it to remain. Just as many of other people  
7 have been calling saying that their communities share  
8 similar cultural -- and now, for Highland Park and Eagle  
9 Rock economic similarities, we would like to keep our  
10 communities together.

11 Northeast Los Angeles, as like, you know, the  
12 previous caller was saying, has been a part of the  
13 community of Northeast Los Angeles for many years. And  
14 we would not like to see our communities split up. And  
15 Northeast L.A. area boundaries have been between the 134  
16 Freeway, the 2 Freeway, and the 5 Freeway, and the  
17 enclave that reside within those communities are  
18 Northeast Los Angeles, not valley or San Gabriel Valley.

19 Please keep our communities intact and let's keep  
20 Northeast Los Angeles the way it is. Thank you.

21 MR. MANOFF: Thank you.

22 Up next, we've got caller 2211, and after that, will  
23 be caller 0565.

24 Caller 2211, if you could please follow the prompts  
25 to unmute. Go ahead; the floor is yours.





1           MALE SPEAKER: Hello. I'm calling in on behalf of  
2 Pat West. I'll be reading a letter that Mr. West  
3 submitted into the record today.

4           "My name is Patrick West, and I'm a long-time  
5 resident of Cypress. We love our city and our community.  
6 My family and I have been civically engaged across the  
7 region for decades. I've been following with interest  
8 the redistricting process, and I wanted to share a  
9 thought with you about your Assembly presentation this  
10 week.

11           In your Congressional maps, you place us with our  
12 neighbors in Long Beach and Los Alamitos. As a former  
13 city manager of Long Beach, this is fantastic. Cypress  
14 and Long Beach border each other and are part of each  
15 other's larger community. In your Assembly presentation,  
16 there was direction by Commissioner Akutagawa to move  
17 Cypress out of the Little Saigon district, which makes  
18 sense.

19           I would recommend and request that you also include  
20 Cypress with Long Beach and our neighbor Los Alamitos to  
21 the south. If you need to move population out of the  
22 Long Beach based Assembly district, perhaps Lakewood can  
23 continue to be grouped with other cities in southeast Los  
24 Angeles.

25           That would still keep Lakewood and North Long Beach

1 together and keep Lakewood with Long Beach in Senate and  
2 Congress. These changes may serve Voting Rights Act  
3 considerations more appropriately as well. I hope you  
4 will consider adding Cypress to the Assembly plan with  
5 Los Alamitos and Long Beach. Thank you."

6 And again, that was on behalf of Pat West of  
7 Cypress.

8 MR. MANOFF: Thank you.

9 Next up, we will have caller 0565, and after that,  
10 we will have caller 6252. And for those who are calling  
11 in to give comments, just a reminder, if you could please  
12 press star 9 to raise your hand. We see a lot of hands.  
13 But we just want anybody who has recently called in.  
14 Just a reminder, please press star 9 to raise your hand.

15 Again, we've got caller 0565, and after that, will  
16 be 6252.

17 Caller 0565, please follow the prompts to unmute by  
18 pressing star 6. Go ahead; the floor is yours.

19 MS. JONES: Yeah. Hi. Can you hear me?

20 MR. MANOFF: We sure can, go ahead.

21 MS. JONES: Hi. My name is Jennifer Jones (ph.) and  
22 I am a resident of Simi Valley. Commissioners, first  
23 off, thank you very much for all of the time, energy, and  
24 effort you have put in to trying to do the right thing  
25 and accommodate with the map drawing and make sure

1 everybody's voice is heard.

2       So I do appreciate that. The reason I'm calling is,  
3 one, I would like to keep Simi Valley whole. Right now,  
4 we have a sliver of Simi Valley that is not part of  
5 Congressional district. So we would like all of Simi  
6 Valley in one district.

7       And I would also like to have us with Santa Clarita  
8 Valley. We have a lot in common with Santa Clarita  
9 Valley; the aerospace, film industry, first responders.  
10 We share resources in regards to any wildfires that may  
11 be happening in both cities, on top of Magic Mountain.

12       Every single student in Simi Valley has a season  
13 pass to go to Magic Mountain. I even have a season pass  
14 to go to Magic Mountain. So a lot of community members  
15 in Simi Valley actually travel to Santa Clarita and send  
16 money there in the community because it's very similar to  
17 Simi Valley.

18       So I hope that you can keep Simi Valley whole, Santa  
19 Clarita whole, and keep Simi Valley and Santa Clarita  
20 together. Thank you very much.

21       MR. MANOFF: Thank you so much.

22       Next up, we'll have caller 6252, and after that,  
23 will be caller 3898.

24       Caller 6252, if you could follow the prompts to  
25 unmute. If you could please press star 6. Go ahead; the

1 floor is yours.

2 MS. HUTCHINSON: Thank you very much. This is Helen  
3 Hutchinson with the League of Women Voters of California.  
4 I'm calling in about a letter that was submitted earlier  
5 today from the league and from Common Cause, California.  
6 It deals with opportunities for meaningful public  
7 comments during your meetings. The details are in the  
8 letter.

9 But please be consistent about when and how you take  
10 public comment in all of your meetings. And in multi-day  
11 meetings, please allow for public comment at least once  
12 per day. We really appreciate the fact that that  
13 happened these last two days.

14 And in your business meetings, please allow for  
15 public comments for each substantive topic or discussion.  
16 Thanks again, very much.

17 MR. MANOFF: Thank you.

18 Up next, we've got 3898, and after that, will be  
19 caller 5819.

20 Caller 3898, if you could please follow the prompts  
21 to unmute. Go ahead; the floor is yours.

22 MS. SCHOEN: Good afternoon, Commissioners. My name  
23 is Casey Schoen (ph.) and I am calling from Long Beach.  
24 I've been watching your Congressional visualization  
25 discussion today, and I just want thank you for keeping

1 our community together, not just for the Congressional  
2 line but for the State Senate and mostly in the Assembly  
3 as well.

4 As you know for my neighbors who've already called  
5 in, Long Beach is a special place. We are a diverse and  
6 inclusive community and supportive of so many cultures.  
7 So thank you for keeping us together.

8 As a major city of the L.A., OC border, Long Beach  
9 has historically been a great neighbor to our boarding  
10 L.A. County cities to our north and our Orange County  
11 neighbors to the east and south.

12 Earlier today, we heard a commissioner voice  
13 direction to add more cities to our north to the current  
14 visualization, including Paramount and South Gate. We  
15 completely agree that Paramount is a city that is much  
16 more connected with us, Bellflower, Lakewood, Signal  
17 Hill, and Hawaiian Gardens, the cities we are currently  
18 grouped with.

19 However, Southgate is much more of a southeast L.A.  
20 community than a community that organizes with us. I  
21 expect that residents from South Gate will also make this  
22 case in the future. We also heard earlier today,  
23 direction given to remove Rossmoor, Los Al, and Cypress  
24 from our current district visualization.

25 We have traditionally been in federal district with

1 these Orange County neighbors, and we love working with  
2 these cities. We share very similar costal community  
3 experiences --

4 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

5 FEMALE SPEAKER: -- with these cities and believe we  
6 belong together in one Congressional district. If  
7 population is a concern, we ask the commission to  
8 consider keeping Rossmoor, Los Al, and Cypress in the  
9 North Long Beach area visualization and going as far  
10 north as Paramount.

11 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

12 FEMALE SPEAKER: But we know that there are many  
13 options you have to consider. Ultimately, we want to be  
14 supportive of you all and thank you for ideas. Thank  
15 you.

16 MR. MANOFF: Thank you.

17 Up next, we've got caller 5819, and after that, will  
18 be caller 7296.

19 Caller 5819, you can now unmute by pressing star 6.  
20 Again, that's caller 5819, if you could please follow the  
21 prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star 6. The  
22 floor is yours.

23 MR. PERRY: Thank you. Michael Perry (ph.) here  
24 from Big Bear Lake, California, thirty-eight-year  
25 resident, and I appreciate all of the council's hard

1 work. We are -- as the council's commented, we are a  
2 rural community here in Big Bear Lake. And we do support  
3 the Congressional visualization, B-E-A-V-I-C-V-A-L, and  
4 the Assembly visualization, V-I-C-V-A-L-H-I-G-D-E-F,  
5 which keeps our rural Big Bear Valley united with the  
6 rural desert communities in the High Desert around us.

7 And this this is very important for our community to  
8 stay connected to other small communities and rural  
9 communities that have the same common interest that we do  
10 in our resources and our economy. Too often, our small  
11 communities feels left out.

12 And in this case, the commission is really showing  
13 that they have listened to our concerns and that they are  
14 responding to our concerns. So thank you so much for all  
15 of your efforts on behalf of our small rural communities.

16 MR. MANOFF: Thank you.

17 Up next, we've got caller 7296, and after that, will  
18 be caller 6886.

19 Caller 7296, if you could please follow the prompts  
20 to unmute by pressing star 6. Go ahead; the floor is  
21 yours.

22 MS. KITAMURA: Thank you for your hard work,  
23 Commissioners. It's good to hear some of the changes  
24 that you're making during the visualization process.  
25 This is Deanna Kitamura, calling again from Asian

1 Americans Advancing Justice, Asian Law caucus, calling on  
2 behalf of the AAPI and AMEMSA State Redistricting  
3 Collaborative.

4       You had questions about Gardena and Torrance and  
5 where it might be cut. The community would prefer the  
6 two cities kept whole and together if possible. But they  
7 would prefer you prioritize keeping the COI whole over  
8 having the two cities whole.

9       And if you're talking about where to cut, the  
10 community lives just -- starts in Gardena in the southern  
11 part -- portion of Gardena just above Moraine (ph.) and  
12 they live in Torrance. The bulk lived east of Hawthorne.  
13 So if you have to cut, that is where the community would  
14 prefer the cuts to happen in those cities.

15       And hopefully, one or the other and both of the --  
16 those cuts in the cities. And with the time I have  
17 remaining, I just wanted to add that in our Assembly in  
18 Southern California Congressional proposals, we drew more  
19 Latino opportunity districts in the visualizations tab.  
20 And I urge you to assess whether you need to draw  
21 additional districts in order to comply with the voting  
22 rights act. Thank you.

23       MR. MANOFF: Thank you.

24       Up next, we've got caller 6886, and after that, will  
25 be caller 0331.



1           Caller 6886, if you could please follow the prompts  
2 to unmute. Again, that's caller with the last four  
3 digits, 6886, you can now unmute by pressing star 6. Go  
4 ahead; the floor -- oh. It looks like you muted again.  
5 Try it one more time, caller 6886 please press -- go  
6 ahead; the floor is yours.

7           MR. GALE: Thank you, Commissioners and staff for  
8 the opportunity to address you today. My name is Darin  
9 Gale. I live Sutter County. I'm the former deputy city  
10 manager for the City of Yuba City. I want to express,  
11 first, my appreciation to the commission for your service  
12 to the state and for taking in the consideration the  
13 feedback to receive for myself and many others from the  
14 north state as part as your process.

15           As you know, there's a deep desire up here in the  
16 northern Sacramento Valley communities to stay together,  
17 the counties of Butte, Yuba, and Sutter, as well as  
18 Tehama, Glen (ph.) Colusa, make up our bowl-shaped  
19 valley. Unlike other parts of the state, our population  
20 is really spread out across large land masses.

21           Chico and Redding are the only two cities in our  
22 regions with populations greater than 100,000. We truly  
23 are the definition of a small-town America. And we  
24 really take great pride in that. Many of us often feel  
25 ignored by government in California, not because of the

1 quality of our representative but because we are so  
2 vastly outnumbered by other parts of the state.

3 We feel our voice just isn't heard in the state with  
4 40 million people. That's why it's important for us not  
5 to be drawn into districts that includes large urban  
6 areas. I understand that some of the commissions  
7 districts would attach us with Yolo, even Solano Counties.  
8 And I that you will try to avoid that.

9 If you're from L.A. or San Francisco, Yolo may seem  
10 like a large farming community but to us, Yolo County is  
11 really an urban area. And -- and we do not share a lot  
12 in common with both Davis and West Sacramento. They're  
13 on the I-80 corridor and it makes much more sense to  
14 connect them with the Delta or the Sacra varia (ph.)

15 Once again, I appreciate you listening to our  
16 comments. And thank you for you for serving on the  
17 commission.

18 MR. MANOFF: Thank you.

19 Up next, we've got caller 0331, and after that, will  
20 be caller 3422.

21 Caller 0331, if you could please follow the prompts  
22 to unmute at this time by pressing star 6. Go ahead; the  
23 floor is yours.

24 MALE SPEAKER: Thank you very much. My name is  
25 Wayne (ph.) calling from Fresno. The city of Fresno is a

1 majority of Latino city. And our Latino community is  
2 important. We have similar interests and needs. And I  
3 think we should be together in Congress, Assembly, and  
4 Senate. As the commission draws anchor district in the  
5 central valley, they should include the majority of the  
6 City of Fresno in this anchor district to ensure the  
7 Latino community is not being separated from each other.

8       There is an ability to draw an anchor district that  
9 includes most of Fresno, with the exception of northeast  
10 Fresno. The current maps skip over Latino precincts in  
11 Fresno, which I do not think is the intention of the  
12 commission and should not be done.

13       This would harm the ability of the Latino community  
14 to elect a representative of their choice. So I urge the  
15 commission to reconsider separating the Latino community  
16 in Fresno. Thank you very much for your time.

17       MR. MANOFF: Thank you.

18       Up next, we've got caller 3422, and after that, will  
19 be caller 1447.

20       Caller 3422, if you could please follow the prompts  
21 to unmute. Caller 3422, go ahead. The floor is yours.

22       MS. SALAS: Hi. Can you hear me?

23       MR. MANOFF: We sure can. Please go ahead.

24       MS. SALAS: Okay. Hi. My name is Juanita Salas  
25 (ph.). I called the commission in the past. I want to

1 thank you for taking our testimony seriously and making  
2 sure that the Imperial County is drawn in with East  
3 Coachella. We want to encourage you to continue mapping  
4 Imperial County with Coachella at the Assembly, Senate,  
5 and Congressional seats. We especially want to make sure  
6 the commission conserve the Voting Rights Act on the  
7 Senate seat. Again, thank you for your hard work. Thank  
8 you.

9 MR. MANOFF: Thank you.

10 Up next, we've got caller 1447, and after that, will  
11 be caller 4165.

12 Caller 1447, if you could please press star 6 to  
13 unmute. Go ahead. The floor is yours.

14 MR. CARSON: Thank you. Hi. My name is Dan Carson.  
15 I'm a councilmember from Davis, California. I'm very  
16 much concerned about the proposed Senate and  
17 Congressional maps, the visualizations, and how they  
18 would move Davis and Yolo County into a -- districts that  
19 would stretch all the way to the Oregon border, about 250  
20 miles.

21 We believe the Assembly map that affects us is  
22 generally reasonable but could be improved. As I  
23 mentioned in terms of the Senate and Congressional maps,  
24 it -- it would join our pretty urban area with a vast  
25 array of sparsely populated rural areas.

1           It divorces our city and county from adjoining urban  
2 and suburban areas in the Sacramento metropolitan area,  
3 map of Solano, East Bay, and Northern Sacramento Valley.  
4 All of these things are a much better fit for us. So we  
5 view this as a radical and unfortunate departure from the  
6 existing boundary lines we have.

7           Right now, we're in a much more compact geographic  
8 area comprised of mid-sized urban/suburban communities  
9 that have a coherent community of interest. The new  
10 Congressional and Senate lines are contrary we believe to  
11 the principles upon which the state commission is  
12 supposed to operate. And it would greatly hinder and  
13 effect of representation of residents in the city of  
14 Davis and Yolo County.

15           The other concern we have, on a whole on the  
16 Assembly district, as I said, we think is a reasonable  
17 one.

18           MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

19           MR. CARSON: But we are concerned -- we are  
20 concerned that the draft map excludes El Macero from the  
21 redrawn Assembly district, which is an unincorporated --  
22 they're right next to the (indiscernible) Davis. We're  
23 also concerned it inappropriately excludes Winters.

24           Our county --

25           MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

1 MR. CARSON: -- serves as a model of  
2 interjurisdictional collaboration and with this, is a  
3 great partner with us. Don't divorce us, please.

4 MR. MANOFF: Thank you so much.

5 Up next, we've caller 4165, and on deck, we've got  
6 caller 2915.

7 Caller 4165, if you could please follow the prompts  
8 to unmute. Please press star 6. Again, caller 4165, you  
9 can now unmute by pressing star 6. Caller 4165, one more  
10 time, you can now unmute by pressing star 6.

11 All right. We will come back to you, 4165.

12 Up next, we've got caller 2915, and after that, will  
13 be caller 4340.

14 Caller 2915, if you could please follow the prompts  
15 to unmute by pressing star 6. Go ahead; the floor is  
16 yours.

17 FEMALE SPEAKER: Good afternoon, Commissioners, and  
18 happy Friday. My name is Maritza (ph.). I'm with the  
19 organization Power California. I am calling on behalf of  
20 visualizations in the San Joaquin Valley. I, myself,  
21 being born and raised in the San Joaquin Valley, I'll  
22 specifically be talking about Assembly visualization,  
23 page 45, 10/27. A lot of these comments though can also  
24 relate to visualization -- visualizations at the other  
25 levels. So to start off with the Merced County, that's

1 on page 45, just want to take into consideration that we  
2 would like the commission to, instead of going north and  
3 south, pull west to include most of -- to include the  
4 rest of Merced County, and then also include communities  
5 in West Fresno County, such as Los Banos, Firebaugh,  
6 Mendota, and Dos Palos.

7 And moving to the Fresno map that's presented here,  
8 so knowing the City of Fresno will need to be split. Do  
9 want to also echo comments around having electing a VRAC  
10 in Fresno, and so taking into consideration that there is  
11 a north-south divide in the City of Fresno. Typically,  
12 Shaw and -- Shaw as the dividing line, and so this map  
13 should include South Fresno and West Fresno together, and  
14 exclude North Fresno and Clovis, and rather have North  
15 Fresno --

16 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

17 FEMALE SPEAKER: -- and Clovis in the map with  
18 Madera, specifically those areas of Madera Rancho, and  
19 Bonadelle Ranchos as well.

20 There is a long history of redlining and racism in  
21 Fresno, and disinvestment (ph.) in South and West  
22 Fresno --

23 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

24 FEMALE SPEAKER: -- but we cannot -- so I want to  
25 take into consideration the historic discrimination, and

1 make sure that we have proper representation and fairness  
2 in these maps. Thank you for your time.

3 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. And just a time check. Our  
4 lines are closing in one minute. For those who have  
5 called in, we are going to get to your calls, so please  
6 stay connected with your hands raised. Again, if you  
7 called in to give comment, please press star 9, to raise  
8 your hand; that will raise your hand for the comment  
9 moderator. And those liens are closed. Again, please  
10 stay connected.

11 Up next we've got caller 4340, and after that, we'll  
12 have caller 7474. Caller 4340, if you could please  
13 follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6; go  
14 ahead; the floor is yours.

15 MS. LADDISH: Thank you. My name is Kate Laddish,  
16 K-A-T-E L-A-D-D-I-S-H. I live in the Yolo County, City  
17 of Winters, which is on the Yolo-Solano Line just down  
18 the road from Napa, and where the Coast Range and Central  
19 Valley meet. We're connected to Bay Delta system by  
20 Putah Creek, which has been restored, and now it's  
21 (indiscernible) Chinook Salmon, and forms the wadeable  
22 boundary between Yolo and Solano.

23 The area with the highest rate of wildfire ignitions  
24 in the state is in the Greater Winters area where Yolo,  
25 Solano, and Napa meet, and shared representation to



1 facilitate wildfire preparation, response, and recovery.

2       Recreation at Lake Berryessa located in Napa, at the  
3 Yolo-Solano Napa line, is the major drive of Winters'  
4 economy, and management decisions there impact our city;  
5 children in Yolo and Solano attend Winters Joint Unified  
6 School District schools.

7       I urge you to unify Yolo and Solano counties and  
8 districts, and to keep those counties whole. Yolo and  
9 Solano are particularly closely intertwined, that share  
10 economic, infrastructure, transportation, cultural,  
11 educational, agricultural, and resource ties. We're the  
12 connectors between the Bay Area and the Sacramento  
13 regions.

14       Grouping Yolo and Solano in the northern end of the  
15 Delta with Napa would reflect the shared communities of  
16 interest between these counties. I'm deeply concerned  
17 that the visualizations for this week have most or all of  
18 Yolo and Congressional and Senate districts that stretch  
19 far north to the Oregon border and Northeastern Nevada.

20       Counties as different as Yolo, Siskiyou, and Modoc  
21 would not be well served by these groupings. Districts  
22 300 miles long would decrease access to representatives  
23 by people with disabilities, and other access and  
24 functional needs. I appreciate your discussion today,  
25 pointing to --

1 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

2 MS. LADDISH: -- grouping Yolo and Solano, and  
3 keeping these counties whole.

4 We refer to The Yolo Way. We collaborate county-  
5 wide to seek innovative, equitable solutions to  
6 challenges. The three-way split and the current Assembly  
7 visualizations would significantly decrease our ability  
8 to have appropriate representation, and to advocate for  
9 assistance.

10 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

11 MS. LADDISH: Carving Winters, part of Davis, West  
12 Sacramento, and Clarksburg out of the rest of the county  
13 does not reflect our county's cohesion. Thank you again,  
14 so much for your work.

15 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. And as a reminder to our  
16 callers, your comments are being interpreted today, if  
17 you could please speak at a steady pace, and take your  
18 time with county names and numbers as they are being  
19 interpreted by both ASL and our live captioners.

20 All right; up next, we've got callers 7474, and  
21 after that, will be caller 0405. Caller 7474, please  
22 follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6. That's  
23 for the caller with last four digits, 7474, if you could  
24 please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6.  
25 I see you there. Go ahead; the floor is yours.

1           MALE SPEAKER: Thank you. Good afternoon. On  
2 behalf of our community in Bellflower, we thank you for  
3 now including us in the LB Harbor Visualization for  
4 Congressional Maps in L.A. County. We share so much with  
5 Long Beach, and we can be -- even be hard to tell where  
6 our city ends and theirs begins.

7           A lot of our friends live in Long Beach, and it's  
8 common for us to visit them and for them to come to us  
9 too. It's our strong position that our community is best  
10 served by being in the same Congressional district as our  
11 neighbors in Long Beach and Lakewood. We share the same  
12 roads, parks, and hospitals of these cities, and we even  
13 share the same daily newspaper, the Long Beach Press-  
14 Telegram.

15           As you move forward through this process, please  
16 continue to align Bellflower with these regional  
17 partners, and similar communities, in the LB Harbor  
18 Congressional Visualization -- Visualization. It is  
19 incredibly important to us. Thank you for your service,  
20 and for your time.

21           MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Up next, we've got caller  
22 0405, and after that, will be caller 1323. Caller 0405,  
23 if you could please follow the prompts to unmute by  
24 pressing star 6? Go ahead; the floor is yours.

25           MALE SPEAKER: Okay. Thank you, Commissioners for

1 your time and your service. And my comments are in  
2 regards to Congressional district Southwest Riverside  
3 10/27. I am glad to see that all of you have seen that  
4 keeping the Orange County cities with Riverside County is  
5 literally a mountain. There is a mountain of difference  
6 between us and them, as far as our socio-economical, and  
7 the way they're organized; and of course, the way that we  
8 on the Riverside side do our things, where it's very  
9 suburban.

10       And I also want to recognize and thank Commissioner  
11 Kennedy for pointing out that if you remove Temecula City  
12 from our area, that is an anchor city for us. That it  
13 makes no sense to remove Temecula from us. They have  
14 been largely without representation for the last ten  
15 years because they are the only city in that current  
16 Congressional district in Riverside County; and so to  
17 do -- to do that that would be an injustice to them, and  
18 to us, because we see them as our -- part of our COI.

19       I also want to comment on the Senate district,  
20 Southwest Riverside County 10/27. I don't know if you  
21 can explore combining two Assembly districts to make up  
22 one Senate district, since it's essentially, they're half  
23 and half. And so if that's possible, that --

24       MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

25       MALE SPEAKER: -- might make things here -- things a

1 lot easier instead of cutting everything up.

2 And of course we would also like to keep one or the  
3 other, and that's (indiscernible) with this map is that  
4 the City of Riverside County is being cut up into two  
5 different districts.

6 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

7 MALE SPEAKER: So if it's possible to put it back  
8 together, that we would appreciate that, and maybe if we  
9 can pick up cities to the east.

10 And so for that I just want express gratitude for  
11 your time -- the time that you're putting into this, and  
12 considering all of our options. Thank you.

13 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Up next, we've got caller  
14 1323, and after that, we'll have caller 8566. Caller  
15 1323, if you could please follow the prompts by pressing  
16 star 6 at this time. Again, for the caller with the last  
17 four digits 1323, you can now unmute by pressing star 6.  
18 One more time; caller 1323, please press star 6 to  
19 unmute. All right, we're going to come back to you.

20 Up next we've got caller 8566, and after that, it  
21 will be caller 5701. If caller 8566 could please unmute  
22 by pressing star 6.

23 MR. ZUCKER: Hi. Can you hear me?

24 MR. MANOFF: We sure can, go ahead.

25 MR. ZUCKER: This is Lucas Zucker with CAUSE, for

1 Community Org representing farm workers in the Central  
2 Coast. I think Commission and staff did a great job with  
3 overall architecture of districts in our region. We'd  
4 strongly recommend a couple key tweaks particularly in  
5 the Assembly around the margins that are most pressing  
6 for voting rights.

7 First the Latino VRA Assembly District called Denzel  
8 (ph.) now splits the farm worker towns of the Salinas  
9 Valley, which are -- a very cohesive community of  
10 interest, Soledad, Greenfield, and King City are  
11 extremely similar connected to Gonzales in Salinas, and  
12 farm workers in these towns travel and work at farms all  
13 throughout the agricultural Salinas Valley which has  
14 shared issues of groundwater pesticides, immigrant farm  
15 worker rights. If you need to make some room, we'd  
16 recommend removing Morgan Hill because that's more  
17 connected with suburban Silicon Valley.

18 And second, the majority of people of color  
19 coalition Assembly district called Ventura, now stretches  
20 a little bit into southern Santa Barbara County, in  
21 particular Montecito is literally one of the wealthiest  
22 communities in the entire world. It's where Oprah, Ellen  
23 DeGeneres, and now the British Royal Family live, and so  
24 this is an incredibly inappropriate to put in the  
25 district primarily made up of farm-worker communities.

1           So we'd recommend cutting out those parts of Santa  
2 Barbara County, and maybe putting in some -- some or all  
3 of Camarillo, which is more middle-class and part of the  
4 same agricultural plain as Oxnard. Thank you.

5           MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Up next, we've got caller  
6 5701, and after them, will be caller 7791. Caller 5701,  
7 would you please press star 6 to unmute at this time. Go  
8 ahead; the floor is yours.

9           MALE SPEAKER: Thank you. Good afternoon,  
10 Commissioners. My name is Nathan. I am calling from the  
11 Fresno area, and I am calling to express some concern  
12 over the way that our current visualizations are drawn.  
13 At the Assembly, State Senate, and Congressional levels,  
14 historically Fresno has had a majority Latino  
15 Congressional, State Senate, and State Assembly seat,  
16 with the further current visualization of Latino  
17 communities all over the major Metro Fresno area are  
18 disenfranchised and are split up into a number of  
19 legislative seats.

20           We feel that this greatly disservices our community,  
21 and makes it tougher for the Latino community to be able  
22 to elect a representative that best serves their needs.  
23 I draw particular attention to the commissioner's  
24 comments on it being in the Northwest Fresno, together  
25 with other parts of Fresno.

1 I think that you've heard a number of public  
2 comments being made around keeping all of northwest, or  
3 northwest and northeast together with the City of Clovis  
4 as a community of interest; and then keeping South Fresno  
5 together with other parts of unincorporated Fresno  
6 County, and other rural communities into a district of  
7 itself.

8 So the community has been abundantly clear in what  
9 we believe our communities of interest are, and how we  
10 identify ourselves. We would ask this commission and  
11 those making these decisions to be able to listen to us,  
12 and take our feedback as we go forward in drawing these  
13 lines. Thank you.

14 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Up next, we've got caller  
15 7791, and after that, it will be caller 2240. Caller  
16 7791, will you please press star 6 to unmute? Caller  
17 with the last four digits 7791, will you, please, follow  
18 the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6? Go ahead; the  
19 floor is yours.

20 MALE SPEAKER: Yes. As has already been stated,  
21 it's important to recognize the enormous responsibility  
22 that you guys have, and the work that you've been doing.  
23 I'm a long-time resident of Simi Valley, and the major  
24 issue that the commissioners have talked about, as well  
25 as the public, is the importance of keeping communities



1 intact to ensure that their collective voices are heard,  
2 and that each receives the representation that  
3 understands the needs and concerns of their communities.

4 And with that, I would ask that you keep Simi and  
5 Moorpark together, along with Santa Clarita, in the same  
6 district as we have many shared values, needs, and  
7 concerns. And again, thank you very much for your hard  
8 work.

9 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Up next, we have caller  
10 2240, and after that, will be caller 9652. Caller 2240,  
11 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by  
12 pressing star 6. That's caller with the last four digits  
13 2240, if you could please follow the prompts to unmute by  
14 pressing star 6. One more time, caller 2240, please  
15 press star 6 to unmute. All right, we will come back to  
16 you.

17 Up next, we've got caller 9652, and after that, we  
18 will have caller 5592. Caller 9652 please press star 6  
19 to unmute.

20 MS. ALLEN: Hello?

21 MR. MANOFF: Go ahead, the floor is yours.

22 MS. ALLEN: Okay. Thank you so much. Good  
23 afternoon, Commissioners. This is Sky Allen again, from  
24 IE United. Thank you for releasing these visualizations  
25 and trying to balance out all of our thoughts about the

1 IE.

2 We do have some concerns, and I want to encourage  
3 you all to take another look at the proposals that we  
4 submitted. For Assembly, I want to uplift that our  
5 proposal created seven VRA districts listed in the two  
6 counties, and this one only has five, two of which are  
7 right about 50 percent.

8 This is a big region. There are a lot of COIs that  
9 we all want to keep whole, or as whole as far as  
10 possible, but we also have large and growing communities  
11 of color with distinct voting preferences, as your own  
12 (indiscernible) analysis shows.

13 We worry that your new configuration of the High  
14 Desert had a ripple effect that adversely impacted all of  
15 the other VRA districts in the region, and that isn't  
16 tradeoff we saw entirely gone to the west. Some of your  
17 previous visualizations were closer to our Assembly  
18 preferences. We would urge you to find ways not take  
19 away any VRA Assembly districts.

20 With respect to Senate, we really oppose the San  
21 Bernardino Riverside combined districts. We appreciate  
22 your time to make the VRA district there, but there are  
23 ways to do it that there's a VRA district in San  
24 Bernardino and a VRA district in Riverside that more  
25 reasonably respects those COIs.

1           Lastly, on Congressional map, Loma Linda, Grand  
2 Terrace of Highland, we don't think should be included in  
3 the San Bernardino District, having those cities included  
4 severely weakens that VRA district, and we would prefer  
5 you honor the COIs to the west, and group them more with  
6 like Rialto and Fulton.

7           Also, in northwestern Riverside County, we'd like to  
8 see that portion of Riverside south of the 60 --

9           MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

10          MS. ALLEN: -- and east of the 91, swapped with  
11 Latino communities in Corona in order to strengthen that  
12 VRA district.

13          So in short, we see all of your hard work, and we  
14 thank you for it. But we also worked really hard on  
15 balancing VRA and COI considerations, and we encourage  
16 you to --

17          MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

18          MS. ALLEN: -- continue to review our proposal as  
19 you do your redistricting in Inland Empire. Thank you so  
20 much.

21          MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Up next, we've got caller  
22 5592, and after that, will be caller 1036. Caller 5592,  
23 you can now unmute by pressing star 6. Go ahead; the  
24 floor is yours.

25          MALE SPEAKER: Hi, Good afternoon. Well, thank you

1 for the opportunity to speak, Commissioners. I'm calling  
2 to express my support for a district here in Central  
3 Valley that would include the majority of the City of  
4 Fresno that encompasses the large Hispanic and Latino  
5 community here. Our Hispanic-Latino community is an  
6 important demographic here in Fresno, and we share unique  
7 education, housing, and employment needs, and should be  
8 represented together in Congress, the Assembly, and the  
9 Senate, not divided up.

10 I know it's not the intent of the commission, but  
11 the current map I see overlooks these important Latino  
12 precincts. In order to provide an opportunity for our  
13 Latino community to be fairly and adequately represented,  
14 I encourage further consideration for a district that  
15 includes most of Fresno, with the exception of Northeast  
16 Fresno, in order to avoid separating the community in  
17 Fresno, and maintaining a strong Latino voice. Thank  
18 you.

19 MR. MANOFF: Thank you.

20 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. And with that, I --

21 MR. MANOFF: It looks like we've got time for one  
22 more caller, before we break.

23 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Let's try it.

24 MR. MANOFF: All right. Here we go. And again,  
25 during the break, if you could please all stay connected.

1 We will be getting to your calls after the break.

2 Next up, we've got caller 1036, if you could follow  
3 the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6. Go ahead; the  
4 floor is yours.

5 MS. VARGAS: Thank you. I got right before the  
6 break, awesome. Good afternoon, distinguished  
7 Commissioners. My name is Analisa Vargas, and I'm the  
8 lead community organizer with Communities for a New  
9 California, also known as CNC. I'm a resident of the  
10 City of Indio, and I grew up in the community of Thermal  
11 located in the Eastern Coachella Valley. CNC is a member  
12 of the IE redistricting hub, so this is general comment  
13 in reference to the Assembly visualization.

14 CNC would like to provide input and say that the IE  
15 hub redistricting maps meet the qualifications of our VRA  
16 district and CVAP, and we recommended that you accept the  
17 hub maps, as they demonstrate more VRA districts and a  
18 stronger Latino CVAP in several communities that have  
19 experienced decades of political disenfranchisement,  
20 environmental, racism, and many forms of socioeconomic  
21 inequities.

22 So the visualization seems to have a cascading  
23 effect, and would result in the loss of two VRA districts  
24 in the High Desert and Moreno Valley. And these -- our  
25 maps have seven VRA districts which we think is very

1 strong. So we do believe the previous visualizations  
2 honored these communities while the newest iterations do  
3 not.

4 And lastly, in reference to the Assembly, Senate,  
5 and Congressional visualization, and that they split up  
6 the Coachella Valley, while the current visualizations  
7 aren't a deal breaker, but the IE redistricting --

8 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

9 MS. VARGAS: -- hub map, better reflect our overall  
10 preferences. Thank you so much for your time.

11 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. And with that, I'd like  
12 to just announce to those that are in queue that we do  
13 have a hard stop today at 6:30 p.m., and with the number  
14 of people in queue, there is a likelihood that we will  
15 not get to everyone in the queue by 6:30. I am issuing a  
16 continuance of meeting for tomorrow morning which is  
17 October 30th, that will run from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., or  
18 close of business.

19 And so for anyone that we do not get to, I would  
20 like to invite you to call back tomorrow morning, where  
21 we will be concentrating on public comment at that time.

22 At this point, we do have to go to our required  
23 break. And we will be back at 6:05 -- at 5:05. Thank  
24 you.

25 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 4:50 p.m.

1           until 5:05 p.m.)

2           CHAIR TURNER: Thank you very much, and thank you  
3 all for your patience. We are ready with our next  
4 caller.

5           Kristian?

6           MR. MANOFF: All right. And as a reminder to our  
7 callers, your comments today are being interpreted, and  
8 live-transcribed, so please use a steady pace, and take  
9 your time with those county names and numbers.

10          Coming up next, we've got caller 7856, and after  
11 that, will be caller 2765. Caller 7856, if you could  
12 follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6. That's  
13 for a caller with the last four digits 7856, you can now  
14 unmute by pressing star 6. All right, caller 7856, one  
15 more time, if you could please press star 6 to unmute.  
16 All right, we will come back to you.

17          Up next -- up next, we've got caller 2765, and after  
18 that, will be caller 6620. Caller 2765, you can now  
19 unmute by pressing star 6. Thank you so much. Go ahead;  
20 the floor is yours.

21          MR. ZOSKY: My name Joe Zosky (ph.). I'm an elected  
22 director at Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency.  
23 Commissioners, thank you for your work and for extending  
24 the public comment to tomorrow.

25          I would like for you to keep Santa Clarita Valley

1 and San Fernando Valley separate when considering State,  
2 Assembly, and Congressional districts. Both communities  
3 have different needs in terms of water, and most  
4 recently, brush fire issues. And it would be beneficial  
5 to both counties if they have their own representation.  
6 Thank you.

7 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Up next, we've got caller  
8 6620, and after that, will be caller 1724. Caller 6620,  
9 if you could please follow the prompts to unmute by  
10 pressing star -6. Go ahead; the floor is yours.

11 MR. RODRIQUEZ: Good afternoon, Commissioners. My  
12 name is Jose Rodriguez. I am the Vice Mayor of National  
13 City. Thank you so much for holding -- hosting this  
14 meeting, and thank you so much for extending the public  
15 comment period to tomorrow. It's truly appreciated.

16 I represent National City, which is around 65,000  
17 people, 60 percent of which are Latino, 20 percent  
18 Filipino, and 20 percent a mix of other ethnicity. It is  
19 the largest percentage of Filipinos than any other city  
20 in the state, and Filipinos are part of our fabric within  
21 our city. So we are very diverse. We're very unique,  
22 and we want to simply thank you for keeping National City  
23 together, in both the Assembly, the Senate seats, that  
24 keeps us with the South Bay, that is Chula Vista, as well  
25 as San Ysidro.



1           However, the Congressional seat has moved us to  
2 Central San Diego. That is alongside La Mesa, Del Cerro,  
3 and the College area, all of which are neighborhoods that  
4 we share very little cultural ties with.

5           So we have a very rich cultural history and economic  
6 ties to the South Bay more than anybody else in our  
7 region. And we would really appreciate keeping us  
8 together with our South Bay families here in South San  
9 Diego. Thank you so much for your time.

10           MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Up next, we've got caller  
11 1724, and after that, will be caller 7930. Caller 1724,  
12 please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6.  
13 Go ahead; the floor is yours.

14           MR. VAN DORN: Good afternoon, and I guess it's good  
15 evening now. Commissioners, thank you for all your hard  
16 work. My name Steve Van Dorn. I'm the president and CEO  
17 of the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce. I'm a long-time  
18 Tri-Valley resident of over thirty years.

19           We certainly appreciate the commission has  
20 recognized the Tri-Valley as a community of interest.  
21 Your COI map of the Tri-Valley from your October 4th  
22 meeting labeled Diablo 1007, is the most accurate  
23 depiction of the Tri-Valley. Please refer to this map  
24 when you consider what communities are included in the  
25 Tri-Valley.

1           As you adjust your maps, please keep the Tri-Valley  
2 whole for at least one state district and one federal  
3 district. The Tri-Valley has over 400,000 residents, and  
4 can and should be a core of at least one or two  
5 districts.

6           For example, you can keep the Tri-Valley together in  
7 an Assembly map if you combine the Tri-Valley with Castro  
8 Valley, and Fairview, as one of your prior maps did. Or  
9 combine the Tri-Valley with communities to the east and  
10 to the northeast of us, like Brentwood, Byron, Discovery  
11 Bay, Knightsen, maybe even Oakley. Those communities  
12 have asked to be kept together. They share similar  
13 suburban interests, and have similar housing,  
14 transportation, water, and wildlife priorities to the  
15 Tri-Valley.

16           We also have similar rural, and semi-rural  
17 boundaries with Mount Diablo and as the Tri-Valley --

18           MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

19           MR. VAN DORN: -- and share the -- and share the  
20 same government. An example of Congressional district  
21 would be to combine us with Walnut Creek and Clayton to  
22 the north; again, similar suburban communities, and with  
23 Brentwood, Byron, Oakley, Discovery Bay to the  
24 northeast --

25           MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

1 MR. VAN DORN: -- perhaps Mountain House and Tracy.  
2 This would make total sense and would also combine  
3 communities that share priorities.

4 Thank you for your time and consideration of my  
5 comments. Have a good evening.

6 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Up next, we've got caller  
7 7930, and after that, will be caller 5682. Caller 7930,  
8 please press star 6 to unmute. Again, that's caller with  
9 the last four digits 7930, you can unmute at this time by  
10 pressing star 6. One more time to caller 7930, if you  
11 could please unmute by pressing star 6. All right, we  
12 will come back to you.

13 Up next we've got caller 5682, and after that, will  
14 be caller 2270. Caller 5682?

15 MS. JOHNSON: Good evening.

16 MR. MANOFF: Go ahead.

17 MS. JOHNSON: Good evening. This is Theodora  
18 Johnson. I'm a rancher from Etna, in Siskiyou County,  
19 and a long time -- our family's been here for many  
20 generations, doing this. And I'm very concerned looking  
21 at the Congressional District, the way it's been  
22 visualized. Splitting Siskiyou County in half, it  
23 appears. Really, we need to keep our county whole. And  
24 you know, we're a real agricultural county, and we really  
25 belong on the cowboy side, I would say, of the state. We

1 go to -- all of our business dealings go north-south, or  
2 to the east. You know, getting to the coast is really  
3 difficult. It takes a lot of time and dangerous travel  
4 to get to the coast. They're very different climate and  
5 different types of business over there. You know, we go  
6 to rodeos, bull sales, horse sales, in places like Red  
7 Bluff, McArthur. Again, it's down -- up and down the I-5  
8 corridor and towards the east. We look for cow feed,  
9 mostly to the south and to the east. We ship our calves  
10 to Orland, when we sell calves. So you know, I think  
11 it's really important that the other boundary lines we're  
12 looking at in the visualizations don't do what this  
13 Congressional line does. And I -- and I think it's  
14 really concerning that this proposal would cut us off  
15 from --

16 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

17 MS. JOHNSON: -- the other rural/agricultural  
18 communities that are sis -- you know, are our sister  
19 communities. And so I appreciate your efforts on this,  
20 and thank you for listening to our concerns.

21 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Up next, we've caller 2270,  
22 and after that, will be caller 3140. Caller 2270, you  
23 can unmute at this time by pressing star 6. Again,  
24 that's caller with the last four 2270. If you could  
25 please unmute by pressing star 6? One more time. Caller

1 2270, you can unmute by pressing star 6.

2 All right. We will come back to you. Up next,  
3 we've got caller 3140, and after that, will be caller  
4 0514. Caller 3140, you can unmute at this time by  
5 pressing star 6. Go ahead; the floor is yours.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes. Hi. I want to thank  
7 the commission for everything that you've been doing so  
8 far. This is an incredible undertaking, and I don't envy  
9 you. So I'm a long-time resident of Santa Clarita, and  
10 I'm calling to advocate for Senate District map, North  
11 L.A. County, from set A of the original visualization,  
12 instead of the most recent visualization, which I believe  
13 is labeled VSD-SCSFB-1027. This map most closely  
14 resembles the likely Congressional map and makes sense  
15 from a regional perspective. Santa Clarita doesn't share  
16 anything in common with North Hollywood and Van Nuys, and  
17 the Congressional -- and Assembly maps recognize this, so  
18 should the State Senate seat.

19 I also want to advocate that the commission should  
20 not try and bring Simi Valley back into the same  
21 Congressional District as Santa Clarita. Having long  
22 standing with -- connections with both communities, I can  
23 say with confidence that there is almost nothing that  
24 connects these two valleys. Simi residents know Santa  
25 Clarita only for our theme park. And Santa Clarita

1 residents know Simi Valley for the Rodney King trial.  
2 Simi Valley would be much better served being connected  
3 with the surrounding communities in the Conejo Valley,  
4 where they share common interests in a suburban area.

5 Thank you for your time.

6 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Up next, we've got caller  
7 0514, and after that, will be caller 4667. Caller 0514,  
8 if you could please press star 6 to unmute? Go ahead.  
9 The floor's yours.

10 MS. SHELLENBERGER: Good afternoon, Commissioners.  
11 This is Lori Shellenberger, calling on behalf of  
12 California Common Cause. And I'm not calling about  
13 visualization, but instead to flag another important  
14 issue related to accessibility to the commission's  
15 policies, and want to -- want to lift up a letter that we  
16 sent earlier this week on that topic. And of course,  
17 thank you again for all your hard work and your  
18 willingness to consider the feedback we've submitted on  
19 various process-issues today.

20 The commission has voted on several important  
21 policies, but unfortunately the policies adopted by the  
22 commission are often not accessible to the public unless  
23 the person knows the date upon which a final version of  
24 the policy was posted in the hand-outs for the meeting at  
25 which it was adopted. And in some instances, policies

1 are adopted after considerable discussion and with  
2 ambiguous amendments, and it's difficult to locate a  
3 final amended version on the website. Leaving the public  
4 to wonder about the details of what was ultimately  
5 decided.

6 This is also true, not just of your policies, but of  
7 some of the great resources you've developed for  
8 yourself; such as the 2020 ready-reference guide, and the  
9 mapping playbook. Those are things that, you know, would  
10 be of interest and helpful to the public, but are, again,  
11 only available to those who follow your meetings and  
12 catch them among the hand-outs for a particular meeting.

13 In our letter, from earlier this week, we raised a  
14 number of recommendations to address this issue. But in-  
15 short, please ensure that your policies are written  
16 clearly and eliminate or address ambiguities before  
17 adoption. And please dedicate a section of your website  
18 to commission policies and critical resources you've  
19 developed and relying upon with links to those policies  
20 and resources. And a search function on the website  
21 would be a bonus --

22 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

23 MS. SHELLENBERGER: -- and really helpful.

24 Lastly, I just want to flag that, earlier this  
25 month, we along with League of Women voters sent you a

1 letter asking you about your use of closed session; and  
2 in particular in relation to the RANRPP discussions  
3 you're having.

4 MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

5 MS. SHELLENBERGER: That letter's not posted on your  
6 website that we could find. Which raised concerns that  
7 it -- it wasn't received or that other submissions are  
8 not being posted. So we urge you to check on that. And  
9 thank you, again, for all you're doing.

10 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Up next, we've got caller  
11 4667, followed by caller 8561. Caller 4667, can you  
12 please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6?  
13 Go ahead, the floor's yours.

14 MALE SPEAKER: Thank you. This is Tom. I'm calling  
15 to talk about the Districts from Tuol -- the Tuolumne to  
16 Kern visualizations, from 10/27. My issues are, the  
17 District is spread out from north to south, hundreds and  
18 hundreds of miles, with no community of interest, and  
19 very diverse interests from each community. What I'd  
20 like to see is the northern portion of district, which  
21 includes Sonora, Twain Harte, be matched up more closely  
22 with where they receive their medical care, their health  
23 care, and their media, into -- into Modesto.

24 Then as you move further south, into Mariposa  
25 County, and Madera County, that portion district should



1 move, then, west as well. That would then -- where they  
2 receive their health care, in either Merced and Madera,  
3 depending on which community. That's where the community  
4 interest is there. As we move further into northeast  
5 Fresno and Clovis, they should not be with Kern. As well  
6 as, you know, going all the way east down into Boron and  
7 California City. It has no community interest with  
8 Fresno -- northeast Fresno and Clovis. They should be  
9 paired with Shaver Lake.

10       And then as you go down to Tulare County, you have  
11 Three Rivers that should be paired into Tulare and  
12 Visalia. These changes would be minor changes for every  
13 district, because they would encompass the districts that  
14 are west of the current Tuolumne to Kern County District,  
15 and make the Kern portion of this district much more  
16 compact, as it could come north into Tulare County, and  
17 possibly take in some of King's, or Eastvale --

18       MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

19       MALE SPEAKER: -- eastern Tulare county, or wherever  
20 it needs to go.

21       The reality is these districts -- this one district  
22 is too far from north to south. There's no community  
23 interest. There's no way to travel within the District.  
24 There's -- the medical care is separated --

25       MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

1 MALE SPEAKER: -- and there's -- there's just no  
2 continuity to this District. It needs to tightened up  
3 for Voting Rights Act issues. Thank you.

4 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. And at this time, I'm going  
5 to go to caller 4165.

6 MR. MCOSKER: Thank you.

7 MR. MANOFF: Go ahead, caller 4165.

8 MR. MCOSKER: Thank you, very much. This is Tim  
9 McOsker. I really appreciate you coming back to me. I  
10 want -- I live in the harbor area of San Pedro, and I and  
11 my neighbors and friends and professional associates want  
12 to thank you very much, commission, for recognizing the  
13 public comment that came from our area, San Pedro, Harbor  
14 City, Wilmington, the Gateway. We were very worried when  
15 we saw the maps that put us in with Long Beach, a few  
16 weeks ago, and we immediately wanted to share our  
17 concerns with you. And we know how much you have on your  
18 plate, and we want to thank you for not losing track of  
19 us. We really appreciate the visualizations for the week  
20 of October 27th. They really captured the spirit of San  
21 Pedro. They captured the spirit of Wilmington and this  
22 harbor area, and reflect in how we are. We really  
23 connect with our cities -- to our communities to the  
24 north. And Long Beach is great, but I think Long Beach  
25 residents would agree, please continue to keep us

1 separate from Long Beach when you finish these lines,  
2 straight -- statewide.

3 We know there might be some shifts here and there.  
4 Please don't put us back in with Long Beach. Please keep  
5 the lines north-south as they are. And I just want to  
6 say that I and my neighbors strongly support the maps for  
7 the San Pedro and Harbor/Gateway regions, as you have  
8 recently presented them. And again, thank you very much  
9 for your service.

10 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. And again, to those who  
11 have called in, if you want to give comment today, please  
12 press star 9. That will raise your hand for the  
13 moderator, and that goes for people who we tried earlier  
14 and they were unable to get through. If you're hearing  
15 me now, press star 9. I will come back to you.

16 Up next, I've got caller 8561, and then after that,  
17 will be caller 2252. Caller 8561, please follow the  
18 prompts to unmute. That's caller with the last four  
19 digits 8561. Thank you so much. The floor is yours.

20 MR. FLORES: Hi there. My name's Alejandro Flores.  
21 I'm a member of the Latino community here in Fresno, and  
22 I'm asking if the commission, please, could reconsider  
23 the current visualizations for Fresno. The way it is  
24 currently set up, it will divide the voice and the power  
25 of the Latino community here in the valley. If you guys

1 wouldn't mind considering drawing up Fresno with Anchor  
2 City and dividing us by north -- using the dividing line  
3 of northeast Fresno, north Fresno, by Shaw. This will  
4 ensure that us Latinos have -- our voice stays -- our  
5 voice is still heard within the federal and state levels  
6 of the government. Thank you so much.

7 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Up next, we've got caller  
8 2252, and after that, we'll have caller 8006. Caller  
9 2252, please follow the prompts to unmute. Go ahead; the  
10 floor's yours.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (In Spanish, not translated).

12 MR. MANOFF: (Spanish spoken). Up next, we've got  
13 caller 8006, and after that, will be caller 0040. Caller  
14 8006, if you could please press star 6 to unmute? Go  
15 ahead; the floor's yours.

16 MR. SMITH: Hi. My name's Adam Smith, and I'm  
17 calling from Bakersfield. Today -- and what I wanted to  
18 talk about is the Congressional District currently. For  
19 the last 50-years, Lancaster has been a part of the  
20 Bakersfield Congressional seat in Kern County. We share  
21 many of the same economic interests, transportation  
22 corridors, and climate, and should remain that way moving  
23 forward.

24 Additionally, this can be achieved, as well as being  
25 compliant with the Voter's (sic) Rights Act, by returning

1 Clovis to a Fresno seat. A community that's two hours  
2 away from Bakersfield, where Lancaster's down the street.

3 So Lancaster should stay in the Kern County, the  
4 Bakersfield seat, as it has since 1970, at least. And  
5 Clovis should return to a Fresno Congressional seat, a  
6 community that's vastly different than ours. An economic  
7 interest vastly different, an environment, and two hours  
8 away from the seat here in Bakersville.

9 Thank you very much for your time and your service.

10 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Up next, we've got caller  
11 0040, and after that, will be caller 2998. Caller 0040,  
12 if you could please press star 6 to unmute. Caller with  
13 the last four digits, 0040, you can now unmute by  
14 pressing star 6, please. One more time for the caller  
15 with the last four digits 0040, can you please press star  
16 6 to unmute? Okay. We will be coming back to you.

17 Up next, we've got caller 2998, and after that, will  
18 be caller 1566. Caller 2998, please press star 6 to  
19 unmute. Go ahead; the floor's yours.

20 MS. JOHNSON: Hi. I am Sally Johnson, a resident of  
21 Scott Valley in Siskiyou County. The draft Congressional  
22 map shows the line dividing Siskiyou County in two, and  
23 attaching half of the county to the coastal range.  
24 Siskiyou County has little in common with the communities  
25 along the coast. Siskiyou County is an agriculture-based

1 county. Siskiyou County has established agriculture as a  
2 priority use on productive agricultural lands. There is  
3 not mention of agriculture on either Del Norte or  
4 Humboldt County's planning department websites.

5 Siskiyou County farmers and ranchers do little  
6 business within the coastal range. Most business is done  
7 to the east and south to Orland. The Congressional  
8 District lines should reflect this. Siskiyou County has  
9 a small, but effective, public transportation system it  
10 shares throughout the entire county, including  
11 transporting college students from Happy Camp and Scott  
12 Valley, to College of the Siskiyous in Weed. The only  
13 college in the entire county.

14 Our county's supervisor would be serving in two  
15 separate Congressional Districts. By dividing Siskiyou  
16 County, and moving the agricultural community of Scott  
17 Valley to a district with little agriculture, completely  
18 takes our voices away, and lets it be trampled by  
19 communities we have nothing in common with.

20 Thank you for your time.

21 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. And up next, we've got  
22 caller 1566, and after that, will be caller 7205. Caller  
23 1566, if you'd please follow the prompts to unmute by  
24 pressing star 6? Go ahead; the floor is yours.

25 MALE SPEAKER: Okay. Basically, you know, the here

1 in -- here in Fresno -- the state of Fresno, and we don't  
2 want, you know, to -- to -- to split the Latino votes,  
3 because we have a big majority of Latino here in the  
4 Fresno area. So we don't want to split that, because we  
5 don't -- we want -- want them to have the same  
6 Congressional -- stand at the same Assembly. And that  
7 also goes with the -- the Hispanics, and also with the  
8 Asian community. We also have a big community -- so we  
9 want to keep -- keep the -- everyone together, so.  
10 That's basically what I have to say. Thank you.

11 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Up next, we've got caller  
12 7205, and after that, would be caller 9290. Caller 7205,  
13 if you could please follow the prompts to unmute by  
14 pressing star 6, at this time? Go ahead; the floor is  
15 yours.

16 MS. BRIDGEWATER: Hi. My name is Tamika  
17 Bridgewater, and I live in Simi Valley. One of your  
18 callers said something to the effect of Santa Clarita and  
19 Simi Valley don't have anything in common, but I have  
20 children ages nineteen, sixteen, and thirteen, that all  
21 play sports. And their entire time of playing sports,  
22 whether it was through the school or a separate entity,  
23 no matter what sport it is, all of our leagues are  
24 connected to Santa Clarita. So at any given time, people  
25 from Santa Clarita are in Simi, and vice versa.

1           Additionally, most people may not be aware, we don't  
2 have a great deal of senior care in Simi Valley. Which  
3 they are changing. They're building more, but a lot of  
4 us have elderly family members in Santa Clarita in senior  
5 care homes. And so it's very helpful to be able to  
6 communicate with the same Congress-people and Assembly-  
7 people when you need help. So I -- I -- I appreciate so  
8 much what you guys have done because I've watched when --  
9 when you aren't taking calls and you were just drawing  
10 lines, and trying to make sure you had enough people, and  
11 trying to honor the wishes of the callers and --

12           MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

13           MS. BRIDGEWATER: -- dear God. I mean, God bless  
14 you. God bless you, so much. Thank you so much. I  
15 mean, I know this is like -- I mean, oh my God. God  
16 bless you. Thank you. That's all.

17           MR. MANOFF: Thank you so much for those kind words.

18           MS. TURNER: Thank you.

19           MR. MANOFF: Up next, we've got caller 9290, and  
20 after that, will be caller 9399. Caller 9290, if you  
21 could please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing  
22 star 6. Go ahead; the floor's yours.

23           MS. ORR: Hi. Thank you so much for your continued  
24 hard work with these visualizations and for the chance to  
25 speak. My name is Adria Orr, and I'm calling from



1 Advancing Justice Asian Law Caucus, on behalf of the AAPI  
2 and AMEMSA State Redistricting Collaborative. I just  
3 wanted to call in to raise some concerns on behalf of the  
4 Hmong community in the Fresno area, which is one of the  
5 largest Hmong communities in the nation.

6 So currently, all three levels of visualization  
7 divide the Hmong community and Fresno into three  
8 different districts. The various Hmong communities of  
9 interest in Fresno share a lot of common concerns and  
10 should be kept together in one district to the extent  
11 that it's possible.

12 Of particular concern is the Hmong community in and  
13 around Sunnyside. This COI is cut into three districts  
14 at the Assembly and Congressional level, and into two  
15 districts at the Senate level. Additionally, to the --  
16 just to the east of Sunnyside is a growing community of  
17 southeast Asian farmers who have shared interest and they  
18 should be kept whole and together with Sunnyside, at all  
19 levels of government.

20 The Sanger area, a little bit further to the east,  
21 also has a growing number of Hmong farmers, whose  
22 community and interests increasing overlap with the Hmong  
23 community of interests in and around Sunnyside. These  
24 areas -- the Hmong community of interest in and around  
25 the Sanger area is currently individualizations divided

1 into two districts in each level of government. It  
2 should be kept whole and in a district together with the  
3 Hmong COI in and around Sunnyside.

4 It also should be kept in a Fresno County focused  
5 district, rather than drawn into the large district that  
6 stretches down to San Bernardino County, the state border  
7 with Nevada as it's currently seen in the Assembly  
8 visualization.

9 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

10 MS. ORR: We sent a map that shows just how our  
11 various Fresno COIs have been cut in the Assembly  
12 visualization. Uploaded it through the Airtable feedback  
13 form. And you can also see Appendix B of our mapping  
14 proposal for community testimony on behalf of the Fresno  
15 communities of interest, as well as our mapping proposal  
16 for an alternative suggestion for an Assembly district --

17 MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

18 MS. ORR: -- configuration in this area. Thank you  
19 so much for the opportunity to call in tonight.

20 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Up next, we've got caller  
21 9399, and after that, will be caller 9045. Caller 9399,  
22 please follow those prompts to unmute by pressing star 6.  
23 Go ahead; the floor is yours.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hey. How are you guys?  
25 Thank you. Listen, I'm calling. I want to stress

1 strongly that you consider the maps that the Black/Brown  
2 Redistricting Alliance submitted, particularly for the  
3 area of the high desert of San Bernardino County,  
4 Assembly District 33. We changed it to look more  
5 compatible with -- or rather more commonalities between  
6 the communities that we've selected, or that they  
7 selected, and excluding the mountain-region of multi-  
8 million-dollar homes, ski-resorts, and mountain resorts.  
9 Taking that portion out of the district, and adding more  
10 desert communities to our district, to make it more --  
11 having more common issues and our concerns about things  
12 that are occurring here in the desert.

13 So please, consider that. The Black/Brown  
14 Redistricting Alliance maps that they've submitted for  
15 the AD, and for the Senate District, and for the  
16 Congressional District. Thank you.

17 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Up next, we've got caller  
18 9045, and after that, will be caller 3392. Caller 9045,  
19 if you could please follow the prompts to unmute? Go  
20 ahead; the floor is yours.

21 MR. HERNANDEZ: Hello, everyone. First of all,  
22 thank you for -- for the time and the opportunity to  
23 provide public input. My name is (indiscernible)  
24 Hernandez (ph.), calling from the Coachella Valley.  
25 First of all, I'm calling regarding the Inland Empire

1 Redistricting Hub submitted maps that have 7B or A  
2 complying districts that span the IE. And the new  
3 visualizations only allow for 5B or A compliant  
4 districts, and two of those districts are barely above  
5 fifty percent. We do believe the previous visualizations  
6 honor these communities, while these new iterations do  
7 not.

8       Also, regarding the Coachella Valley, it is  
9 important to keep the Coachella Valley together. There  
10 is an exceptional strong community of Spanish-speaking  
11 Latinos -- folks, in this area. Communities in the  
12 eastern Coachella Valley, they have lack of investment in  
13 areas of housing, roads, sidewalks, street-lining, and  
14 parks. The Coachella Valley must be kept together as a  
15 whole so residents can properly advocate for their needs  
16 and priorities as a community.

17       Thank you for the time and the opportunity.

18       MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Up next, we've got caller  
19 3392, and after that, will be caller 5335. Caller 3392,  
20 if you could please follow the prompts to unmute by  
21 pressing star 6? That's caller with the last four digits  
22 3392, you can now unmute, by pressing -- go ahead; the  
23 floor is yours.

24       MS. PONCE DE LEON: Hi. Good evening,  
25 commissioners. My name is Alejandra Ponce de Leon, with

1 Advancement Project California. Thank you so much for  
2 the continued leadership, and in creating an inclusive  
3 process of really trying to engage as many community  
4 members as possible throughout this whole time. And  
5 being here and adding an additional public comment period  
6 for tomorrow.

7 I was calling just to uplift the letter that we  
8 submitted along with various partners, providing just  
9 general recommendations, as you continue to move forward  
10 in your visualization process. I just wanted to  
11 highlight four key recommendations that are in the letter  
12 that we submitted today, this afternoon.

13 One, we just want to continue to ask, you know, that  
14 you continue to lean into the community-based experts  
15 that have submitted both statewide and regional district  
16 maps. That you will continue to gather valuable insights  
17 from their process. Including how they've drawn VRA  
18 districts, the overall architectures, of how they  
19 captured each communities of interest, and the kind of  
20 community of interest data that they are considering.

21 These are going to give you more insights in terms  
22 of just, like, how to, like -- how to balance so many  
23 different community needs and interests, and so  
24 definitely want you to -- encourage you to continue to  
25 lean into that community-based experts that have

1 submitted maps.

2 Secondly, just wanted to uplift, also -- you know,  
3 to respect the communities of interest and city  
4 boundaries equally. There's a lot of conversation about  
5 keeping cities whole, but definitely, it's a lot more  
6 complex. And I think that there are a lot of different  
7 issues that -- diversity of communities of interest  
8 within cities, and recognizing that communities of  
9 interest are very --

10 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

11 MS. PONCE DE LEON: -- fluid and connect and have  
12 similar interests with adjacent neighborhoods. And so  
13 just keeping that in mind.

14 Third, you know, just to recognize that the VRA  
15 compliance often requires splitting cities.

16 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

17 MS. PONCE DE LEON: And so again, there's a lot of  
18 issues there. Definitely we wanted to uplift that point,  
19 and you know, continue to, like, balance all of these  
20 different desires and needs.

21 And then lastly, to make block-equivalency files  
22 public, as well, for all the --

23 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Up next, we've got caller  
24 5335, and after that, will be caller 9133. Caller 5335,  
25 if you could please follow those prompts to unmute by

1 pressing star 6? Go ahead; the floor's yours.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. I'm calling because  
3 I'm concerned about how Fresno's being split. The Latino  
4 community is being split in quite a few different  
5 districts now, and I feel like that's going to minimize  
6 their -- their ethnic vote on the matter. I also feel  
7 like to the west of Fresno, I noticed that they --  
8 there's still a good portion of the San Joaquin River  
9 communities that extend into another district; that goes  
10 all the way south of Bakersfield. And I feel like that  
11 takes away from that community's representation. And I'm  
12 asking the commission to consider adding a few  
13 communities south of the San Joaquin River, and keeping  
14 Fresno together, so they can have the same minority farm-  
15 working community vote, and have their say in Congress.  
16 Thank you.

17 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Up next, we've got caller  
18 9133, and after that, will be caller 6420. Caller 9133,  
19 if you could please follow the prompts to unmute at this  
20 time? Go ahead; the floor is yours.

21 MS. DOWLING: Thank you. My name's Debra Lee  
22 Dowling (ph.). I also live in Siskiyou County, and our  
23 family is part of the farming and ranching business here.  
24 We have a geographically large county, pretty much all  
25 committed to the agricultural business, in one way or

1 another. And although we're big, we're tightly knit. A  
2 hardworking people who don't always have their ears to  
3 the ground for things like what are happening, the  
4 redistricting. As I understand it, even the mayor of our  
5 county seat was taken by surprise, I guess, for whatever  
6 reason that people are working as hard and fast as they  
7 can.

8 And I think it's fair to say that those who are just  
9 now hearing about it are horrified by the idea of  
10 splitting our county and sending half of us to be with  
11 the coast where we have -- I mean, difficult access,  
12 physically, transportation-wise. The I-5 corridor is our  
13 transportation. Our business, our economy, our culture,  
14 are not so much in common with the coast. We don't even  
15 want to be in common with the dope-growing interest. And  
16 we just don't want to see this split of Siskiyou County  
17 happen. I'm asking if you would please try to fix that,  
18 because --

19 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

20 MS. DOWLING: I'd like to also mention that our  
21 climate issues are different. Thank you.

22 MR. MANOFF: Yeah.

23 MS. DOWLING: Good night.

24 MR. MANOFF: You -- you have twenty seconds  
25 remaining. Very good. Thank you so much.



1 MS. DOWLING: Oh. Okay.

2 MR. MANOFF: Have -- have a good night.

3 All right. Up next, we've got caller 6420, and then  
4 caller 1956, after that. Caller 6420, if you could  
5 follow the prompts to unmute, please. Caller 6420, if  
6 you could please follow the -- go ahead; the floor is  
7 yours. Caller 6420, you are unmuted. Can you hear me?  
8 Make sure your phone isn't muted.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes. I can hear you.

10 MR. MANOFF: Oh. There you are. Go ahead.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. I'm a Coachella Valley  
12 lifelong resident. I'm calling regarding the Senate  
13 District that you have drawn between San Bernardino and  
14 Imperial, Riverside, San Diego County. So essentially  
15 the last southeast Senate seats that you've drawn. If  
16 you pull up google maps to-date, and you type in the  
17 directions between Needles, California and Sunny  
18 Seaville, California, that is a five-and-a-half-hour  
19 drive. That is a Senate District that the demographers  
20 have drawn up for you all to consider. It is extremely  
21 upsetting to see that district be so large. When we  
22 started having conversations with the redistricting  
23 commission about the Senate seat out here, in our region,  
24 we were letting you know that a district between Blythe  
25 to Temecula was too large.

1           Now, you have somehow managed to double the  
2 geographic size of our Senate District. My request is  
3 that the commission work with the demographers to draw  
4 lines that encompass only Riverside and Imperial County,  
5 and exclude any territories within San Diego and San  
6 Bernardino County. And this really -- this -- my request  
7 does not only sit for the State Senate seat, but it also  
8 sits for the State Assembly seat. Thank you.

9           MR. MANOFF: Thank you. And just a reminder to  
10 those who have called in to give comment today, please  
11 press star 9. That will raise your hand. For those who  
12 we tried to go earlier, and we were unable to unmute, if  
13 you could please press star 9. We see you, and we will  
14 come back to you.

15           Up next, I've got caller 1956, and after that, will  
16 be caller 3948. Caller 1956, if you could please follow  
17 the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6? Go ahead; the  
18 floor is yours.

19           UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Well, first of all, God bless  
20 you all for all the hard work that you're doing. I say  
21 that as somebody who is the daughter of an almost 94-  
22 year-old Holocaust survivor. My parents moved to Orange  
23 County in 1956, and we are long-time residents since  
24 then. Since the Track of Rossmoor opened in 1960. My  
25 parents are original home owners. My dad passed away,

1 but my mom's still here, sitting right next to me, as is  
2 my son. And we're really calling to say that we would,  
3 you know, respectfully ask that Rossmoor, that's always  
4 been unincorporated, along with Philla Park. We are the  
5 two that, you know, people come from all over. They move  
6 here because of the wonderful community that we are.  
7 That we maintain the representation with our Orange  
8 County cities. My dad started Palm Harbor Hospital,  
9 Anaheim General, Fountain Valley Hospitals, that still  
10 service the communities out here. I'm the former  
11 associate director of the Anti-Defamation League of  
12 Orange County, as well as the former deputy city attorney  
13 of Garden Grove. My dad opened his practice in  
14 Westminster. My sisters and I all went to all of the Los  
15 Alamitos Unified School District, and before that, we  
16 were part of Anaheim Union School District.

17 All our news, Orange County Magazine, Orange County  
18 Register, Orange County Weekly; all of our utilities, the  
19 Los Alamitos Naval Air Station, the Huntington Beach Air  
20 Show --

21 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We basically -- my husband is  
23 buried in Harbor Mount Olive, and I know I'll be there  
24 someday with him in Costa Mesa. And again, I just think  
25 with our sheriff, with everything that, you know, we work

1 with here in Orange County --

2 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

3 MS. DOWLING: -- our values. You know, we like Long  
4 Beach, but you know, our values and our culture,  
5 everything, the fabric of who we are, is here in Orange  
6 County. So I want to thank you so much for that.

7 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. And up next, we've got  
8 caller 3948, and after that, we have caller 0180. Caller  
9 3948, if you could please follow the prompts to unmute by  
10 pressing star 6. Go ahead; the floor is yours.

11 MALE SPEAKER: Hello. I just want to say, thank  
12 you, for allowing this public comment to happen. My name  
13 is Justin. I'm from the city of Fresno. And I just want  
14 to say that Fresno's -- the City of Fresno has a huge  
15 Latino community that is very important to us, with  
16 similar interests and needs, and should be together in  
17 Congress, Assembly, and Senate. So as the commission  
18 draws anchor districts in Central Valley, they should  
19 include the majority of the City of Fresno in this anchor  
20 district to ensure the Latino community isn't being  
21 separated from each other. And the reason why I say this  
22 is because the current map -- the current maps skip over  
23 the Latino precincts in Fresno. Which I don't think is  
24 the intention of the commission, and shouldn't be done.  
25 There is no ability to -- or there is an ability to draw

1 an anchor district that includes most of Fresno, with the  
2 exception of northeast Fresno. I feel that with the  
3 current maps, this would harm the -- the ability of the  
4 Latino community to elect a representative of their  
5 choice.

6 So I urge the commission to reconsider -- I'm sorry.  
7 To reconsider separating the Latino community in Fresno.  
8 And thank you so much.

9 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. And we are at about forty  
10 minutes left in our time here together. I want to let  
11 the people with their hands raised know that I see them,  
12 and to let you know that there is hope in sight. We  
13 are -- up next, we'll have caller 0180. Then will be  
14 1153, then 1270, then 2769, and then caller 4201. And  
15 those are all the raised hands that I have. If you did  
16 not hear the last four digits of your number, please  
17 press star 9 to get in the queue.

18 Up next, we've got 0180. If you could go ahead and  
19 press star 6 to unmute? That's caller with the last four  
20 00 -- I'm sorry. 0180. If you could please press star 6  
21 to unmute. One more time. Caller with the last four  
22 0180, if you could please press star 6 to unmute?

23 All right. We will come back to you. Up next,  
24 we've got caller 1153, and after that, will be 1270.  
25 Caller 1153, if you could please press star 6 to unmute.

1 Again, that's caller with the last four 1153, you can  
2 unmute at this time by pressing star 6, please? Go  
3 ahead; the floor is yours.

4 MS. SWANSON: Thank you. My name is Rebekah  
5 Swanson. I am a teacher, a mom, community member, and  
6 city council member in Hesperia. And I want to thank the  
7 commissioners for their time and what they've been able  
8 to do, and for being there to hear from our community.  
9 We -- certainly in Congressional visualizations that  
10 kept -- keep our San Bernardino County high desert  
11 intact. I appreciate that they see that. Keeping us  
12 with other rural communities to whom we're tied. It  
13 really means a lot to me to have the commission take our  
14 public input seriously, and it's reflected in the  
15 visualization. I want to say thank you for that, but  
16 also, I wanted to say too that we have really benefited  
17 from having representation from State Senator Scott Will.  
18 And part of our desire to be placed with others in the  
19 high desert area -- he made it his focus to build a  
20 bridge between our communities, but as he will come out,  
21 we don't have (indiscernible) and leadership is going to  
22 be continued. So we -- we really, really appreciate that  
23 the commission is listening to us. And I want to thank  
24 you again.

25 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. And this time, I'm going to

1 go back to caller 0040, they've raised their hand.

2 Again, this is caller 0040, if you could try again, star  
3 6 to unmute. Go ahead; the floor is yours.

4 MR. SHARMA: Thank you. I appreciate your time. My  
5 name is Rischi Paul Sharma. I'm a councilman down in  
6 Laguna Niguel, California. I certainly appreciate the  
7 large -- large task at hand here. Laguna Niguel sits on  
8 the south end of Congressional District Number 48. As  
9 electeds, our ability to act effectively necessitates an  
10 intimate understanding with many things. Amongst those,  
11 the history, geography, social issues, and values of the  
12 people we represent. Geographically, the separation  
13 presented by Camp Pendleton Marine Corps, does in fact  
14 dramatically distinguish the communities north of  
15 Pendleton from those south of Camp Pendleton. Now  
16 looking at San Clemente north to Huntington Beach,  
17 collectively, we're all threaded together with a unique  
18 set of social issues, connecting the infrastructure such  
19 as Pacific Coast Highway, road management, tourism,  
20 police and fire services, and environmental concerns.

21 We are uniquely a community of interest and  
22 respectfully request to be a united district of Orange  
23 County beach cities. Thank you for your time and  
24 consideration. I yield the phone.

25 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Glad we were able to

1 reconnect with you. Next up, is caller 1270, and after  
2 that, will be caller 2769. Caller 1270, if you could  
3 please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6?  
4 Again, that's caller with the last four -- go ahead; the  
5 floor is yours.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you. One second,  
7 please. Yes. Thank you so much for all the work that's  
8 been done so far. This has been amazing, and it's been  
9 incredibly difficult. I'm calling in support of  
10 visualization east Contra Costa 10/27. This Assembly  
11 district map fulfills the community interest, and brings  
12 some of the agricultural islands in (indiscernible) areas  
13 of east Contra Costa County together.

14 East Contra Costa heavily relies on having a healthy  
15 San Joaquin Delta to provide fresh water to farm. We  
16 have amazing year-round farmers market as a result.  
17 Also, much entertainment and sporting events takes place  
18 on the delta. The City of Oakley sponsors a really hard-  
19 fought fishing tournament. You guys should come out and  
20 try it sometime.

21 We also share transportation routes, and Highway 4,  
22 and Vasco Road, to get to various other highways. To get  
23 from as far -- as far as Stockton, all the way to Oakland  
24 in San Francisco. We need a strong, cohesive  
25 representation to keep -- to ensure that the San Joaquin



1 Delta gets funding to shore up, clean up, and reinforce  
2 its channels and tributaries.

3 We've seen several maps that kind of chop the San  
4 Joaquin Delta in half, and we can't have the top of the  
5 San Joaquin Delta with one representation and the bottom  
6 with another. The biggest threat to the health of the  
7 entire San Joaquin Delta is intrusion of sea water  
8 salinating the fresh farm water that is -- is needed by  
9 all who participate --

10 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

11 MR. SHARMA: -- in -- in -- in the delta and also  
12 all of the tributaries. So I -- I strongly support this  
13 visualization map east Contra Costa 10/27. Thank you so  
14 much for all of your work, and I appreciate your time.

15 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. And up next, we've got  
16 caller 2769, and then after that, it'll be caller 4201.  
17 And again, if you want to speak tonight, press star 9.

18 Up next, caller 2769, if you could please press star  
19 6 to unmute? Again, that's caller with the last four  
20 digits 2769, if you could please press star 6 to unmute?  
21 One more time. Caller with the last four digits 2769.  
22 Go ahead; the floor is yours.

23 MALE SPEAKER: Hi. Thank you. My name is Robert.  
24 I am a lifelong Kern County resident, and I want to  
25 reiterate on a point that was made earlier. The -- the

1 areas of Clovis and Fresno don't share a community of  
2 interest, in my eyes, with Bakersfield. It's -- it's a  
3 distance of 120, 130 miles. It's a two-hour drive.  
4 It's -- you would be doing -- in my mind, you would be  
5 nothing but quieting the voices that stand out.  
6 They're -- I mean, they're two beautiful, separate  
7 communities, and they should stay as such, in my opinion.

8 Thank you for your time.

9 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. And our last hand of the  
10 night is caller 4201. Again, if you have called in to  
11 give comment tonight, and you have not yet spoken, and  
12 you wish to speak, please press star 9 to raise your  
13 hand. And we will come back to you.

14 Caller 4201, if you could please follow the prompts  
15 to unmute? Again, this is for the caller with the last  
16 four digits 4201, if you could please press star 6 to  
17 unmute? Go ahead; the floor is yours.

18 MR. WALDMAN: Thank you. The prompt doesn't show  
19 up, by the way. I just happened to hit it. Well I --  
20 I'm the only thing standing between you and finishing.  
21 This is Stuart Waldman, from the San Fernando Valley  
22 Redistricting Coalition. I apologize, I had called in  
23 earlier and apparently missed my time slot. We -- the  
24 visualizations regarding the San Fernando Valley are  
25 great. We appreciate them. You listened after A and B.

1 I do have concerns that all the changes that are going to  
2 push districts down may have a negative impact on the San  
3 Fernando Valley. We are hoping that we will have  
4 districts wholly contained in the valley -- San Fernando  
5 Valley. Or districts that are majority San Fernando  
6 Valley.

7 We also ask that -- there are 760,000 Latinos in the  
8 San Fernando Valley. I don't understand why your  
9 attorney is telling you, you don't have to have a  
10 Congressional seat. We never had a Congressional seat  
11 before that was Latino until the independent  
12 redistricting commission. It -- we should have one  
13 again. We should have a Senate seat, and we should also  
14 have two Assembly seats.

15 Let's see. Mulholland, we continue to ask that  
16 that -- that you not go south of Mulholland. That you go  
17 east, west, or north, if you have to leave the valley.  
18 And we hope that the lack of comments from the  
19 commissioners are evidence that you also like the  
20 districts as well.

21 So I want to thank you for your hard work, and I'm  
22 sure I'll talk to you soon.

23 MR. MANOFF: Thank you so much. And again, for  
24 those who have called in tonight who have not spoken and  
25 given comment, if you could please press star 9, that

1 will raise your hand. Again, that's star 9, on your  
2 telephone keypad. Well, we can only hope that you are  
3 content to listen.

4 Chair, we have no raised hands at this time.

5 MS. TURNER: Okay. Wonderful. Thank you, Kristian.  
6 Job well done. And thank you to all the callers that  
7 have dialed in to speak and give us public comment,  
8 feedback, input.

9 MR. MANOFF: Oh. We do have a hand now.

10 MS. TURNER: We certainly do appreciate you. And  
11 one --

12 MR. MANOFF: Chair, would you like to take the  
13 caller that --

14 MS. TURNER: I --

15 MR. MANOFF: -- raised their hand?

16 MS. TURNER: I do hear you. One second.

17 MR. MANOFF: Okay.

18 MS. TURNER: And I'd just like to say, I appreciate  
19 all of you for listening this time period. We have one  
20 hand that wanted to be the last. The very last, after  
21 Mr. Stuart. So we are going to invite you to share at  
22 this time. Yes, Kristian.

23 MR. MANOFF: Sounds good. And this is going to be  
24 caller 8029; we see your hand. If you could please press  
25 star 6 to unmute? The floor is yours.

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (In Spanish, not translated).

2 MR. MANOFF: (Spanish spoken).

3 MS. TURNER: (Spanish spoken). Thank you so much.

4 And just to let everyone know that we will have the  
5 comments that come in non-English translated. And they  
6 will be posted. We will get those comments, and we  
7 appreciate you for calling in. And with that, we have  
8 one more hand. We have our, we have our final hand for  
9 the evening. Our final-final.

10 MR. MANOFF: And that's caller 9244, if you could  
11 please press star 6 to unmute.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Spanish spoken).

13 MR. MANOFF: The floor is yours.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (In Spanish, not translated).

15 MR. MANOFF: (Spanish spoken).

16 MS. TURNER: (Spanish spoken). Okay. And everyone  
17 else in queue, looks like, have spoken. Yeah. We will  
18 be available tomorrow for public comment. We start at 9  
19 a.m. tomorrow morning. And so we are going to adjourn.  
20 The agenda is posted, and so we are going to adjourn  
21 until that time. Tomorrow morning at 9 a.m. And we do  
22 hope you'll join us, or encouraging others for public  
23 comment tomorrow. Thank you.

24 (Whereupon, the public meeting adjourned at  
25 6:08 p.m.)

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