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2 Saturday, December 18, 2021 9:30 a.m.

3 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Good morning. They turned it on  
4 before I was ready for this. So here we go. But we're  
5 ready.

6 We're ready to get started. Good morning, today is  
7 December 18, 2021. It's the full Commission meeting, we  
8 are continuing with our -- finalizing our maps, but  
9 before we start, I believe, Ravi, can you please take  
10 roll?

11 MR. SINGH: Yes. Good morning, Madam Chair.

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Good morning, Ravi.

13 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fornaciari.

14 Commissioner Kennedy.

15 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.

16 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Le Mons.

17 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Here.

18 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Sadhwani.

19 Commissioner Sinay.

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Here.

21 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Taylor.

22 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Present.

23 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Toledo.

24 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Here.

25 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Turner.

1 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Here.

2 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Vazquez.

3 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Here.

4 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Yee.

5 COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.

6 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Ahmad. Commissioner  
7 Akutagawa.

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Here.

9 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Andersen.

10 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Here.

11 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fernandez.

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Presente.

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

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Ravi. Welcome everyone  
15 again. So today we are going to start full speed, full  
16 speed ahead in order to finalize our maps. Thank you all  
17 for joining us and thank you to my fellow Commissioners  
18 and the line drawers. We've got a lot to do and I have  
19 the utmost faith in everyone that we're going to get it  
20 all done. So we're going to start off and finish off  
21 Senate, and the one thing with Senate is, we'll finish it  
22 this morning and we'll review it before we go take public  
23 comment because we will not be able to come back to  
24 Senate.

25 And the reason for that is that there's quite a bit

1 of analysis that needs to be done with the Senate, it  
2 takes at least a day. So once we approve it, we going to  
3 lock it up and give it to California and that's what we  
4 will be bringing forward later. And then after we finish  
5 the Senate, we will go to Congress, finish that up,  
6 there's only a couple of things I'm going -- We'll go  
7 through it to make sure that I do have a list of  
8 everything that we still have outstanding for both Senate  
9 and Congress. I think I do, but of course, this is a  
10 collaboration between the fourteen of us.

11 And after we do that, then we will draft the Board  
12 of Equalization map, and that will be based on the  
13 districts that we have. The initial base will be the  
14 districts that we have for Senate. And hopefully, we get  
15 all that done before our meal break.

16 In the afternoon, we'll come back and we will go  
17 back to the Assembly that we approved -- or we had  
18 consensus last or two weeks ago, I guess it was. So  
19 we'll go back. Again, as I mentioned last night the  
20 phase we're at, just minor edits, minor refinements. No  
21 more iterations, no more going off and trying to map  
22 different iterations and versions of areas.

23 And so hopefully, we'll get that done today, and  
24 then we will go to public comment. We do expect to go to  
25 close session in the afternoon after we come back from



1 our meal, and our run of show is posted on our website.  
2 And also in case you're having trouble finding the most  
3 current iterations, please go onto our data tab and go  
4 into our map viewer and on the box, it'll show -- just  
5 click whichever iteration you want. If you want to see  
6 what the current maps look like, or if you want to see  
7 what our draft look like, or if you want to see what the  
8 current iteration. And with that --

9 Oh, and then we'll also before we leave the Senate,  
10 we will go back and see if there's any potential for  
11 nesting. We kind of went there yesterday, but we're  
12 going to do it one more time before we finalize  
13 everything. There might be possibilities if there's  
14 minor changes or edits to our lines. So with that, we  
15 will start, as I said, with Senate. And so right now  
16 with Senate, in terms of what I have, we were almost  
17 finalizing the discussion regarding Gilroy and San  
18 Benito. So we've got that. And then we also, we're  
19 going to go back to SACRAMENTO.

20 There were a couple of areas that we were  
21 researching. And I want to open it up to the  
22 Commissioners. Was there -- am I missing any other areas  
23 that we still had hanging or do we still need to go back  
24 to, or you still want to go back to?

25 Okay, Commissioner Andersen.

1 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I'm still working on it, but  
2 hopefully the East Bay, you know, the San Leandro Area.

3 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Hold on. And when you --

4 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: San Leandro, Ashland Area.

5 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. And when you say you're  
6 working on it, you're working on the numbers and trying  
7 to see what will work?

8 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes, I know some exchanges  
9 but I'm trying to see exactly.

10 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay, great. Thank you.  
11 Commissioner Sinay.

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: This is a small one. We  
13 received a note from the Sycuan Band of Indians in San  
14 Diego. And they said that their tribe was the only one  
15 that was split from the Kumeyaay tribes, and I just  
16 wanted to check that.

17 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you. Let's see,  
18 Commissioner Andersen, you were done? Did you have  
19 anything else? Your hand is still up.

20 COMMISSIONER Andersen: Oh, sorry.

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And I'm going to label that you  
22 did a Taylor.

23 Commissioner Turner.

24 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Chair. I wondered  
25 for those that were working closer in Los Angeles, was

1 anyone working on this uniting Hemet and East Hemet?

2 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I don't believe anyone was working  
3 on that. Is that something that you were working on?

4 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I lifted it the other day and  
5 there, again, not having familiarity with the area, I  
6 thought there were some others that was going to take it  
7 on, but yeah, by the time we get there, I'll have  
8 something for you. Thank you.

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Anything else?

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Oops, sorry.

11 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. So Commissioner Sinay.

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Sorry. The requests that we're  
13 getting from Eagle Rock and Carson being split -- I'm  
14 sorry, I was just going to look it up, I couldn't --

15 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: That's for the Assembly. So when  
16 we get to the Assembly -- I think a few of us have  
17 already brought that up. So I did note that for Assembly  
18 but thank you for --

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Sorry.

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: -- making sure that we don't  
21 forget. Anything else by the Commissioners? Okay. Oh,  
22 you know what? Executive Director Hernandez, do we have  
23 anything for business? Sorry, I just kind of went  
24 straight to line drawing.

25 MR. HERNANDEZ: No.

1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: There's a nod of no. So okay, we  
2 are okay to go into line drawing. And I see that was  
3 Kennedy. Are you up first? Is that the order? I don't  
4 know if Karin's there yet. I was on the -- we were  
5 speaking earlier and I wasn't sure if she's actually  
6 arrived where --

7 MS. WILSON: She is here. We're all here all next  
8 to each other.

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. I'm glad that everyone's  
10 cozy. Everyone's safe and together. And so should we  
11 start with -- do we want to start with the SACRAMENTO and  
12 Leandro? Is that what we want to do?

13 MS. WILSON: That sounds great.

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. So Kennedy, you would --  
15 okay, thank you. And in terms of the SACRAMENTO, we left  
16 it off. I was going to do some research and then if you  
17 can just zoom in, please do. Let's see. Yes, I believe  
18 we're going to move in Alberta and Antelope into  
19 SACRAMENTO because I needed to do some research to see  
20 what communities of interest were.

21 MS. WILSON: So sorry. I was a little confused.  
22 Look at moving Antelope Alberta and just the SACRAMENTO.

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes.

24 MS. WILSON: Okay. Let's try that now.

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. And this was based on

1 yesterday, Commissioner Yee and Commissioner Ahmad had  
2 worked on this area and they weren't sure is to which  
3 community should be in which districts. So did a little  
4 bit of research and this should not cause us to go over  
5 our deviations. If you can let us know, Kennedy, that'd  
6 be great.

7 MS. WILSON: Yes. Let me pull up the pending  
8 changes window for you and make it a bigger font than  
9 what it is now so that we can all read this.

10 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Kennedy appreciates that as do I,  
11 but I'm trying to give it to him.

12 MS. WILSON: So that is about 54,352 people.  
13 Deviation in SACRAMENTO goes to a 0.6 but cluster. Yes.

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Apparently, my numbers were  
15 very different than your numbers. That's okay, we are  
16 just going to leave it -- leave it -- actually, let's  
17 bring Elverta in.

18 Are there any questions or concerns? Commissioner  
19 Kennedy.

20 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Just -- since there is  
21 overpopulation in East CA I didn't know whether you had  
22 any swaps that you wanted to do from there into class RED  
23 to bring us back into acceptable deviation, thanks.

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: No, thank you. Can you go back  
25 down, Kennedy? Let's see, and it was two percent, right?

1 So that means we have to -- I thank you for that, I think  
2 I was trying to look at the neighboring communities and  
3 it looks like -- I believe this will be a good swap. I  
4 think the communities that are next to each other should  
5 be next to each other, and I don't want to break those  
6 up. So are there any other questions, concerns, general  
7 consensus? Okay, Kennedy please -- thank you.

8 MS. WILSON: And boom, it's done and they're  
9 at negative 4.34 percent SACRAMENTO and class RED is  
10 at negative 2.16 percent.

11 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay great, thank you so much. Is  
12 there anything else in this area before we move on?

13 Okay, I don't see any hands so we're going to move  
14 to -- Commissioner Andersen, are you ready for San  
15 Leandro?

16 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Do we have another area of  
17 the East Senate that we're also working on?

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Well, we have other areas but  
19 right now we're kind of in the northern area.

20 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay.

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And then -- I'll give you a few  
22 minutes. I'm going to stall for you. How's that?

23 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you. (Indiscernible,  
24 simultaneous speech) --

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: We can always come -- we can

1 always come back. I was just trying to kind of be a  
2 little bit more efficient with the line drawer's time.  
3 But that's -- Tamina, is Gilroy correct?

4 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Tamina is also this area --  
5 that (indiscernible, simultaneous speech).

6 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right, right. But I think -- I  
7 think both of you with both Kennedy -- we just -- we  
8 wanted to tie up the Gilroy-San Benito, so if we can just  
9 go there quickly. And I'm going to -- I'm going to say  
10 what I believe we did yesterday, and Commissioner  
11 Kennedy's going to correct me if I'm wrong. So yesterday  
12 we did try to bring Gilroy in, and we did try to look at  
13 some of the population from San Benito to include from  
14 Hollister with the San Ben Fresno District, and we opted  
15 not to do any of that. So right now the maps that you  
16 see are the maps that we are going forward with at this  
17 time.

18 That's my understanding of where we left off, and  
19 Commissioner Akutagawa.

20 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, thank you. I do have  
21 a question, I noted in last night's comment as well as  
22 I -- I believe I saw skimming through this morning's COI  
23 testimony on the Airtable, there was a request to move  
24 the business district of SANJOSE's Little Saigon in with  
25 the residential area. And they did note that it's part

1 of that VRA district part of SANJOSE, but they felt that  
2 because it's a business district, they thought that there  
3 would be no implications to the LCVAP or even the  
4 deviations, so I --

5 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Well, is this for the Senate?

6 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes. Senate District.

7 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: For the SANJOSE District?

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, do you see that  
9 little arm that cuts in?

10 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes, but that's not a -- that's  
11 not a VRA district, correct?

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Oh, Tami -- it's not a VRA  
13 district, I'm sorry, I guess just wherever that arm is  
14 it -- it --

15 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Can we zoom in, please?

16 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah.

17 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Let's zoom in.

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: And I'm not -- to be  
19 honest, I'm not sure exactly, I just wanted to just lift  
20 it up and just see if we could take a look at it.

21 And Tamina, I don't know if you might be more  
22 familiar with the area?

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And so with -- what area was it  
24 again Commissioner Akutagawa?

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: They mentioned Evergreen.



1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Is Tamina -- oh, there's Tamina,  
2 okay.

3 MS. RAMOS ALON: I'm sorry, I had to -- so Evergreen  
4 is actually losing out a little bit.

5 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: So it's far out?

6 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Is this area around here.

7 (Indiscernible, simultaneous speech) --

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And I don't know if either -- if  
9 Commissioner Yee or somebody else is familiar with --

10 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Specifically the area, this  
11 was just --

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

13 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- Just a input so.

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay, and I see Commissioner Yee  
15 has his hand up.

16 COMMISSIONER YEE: I'm pretty sure this relates to  
17 the Congressional districts, and not a Senate.

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay, so if you can  
19 remember to bring it up for Congressional.

20 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I thought they had  
21 said Senate, so that's why. Okay, no problem.

22 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay, great thank you.

23 Commissioner Sadhwani.

24 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes. Can you all hear me?

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: We can.

1           COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Okay. All right, sorry I'm  
2 actually just en route, but I was glad that I was able to  
3 log in. You know, I think my understanding where we left  
4 off yesterday was that we had looked at two options for  
5 bringing together, you know, many of the agricultural  
6 workers and essential workers in this area. I didn't  
7 realize that that was the end of that, or I hope it's not  
8 the end of it. My preference would still be to try and  
9 find a way to bring in the communities of Gilroy, San --  
10 I believe it's San -- I don't have my notes in front of  
11 me right now, San Martin and Morgan Hill into the San  
12 Benito District.

13           I understand that that means swapping some of the  
14 areas in Santa Cruz to have them go with SANJOSE. I  
15 think to me that would still make sense to go in that  
16 route. These are, you know, million-person districts so  
17 it's almost -- you know, we have to make trade-offs, and  
18 for me, I would like to see those communities be able to  
19 be kept together in the (audio interference) districts.

20           CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you. And I may defer  
21 to Commissioner Kennedy, but I believe where we left it  
22 yesterday, and I will go to Commissioner Andersen in a  
23 second, is we had tried various iterations, and at the  
24 end, this is what we came to. This is the only map where  
25 Santa Clara -- where is whole, and this is the only

1 iteration where we have Santa Cruz Monterey and San  
2 Benito all together. And I believe the consensus was  
3 that we were all good with it. With that, I will go to  
4 Commissioner Andersen.

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, thank you Chair, I was  
6 just verifying something. Yeah, I think this is the only  
7 one where Santa Cruz is axed with Monterey et cetera and  
8 Santa Cruz has been cut up in pretty much every other  
9 one. But I think this is only seated at Gilroy, I'd have  
10 to see the Latino heat map to see if San Martin is  
11 also -- there's quite a bit of distance as I drag that  
12 area before you hit Gilroy. And the community of  
13 interest's testimony is Gilroy, Watsonville, Hollister.

14 So I was really shooting for Gilroy, but I thought  
15 it ended up taking -- because I don't have the numbers on  
16 Gilroy right now, but I thought it ended up taking  
17 significant amounts of Santa Cruz. And I think  
18 Commissioner Fornaciari was the one who said, "No, you  
19 know, really guys, sorry. I can't do that." So that was  
20 my --

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you.

22 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- understanding what  
23 happened.

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Great, thank you. Commissioner  
25 Toledo, great timing.

1           COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: It was very difficult to make  
2 many major adjustments we were exploring. I think  
3 Commissioner Andersen did bring up Gilroy, I remember  
4 that. And we had already been looking at alterations  
5 around Gilroy and San Martin and other agricultural  
6 areas, and we're looking for a swap that we could do. So  
7 maybe as we go through San Leandro, and if there's a swap  
8 that we can do but it just looks very difficult. So if  
9 we can't make a simple swap, I think we're going to have  
10 to move on, but if there's a simple swap that we can do  
11 to bring in the City of Gilroy, San Martin.

12           And I believe it's the little city on the -- in San  
13 Martin area, of the Gilroy-San Martin area and into  
14 that -- Morgan Hill, thank you. So those are the three  
15 cities that we're trying to do but that's a lot of  
16 people, and there may not be an appropriate swap, and  
17 that was our -- when we decided not to bring in San  
18 Benito, or Hollister rather, when we decided not to bring  
19 in Hollister, it made bringing Gilroy, and San Martin  
20 very difficult. So if we can't find a swap I think we  
21 have to move on, unfortunately. Thank you.

22           CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes, thank you. Thank you Tamina,  
23 it would be at least 112,000 right. Commissioner Sinay.

24           COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you. Yesterday  
25 Commissioners had asked about Mira Mesa in San Diego and

1 I had said that it wasn't -- we were given very finite  
2 time yesterday to look and we really worked on the south-  
3 eastern portion. There may be a way to fix that line.  
4 It might involve two little swaps and so I just wanted to  
5 ask if I could look into that.

6 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: It will be quick. Commissioner  
7 Andersen.

8 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: On this area, I definitely  
9 wouldn't do Morgan Hill. It's so changed than it was  
10 just a few years ago. I'd just straight try to get  
11 Gilroy in and so it's only the 60,000 but it was still a  
12 lot.

13 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: We did look into that yesterday.

14 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Correct.

15 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: So at this point, we are at the  
16 point where there was general consensus and this is how  
17 we're going to leave it and we are going to move on at  
18 this point.

19 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Then can we go to -- since  
20 we saw with Tamina, I think the only other outstanding  
21 issue is trying to do something about San Leandro?

22 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes. I was going to go there,  
23 Commissioner Andersen.

24 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Great. Okay. I'm just  
25 going to take my few minutes here. You see San Leandro

1 and the San Lorenzo casually Ashland here in Alameda  
2 County. And what we've done here is take them out of  
3 Alameda County and put them into Contra Costa County.  
4 It's the only way you can get to Contra Costa County  
5 which they're with is there's a small road called Crow  
6 Canyon that goes into San Ramon. Otherwise, you have to  
7 go out to 580 into Dublin and up to 680 to get in there.  
8 Castro Valley has a little bit that does go over the  
9 bill.

10 San Leandro, Ashland, Lorenzo being thrown over,  
11 it's working-class minorities to be thrown into much  
12 wealthier area is not to say it's not very popular. It's  
13 not going to be popular, but then also to not be in their  
14 own county is really bad. I was really trying to do  
15 something with it, but not having any play in the Sac  
16 stand is just killing it. I could not come up with an  
17 idea that would actually work without breaking multiple  
18 COIs. And I'd really like to try to do something but  
19 Commissioner Yee and I Commissioner Turner and I,  
20 Commissioner Fornaciari and I have been looking at it.

21 And I just have to mention that because they are not  
22 going to be happy.

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: At the end of the day there's a  
24 lot of cities that aren't with their counties or county  
25 lines are broken, unfortunately, but this is our mandate.

1 Our mandate is to draw fair lines based on all of the  
2 communities of interest and unfortunately, many of the  
3 communities of interest do conflict. And then we also  
4 have population restrictions and we have Voting Rights  
5 Act districts. We do have other criteria that are  
6 higher.

7 So with that Commissioner Andersen, it sounds like  
8 we are moving forward with what we have now, right?  
9 Correct?

10 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes. It was the Eden Tech  
11 area. The Fremont going down is what happened.  
12 Unfortunately, this happens to this area in all three  
13 maps.

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Great. Sorry. Sorry about  
15 that but thank you so much. It looks like the next area  
16 we are going to is Los Angeles with Hemet and East Hemet.

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And that would be Jaime and  
19 Commissioner Turner. Just hold on a little bit,  
20 Commissioner Turner. We're going to wait for Jaime.

21 And again --

22 MS. CLARK: I am happy to work with you on this area  
23 and also East Hemet is in San Bernardino County.

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh. San Bernadino. Okay. It's  
25 in Sivan's?

1 MS. CLARK: It's in Sivan's area, yeah.

2 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay. Yeah.

3 MS. CLARK: Oops. It's in Riverside County. I  
4 apologize.

5 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh.

6 MS. CLARK: (Indiscernible, simultaneous speech) --

7 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Is Sivan on right now or no? No?  
8 That's fine. If you feel comfortable helping us with  
9 that, Jaime that would be great. I apologize.

10 MS. CLARK: Happy to. Sivan is on. I'm not sure if  
11 her map is set up right now.

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Sivan, if you're there let us  
13 know.

14 MS. TRATT: My map is not quite ready yet, but if  
15 you wanted to work on LA and then return to this in ten  
16 or fifteen minutes, I would be happy to take a look.

17 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: We don't have anything for Los  
18 Angeles, but Commissioner Turner if you could --

19 MS. TRATT: I can stay on hold while Jaime looks at  
20 this then and offer any insight.

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Great. Thank you. So I'm  
22 going to go to Commissioner Turner to see what she wanted  
23 to look at.

24 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes, I do. I wanted to look  
25 at the testimony that we've received since summer uniting



1 Hemet and East Hemet. I brought it up the other day and  
2 I'm not familiar with the area I was hoping one of the  
3 other Commissioners that is familiar with the area could  
4 pick it up so that it would move a little bit quicker.  
5 But I'm going to just go from the testimony and see if  
6 these are swaps that won't interrupt other COIs. This is  
7 an important COI that we've had for a while.

8       The request is, Jaime, you'll be more familiar with  
9 it from the SBRC to bring in Hemet and East Hemet from  
10 MCV that's going to unite a lot of the COIs there. And  
11 it suggests that with that move we're bringing in  
12 Eastvale. I just want you to hear it so that before we  
13 do it bring in Eastvale from the SVCR to balance. And  
14 then lastly bringing in some areas Sage, Idyllwild from  
15 the SWRC. So it's like a three-district slot. And what  
16 I was hoping to learn from the others I don't think or  
17 know if it breaks up any of the other COIs or what the  
18 issue would be, but we've had this since summer.

19       And I just feel like at least I've not heard us talk  
20 about it out loud and I just want to check on being able  
21 to make this happen.

22       MS. TRATT: Chair -- excuse me, sorry. Commissioner  
23 Turner, thank you so much for bringing this up. The  
24 other day we did take a look. So Hemet and East Hemet  
25 are currently together just in the (audio interference)

1 district. We had looked at potentially bringing them in  
2 or a portion of Hemet in at least and the effect was  
3 lowering the CVAP of the SBRC district or the Latino CVAP  
4 below fifty. Again, this is a VRA district, so I think  
5 this is a worthwhile swap to look at.

6 But I would just urge the Commission to remember the  
7 importance of VRA considerations and the fact that this  
8 is at a 52.14 Latino CVAP which we've been advised from  
9 VRA counsel to not lower any further. So I would, yeah,  
10 be curious to see what the results of this swap would be,  
11 but just remembering that this is VRA that we have worked  
12 extensively on already. So thank you.

13 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Sivan. I appreciate  
14 that information.

15 Commissioner Kennedy.

16 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. While we  
17 have Sivan whether it's now or later I wanted to also  
18 raise the issue of the Victor Valley and what the  
19 community is looking for there. Various sectors of the  
20 community are asking for Apple Valley to be switched for  
21 a portion of Hesperia. Apple Valley is about 75,000 or  
22 76,000 and that's currently in that Antelope Valley  
23 Victor Valley District if we could bring in, if we could  
24 move Apple Valley to the MCV District and bring as much  
25 of Hesperia as possible into the Antelope Valley Victor

1 Valley District, I think that would help.

2 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Let's just do one at a time  
3 and I didn't have that on my list. So let me put that on  
4 the list then. Commissioner Toledo.

5 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you, Chair. I do  
6 remember the SBRC conversation. I remember we tried to  
7 bring in Hemet and East Hemet. And our goals for this  
8 area was to get closer to somewhere a little bit higher  
9 in the CVAP. But the highest we could get it to was to  
10 the level we have at this point. So that was a challenge  
11 and continues to be a challenge. I know Sivan spent a  
12 lot of time on this. I think we should definitely take a  
13 look, but I know we spent quite a bit of time in the SBRC  
14 District.

15 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Question Commissioner -- oh,  
16 I'm sorry.

17 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Okay. Sorry.

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

19 COMMISSIONER TURNER: In the -- oh, I thought you  
20 had seen me.

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: No. I didn't see your hand,  
22 Commissioner Turner. So it sounds like we've already  
23 looked in it. We've tried to bring them in but it sounds  
24 like it lowered the CVAP, the Latino CVAP.

25 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: We did quite a few things, we

1 may not have done this swap. So it might be worthwhile  
2 to take a look at the swap.

3 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Jaime, do you have questions -- a  
4 comment?

5 MS. CLARK: Commissioner Toledo took the words right  
6 out of my mouth. We haven't -- I don't think we've tried  
7 this three-district rotation.

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. All right, great. So  
9 Commissioner Turner.

10 COMMISSIONER TURNER: That's it. I was just going  
11 to say, we've tried one thing they're giving us. And  
12 what I'm -- what I believe is, is that it will not  
13 reduce. Of course, we won't do it if it does, but I  
14 don't believe it does reduce, then we'll honor all of  
15 these other COIs as well.

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right. And we also need to make  
17 sure we're not -- there might be other COIs we may be  
18 splitting up, so we want to make sure that we're aware of  
19 everything. So thank you.

20 And then Commissioner Toledo, did you have  
21 something?

22 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I was just going to say I'm  
23 going to keep my fingers crossed.

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. All right. Let's go --

25 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you.

1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: -- let's go on this, hopefully  
2 somewhat quick journey, but let's go.

3 MS. CLARK: Yeah. Thank you so much.

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

5 MS. CLARK: So the current percent Latino CVAP of  
6 SBRC is 52.14 percent. And just doing the first two  
7 steps that Commissioner Turner outlined of adding this  
8 and then removing Eastvale, we'll be able to see right  
9 away if this is going to lower the CVAP of SBRC. So  
10 it'll be very quick and I'm going to make this change  
11 then go to Eastvale and look at that swap. So one  
12 moment. So removing Eastvale from SBRC won't change the  
13 Latino CVAP in SBRC to 51.01 percent.

14 Is this something that Commission would like to move  
15 forward with?

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: So what I'm seeing is that it's  
17 lowering the CVAP, but some of the changes -- so we don't  
18 know if potentially picking something else up might  
19 increase it.

20 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Right.

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. So --

22 COMMISSIONER TURNER: And what's with the -- go  
23 ahead.

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: So we can go on this journey but  
25 if it's eventually going to lower it, then we'll reverse

1 it back. Thank you.

2 MS. TRATT: Commissioner Turner, was there another  
3 piece that was going to be added or removed to SBRC?

4 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

5 MS. TRATT: Okay.

6 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I think they wanted -- didn't you  
7 want -- didn't they want Hemet -- wait, hold on.

8 MS. CLARK: Then I think the next thing was Sage in  
9 MCV.

10 COMMISSIONER TURNER: And the piece also that  
11 Commissioner Kennedy was talking about will also help  
12 with this.

13 MS. CLARK: So Commissioner Turner, could you please  
14 repeat the last part of the direction?

15 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

16 MS. CLARK: What area is Sage and what other areas  
17 should go with MCV, please?

18 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Sage, Idyllwild, Pine Cove,  
19 Mountain Center, and areas between Sage and Idyllwild,  
20 Pine Cove, and the Mountain Center from the SWRC.

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Kennedy, do you have  
22 something to add for this?

23 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes. The Hesperia Apple  
24 Valley Swap is going to be irrelevant to this as far as  
25 raising or lowering the LCVAP in SBRC. It's completely

1 different districts.

2 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

3 (Pause)

4 MS. CLARK: So with this change, the percent  
5 deviation of MCV would be negative 10.34 percent  
6 deviation. Are there other areas that we should review?

7 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Bring in Apple Valley and  
8 Spring Valley Lake into Ante -- Vic Cal, Victor Cal, and  
9 a portion of Hesperia.

10 MS. CLARK: Understood. Thank you. Well, I make  
11 that change.

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And just for clarification, right  
13 now Hesperia is whole, correct?

14 MS. CLARK: Yes.

15 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: So splitting. Okay.

16 MS. CLARK: Okay. So just moving Apple Valley in  
17 would make the percent deviation of the Antelope Victor  
18 Valley District, negative six percent. So I'm going to  
19 make this change, and then we can look at evening out the  
20 population between Hesperia and Antelope Valley and  
21 Victor Valley. So one moment, please, while I do that.  
22 And I'm wondering I'm -- I don't know if this would work,  
23 but oh, you know, Oak Falls would still be split. Never  
24 mind. Scratch that thought.

25 And Commissioner Turner, do you have direction on

1 what part of Hesperia?

2 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah, it's north of Main  
3 Street and west -- let's see, Fort -- let's see, include  
4 area north of Main Street West Avenue. Is that Hesperia --  
5 it's a portion of Hesperia. Unite more of Hesperia with  
6 other Victor Valley communities of Victorville and  
7 Adelanto. And the just the COI says for a simple fix  
8 include areas North of Main Street and West (audio  
9 interference).

10 MS. TRATT: Maybe I just -- before you spend time  
11 balancing this district, I just wanted to look back at  
12 SBRC and at the Latino CVAP and I would reask my question  
13 to Commissioner Turner about, if there were additional  
14 areas in SBRC District that you would like to add or  
15 remove because the Latino CVAP has dropped by a full  
16 percentage point after making these changes. So I just  
17 wanted to bring the Commission's attention back to that  
18 district, because I think that the Apple Valley swap is  
19 potentially something that we could explore as not  
20 related to these changes later.

21 But the VRA district would be a higher priority to  
22 make sure we're at a good place for.

23 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Sure. Sure it is. I don't --  
24 but I hope I'm not just trying on my own to do this for  
25 this particular COI. For those that know the area,



1 perhaps they can assist and help with this. I'm just  
2 trying to be responsive to the COIs that's coming in.

3 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I'm ignoring Andrew. No, I'm not.  
4 Andrew.

5 MR. DRESCHLER: Thank you, Chair. And the one thing  
6 that I just wanted to point out about SBRC is, this feels  
7 like weeks ago, but it was just a couple days ago. We as  
8 a -- we did this in live line drawing where that district  
9 started out at just over fifty percent. We were able to  
10 get it to 51.2 percent in live line drawing and just  
11 trying a number of different options that Commissioner  
12 Turner that you're describing, we did look at a number of  
13 these different options. And we were given direction to  
14 work off-line to see if we could increase that anymore  
15 and then that Sivan spent a lot of time working to get it  
16 to 52.14.

17 So we just wanted to -- happy if there's somebody --  
18 if somebody can think of another direction to go with  
19 SBRC where we can add more. But we did extensively look  
20 at this to get it to fifty-two, so I'm not sure where  
21 else we could go, but just wanted to remind everybody of  
22 that exploration that we did the other day. Thank you.

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Great. Thank you for that  
24 reminder, Andrew. And Commissioner Kennedy, or are you  
25 waiting for later?

1           COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: No, I was going to try to  
2 help Jaime save some time by saying that some of the  
3 input has indicated that we could probably balance that  
4 Apple Valley move in Hesperia just by using the same  
5 lines as were used in, I forget whether it's the Assembly  
6 map or the Congressional map. But you know, in general,  
7 I think it would be helpful to use previous lines where  
8 we can. Thank you.

9           CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Vazquez.

10          COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Sorry, I was just going to  
11 try to be responsive to Commissioner Turner. I am sort  
12 of vaguely familiar with this area in Riverside but I'm  
13 certainly not an expert so I would very much have to  
14 rely -- very much have to rely on COI testimony to  
15 support with this visualization. I'm in favor of  
16 exploring, but it sounds like what we got maybe wasn't  
17 sufficient with respect to our goals and SBRC. So I'm --  
18 and I will say that I think we've heard a lot. I  
19 remember absolutely hearing a lot, Hemet and East Hemet  
20 need to stay together.

21          I don't know that we heard a lot of Hemet and East  
22 Hemet need to stay together in a Riverside -- in a  
23 Southwest Riverside district. So I think just maybe sort  
24 of somewhat comparatively newer information and so we  
25 may -- I would love to be able to accommodate this

1 request but I think in terms of like order of priorities  
2 what we've heard from the community is keep us together,  
3 and then keep us together in this particular area. So  
4 that -- yeah, I'll leave it at that. Thank you.

5 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Commissioner Vazquez.  
6 Commissioner Sadhwani. And before -- just right before,  
7 sorry about that, we're taking -- okay, no, go ahead,  
8 Commissioner Sadhwani.

9 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I had worked a little  
10 bit on this with Sivan earlier in the week so I just  
11 wanted to lift that, you know, what Andrew had said. We  
12 actually did look at Hesperia knowing that COI was there.  
13 I believe in our Assembly lines, we have a cut in  
14 Hesperia. We had attempted to use that cut as  
15 potentially the same place where we would take from and  
16 it didn't lower the CVAP. And so I think, unfortunately,  
17 in this instance, I don't see a path forward to  
18 bringing -- to making Hemet to bring -- being able to  
19 bring him into that district.

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you Commissioner Sadhwani.  
21 Let's see, Sal, are you there? I was going to go to the  
22 -- sorry, the VRA counsel. Salvador --

23 MR. WOOCHEER: Good morning, Chair.

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Good morning, any -- or Fred's  
25 there as well so any feedback --

1 MR. WOOCHEER: (Indiscernible).

2 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: -- or comments to the conversation  
3 that we're having?

4 MR. WOOCHEER: Sorry, during we worked -- I've been  
5 working with Dale getting ready for the overview for you  
6 folks. Yes, you know, we've advised before the higher  
7 priority is obviously the Voting Rights Act Compliance  
8 takes precedence over COIs and we would advise against  
9 reducing the effect of -- potential effectiveness of a  
10 district solely for the purpose of a COI if that can be  
11 avoided.

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Great. Thank you. Is that the  
13 balance?

14 MS. CLARK: No.

15 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: It looks like it's balanced. No?

16 MS. CLARK: Yeah.

17 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

18 MS. CLARK: So this is balanced -- this again is the  
19 move between Antelope Valley and Victor -- I'm sorry  
20 between the Antelope Valley, Victor Valley district, and  
21 MCV. This change, I'll zoom in so we can see the  
22 streets. This is Main street following 7th Ave North.  
23 If the Commission would like to accept this we can, and  
24 then changing the Hemet, East Hemet like I'm doing those  
25 swaps we'll probably need to come and rebalance this.

1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay, Commissioner Toledo.

2 COMMISSION TOLEDO: Can we just zoom out a little  
3 bit? I'd like to see the district. Thank you.

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Well, as long as we've gone this  
5 far, let's continue on this journey. And again, if it  
6 doesn't work, we're -- we can reverse it. Thanks.

7 MS. CLARK: So I should accept this change?

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes. Thank you.

9 MS. CLARK: So where would you like to go next?  
10 What -- could you please --

11 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Turner, what was the  
12 next direction?

13 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Chair, I thought we competed  
14 but (indiscernible, simultaneous speech) --

15 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, was that it? Oh, wait, is it  
16 balanced -- hold on. Zoom up.

17 MS. CLARK: Yep, so everything is balanced I think  
18 that the --

19 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay, I thought it would be  
20 more.

21 MS. CLARK: -- question is whether you would like to  
22 keep SBRC as it is here with Hemet and East Hemet  
23 together without Eastvale. Or if you would prefer to go  
24 back to how it was before we start it.

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. We are going to go back to

1 the original. Unfortunately, it did lower the Latino  
2 CVAP and it was from 52.14 to 51.01. Thank you. Thank  
3 you, Jaime. And Commissioner Vazquez. Commissioner  
4 Vazquez, did you have something?

5 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Sorry, no.

6 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. We will go to Victor  
7 Valley. Commissioner Kennedy, was the Apple Valley for  
8 Hesperia, is that what it was?

9 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: We've done that.

10 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, you did do it?

11 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: We just did it.

12 MS. CLARK: We actually reverted those changes and  
13 so we can go we would -- we would have had to rebalance  
14 that anyway. So it sounds like the request is to remove  
15 Apple Valley and instead to split Hesperia.

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Great. I was concentrating  
17 more on the Hemet, East Hemet so sorry about that. Okay.  
18 Great. So that's done and so the last --

19 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Sorry, Chair, I didn't  
20 realize that it had been undone it was done --

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right, now it has to be done.  
22 Right. Okay, so now we still have to do it. Yes. Okay.  
23 All right. So let's do that.

24 Yes, thank you.

25 (Pause)

1 MS. CLARK: And Commissioner Turner it sounded --  
2 oh, excuse me, Commissioner Kennedy, it sounded like you  
3 would like me to use the same lines as an Assembly. Is  
4 that true or do you have different directions on where to  
5 split?

6 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Jaime. That was  
7 the suggestion that came from the community. I'm fine  
8 with it. It doesn't necessarily leave the shapeliest  
9 remainder of Hesperia but that was the guidance or that  
10 was the request that came in from the community. Thank  
11 you.

12 (Pause)

13 MS. CLARK: So this change would make the Antelope  
14 Valley, Victor Valley district negative 1.34 percent  
15 deviation and MCV 2.38 percent. I am going to -- it does  
16 follow the boundary for Assembly and in Hesperia. And  
17 I'm going to zoom out so that you can see sort of the  
18 change. So Apple Valley is here in MCV and then Hesperia  
19 would be split.

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And before Hesperia was not split,  
21 right, Jaime?

22 MS. CLARK: That's correct.

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Any comments regarding this  
24 move? Are we splitting up any COIs other than splitting  
25 the city, which is still a community of interest, but

1 Commissioner Kennedy?

2 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: You know, I'd be happy to see  
3 more of Hesperia in there. I think the idea or my  
4 understanding of the idea was to get as much of Hesperia  
5 as possible into there.

6 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

7 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: So I'd be happy to see more  
8 of the city moved in.

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

10 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you.

11 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes, that would be ideal.

12 (Pause)

13 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Jaime, to the left, is that part  
14 of Hesperia too on the -- oh, wait. I can't see. I need  
15 to zoom out.

16 MS. CLARK: This, on the very left, is Oak Hills.  
17 And also --

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes. I know that's the other  
19 side.

20 MS. CLARK: Hesperia, the 15 does go through  
21 Hesperia and it kind of it splits Oak Hills down the  
22 middle, so Oak Hills has two noncontiguous sections.

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. We have to keep it.

24 MS. CLARK: On either side of the 15 which includes  
25 Hesperia.



1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. The zooming out  
2 helped.

3 MS. CLARK: Hey, yeah.

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yeah. So it looks like you're  
5 able to get all of it. I think that's an extra.

6 MS. CLARK: Oh, yeah. Sorry, I was muted.

7 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: What do you think? That's an  
8 extra gift?

9 MS. CLARK: Yeah, sorry. I was muted. Yeah, it  
10 looks like you bring in -- it's basically trading Apple  
11 Valley for Hesperia and Oak Hills. And I'll zoom out so  
12 you can see.

13 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I think there's still a little bit  
14 on the bottom. Not that I'm a type-A or anything, but --

15 MS. CLARK: I think that --

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, no, it's, nope. That's true.  
17 Yeah.

18 MS. CLARK: And if you'd like, I can try and include  
19 these areas on the highway.

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: That was like the bonus, Jaime.  
21 You did a bonus right now.

22 MS. CLARK: We do what we can.

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

24 MS. CLARK: Chair, would you like me to make this  
25 change?

1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Do we -- does anyone have concerns  
2 with this change? Okay, let's lock it in. Nice swap.  
3 Okay. So let's see, per my notes, then that's it for  
4 this area. Correct?

5 Commissioner Kennedy? We're -- this is -- we're  
6 done with this area?

7 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. And the only other area I  
9 have a San Diego. Is that correct? Anything from the  
10 Commissioners? Going once, going twice? Okay. We're  
11 going to go to San Diego.

12 Thank you, Jaime, and Sivan.

13 And then I will hand it over to Commissioner Sinay  
14 for the tribal communities and land, right? Okay.

15 MS. TRATT: I can share my map if you wanted to, or  
16 if you want to -- I don't know how you want to do this.

17 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Jaime, is it easier for you to do  
18 it or what do you want to do?

19 MS. CLARK: Either or. I just wasn't sure if  
20 Sivan's map was ready. So that's why I was waiting. But  
21 I can share.

22 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

23 MS. CLARK: I have stopped sharing and Sivan can  
24 share.

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay, so that's sounds great.

1 We'll have Sivan share. Thank you.

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So well, I just wanted to put  
3 up the situation. I wanted to queue up the situation for  
4 all of us. So we've heard from the Sycuan. Okay.  
5 Originally, we tried to put all tribal lands together,  
6 and we worked really hard on that. And then we heard  
7 from the Pala Indians Chair that he did -- that they  
8 didn't want to do it that way, that they just go ahead  
9 and keep their lands to, you know, whatever makes sense,  
10 just split them in half. Now, we're hearing from Sycuan  
11 saying, please put us with the other Kumeyaay Nations.

12 And so I believe Sycuan is either -- Sycuan is the  
13 southeast corner if I'm not mistaken. And I -- and Sivan  
14 and Andrew, I'm hoping you can help on that. And didn't  
15 give us much more information than, put us with the other  
16 Kumeyaay tribes, which would be all the tribes of San  
17 Diego, from my understanding. So I just wanted to put  
18 that all in context to say, if it's that little corner,  
19 that's -- I thought that was Crest, but if that's the  
20 tribal land that's in Poway Escondido, if that's Sycuan,  
21 then we might be able. No, but I don't think that's  
22 Sycuan. Can you all tell us where Sycuan tribal is?

23 MS. TRATT: Yeah, sorry. I don't have labels. So I  
24 was just looking up a different map that I can reference.  
25 One moment, please.

1 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Sure.

2 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Kennedy?

3 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you. There's a listing  
4 of tribal lands at sandiego.edu. Sycuan band of Kumeyaay  
5 Nation is located twenty miles from San Diego, six miles  
6 from El Cajon between Interstate 8 and Highway 94.

7 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Right, the tight little spot  
8 right there.

9 MS. TRATT: Right. Commissioner Kennedy, would you  
10 repeat that one more time?

11 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Twenty miles from San Diego,  
12 six miles from El Cajon between Interstate 8 and State  
13 Highway 94.

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I think it's right by Crest.

15 MS. TRATT: Here?

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah. There we go. That's  
17 where I was -- so I think what I would suggest if we can,  
18 is move them. They are with the other --

19 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: They're in the same district  
20 with --

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: With Crest, but they're also in  
22 the same district with some of the other --

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Some of the other tribal lands,  
24 correct.

25 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- tribal lands in the north.

1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right. And take them out.

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Would -- you would only put  
3 them in SCCA which the other tribal --

4 MS. TRATT: Currently, they're in the Cajon District  
5 which does not stretch north. I think what would be an  
6 easy move would be moving this population into the SD-  
7 POW-Escondido District, which would include other  
8 reservations in the central kind of corridor of the  
9 state.

10 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay, let's see how that looks.  
11 Thank you, Sivan.

12 MS. TRATT: Yeah, absolutely. Okay. Let me just  
13 bring up the pending changes box.

14 (Pause)

15 MS. TRATT: All right, so it looks like that. There  
16 are 187 people who were counted as living in this land  
17 for the census. So we could make this population move  
18 and not necessarily need to move any population back in  
19 to keep the districts balanced. Should I go ahead and  
20 commit this, Chair?

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yeah, just one second.  
22 Commissioner Kennedy, did you have anything else?

23 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: No, thank you, Chair.

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Commissioner Sinay, are  
25 there any issues? Anyone have any comments regarding

1 this move? Okay, let's lock it in.

2 MS. TRATT: All right. That change is committed. I  
3 would note that it looks like there is a small section of  
4 the City of Crest that has overlap, so that will show up  
5 as the split. But I think for the purposes we are trying  
6 to do that, that's an okay thing.

7 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Great. Thank you, Sivan. Okay,  
8 that is all that I have for Senate. Oops, oops, I spoke  
9 too soon.

10 Commissioner Akutagawa.

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Sorry. This is the OCD  
12 part of me is you are a real easy win. It looks like  
13 there's little (indiscernible).

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I saw that too when I was trying  
15 to just bring it in and let it go. I get it. Let's zoom  
16 in. We have to get that little -- yes, yeah.

17 MS. TRATT: So just bringing more of this  
18 unincorporated area to make this look a little bit less  
19 funky. Is that what you're talking about?

20 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: No, Sivan. Do you see  
21 those little like square-ish kind of places up in that  
22 like top? I don't know if it's --

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Between Crest and that area,  
24 correct?

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I mean, is that the

1 boundaries of yeah -- are those the boundaries of the  
2 Sequoian Nation or are -- I mean, I just don't know if  
3 they got forgotten or if they're -- it just looks really  
4 odd.

5 MS. TRATT: So yeah --

6 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: That's the boundary.

7 MS. TRATT: This is just unincorporated area but I  
8 can snap the boundary to the Crest City border, that will  
9 just take --

10 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I think that would be --

11 MS. TRATT: Yeah.

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I think, yeah, better.

13 MS. TRATT: Yeah.

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And that would cause us to come  
15 back to our happy place right now.

16 MS. TRATT: Okay, sounds good. Should I also add  
17 the census block right here just so it's not --

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: No, that's okay.

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: No, it's okay, but you do  
20 have those two other little -- three --

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: One more --

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, up on the upper right  
23 side.

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: To the right where my arrow is.

25 MS. TRATT: That's already in the district.

1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yeah, they're in already.

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Oh.

3 MS. TRATT: Yes.

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: But they're showing up as  
5 white, that's why.

6 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: It's because it's an incorporated  
7 area in between.

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Oh I see. Okay.

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: So they're already included.

10 MS. TRATT: They're already included. That's  
11 correct, yes.

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Sorry the OCD is coming  
13 out. Thank you.

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: It's okay, we love all of our  
15 traits. So okay, anything else, Commissioner Akutagawa?  
16 So this is -- as far as I know this is all we had left to  
17 discuss for Senate and -- oh, Commissioner Turner.

18 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yep, so and can I just see,  
19 and anyone can show the map, the Central Valley area.

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And so just to review what it  
21 looks like now or?

22 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah, just real quick.

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay, well, I'm going to --  
24 after -- okay. After this, we're also going to try to do  
25 Assembly District overlay to see if there's any



1 possibilities of nesting, but of course, nesting is our  
2 lowest criteria. Thanks. Oh, Commissioner Sinay.

3       COMMISSIONER SINAY: We had -- sorry, I just want to  
4 say that we did put on the list looking at some of the  
5 parts of San Diego. I'd looked at them briefly on my  
6 own. It's okay. You know, honestly, with San Diego  
7 there's a lot of push to want all sorts of things in our  
8 request and people are sending emails and stuff. San  
9 Diego is much more complex than -- hopefully, you all  
10 have learned a little bit about the complexity of San  
11 Diego and it's not just complex in the southern part of  
12 San Diego. There's a lot of complexity in the northern  
13 part of San Diego especially that 78 Corridor.

14       I just wanted to say that, you know, it would be  
15 easy to build San Diego without the rest of the state of  
16 California but you need to stick -- it's a neighborly  
17 thing and so there's give-and-take. And I do, you know,  
18 it feels weird sometimes the way California -- that San  
19 Diego is set up but I know I trust in San Diegans and all  
20 Californians that we're going to make it work. And we  
21 did keep looking and there's a lot of negatives in San  
22 Diego. That's why it's hard to move even just small  
23 neighborhoods because it just makes it more negative.  
24 And so we did look at it.

25       CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay.

1 Anything else? Should I call you Commissioner Taylor  
2 with your hand raised? We are going to -- oh, yes.  
3 Central Valley and what were we going to look in the  
4 Central Valley, Commissioner Turner?

5 COMMISSIONER TURNER: FRESNO-KERN area particularly  
6 looking at the famous Fig Garden.

7 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, yeah. Okay. Okay, go ahead.

8 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. So for this particular  
9 area, so we have Old Fig Garden and then we have Fig  
10 Garden Loop. And just wanting to see so we have -- there  
11 we go. And so what I want to be able to do is to bring  
12 in Old Fig -- let's see. There in what -- yeah. I  
13 wanted to be able to bring Old Fig -- swap Old Fig Garden  
14 Loop for Old Fig Garden.

15 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: You want to bring it -- you want  
16 to -- I'm sorry?

17 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah, I wanted to -- so we  
18 have Old Fig Garden into, where do we have it at now?

19 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: We have it in SBENFRESNO. So do  
20 you want to bring into the FRESNO-KERN?

21 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

22 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Wait, I thought we took it  
23 out. I thought the ploy was to take it out?

24 COMMISSIONER TURNER: So what's going on is you're  
25 absolutely right. And so I'm learning now that we may

1 have been mixing or I may have been mixing Old Fig Garden  
2 Loop with Old Fig Garden. And I did -- I spent a couple  
3 of hours just today researching Old Fig Garden and Old  
4 Fig Garden Loop and looking at the history of both and  
5 what have you. And I think there's a lot of -- there's  
6 Old Fig Garden, there's Old Fig Garden Loop, there's Fig  
7 Garden Gardens, you know, all of those, the park, all of  
8 that. And I just want to take a look at it.

9 I think if we -- and we're watching our CVAP our  
10 LCVAP numbers in both of these areas, but if we just --  
11 this will be a much quicker exploration let's see if we  
12 swap the Loop for the Old Fig Gardens and see what it  
13 will do for our CVAP numbers.

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

15 MS. WILSON: And one moment as I clean up the  
16 square.

17 (Pause)

18 MS. WILSON: Let me pull up the pending changes  
19 window. And I'm going to clean up a little of these  
20 edges. And so as Old Fig Garden -- I think as we've  
21 looked before it was around like a 5,000 people and so  
22 right now we currently have -- as it's getting lower as I  
23 clean up there is one side (audio interference) around  
24 8,000. One moment. Just a few more blocks to click out  
25 here to follow the Loop. There's actually Fig Garden

1 Drive is what I'm following right now, out and down to  
2 Bullard and I'm not entirely sure of what all to bring in  
3 but going out to Bullard and then down or just Fig Garden  
4 Loop.

5 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Go out to Bullard and down,  
6 please.

7 MS. WILSON: So this is a rep -- oh, sorry.

8 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I was going to say it might be  
9 I see we're a little bit too much in FRESNO-KERN but  
10 where did we -- are we good on our CVAP numbers.

11 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: The CVAP numbers look like --  
12 thank you.

13 MS. WILSON: So that would bring San Benito Fresno  
14 to a 52.7.

15 COMMISSIONER TURNER: And they were --

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: So it dropped, it dropped from  
17 53.23.

18 MS. WILSON: It was 53 it went to 53.23 once I  
19 removed Old Fig Garden, this Old Fig Garden right here --

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Correct.

21 MS. WILSON: -- but it was originally with the way  
22 it was before it was at 53.03.

23 COMMISSIONER TURNER: 53.03, okay, so that's still a  
24 drop. Let's see and we're still over as well. So if we  
25 take out that last the street before Bullard.

1 MS. WILSON: Okay, let me try and do that. I did  
2 get a little closer, let me keep on moving here. Yeah,  
3 so it is continuing to drop.

4 COMMISSIONER TURNER: So I see you have it what?  
5 It's not the 53? I'm looking in the wrong area of  
6 Fresno.

7 MS. WILSON: Sorry, it's -- oh, yeah. So yeah, it's  
8 the -- it's at 53 here, actually, so it increased a  
9 little, it's taking a bit of a weird shape.

10 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yeah, because we still need to --  
11 the deviations still off. And it looks like a face, I'm  
12 just saying.

13 MS. WILSON: And this is a weird block, so I'm going  
14 to keep that here but it is at fifty-three even if I  
15 bring in this section. This is under fifty-three -- it's  
16 under 5 percent, 5.34, however, I do know we have some  
17 unincorporated area here if you wanted to try to bring  
18 that up maybe.

19 COMMISSIONER TURNER: So let me find out from the  
20 Commissioners, we have it at a 53 from a 53.03 there. I  
21 want to figure out how you feel about that because we can  
22 find this other percentage on the other end to remove.

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sadhwani.

24 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, thanks. I wanted to  
25 appreciate Commissioner Turner because I think this has

1 been a tough area for us. We've had a lot of testimony  
2 about Old Fig Garden but I think it was actually meant to  
3 be about Fig Garden loop. I just want to also know on  
4 the Congressional maps we had looked at this as well. I  
5 think part of it is when we looked at it using the heat  
6 maps there's actually seems to be a reasonable number of  
7 Latinos on the western side of Old Fig Garden which is I  
8 think potentially why that quick drop yeah, I see right  
9 in there.

10 So I support this change, you know, certainly, if we  
11 can keep the CVAP by taking out some of the  
12 unincorporated areas somewhere else, I'm fine with that.  
13 I smile though. OFG forever, this conversation I think  
14 has definitely been a big part of figuring out our  
15 strategy for these -- for these districts. But I'm glad  
16 that we've kind of come to some clarity on what the COI  
17 testimony really is here. So I would -- I would support  
18 this change so long as we can try and find other places  
19 to move.

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. This adds to our leg  
21 and our neck we have a face now. Commissioner Toledo.

22 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I'm curious about the Black  
23 CVAP because if that goes up from our original.

24 MS. WILSON: So it was at a 6.29 percent and it  
25 raises with this to a 6.35.

1 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Great, sounds good. So it's  
2 combined between the two it goes -- overall it goes up  
3 with the (indiscernible, simultaneous speech).

4 MS. WILSON: Yeah, overall between taking Old Fig  
5 Garden, this Fig Garden now and then bringing Loop in.

6 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: It sounds good so I'm  
7 supportive of the change.

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sinay.

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I just wanted to see if instead  
10 of grabbing from unincorporated, what if we did grab the  
11 west side of Old Fig Garden where the -- where the Latino  
12 population lives? Because I'm going to guess that those  
13 neighbors are just, you know, they're right by each  
14 other, you know, so --

15 MS. WILSON: It's (indiscernible) it's because --

16 COMMISSIONER TURNER: We're on the wrong way.

17 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right. Thank you. Kennedy, can  
18 you zoom in a little bit where you have it highlighted  
19 right now, please? What if you went just straight down  
20 from where, I want to call it the nose. Yeah. Because  
21 when you've had the heat map on it appeared -- it  
22 appeared to be concentration of Latinos there. Thank  
23 you.

24 MS. WILSON: And since there is a freeway or some  
25 kind of street on Santa Fe Avenue, it'll start to go

1 outwards here so the blocks don't align with going  
2 straight. Unfortunately, they start to -- but I can  
3 start to take more --

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And maybe just do the next one.  
5 Do the next one right above. Yeah. Did it help?

6 MS. WILSON: However the CVAP --

7 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: No, it went down. Okay.

8 MS. WILSON: Yeah.

9 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Well, right there, it went  
10 down but can we leave that and go back to the  
11 unincorporated areas and see if by us removing more from  
12 the unincorporated areas that have less of heat map, the  
13 Latinos CVAP show heat map showing perhaps that number  
14 will still increase as we balance this number. So I'm  
15 looking at before -- Yep.

16 MS. WILSON: So to do that, I would have to commit  
17 this change first.

18 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I think we'll -- yeah, I think  
19 we'll find it and see over there where is the Fresno  
20 Bully Rescue.

21 MS. WILSON: Yes, I am -- and I most definitely can  
22 go there, I just would have to -- just is it  
23 (indiscernible, simultaneous speech).

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes. Hold on. Commissioner  
25 Sadhwani and then Commissioner Akutagawa and then



1 Commissioner Sinay. Commissioner Akutagawa.

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I just wanted to just  
3 check, I -- generally speaking, I do support it. I do  
4 want to just go back and recap what the Latino CVAP is  
5 because, you know, again, VRA number 1 but -- secondly, I  
6 also want to just ask about, you know, in these moves,  
7 what's going to be the impact to also the Hmong and the  
8 Punjabi communities, I believe there's also a Muslim  
9 community. I'm not sure exactly where they are in  
10 relation to all of these. I know we've split them up  
11 quite a bit and so I just want to make sure that we're  
12 not doing more harm.

13 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

14 MS. WILSON: So I do not have the Hmong COIs on this  
15 computer, however, we would -- I do know that we would be  
16 splitting one of the Hmong COIs that reaches from  
17 Sunnyside to Sanger. It goes up to about this line here.  
18 And so taking the unincorporated area --

19 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, from there. Okay.

20 MS. WILSON: Yeah. The COI is from Sunnyside to  
21 Sanger up in this unincorporated area.

22 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Is there any population at the  
23 other corner? No, go to the -- okay.

24 MS. TRATT: Oh, sorry.

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Go to the left.

1 MS. TRATT: Left.

2 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Keep going, my left. Right, oh,  
3 that's what I was -- I was thinking that corner right  
4 there where Barstow was but that's not unincorporated.

5 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I don't think -- yeah.

6 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: No. Is it unincorporated? I was  
7 thinking right there where that Riverside Nursery and  
8 landscape but is that an unincorporated area?

9 MS. WILSON: Well, you would also have to go through  
10 the city here and break up the COI that's west of the 99  
11 to get out here you have to get through this population  
12 kind of.

13 COMMISSIONER TURNER: What's the south border?

14 MS. WILSON: The south border of --

15 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Of San then Fresno. Oh, no,  
16 no, no, never mind.

17 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Any suggestions, Kennedy.

18 MS. WILSON: Maybe if you wanted to take from a  
19 different district I think taking from Aspen Fresno --  
20 Aspen Fresno is still at a reasonable level and you  
21 really don't want to mess with KINGS-KERN because I  
22 know -- I mean, you can do if you want what you will.  
23 But taking (indiscernible, simultaneous speech) --

24 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Right, you're just trying to  
25 minimize. Yeah.

1 MS. WILSON: And so possibly taking from -- I'm  
2 going to turn off this layer to make that move a little  
3 bit faster but --

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I think Commissioner Fornaciari  
5 probably has a great idea.

6 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I don't know if it's a  
7 great idea, but if you could zoom --

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: (Indiscernible, simultaneous  
9 speech) --

10 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- back right next to the  
11 Old Fig Garden. Zoom in to the -- to the right there,  
12 and can you turn on the heat map again? It looks like a  
13 block.

14 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. Yeah.

15 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Kind of right below your  
16 (indiscernible, simultaneous speech) -- so keep going to  
17 the right or east, keep going.

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah.

19 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Up a little bit. Right  
20 there. It seems to be -- maybe that might be an option  
21 to move north. I don't know.

22 MS. WILSON: I can certainly try that.

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

24 MS. WILSON: I would have to -- I still I'm  
25 assuming, but I don't want to assume until I get the

1 green light that I can accept this change.

2 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Well, let's go ahead and accept it  
3 because if it doesn't work out, we can always reverse it.

4 MS. WILSON: We most definitely can.

5 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And then if we do that -- but then  
6 also on -- right there where your hand is, like that  
7 section right next to -- yeah. I mean, that's got -- it  
8 doesn't seem to be very high.

9 MS. WILSON: But anything helps --

10 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right.

11 MS. WILSON: -- so I will take that to (simultaneous  
12 speech) --

13 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Like on either side of that, the  
14 Old Fig, it looks like it might not be that highly with  
15 the Latino population.

16 MS. WILSON: And so then I'm going to start by  
17 taking these blocks here and -- I don't know, do -- would  
18 you want me to go across here or just -- I'll keep it  
19 localized at first. This gets it down to a 4.96 Latino  
20 CVAP (indiscernible, simultaneous speech) --

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: CVAP.

22 MS. WILSON: Yeah. So with this highlighted --  
23 (indiscernible, simultaneous speech), yeah.

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. So it looks like we're  
25 in -- within our deviations. What is the CVAP again?

1 COMMISSIONER TURNER: 53.14 from 53.03.

2 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Do -- does anyone have any  
3 concerns making this change? The final CVAP is 53 --  
4 it's a little bit higher, actually. 50 -- what was it  
5 again?

6 COMMISSIONER TURNER: 53.14.

7 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. There it is. I was looking  
8 at the wrong slide and -- and we started with -- remind  
9 me again, what we started with. It was right at 53 --

10 MS. WILSON: 53.03.

11 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: 03. Right. Okay. Does anyone  
12 have any concerns? Commissioner Akutagawa. Oh.

13 MS. WILSON: I just --

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Commissioner Akutagawa.

15 MS. WILSON: Yeah, I just wanted to see the CVAPs  
16 for everything. Thank you.

17 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right. Did you have any follow-up  
18 Commissioner Akutagawa?

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Just want to just make sure  
20 that we're not breaking up any of the other COIs with  
21 these, but these look like small changes just to reach  
22 the deviations, I think, right?

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes.

24 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. We're good. Okay.

1 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you.

2 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Lock them in. Okay. We have five  
3 minutes until break. Are there any other areas -- nope,  
4 I said that wrong. There are no other areas that I know  
5 of, that we are going to review at this point and so what  
6 I would like to do is if Jaime, Kennedy, Sivan, and  
7 Tamina, if -- I'd like to see if there's any  
8 possibilities of nesting. I'm pretty sure it's going to  
9 be minimal if anything. So thank you. Let's go on a  
10 three-hour tour right here, but it's not the three hours,  
11 it's a three-minute tour.

12 MS. WILSON: I -- well, is it okay to start in my  
13 area, Chair?

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes, of course.

15 MS. WILSON: Okay. So looking at -- and again,  
16 those lines are in blue. We have them in black if you  
17 want me to change it or anything, you let me know. So  
18 starting in the Kern, Tulare, Kings, Fresno area in  
19 Assembly, we have the district because our VRA districts  
20 in that one, you have one in Bakersfield, one in Kings  
21 Tulare. And when we turn on our district, you see that  
22 the boundaries are similar. Again, there are some slight  
23 changes, so it's not obviously one hundred percent  
24 nested. I don't know if there's partial nesting or it's  
25 just not nested, but they do follow similar boundaries

1 here.

2 Moving up the side, we had Fresno all the way to  
3 Tulare Kern and Senate. And Assembly, you have Tulare  
4 and Fresno kind of together -- Tulare and Kern together,  
5 however, Fresno's going north. So we take that portion  
6 and put it in for Senate, so that's a difference you have  
7 there. Moving up into the San Benito, Fresno Merced, we  
8 had Fresno and Assembly. This Fresno District and the  
9 Merced District, which again are not nested. There are  
10 some boundary -- slight boundary differences as you can  
11 see here.

12 Moving north, we have Stanislaus District, which is  
13 encompassed by this line here. It falls the same line  
14 with Assembly and Senate except for this goes out into  
15 ECA. And in this one, the district above is going out  
16 and taking parts of Calaveras and Amador and with San  
17 Joaquin. You have Stockton and Mountain House and Tracy  
18 over here to the left side. We can look at our ECA  
19 District as well -- Districts, so and Assembly for the  
20 ECA, it's Inyo, Mono, Alpine, parts of Fresno, Madera, up  
21 to Calaveras.

22 And in our Senate, the district goes up to about El  
23 Dorado line. So we do have a bit more cities in here.  
24 We have all of El Dorado, some of Placer, and an Assembly  
25 it's kind of carved El Dorado, and Roseville are kind of

1 together more. So moving into SACRAMENTO. One moment  
2 while I zoom in there. And so we just did the San  
3 Joaquin area. So in SACRAMENTO, in your Assembly plans,  
4 you have kind of half of SACRAMENTO split down and then  
5 half going north. And your Senate district takes all of  
6 this City of SACRAMENTO takes in Foothill Farms,  
7 McClellan Park -- or North Highlands, McClellan Park,  
8 which in Assembly, it was not in there.

9       You did have parts of our Carmichael that's all out  
10 now and then you have Rosemont in here, which you did not  
11 in Assembly either, but the rest are in there together.  
12 And again for you had Placer going out to -- let me turn  
13 this off. You had a West Placer, it's no longer that at  
14 all, but just Northern parts of SACRAMENTO County. And  
15 so in Senate, you have that mixed with some of Placer,  
16 which before, Placer was out to El Dorado so those two  
17 overlap a bit in that way. And then going farther north,  
18 you have a really big district up here for Senate and an  
19 Assembly.

20       It does take the entirety of the Sutter Yuba Sierra  
21 District, but the NORCAL District goes a little bit  
22 further down than your Senate district does, and this  
23 Lake Napa is split because we take in Colusa from that as  
24 well. Yeah.

25       CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay, Kennedy. So it looks like a



1 negative in terms of being able to nest. So I appreciate  
2 you taking us on that journey. And again, it is our  
3 sixth criteria. I do feel that our Assembly and our  
4 Senate, both our honoring many COIs that we received and  
5 we are going to go to break so then we'll continue the  
6 nesting for the, probably Tamina's area next. Thank you.  
7 So we're going to go on break and we'll be back at 11:15.

8 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 11:01 a.m.  
9 until 11:14 a.m.)

10 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Welcome back everyone. We are  
11 continuing our journey in the Senate with the Senate  
12 districts and we just got done trying to -- we overlapped  
13 the -- our Assembly districts to see if there were  
14 possibilities for nesting. And at least for the north,  
15 right now we have not seen any possibilities so we're  
16 going to continue on to the North Coast as well as the  
17 Bay Area, the Contra Costa, and then also the -- moving  
18 on down to the coast, I think all the way to Ventura.  
19 Right, Tamina? And so on this journey --

20 MS. RAMOS ALON: Yeah.

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: -- we're going with Tamina. And  
22 just a reminder to all of my fellow Commissioners is for  
23 the captioning and for our court reporter and for our  
24 interpreters, please just one person at a time speaking.  
25 If you wish to say something, please use the hand button.

1 It's worked out really well. So with that, I am going to  
2 hand it over to Tamina.

3 MS. RAMOS ALON: Hello, Chair. So hello,  
4 Commission. So we are looking at the North Coast area  
5 right now. The black lines that you're seeing are our  
6 current Senate iteration, where we last left them. And  
7 the blue ones are our Assembly. So I'm going to take off  
8 the black for a second just so you can take a look at  
9 what our Assembly looks like. We do have one VRA area in  
10 Assembly and that is this 80 Benito District. We do not  
11 have the same consideration in Senate.

12 So the areas from -- from the North Coast all the  
13 way south do not have any considerations which would  
14 technically prevent you from matching this stuff as you  
15 would please. Let me turn on the Senate layers again so  
16 you can see where we are, what this difference is over  
17 here. And I guess the Chair, how should you like to  
18 proceed?

19 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. So yeah, if you could just  
20 leave that on, let's go all the way up to the Oregon  
21 Border. Sorry. I just wanted to see what the  
22 differences were. Okay. So if we go -- let's keep  
23 moving down. Oops. So there we see the -- okay, that's  
24 a change in that one. Okay. And please -- oh,  
25 Commissioner Andersen.

1           COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. The only ones that we  
2 have a chance of nesting are if we switch a lake and make  
3 that modification in Sonoma so we could switch those two  
4 nests and then San Francisco nests. That's it in the  
5 entire state as far as I saw from the last time we did  
6 this. And I was looking at that, between that and the  
7 Senate District, to try to see if we could do an  
8 arrangement in the rest of the area because now the rest  
9 of the area is matched as far as nesting to try to get  
10 San Lorenzo, San Leandro on that end, but it would  
11 involve other changes.

12           And other than that, there is no other nesting in  
13 San Francisco.

14           CHAIR FERNANDEZ: But they would -- as you noted,  
15 they would require changes.

16           Correct, Commissioner Andersen?

17           COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes, they would. We need to  
18 spend time on that and we were going to do that today.  
19 And there are other issues that I don't think people can  
20 say, I don't like that (indiscernible, simultaneous  
21 speech) --

22           CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. So thank you. So based on  
23 that, we will continue to move on. Or any other comments  
24 before we move on with this? And Tamina, you know these  
25 maps so well. We do too, but did you see any that were

1 somewhat close that we could possibly? But again, if it  
2 requires too much architectural changes, we will just  
3 continue on again. Nesting is criteria 6. And we spend  
4 quite a bit of time building these Senate districts based  
5 on communities of interest information, as well as our  
6 Voting Rights Act considerations.

7 So anything, Tamina? I didn't see anything. You  
8 are a miracle worker, though, I got to say.

9 MS. RAMOS ALON: Thank you Chair. I would agree  
10 with Commissioner Andersen that there are possibilities  
11 but nothing that would be exact at this moment. San  
12 Francisco is probably the closest and we did pretty much  
13 the way it's drawn is pretty close to nesting. We moved  
14 them both into the same district as you can see.

15 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Hold on. Let me see that  
16 one. So can we zoom into just that piece of it, please?  
17 Thank you. Okay, and then move down. And so what would  
18 the difference be? Is it on the bottom? Oh, I see.  
19 It's the Cupertino piece of it. I see.

20 Commissioner Andersen.

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. Just, Tamina, I just  
22 want to make sure, San Francisco is nested. Is that  
23 correct? When you said almost, were you talking about  
24 the rest of PENINSULA? I thought San Francisco is indeed  
25 nested.

1 MS. RAMOS ALON: Yes. Let me turn on and off the  
2 layer for you. We can just take a look here. So this is  
3 east SF?

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: So that one is nested.

5 MS. RAMOS ALON: West SF. Yes.

6 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, we got one.

7 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes. Okay, great. Yeah,  
8 no. (Indiscernible, simultaneous speech) --

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: A little bit (indiscernible,  
10 simultaneous speech) --

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Sorry, just your comment  
12 scared me for a minute. I thought wait a minute, I  
13 thought we had missed it.

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: No. You kept going down. I'm  
15 like, I think that's right. Okay.

16 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. Thank you.

17 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: So we got one. Right. We met the  
18 criteria number 6 on one of them. But then I was going  
19 further down to -- but I don't -- I believe the other  
20 ones would require quite a bit of architectural changes.

21 Right, Tamina?

22 MS. RAMOS ALON: Yes. Because we started this  
23 current Senate map in the mid-coast and we -- it would  
24 take some redrawing.

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Commissioner Akutagawa.

1           COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I just want to -- I know I  
2 mentioned this yesterday, and just since San Francisco  
3 got mentioned, in the Assembly District for I guess  
4 between Chinatown and North Beach there was a request to  
5 use Van Ness as the separation lying between the district  
6 and I don't know if it matters for the Senate. The other  
7 question I have is, can you just remind me why did -- why  
8 is Cupertino separated out in one but not the other?

9           CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Tamina, you're going to zoom into  
10 the Cupertino?

11          MS. RAMOS ALON: Sure.

12          CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And I'm sorry -- just before that,  
13 Commissioner Akutagawa, for the Van Ness that was for  
14 Assembly?

15          COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes, that was for the  
16 Assembly.

17          CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. And that's San Francisco.  
18 So for Senate we -- it's going to be nested so it  
19 won't --

20          COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: So it won't matter.

21          CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right. But remind me for --

22          COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I'll remind -- yes. That's  
23 part of my list for the Assembly.

24          CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you so much. Okay. Great.  
25 Perfect. And then the Cupertino.

1 MS. RAMOS ALON: So Cupertino here, you'll  
2 remember -- hold on let me turn off the video links for a  
3 second. The goal here with this district was to try to  
4 keep as much of SANJOSE as much as possible and that's  
5 what moves Cupertino out in order to take the space.

6 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. We should try to -- try to  
7 minimize the splits I believe. Okay.

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: But in the Assembly, it's  
9 included with Santa Clara in Sunnyvale. I know -- I'm  
10 only asking because we've asked so much about it.

11 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes. In the Assembly it is.

12 MS. RAMOS ALON: In the Assembly, they are together  
13 and so in Senate is essentially a swap of this area of  
14 SANJOSE and Burbank with Cupertino.

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you.

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Commissioner Sinay.

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I just wanted to say that we  
18 may not have a hundred percent nesting in a lot of  
19 places, but we did learn a lot through the Assembly that  
20 we applied to Senate, and as well as there were times  
21 that we said, let's -- we didn't -- we couldn't give it  
22 to them before, so let's try to keep this COI together.  
23 So it's more for the public than for us, but just -- that  
24 I think I'm proud of the work that we've done either way,  
25 even if we only are at one.

1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Commissioner Yee.

2 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah, I know, it's for the  
3 Assembly, but the San Francisco split, we have to keep  
4 moving it eastward away from Venice just for population,  
5 basically. So we'd have to redo a lot of other parts of  
6 San Francisco if we were to move it back to Venice.

7 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I agree. Thank you, Commissioner  
8 Yee, for that reminder.

9 And Commissioner Akutagawa.

10 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, thank you for that.  
11 I wasn't sure. I was just trying to keep track of all  
12 the requests that we got on the communities of interest  
13 testimony and the Airtable. Just -- I guess, maybe it's  
14 more of a -- maybe a process question. I noticed that in  
15 some of the Senate districts that we're seeing there are  
16 small changes or differences between what we did in the  
17 Assembly versus what's in the Senate. In those cases, do  
18 we want to relook at some of those lines, or are we just  
19 going to leave them?

20 It looked like there was like minimal line  
21 differences. So just a question on that.

22 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I think if we look throughout the  
23 whole state for those types of changes, it would probably  
24 take us another week to try to look at the differences.  
25 So at this point, as you noted, there may be minimal



1 changes, but it would also require for equity purposes to  
2 look at the entire state. And at this point, I would  
3 agree with Commissioner Sinay. I believe we all went on  
4 this journey, and I've learned so much about California,  
5 not only from all of the input but from my fellow  
6 Commissioners.

7 And I also feel proud of what we've done and how  
8 we've gotten here. So thank you.

9 Anything else, Tamina? We good?

10 MS. RAMOS ALON: We are good, Chair.

11 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay, so let's keep moving to LA.  
12 Or -- yeah, that's right. You redid Central, right? We  
13 did Central Valley. Yeah, and then the part of it, too,  
14 with another thing we're proud of is that we do have  
15 quite a few Voting Rights Act districts, and of course,  
16 those will be drawn differently from Assembly versus  
17 Senate. And those also restrict us in terms of what our  
18 districts will look like from one map to the other. And  
19 now we have Jaime, another miracle worker.

20 MS. CLARK: Hello, I will turn on the Assembly  
21 districts here in LA County. I'll make the lines a  
22 little bit smaller in hopes that it might be easier to  
23 see. There's a lot of lines on the map here. So the  
24 black lines represent the Senate maps. The blue lines  
25 are the Assembly maps. As we discussed yesterday, just

1 because of so many VRA considerations and different VRA  
2 considerations for Assembly and Senate here in San  
3 Gabriel Valley, not possible to nest, which of course,  
4 impacts sort of possibilities out in -- yeah, impacting  
5 possibilities all around really. I'm just going to kind  
6 of keep looking here.

7 And yeah, but I guess it hasn't changed from  
8 yesterday, not really a great opportunity to nest here  
9 based on your current Assembly lines and current Senate  
10 lines, which you've worked hard to create.

11 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I think that's "we" worked hard.  
12 Jaime, you are such a huge part of it as well. So please  
13 do not leave yourself out of any of that, unless you  
14 purposely want to leave yourself out, then I understand.  
15 Commissioner Andersen.

16 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Chair, I apologize for this.  
17 I thought the change was in the Assembly. It is actually  
18 in the Senate, and it's a very simple one. It's up in  
19 the 210 that, you know, 2 tenure and the forest, it was  
20 the -- you know, the nature for all that comment came in.  
21 They're trying to expand, and he said, "We went too far."  
22 This is in that SD --

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes, I remember that.

24 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, he said we went -- you  
25 want to know that (indiscernible, simultaneous speech) --

1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: It was Azusa, right? It was Azusa  
2 who went too far.

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Right, and it's into the  
4 forest, and he said, "You're supposed to go to just where  
5 the East Fork and West Fork met." And basically, it was  
6 like remove that very last change. We went all the way  
7 up a close to an area that's populated. It's remotely  
8 populated -- not remotely populated, it's a remote -- you  
9 know, one of those walking, hike areas. If we could  
10 make -- I don't think it involves a population  
11 whatsoever. (Indiscernible, simultaneous speech) --

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay, okay. All right. I'm just  
13 going to --

14 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: We do that in Senate.

15 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Jaime, can we just look at that  
16 really quick?

17 MS. CLARK: Yeah.

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

19 MS. CLARK: I might pass the baton to Commissioner  
20 Yee here if that's okay.

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes, that'd be perfect  
22 because he (audio interference).

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. All right. We're going to  
24 listen to Commissioner Yee. Here we go.

25 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you. So yeah, so it has to

1 do with census blocks. If we do include the East Fork,  
2 we do get that whole large extension to the north. So  
3 the choice is don't include the East Fork, or include it  
4 as it appears. The concern of the COI was that, you  
5 know, we're making SD\_210 a bit more awkwardly shaped. I  
6 don't know if that's a weighty concern because, you know,  
7 we're all in the forestland here, so does that really  
8 matter? I don't know. It doesn't bother me, but you  
9 could say the same thing. I'm not going that far north.

10 Maybe that doesn't matter, either. Maybe, Jaime, if  
11 you can show us that census block there and what the  
12 difference would be?

13 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Have you seen how some of our  
14 districts are? It does not bother me. Especially if  
15 there is zero population in this area, correct?

16 COMMISSIONER YEE: Right.

17 MS. CLARK: So this is one census block, and just to  
18 reiterate what Commissioner Yee noted, having both sides  
19 of the water included in one district would require  
20 either moving this whole kind of reservoir area into  
21 SD210 or including this large census block, which does go  
22 further north than the testimony asked for into SD10WE.

23 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Oh, thank you very much for  
24 that explanation.

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. All right. All right.

1 Thanks. So Commissioner Yee, I just want to -- so you're  
2 recommending we keep what we have.

3 COMMISSIONER YEE: That's my inclination.

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

5 COMMISSIONER YEE: It's the same in all three plans.

6 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay, and then Commissioner  
7 Andersen, you were okay with keeping it the way it is?

8 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: That's what I was saying,  
9 yes.

10 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay. Thank you.

11 Commissioner Akutagawa?

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, can I just -- just on  
13 this point, I mean. I'm fine either way on it. And the  
14 COI testimony that I'm reading is referring specifically  
15 to the Congressional district. But I do want to just say  
16 that when the initial requests to go up to the forks, I  
17 guess, in this one, another term for the Twitterverse to  
18 add. We did have it just right above it. It was just  
19 another piece of COI testimony that came and that asked  
20 to have it extended further up. But at one point, it was  
21 closer to the fork without, you know, taking the entirety  
22 of it out, too. So just wanted to note that.

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yeah, I do remember that. I do  
24 remember when we first did it. I thought it looked odd,  
25 but my inclination is to keep it as it is. Are there

1 anyone else have any other comments or against it, or for  
2 it? Well, no. If you're for it, that's okay. Okay,  
3 we'll just keep moving on. Thank you, Jaime.

4 Oh, Jaime, you were done, right?

5 MS. CLARK: Yep.

6 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

7 MS. CLARK: Anything else --

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I just realized you were done.

9 MS. CLARK: -- you would like to see.

10 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay, so what I came away with  
11 was, in terms of trying to nest would take probably two  
12 weeks maybe, right? And again -- and I don't want to  
13 minimize it. I just feel that -- and I believe is that  
14 the Commission, we all feel that we have fair Assembly  
15 maps and fair Senate maps, not necessarily with the  
16 ability to nest. Okay, thank you.

17 So with that, we will go to Sivan.

18 MS. TRATT: Thank you, Chair. I did just want to  
19 remind the Commission that we looked at this last night  
20 briefly. So I just wanted to ask if there was an area  
21 that you wanted me to focus on?

22 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: No, I just wanted -- before --  
23 because we are going to -- this will be the Senate we  
24 will not come back to, so I just wanted to make sure we  
25 all have a chance to see it one more time just in case.

1 Because after this, after everyone's general consensus,  
2 we will provide instructions to Karin in terms of how to  
3 move forward with this. Thank you. So if you could just  
4 do another brief. You did a great, you know, overview  
5 yesterday, but one more time. Thank you.

6 MS. TRATT: Yeah. Thank you so much. So again,  
7 none of our districts are fully nested but I think that  
8 they -- the Senate lines follow a lot of the rationale,  
9 shall we say, of the Assembly districts. So for example,  
10 this AD SECA District is a lot like our Senate SECA  
11 District. So it comprises of all of Imperial, a portion  
12 of the Coachella Valley, and then the South Bay, San  
13 Diego area. And then, just moving up into San Diego,  
14 again, we have kind of our central district in the  
15 Assembly. It's a little bit more north-south, but we  
16 also have the coast to the west.

17 And then our east county districts for both Senate  
18 and Assembly. And then, just moving up into Orange  
19 County, also similar, we have our VRA districts in the  
20 same area, Santa Ana, Anaheim. We have our Little Saigon  
21 that is kept intact in both the Assembly and the Senate  
22 District. You can see some of the differences in the  
23 inland part of the county. And then, moving into  
24 Riverside County, this is the Temescal Valley, Temecula  
25 Corridor. And then, our Inland Empire and our VRA

1 districts in this area.

2 And then, just zooming out to San Bernardino County,  
3 you can see we have some differences in the Victor  
4 Valley, High Desert area, but a large portion of the  
5 county kept intact, and the same for both Assembly and  
6 Senate. And here is the region. I'm happy to go back on  
7 any area that we want to see more detail on.

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Great. Thank you, Sivan. So  
9 again, we don't have the nesting possibilities right now,  
10 or -- Commissioner Akutagawa.

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: You know what? No, that's  
12 okay. I'm going to just hold off right now. Thank you.

13 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Commissioner Kennedy.

14 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. I'm just  
15 looking at the northern portion of the Senate District in  
16 San Bernardino County, the Needles area, and, you know,  
17 we've reminded ourselves a number of times that the idea  
18 is that the western boundary of that area is going to be  
19 the same for Senate, Assembly, and Congressional. I just  
20 want to make sure if we're finalizing the Senate maps  
21 first, then I want to make sure that the line here on the  
22 Senate District is in fact the line that we're going to  
23 use for Assembly and Congress.

24 And that it's not going to throw us off when we're  
25 trying to balance to one person on Congress. Thank you.



1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Right now, it appears  
2 to have -- you appear to have the same boundary but when  
3 you balance to one or zero, it might change just a little  
4 bit because obviously here our deviation is higher for  
5 the Assembly, and for the Senate. But in generalities,  
6 it's approximately the same configuration.

7 MS. TRATT: Yeah. I have in blue, the Assembly  
8 lines, in green, the current Senate lines, and then, in  
9 black on top is the Congressional latest iteration. So  
10 you can see that they all go along the same boundary.  
11 I --

12 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: (Indiscernible, simultaneous  
13 speech) -- thank you.

14 MS. TRATT: As to, if the Congressional boundary  
15 will change, that is up to the Commission, but we could  
16 always go back and tweak that blocker too on the Senate  
17 if it came to that.

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Commissioner Andersen.

19 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you very much, Sivan.  
20 The reason -- is the reason why it looks like you can see  
21 a little blue in areas, is that just because of the  
22 thickness of line?

23 MS. TRATT: Yeah. That is just the way that the  
24 lines are projecting on the mapping software. But the  
25 underlining geography of which block is in which district

1 is by number and that all will be consistent.

2 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you.

3 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And thank you.

4 MS. TRATT: Absolutely.

5 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Commissioner  
6 Akutagawa.

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I'm just going to ask. I'm  
8 not going to a -- say it has to be changed, but I'm going  
9 to South Orange County, just seen some, I guess,  
10 comment -- public comment about that San Clemente, San  
11 Juan Capistrano, and Dana Point have close ties. I know  
12 we separated out San Juan Capistrano, just to make the  
13 population numbers move, but I thought I'd just ask if  
14 San Juan Capistrano were brought in, what would need to  
15 go out? And I don't know if there's anything that can go  
16 out, actually.

17 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I think we actually -- we just  
18 went through this yesterday, right?

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. That's why I was  
20 just asking. I don't think there is but I thought I'd  
21 just ask. I -- just refreshing my memory.

22 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right. Sivan, could you take us  
23 to that, but my inclination right now is, we went through  
24 this yesterday, leave it how it is. But Sivan?

25 MS. TRATT: Yeah. So I think we had talked about

1 potentially splitting Laguna Niguel when it was in the OC  
2 Coastal District. It's a little bit tricky because we're  
3 trying to move San Juan Capistrano into the OC Coast. So  
4 the most ideal move would be moving something from OC  
5 Coast back into the SOCNSD. Unfortunately, there's not  
6 really anything to be added, considering these are all  
7 coastal cities, and it would kind of defeat the purpose  
8 if we put one of the coastal cities back in just to  
9 balance the population.

10       So it would turn into another -- looking at like a  
11 three-way swap between these three districts, and trying  
12 to balance it out that way.

13       COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Thank you, Sivan.  
14 No, I just wanted to, at least, ask, and I would prefer  
15 not to split cities. I think our preference is to try to  
16 keep cities as whole as we can. Thank you.

17       MS. TRATT: Yeah. And just pointing out that that  
18 COI is kept together in the Assembly District because we  
19 don't have the coastal districts. So I do think at this  
20 point, it is a bit of a trade-off, unfortunately.

21       CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Thank you. No, you know,  
22 when you have to look at it as an opportunity. It's an  
23 opportunity to make new relationships, new alliances.  
24 It's a brand new day. So I think we need to look at it  
25 that way. Okay. So I believe, unless I hear any

1 differently, we are done with the Senate. Oh. I always  
2 speak too soon. Commissioner Akutagawa.

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes. Sorry, I thought we  
4 were just saying we're done for this part, but my  
5 apologies. Can we go back up to LA, specifically, that  
6 210 area?

7 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: We'll go briefly but just -- when  
8 we get to Congress, if we can just, at the beginning,  
9 let's state what all of the -- what we want to look at so  
10 that we're not going back and forth. But we'll go very  
11 quickly, back to Jaime.

12 MS. CLARK: Hello.

13 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Welcome back.

14 MS. CLARK: I apologize, what would you like to see  
15 in LA County?

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: The 210, I believe.

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes. I like your hair.

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I know. I like her hair too.

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: And specifically, can we  
20 look at the -- the way I'm looking at it on the screen,  
21 it's the westernmost boundary, or the left side.

22 Specifically, La Canada Flintridge, La Crescenta. CHAIR  
23 FERNANDEZ: So what exactly --

24 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: So what I'm looking to see  
25 if it's possible, it may possibly also include a split of

1 that upper top half of Glendale, but I noticed there is a  
2 minus deviation in the SCSFV. Oh, I don't know. Okay, I  
3 don't know, if -- I was thinking that if we move it in  
4 there, at least we would unite some of the Armenian  
5 community because they did state that Glendale, La  
6 Crescenta, and La Cañada are communities of interest for  
7 them. It would also, I think, minimize or at least bring  
8 down some of the concerns that were brought up by some of  
9 the COIs in that West San Gabriel Valley area. I don't  
10 believe this SCSFV is a VRA district unless I'm wrong,  
11 and if it is, then can't touch it. I know.

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: No, the SCSFV is not a VRA. My  
13 understanding it's not. La Crescenta is 20,000, that's  
14 the population, I believe. So that would requi -- that  
15 would require splitting Glendale, as you noted, correct?

16 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA:: Yes, just that -- it looks  
17 like --

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Just that portion kind of like --

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, just that top tip  
20 portion there. And I'm also moving La Cañada Flintridge  
21 as well, too.

22 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay, do we have any other  
23 comments regarding this area before we take a quick look?  
24 Okay, can -- Jaime, can you -- oh, go ahead.

25 MS. CLARK: Just a quick note that making this

1 change will reduce the San Fernando Valley-based  
2 districts Latino CVAP to below fifty percent. And I will  
3 pull that up right now.

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Do I have any feedback from my  
5 fellow Commissioners on this move. Commissioner Toledo.

6 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I think that would -- I  
7 wouldn't be in suppose -- so in support of making the  
8 change, especially at this point since we've looked at so  
9 many options already. Thank you.

10 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Vazquez.

11 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: I'm also not in support of  
12 this change given how hard we've worked to protect the  
13 community of interest in the San Fernando Valley.

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Akutagawa.

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I just want to note  
16 that we're talking about multiple communities of interest  
17 here too, though, because we also have a similar working-  
18 class community in the San Gabriel Valley and I'm trying  
19 to balance some of their needs as well, too. And then  
20 we're also have requests from the Armenian community too.

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Vazquez, did you have  
22 another comment?

23 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah, I hear that,  
24 Commissioner Akutagawa. Like I said, I've been  
25 eyeballing and trying to figure out a way to ensure that,

1 you know, these working-class, we do right by working-  
2 class communities across the state. I just -- I think in  
3 this particular case, we'd be -- I think, ultimately,  
4 it's going to be a wash in terms of, you know, working-  
5 class communities in the San Fernando Valley versus  
6 working-class communities in the San Gabriel Valley. And  
7 so I just think, in particular, for this particular map,  
8 I would like to prioritize those communities in the San  
9 Fernando Valley given how much on the edge they are in  
10 terms of being able to protect their community's  
11 interest. Thanks.

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Commissioner Sinay.

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I just want -- I'm -- you know,  
14 we keep looking at COIs, but I just wanted to -- and I --  
15 and we can keep looking at them and keep looking at them  
16 and try to make it better, and each one is important, but  
17 the VRA districts are our second --

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: VRA, it's not a VRA.

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Oh, but I thought it did -- I  
20 thought we were told that making a change -- change --

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: No, it's not -- it's not a VRA  
22 district, it would lower the Latino CVAP though, but it's  
23 not a VRA.

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay.

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: That was what the comment was

1 made.

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you for correcting that.

3 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Impressed?

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I'd rather -- I just think  
5 it's -- in other areas, we have moved quickly because  
6 there is still more. You know, every time I want to  
7 bring up a COI in San Diego, we move forward, and so I  
8 just think it's -- we've got to see what we can support  
9 and prioritize. Thank you.

10 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Ahmad.

11 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: I'm not in support of this  
12 change. Thank you.

13 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Turner.

14 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah, I was going to say in  
15 areas where we don't have VRA, I think we've also  
16 received counsel across the state about crossover support  
17 and voting. And I think we can look at some of that if  
18 we're not in a VRA area and perhaps dropping the Latino  
19 CVAP by small percentages. If it increases percentages  
20 in other areas, it will still serve the same purpose.

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Akutagawa.

22 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I had my hand raised for  
23 something else.

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Commissioner Akutagawa.

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I was just going to ask if



1 we could see, just with the highlighted areas, what it  
2 would do to the CVAPs for all the communities in both the  
3 210 and the SCSFV.

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Yes, of course.

5 MS. CLARK: Yes, I will read those out, so if you  
6 compare against the percentages on the label, just a  
7 quick reminder, the first percent is the percent  
8 deviation, the second, Latino CVAP, third, Black CVAP,  
9 fourth, Asian CVAP, and the last one is White CVAP. So  
10 please keep that in mind and I will read off the CVAP  
11 percentages that would be the result. So for SCSFV,  
12 Latino CVAP would become 48.16 percent, Black CVAP would  
13 become 4.82 percent, Asian CVAP would become 11.84  
14 percent, and White CVAP would become 34.09 percent. For  
15 SD210, Latinos CVAP would become 23.62 percent, Black  
16 CVAP would become 4.98 percent, Asian CVAP would become  
17 30.46 percent, and White CVAP would become 39.49 percent.

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: So it looks like there's  
19 increases to SD210, but some decreases to the SCSFV.

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yeah, that's from my numbers,  
21 that's -- Commissioner Sinay.

22 Commissioner Vazquez.

23 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah, I appreciated that  
24 exercise and for me, it reconfirms that I am not in favor  
25 of this change because there is an overall reduction in

1 Black and Latino communities in the San Fernando Valley  
2 and I am not in favor of this change.

3 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Commissioner Toledo.

4 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah, thank you. I'm also not  
5 in favor of the change. Thank you.

6 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And Commissioner Akutagawa.

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I'm going to ask  
8 Commissioner Sadhwani to also weigh in on this too  
9 because she does live in this area, so I'm going to put  
10 her on the spot on this.

11 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Okay, thank you. You know,  
12 I do live in La Cañada, I will say I don't have a strong  
13 preference one way or another. I think that the changes  
14 that we have made to this map, in general, over the  
15 course of the last several days were largely in  
16 supportive of the criteria that we have, you know,  
17 including balancing population and adherence to the  
18 Voting Rights Act, and I think that we have done that. I  
19 -- honestly, I know I've pushed back on other  
20 Commissioners when they've said that certain areas were  
21 nonstarters, so I certainly will not say that about the  
22 area where I live, so whatever the will of the full  
23 Commission is I'm happy to go with.

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

25 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I will just note if I can.

1 I will note, you know, a lot of the testimony that we  
2 have had coming in has specifically called out La Cañada  
3 as being a affluent area that should not be mixed with  
4 working-class communities. I think the challenge here in  
5 the Senate maps, however, is when we're pulling together  
6 a million -- approximately a million people into  
7 districts. It's almost impossible not to mix areas of  
8 different economic incomes and socio-economic factors.  
9 So I think that, you know, it's whether they're in SD210  
10 or SCSFV, it almost creates similar kinds of concerns and  
11 issues, you know, so I just want to raise that.

12 I appreciate -- I definitely appreciate Commissioner  
13 Akutagawa for raising that because certainly, we've had a  
14 lot of testimony come in in the last few days, and I have  
15 been reading it as well and I want to be responsive to  
16 it. I'm not sure what the path forward would be, though,  
17 here. I'm hearing from others that this isn't a  
18 direction. I'm happy to go with whatever the group wants  
19 in this area, so yeah, thank you.

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

21 Commissioner Taylor.

22 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Thank you. And, again, I sort  
23 of feel like Commissioner Sadhwani, I don't want to be  
24 impartial to a place that I know pretty intimately.  
25 However, I would have to agree with some of the things

1 that she's saying. This community lacking at, especially  
2 there's so many people that go back and forth between  
3 these communities, different economic levels, people  
4 coming over from Pasadena, from Altadena, from Glendale.  
5 It really is by use of the two chain corridors. So I  
6 have to agree with her statements, but I'm going to go  
7 with the will of the Commission and listen to the COI  
8 testimony. Thank you.

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. So I heard more  
10 opposition to this move than support. So at this time,  
11 we're going to move forward and leave it at is, but,  
12 again, there's so much we would love to be able to  
13 fulfill everyone's wishes, but, unfortunately, it's not  
14 possible. There's quite a bit of conflicting information  
15 too in terms of communities of interests. We also have  
16 the numbers, the population in terms of drawing districts  
17 equally populated as possible. And also, we actually  
18 have tried make a concerted effort to try to keep  
19 communities in terms of cities and towns together trying  
20 to minimize those breaks as well. So with that, we'll  
21 leave it as is.

22 Thank you, Jaime, for that, and we're at a point  
23 now -- Commissioner Andersen.

24 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, thank you, Chair.  
25 Since we have been spending little bits of time, well,

1 it's quite a bit of time on Senate districts, I have been  
2 able to come up with one small change I would like to  
3 make in that East Bay. It would involve Tamina, but I  
4 can tell you what that is. If we just went up the map, I  
5 could just show you what it is. And it is in the adding  
6 the area right above Hayward. If you zoom in a little  
7 bit, it's Fairview and it's in Cocoa, I guess it is.  
8 Yeah, that city right there. It's like 11,000 people. I  
9 think we could safely add it to EDENTECH and wouldn't do  
10 anything else, and the reason is, Cal State Hayward,  
11 well, Cal State East Bay is just south of this.

12 And the Fairview, if you zoom in, it's an entire  
13 area that is south of 580 and it's basically, pretty much  
14 everything faces Hayward, and the -- in terms of their  
15 shopping, everything in this area that is the same and  
16 you see it's south of 580. And so it's sort of  
17 unincorporated at the north part of this and all the  
18 housing involved is connected to Hayward, so could we  
19 please have Fairview to --

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Do we community -- okay, do we  
21 have communities of interest for that, Commissioner  
22 Andersen?

23 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I did not -- I have not  
24 looked specifically. I know that this entire area want  
25 to be with Hayward. This all want to be together and

1 in -- at least in their same county, and right now,  
2 they're not connected to the county at all. And so I've  
3 been trying to do something to add this portion back to  
4 where it should belong. This is the whole portion.

5 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Jaime, are you the one controlling  
6 right now, Jaime, or is it Tamina?

7 MS. RAMOS ALON: It's Tamina.

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, Tamina, can you see what that  
9 impact would be? And this is the last thing we're  
10 looking at right now for Senate. I'm just going -- can  
11 you just highlight it please, Tamina.

12 MS. RAMOS ALON: Yes, Chair, one moment.

13 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

14 MS. RAMOS ALON: Chair, the population of Fairview  
15 is 11,353 people. This will result in EDENTECH having a  
16 deviation of 4.89 percent and Cocoa having deviation of  
17 0.46 percent.

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Are there any concerns  
19 with making this switch? Okay, let's go ahead and do it.  
20 And we are done. We're done. This is it --

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you, Chair. Thank  
22 you, Chair.

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay, you're welcome. Thank you  
24 for bringing that up. So this is Senate, these are our  
25 Senate maps. We are, as I mentioned earlier, we are not

1 coming back to this because Karin and her wonderful  
2 group, they require at least a day to go into number  
3 them, look at the deferrals, ensure that all the lines  
4 are intact, and that no person is left behind. That's  
5 how I like to put it. So with that, Karin, do you  
6 require additional direction other than the deferrals and  
7 numbering and the other magic that you do behind the  
8 scenes that we're not aware of?

9 MS. RAMOS ALON: One moment, Chair, let me ask.

10 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

11 MS. MAC DONALD: Hello, thank you so much, and sorry  
12 for the delay, I was looking for the unmute button here.  
13 I think we're done. Thank you so much. I just -- I  
14 would just need the instructions to go forward to do  
15 deferral and number the districts, and then we will have  
16 those ready to go for you with a nice bow on them by  
17 Monday. Thank you.

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Great. Since it is Christmas or  
19 holiday season with a bow, that'd be great. Yes, so if  
20 you can please number them, deferral, whatever else you  
21 need to do with them so that we can see them again soon.

22 MS. MAC DONALD: Wonderful. Thank you so much.

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Great. Thank you. Thank you so  
24 much. Thank you, everyone. Woo, okay, that's the  
25 Senate, so now we're moving on. Let's try to finalize

1 somewhat the Congressional, so let's move on to the  
2 Congressional. Let me grab my list real quick for  
3 Congressional. And so what I had, and we haven't closed  
4 out the Congressional yet, but what I had, I'm sorry,  
5 what I had for Congressional, we were going to go to Los  
6 Angeles, I believe. Commissioner Akutagawa, I believe  
7 you had bought up Hightown and Eagle Rock; is that right?

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And, I -- was there anything else?  
10 I thought we were really, really close. So was there  
11 anything else, Commissioner Sinay?

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: The splitting up -- the  
13 splitting up Carson.

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: That's the Assembly. Uh-huh,  
15 that's okay, we're all here. It's been long days and  
16 it's sometimes the maps are moving back and forth and we  
17 have to remind ourselves which map we're on.

18 Commissioner Akutagawa?

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, so I'm just going to  
20 just say this out loud. I did read something that asked  
21 from Plumas. Or not from Plumas, from Lassen that wanted  
22 to be with Plumas in the ECA district. I don't think  
23 it's going to be possible, but I'm just lifting that one  
24 up. Definitely, we've heard two requests that might help  
25 each other. Eagle Rock is split and Hightown has asked



1 to be kept with East Hollywood and the Glenn to be a  
2 district and not wanting to be in the NELA district. And  
3 I think Eagle Rock wants to be in the NELA district, so  
4 it might be possible to do some swaps that would  
5 accommodate both those requests. I -- also --

6 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay, yeah, go back a second  
7 because I'm trying to write these down. And I have much  
8 more sympathy or empathy for our ASL interpreters because  
9 I can't -- you probably interpret a lot quicker than I  
10 can write. So one more time.

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay.

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I had the Hightown, Eagle Rock.  
13 Eagle Rock wants to be in the --

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Eagle Rock wants to be  
15 whole and most likely in NELA, and I think we've heard a  
16 lot of testimony about that one.

17 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay, and then the next one,  
18 something else about --

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: And then Hightown --

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes.

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- wants to be together  
22 with East Hollywood, and they want to be -- they're  
23 asking to be moved away from NELA into the Glenn to be a  
24 district.

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: All right, hold on. Into the

1 Glenn too?

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

3 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Good?

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: And then I had just -- one  
5 of the -- something that I read there was a request for  
6 Lassen to be kept together with Plumas.

7 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: With Plumas, I got that one.

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I don't know if that's  
9 possible, but just wanted to lift that up. Also, got  
10 some COI testimony about the split in Brea. I look at  
11 it, I don't think there's anything we can do about it,  
12 but I wanted to just lift that one up. And then there  
13 was also COI testimony about the Santa Clarita Valley  
14 taking in some of the Angeles forest as well, too, for  
15 fire management purposes.

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay, and just a reminder with  
17 Congressional, there is no deviation. Down to zero is  
18 the goal.

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes, exactly. Yes.

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Actually, it's not the goal, it's  
21 what we have to do.

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes, what have to do.

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay, (indiscernible) and I -- oh.

24 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Oh, and then the last one  
25 was that Azusa fork thing, it was specifically ref -- the

1 COI testimony that I saw was specific to the  
2 Congressional district.

3 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay, Commissioner Sinay.

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah, we have received a lot of  
5 requests on the coastal area and the inland areas of San  
6 Diego on the Congressional district. And as we've said,  
7 we looked at a lot of this and it is about a bigger  
8 picture and about getting to zero deviation throughout  
9 the state of California, and we have explored and it  
10 hasn't worked. We couldn't make the changes without  
11 doing the whole map over.

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right, thank you.

13 Commissioner Kennedy.

14 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I'm not bringing this forward  
15 because it's mine, but bringing it forward because there  
16 has been a lot of requests for it. The potential swap of  
17 Los Alamitos and Rossmoor for a small portion of Northern  
18 Huntington Beach.

19 Thank you, and Jaime has that.

20 MS. CLARK: I believe we explored it, but yeah.

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

22 Commissioner Andersen.

23 Again, we have limited time today, so.

24 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Well, this will help you,  
25 Chair. We did look at switching Plumas in and out, you

1 know, to put it back north when we explored the taking  
2 more of Sutter -- no, of Yuba. That didn't work. The  
3 only way you could do that would be to put Colusa into  
4 that, in with the lake and Yolo, and then it would track  
5 a little too difficult to try to make because it's zero.

6 You know, you could almost do it if you had any play  
7 at all, but I appreciate Plumas saying that and I  
8 certainly understand, but we really can't do that without  
9 making exchanges of areas that really don't kind of make  
10 sense.

11 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: That was helpful. Thank you,  
12 Commissioner Andersen.

13 Commissioner Vazquez.

14 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Very -- hoping very small  
15 cleanup, the area in Mount Washington that Jaime did on  
16 her own. I think there's a little bit of walking back so  
17 that we can get even a few more blocks of Eagle Rock  
18 into, I think, the, NELA district. So that's what I  
19 would like to do.

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Great, thank you. Anything else,  
21 Commissioner Kennedy?

22 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: (Audio interference).

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: All right. Commissioner Taylor.  
24 Commissioner Sinay?

25 COMMISSIONER SINAY: (Audio interference).

1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. So with that, it looks like  
2 we're going to go to LA and it appears that there were  
3 quite a few of you that wanted to go to the Eagle Rock,  
4 so why don't we start there?

5 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Was that for me, Chair?

6 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Actually, by you and a  
7 Commissioner Akutagawa, but you both had brought it up.  
8 I believe Eagle Rock wanted to be whole and it wanted to  
9 be in NELA.

10 I -- was that yours also Commissioner Vazquez?

11 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Sort of. I don't think we  
12 can make Eagle Rock whole without doing major changes,  
13 but there are some changes that I was going to propose to  
14 get a few more blocks of Eagle Rock.

15 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Commissioner Akutagawa, are  
16 we going to go -- should we go with --

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Maybe we could try the Thai  
18 Town one first and see what that will do right create  
19 room.

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. All right. Okay, let's go  
21 to Thai Town. And again, you know this area better than  
22 I, so if there's a better way to address this, that's  
23 great, I appreciate it.

24 MS. CLARK: So just to check for understanding, the  
25 exploration is around moving this East Hollywood area

1 that includes Thai Town into the GLEN2BA or is it just  
2 the Thai Town area?

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, they just requested  
4 to be in the GLEN2BA. They just wanted to make sure that  
5 the entirety of Thai Town was with East Hollywood.

6 MS. CLARK: So just the Thai Town area or all of the  
7 East Hollywood Neighborhood Council, please?

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: What portion --

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: The request was -- yeah,  
10 let me just double-check the actual COI testimony again.  
11 I didn't write down the actual numbers of it. They just  
12 requested that. They were currently separated. I  
13 believe there's a small portion that is around Sunset  
14 Boulevard and Hollywood Boulevard. That is in the NELA  
15 district and I think that's what they were most concerned  
16 about.

17 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sadhwani.

18 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I think Commissioner Vazquez  
19 was first.

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, Commissioner Vazquez.

21 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes, thank you. Just really  
22 would like to keep an eye on the Latino CVAP in NELA as  
23 an indicator of communities of interest within NELA  
24 they've spoken quite a bit about. So I'm okay with  
25 exploring, putting portions of East Hollywood in Glenn,

1 but I want to be sure that we protect communities of  
2 interest in NELA.

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Jaime, it might be that the  
4 change was already made is -- it looks like Thai Town is  
5 already in GLEN2BA; is that correct?

6 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: That's the one it wanted to be in,  
7 correct?

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, but -- well --

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And if it's that -- not -- the  
10 underneath the highlight, it looks like it's in --

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: It looks like they might  
12 have already -- the change may have already been  
13 reflected.

14 MS. CLARK: Thai Town is currently in the NELA  
15 district, so this highlighted area is about 48,800  
16 people. We're talking about moving that into GLEN2BA  
17 from the NELA district.

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay, so it just says here they  
19 want -- they recommend that Thai Town remain a part of  
20 GLEN2BA because of East Hollywood's close proximity to  
21 Glendale and other nearby communities in GLEN2BA that  
22 face similar challenges and share common interests with  
23 Thai Town. They speak about, similar to Thai Town, these  
24 communities consist of small businesses, workers,  
25 undocumented immigrants, and renters vulnerable to

1 gentrification and displacement. Therefore, it is  
2 critical that our vulnerable communities remain in the  
3 same Congressional district in order to preserve our  
4 collective voice and political influence.

5 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: If I may.

6 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes. Yes.

7 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: I would suggest that we take  
8 all of the East Hollywood Neighborhood Council and keep  
9 it whole and that will allow us to bring in as much of  
10 Eagle Rock as possible, and then we can check, you know,  
11 all the different steps?

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes, I do agree.

13 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yeah, okay.

14 MS. CLARK: All right, I will make this change, and  
15 then --

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

17 MS. CLARK: -- move on to the Eagle Rock area.

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Eagle Rock, yes, please, thank  
19 you. And Jaime, remind me, what was that population?  
20 Sorry, I should have asked you before you moved. That we  
21 moved.

22 MS. CLARK: We just move 48,864 people, I think.

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Commissioner Sadhwani,  
24 did you have another question?

25 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: No, I was just going to add.



1 I think the testimony that's come in about Eagle Rock has  
2 said bring as much of it in as possible, make it whole if  
3 possible, if not, use the 134 Freeway.

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, those are good  
5 boundaries if we need to.

6 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, hopefully, we can get  
7 the whole thing.

8 MS. CLARK: So all of Eagle Rock is highlighted.  
9 That's only 16,550 people. I will zoom out and ask where  
10 else the Commission would like to bring into NELA?

11 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Commissioner Sadhwani, you  
12 have some suggestions?

13 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes, because I think we had  
14 gone through all of this previously, and so again, we had  
15 swapped out parts of Mount Washington. And I think if we  
16 can start by pulling some of that back in, the  
17 neighborhoods are very much connected. Alternatively, we  
18 could start pulling Glassell Park, but I think Mount  
19 Washington was -- it was a carve out. So to me putting  
20 some of that at least back in would make sense. It's  
21 kind of nestled into many of these communities.

22 MS. CLARK: So I also highlighted Mount Washington.  
23 I'm going to start adding areas of Glassell Park as Mount  
24 Washington, plus these areas of Eagle Rock has not enough  
25 population, which is a lot.

1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Vazquez.

2 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: I was going to say, we don't  
3 have to now it seems like, but I was going to say I'd  
4 actually prioritized pulling in Glassell Park first  
5 before Mount Washington, but if we can get the whole  
6 thing.

7 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I believe it's bonus day, so that  
8 might be possible.

9 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yay, I love bonus day.

10 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Super Saturday.

11 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: And also, I just wanted to  
12 state since we're right around in my home, I have no  
13 interest as to which district Mount Washington is in.

14 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: And Chair, I'm butting in, but  
15 I just want to say I'm in full agreement. Thank you.

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Commissioner Taylor.

17 You have more comments, Commissioner Sadhwani? Or  
18 will -- okay, thank you.

19 MS. CLARK: And I'm -- so now --

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: We're getting close.

21 MS. CLARK: -- this is LA River, I'm wondering what  
22 additional areas I should look to add to NELA. This NELA  
23 needs one -- basically, NELA needs 1,300 people.

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay, so I'm going to phone a  
25 friend.

1 How about Commissioner Vazquez?

2 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah, I'd start there, the  
3 Greater Cypress Park portion. I'm not sure that that's  
4 going to be enough. Then I would go -- I would take that  
5 whole portion north of the 110 Freeway. I'd go on the  
6 other side, yeah. Ideally, we will not split Echo Park.

7 (Pause)

8 I'd even say if you wanted to stay closer to that, I  
9 think it's the LA River, if you wanted to stay closer to  
10 that and go further north, like follow it further north  
11 rather than taking even numbers. Yeah, exactly, what  
12 we're doing.

13 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: (Indiscernible) okay.

14 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah. Yeah, this makes --  
15 this makes sense.

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: We're getting close. 200.

17 MS. CLARK: Oh.

18 (Pause)

19 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Sorry, Jaime, we put you --  
20 we left you right in a very densely populated area.

21 MS. CLARK: I'm trying to find four or five. I  
22 actually have to find a combination of out and in  
23 probably.

24 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: There maybe -- you may have  
25 better luck now.

1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa,  
2 whoa. Bonus day.

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: We are in bonus day.

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Can we just zoom out just a little  
5 bit so we can see what this looks like? And then if I'm  
6 reading this correctly, is the C -- Latino CVAP is 55.63;  
7 is that right?

8 MS. CLARK: Yes, the Latino CVAP is a --

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Or is it fifty-six? So it's  
10 actually a little bit higher than what it was. It was  
11 55.91. Do we have any hesitations moving forward with  
12 this? I really like this. Okay, we are going to lock it  
13 in. So what we did is we made Eagle Rock whole. We also  
14 brought in Glassell Park into the NELA district, and to  
15 offset that, we took out Thai Town? Was it? And East  
16 Hollywood. Okay, so let's mark that one off the list.  
17 Yeah. Okay, we're done. I'm dropping my pen. Okay.  
18 Let's see. In this area, we also -- there -- oh.

19 MS. CLARK: I'm so sorry to interrupt. I noticed  
20 there were a couple of noncontiguous census blocks, and  
21 so --

22 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

23 MS. CLARK: -- we arrived out of balance again.

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay, so let's --

25 MS. CLARK: So I'm just going to zoom back in.

1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you for catching that.

2 (Pause)

3 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Look at that. Yeah, we got  
4 to get that one because Commissioner Akutagawa would not  
5 let that one go, right?

6 MS. CLARK: I'm going to zoom out. Is this an  
7 agreeable change? It's just taking a couple of census  
8 blocks in Glassell Park.

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Vazquez.

10 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah, I just wanted to  
11 acknowledge that it's a bit of a bummer to leave Echo  
12 Park now in this newly configured GLEN2BA. I was feeling  
13 a little soothed that it was also with some of the other  
14 NELA portions of what's considered NELA just given the  
15 huge gentrification concerns, et cetera. That being  
16 said, this -- I do think overall, this is a better  
17 configuration of the map and I am very much in support of  
18 this new configuration.

19 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Great, thank you. Go ahead,  
20 Jaime. Thank you for finding numbers for us and valuable  
21 people.

22 MS. CLARK: Where would you like to (indiscernible,  
23 simultaneous speech) --

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay, so also on the list is a  
25 split in Brea. What is that pop -- can you tell us what

1 the population is, please in each -- I guess on each  
2 side?

3 MS. CLARK: One moment, please.

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And you know the second question  
5 is going to be, well, since you know the maps and the  
6 numbers, what will that create if we try to move one side  
7 or the other to make it whole?

8 MS. CLARK: So the population of Brea that is  
9 currently in SAVANAANA is 36,959. And the portion that  
10 is in OCSBLA is 10,438. And I believe that some of this  
11 unincorporated area surrounding this have population in  
12 it as well. A note that --

13 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, it looks like you'd have to go  
14 around because we have the Santana District right there.

15 MS. CLARK: Yes, we would have to go around and  
16 either, if we were going to add this into SAVANAANA, then  
17 make a split probably in, well, yeah, in either Seal  
18 Beach or Huntington Beach, and then pop -- you know,  
19 populate this way either by splitting Laguna Beach or  
20 Irvine, or if you're going to move the 36,000 into  
21 OCSBLA, then you would need to look at splitting one of  
22 these cities along the border or perhaps testing. And  
23 then I believe this little Saigon area and you'd be  
24 splitting that or adding Rossmoor, Los Alamitos into  
25 NOCOAST.

1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Well, I think one of the -- one of  
2 them is dealing with Rossmoor and Los Alamitos, correct,  
3 Commissioner Kennedy? So I'm wondering, do we go there  
4 first maybe and see what that looks like. Although  
5 that's going to be an even -- it's probably going to be  
6 an even split between the two districts.

7 Commissioner Akutagawa.

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I just want to state  
9 that splitting Huntington Beach in this particular case,  
10 I'd be opposed to it. One, it would be bringing in --  
11 actually, portions of a city that I think it's best left  
12 all in a coastal district, especially for Congressional  
13 district given a lot of the coastal issues that the city  
14 is facing right now. Putting a portion of it with an  
15 inland city like Westminster and Fountain Valley does not  
16 do any justice to the issues that this community is  
17 facing right now. I think if -- right now, it's not  
18 about moving in Los Alamitos and Rossmoor to move out a  
19 portion of Huntington Beach when all the cities are  
20 whole.

21 Right now, if we're looking at possibly moving in  
22 10,000 people into Brea, plus some of the unincorporated  
23 areas I don't know if it's a lot of population, I know  
24 it's a canyon area, it may be then moving maybe Rossmoor  
25 into it. But then I know Rossmoor and Los Alamitos have

1 a lot of connections, as does Rossmoor and Seal Beach, so  
2 that could be possible to move Rossmoor in, it'll shift  
3 something down. I know that there's -- I've seen a  
4 recent request to put Laguna Beach and our the Lagunas  
5 together was the input that I saw, but I think right now,  
6 I would be very much opposed to splitting Huntington  
7 Beach to put a portion into an inland city.

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. And I have read quite  
9 a bit of communities of interest recent that many like  
10 the -- how it's configured right now. So I also am  
11 hesitant to touch anything here because my feeling was  
12 that Orange County was pretty happy with it, so that's my  
13 concern or my statement, I should say. Commissioner  
14 Sadhwani.

15 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I agree with you completely,  
16 Chair and Commissioner Akutagawa. I think we have spent  
17 a whole lot of time on this map in Orange County. And I  
18 think we've gotten positive feedback actually on this map  
19 from groups on the ground, from individuals. I know that  
20 not everyone is happy with this map, but I do think that  
21 we -- things that we do in this map we don't do in  
22 other -- in other maps, right? So Huntington Beach is  
23 with Little Saigon in our Senate map and its whole in  
24 fact. So you know, I feel like we have spent a lot of  
25 time here.



1           If we start tinkering, I'm afraid then the Long  
2 Beach conversation is going to come back up or, you know,  
3 all of the -- all of the pieces that I really felt like  
4 were settled. So I think a small change in this area  
5 given all of the different COIs and all of the different  
6 considerations in a VRA district right in the middle  
7 could really set off a host of issues that I don't think  
8 we have time for anymore, unfortunately.

9           CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right, once I -- once I started  
10 looking at it was we're rebuilding it again is basically  
11 what it would, and you have to go around because you've  
12 got the Savannah -- the Santa Ana district in the middle.

13           So Commissioner Andersen, and then Commissioner  
14 Toledo.

15           COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, this is Congressional  
16 and this is a federal issue. The dredging of to  
17 replenish sand along this coast here is crucial. I think  
18 we need all of beach cities in there as we possibly can  
19 because this affects the entire county, and then a large  
20 portion of, you know, the Los Angeles area. I mean,  
21 beaches are huge and unless you have one united voice  
22 here, you're not going to get that action. So I totally  
23 agree with leaving this one at the Congressional level,  
24 leaving it whole because this is a federal issue, and I  
25 think it should have a Congressional district.

1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.  
2 Commissioner Toledo.

3 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah, thank you. I mean, I  
4 wish we could do more in this area, I wish -- because we  
5 have heard a lot about Huntington beach and Little Saigon  
6 and I would want to support that, it just the maps are so  
7 tight right now. I think we probably should just stick  
8 with what we have given that the testimony has -- we've  
9 received testimony both ways. Thank you. So I'm in  
10 favor of staying with what we have.

11 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Great. Thank you, Commissioner  
12 Toledo. So with that, I'm trying to think of --  
13 Commissioner Kennedy, you had brought up the Los  
14 Alamitos, Rossmoor exchange for part of Huntington Beach.  
15 It appears that some Commissioners would like to leave it  
16 the way it is, so did you still want to go down that  
17 road? There is -- is that a no? Okay.

18 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: As I said, I brought it up  
19 not because it was my idea, simply because we've had a  
20 lot of very positive reaction to the idea. I'm happy to  
21 go with the will of the Commission on this. Thank you.

22 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay, great. Thank you so much.  
23 So with that, is we are going to leave it the way it is  
24 for now. And again, great opportunity to make new  
25 alliances, meet new neighbors, and meet and have new

1 partnerships. So with that, Santa Clarita Valley for the  
2 Mount Washington cleanup, I can't remember which  
3 Commissioner brought that one up.

4 MS. CLARK: Mount Washington we did it was next to  
5 Eagle Rock. I don't know if there was --

6 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, we did that one? Okay.

7 MS. CLARK: -- Santa Clarita.

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Santa Cla -- and that was a Santa  
9 Clarita?

10 MS. CLARK: Santa Clarita is --

11 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Is a separate, right?

12 MS. CLARK: -- further north, I don't know if there  
13 was additional (audio interference).

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right, so there's Santa Clarita.  
15 Oh, okay. And who was Santa Clarita?

16 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, it was you, of  
17 course. And I don't know, I was just -- I just know we  
18 heard something, but I honestly don't know much about the  
19 area.

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: There was a conversation or  
22 testimony about fire suppression, but I would, if anybody  
23 is much more aware of this, I would definitely welcome  
24 that. It looked like it was just extending that eastern  
25 border, but I don't want to impact the SFV district. So

1 if it does, then it would just -- it'd be just to  
2 satisfied to just leave it.

3 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay, great. And I believe that's  
4 all I have on the loops. Commissioner Vazquez.

5 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah, I was just going to say  
6 I am -- I'm not in favor of tinkering with this lineup  
7 here in Santa Clarita.

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. And I believe that's  
9 it for Congressional. We're good. All right, thank you,  
10 everyone. General consensus.

11 Oh, oh, Commissioner Akutagawa.

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I'm not sure if this is  
13 a -- I'm not sure if this is an Assembly one or if it's a  
14 Congressional one. There was -- there was a note about  
15 Chapman University being split. I know it wasn't in the  
16 Senate, I was just trying to look on the map viewer, it's  
17 a little -- I think I was a little unclear as to where  
18 exactly it is.

19 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Chapman University?

20 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, they said that they  
21 were split.

22 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Jaime, could you take us there.

23 MS. CLARK: Where is Chapman University?

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It's in the City of Orange.

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: In the Town of Orange.

1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. I was just asking  
2 that, thank you. I'm glad that you didn't know either,  
3 Jaime.

4 MS. CLARK: So I hope it's coming across through  
5 Zoom, but --

6 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Oh.

7 MS. CLARK: -- this area that is purple is Chapman  
8 University. We can see how many people live in the  
9 census blocks on either side and see if it's easy just to  
10 add those blocks to one district or the other.

11 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And I know this is an odd way of  
12 thinking of it, but if we could -- if the university  
13 itself has zero population, maybe we at least have that  
14 in its own -- in one district and, yeah.

15 MS. CLARK: So the highlighted area on this side is  
16 2,352 people and I will look and actually that move  
17 would -- so again, Santa Ana is --

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, Santa Ana we don't want to  
19 touch. That's right.

20 MS. CLARK: Well, just really quickly, it's a -- it  
21 is a VRA district and that move would change the Latino  
22 CVAP to 50.34 percent, so we'll see about moving the  
23 other areas into OCSBLA. One moment, please.

24 (Pause)

25 MS. CLARK: So the highlighted area is eighty-seven

1 people.

2 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

3 MS. CLARK: So making this change would just require  
4 balancing to Santa Ana adding eighty-seven people back  
5 in. I'm going to turn on the census blocks with the  
6 population numbers and see if there's, like, something  
7 amazing.

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Super Saturday.

9 MS. CLARK: Yeah, it's super Saturday. Absolutely  
10 right.

11 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right, and the CVAP is the same,  
12 correct?

13 MS. CLARK: The CVAP is the same.

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

15 MS. CLARK: However, moving people in --

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Ooh, that's true if you move it.

17 MS. CLARK: -- might change and it's only eighty-  
18 seven.

19 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: That's a good point. Oh. It's an  
20 eight -- is that eighty-four or ninety-four or sixty-  
21 four? My eyes are not very --

22 MS. CLARK: I'm just wondering if this is like a  
23 change that the Commission would wish to pursue, and if  
24 so then I can make this change and then go on a scavenger  
25 hunt.

1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I like making the change, but then  
2 I'm also fearful of what that might cause. I would  
3 prefer not to split a school for sure, but we just did  
4 that. That's true, you'll have two Congress people.  
5 That's it. So anyway, comments from or feedback from my  
6 fellow Commissioners, please, Commissioner Akutagawa.

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I'm with you. I would like  
8 to hear what others would say.

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right. Commissioner Turner.

10 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. No, I'm going to  
11 Kern County.

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sadhwani.

13 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Certainly as a higher-ed  
14 educator, I do not like splitting college campuses. That  
15 being said, our number 2 priority is the Voting Rights  
16 Act. And I believe this -- what is the street that we  
17 are currently using as the dividing line?

18 MS. CLARK: No --

19 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Well, but right now it's  
20 Glassell Street.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It's split up.

22 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Correct. And I believe that  
23 we had had quite a testimony for that as well. So as  
24 much as it pains me, my sense is this should stay as is  
25 because I am concerned about lowering the opportunity to

1 elect in that Santa Ana district any lower.

2 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Commissioner Toledo.

3 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I'm in agreement with  
4 Commissioner Sadhwani and others and I think it is an  
5 opportunity to have two elected officials represent, and  
6 hopefully, advocate for the university. Thank you.

7 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And maybe opportunity for rivalry  
8 amongst the school. What side are you on, right? I can  
9 see the shirts now. I'm just saying, but anyway, I do  
10 feel that it's split, but yes, VRA is our number 2  
11 criteria, so thank you. Thank you for that, Jaime, and  
12 thank you for the feedback. And Commissioner Sinay.

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I just wanted to say that  
14 having two members isn't coming from nowhere, it does  
15 come from being told by a university that they liked  
16 having two members of Congress because then they had two  
17 people advocating for them at all times. So I just -- I  
18 didn't want the public to think we're being flippered,  
19 but we have been told that by others.

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes. Okay, I believe we are done  
21 with this area. Are there any other areas? I see  
22 Commissioner Turner said Central Valley.

23 Any other areas for Congressional?

24 Okay, and our next break is at 12:45. We've got six  
25 minutes, so we're going to, was it Kings-Tulare,



1 Commissioner Turner?

2 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes. Yes, and the -- Thank  
3 you. Kern county area, so COI testimony number 37391, I  
4 just need to take a look at these Air Force Bases for  
5 Congressional district that COI testimony is concerned  
6 about splitting them and impacting national defense. And  
7 so China Lake and Edwards Air Force Base, if, Kennedy,  
8 when you get a chance, if you can show me that area. I  
9 guess we have it split part in VCE (ph.), FRESNO-KERN,  
10 and another part maybe. I'm going to -- let's see. We  
11 do not want --

12 MS. CLARK: Yes, sorry.

13 COMMISSIONER TURNER: -- China Lake and Edwards Air  
14 Force Base flip from the rest of Kern county. The two  
15 bases need to be kept together for federal  
16 representation.

17 MS. CLARK: So --

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, carry on.

19 MS. CLARK: So Edwards Air Force Base is down here,  
20 China Lake is up here next to Ridgecrest. This move was  
21 an efforts to bring in that 17,000 that was missing in  
22 the southern parts of California and they are in  
23 different districts. Edwards Air Force Base is in more  
24 the San Bernardino County district and China Lake is next  
25 to Ridgecrest in the Fresno County district.

1           COMMISSIONER TURNER: So let me do this for those.  
2 This is not an area that we spent much time in or talked  
3 about a lo so that Commissioners will understand it. It  
4 says China split from the rest of Kern county. These two  
5 Bases need to be kept together for all of the federal  
6 representation that they need. Let's see, it will be  
7 disastrous for our community to be in a Congressional  
8 district with four other military bases. China Lake  
9 Naval Base and Edwards Air Force Base can't get the  
10 desperately needed representation they need on the  
11 federal level because of the type of military bases they  
12 are and how strategic they are to the national defense.

13           These two bases are not operational bases and the  
14 other three military bases already in the San Bernardino  
15 County. Congressional districts are operational military  
16 bases and do not need the same kind of federal  
17 representation as China Lake and Edwards need. And going  
18 on about national events, China Lake Naval Air Weapon  
19 Station and Edwards Air Force Base are the most important  
20 tools in the president's toolbox. Anyway, so I don't  
21 reme -- we haven't spent a lot of time in this area. I  
22 do know that we've balanced and we did pull for the  
23 numbers, but I did want to call this to our attention.

24           Plus we cannot afford to have Eastern Kern County  
25 split because of the Mojave Air and Space Port also

1 located in the Eastern Kern County as it assists the  
2 United States in commercial space launches for national  
3 defense purposes that protect our nation. So that's the  
4 full testimony, so this is the area here that I wanted to  
5 call to your attention.

6 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commission Akutagawa.

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes. I guess I'll just  
8 say, so China Lake is a naval air station, Edwards Air  
9 Force Base is obviously Air Force. I hear what  
10 Commissioner Turner is saying. I do wonder if there may  
11 be a little -- it may require a little bit of a shift in  
12 that the Mojave Air Station as well as the Edwards Air  
13 Force Base, and if you wanted to extend up into  
14 Ridgecrest and China Lake, I know that they wanted to  
15 stay in Kern, but another alternative is to shift it down  
16 into the Antelope Valley, and then perhaps move some of  
17 the Antelope Valley.

18 If you could just go down a little bit more, I don't  
19 know if there's some of that population that can be moved  
20 back over to MORCOA because within the Palmdale Lancaster  
21 area, there is Lockheed Martin that does a lot of work  
22 with the bases. And so that might make for a better  
23 combination in this particular case so that there's --  
24 from a representation and national defense perspective,  
25 that might make some sense and bring in, you know, those

1 two communities together.

2 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Toledo.

3 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah. My understanding is we  
4 made these changes because of our first priority, which  
5 is deviation. And I completely understand the -- what  
6 I -- what -- the COI that's coming in, I -- and I --  
7 coming from a military household, I think that's -- you  
8 know, we always want to support defense and the impor --  
9 it's important to the nation and national security. I  
10 think in this case, we have a situation where  
11 representation -- these organ -- these bases will get  
12 appropriate representation either way, right? They may  
13 not be together, but they will have representation at the  
14 federal level that it will allow for the resources to  
15 come to California.

16 So I'd be comfortable staying the way we -- where --  
17 with what we have because we did do these changes for our  
18 first priority under redistricting requirements, and --  
19 but I'm also not opposed to exploring if that's the will  
20 of the Commission. Thank you.

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Great points. It's  
22 time for our meal break right now. Kennedy, would you  
23 mind just looking at what that might entail, and we will  
24 be back at 1:30. I'm just trying to think of  
25 alternatives and we would have to keep pushing down. So

1 it is -- what is it, Super Saturday? So maybe, maybe.

2 MS. WILSON: And if I may, I --

3 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, yes, please.

4 MS. WILSON: I selected China Lake's -- China Lake  
5 Air Force or Navy Base, or whatever it is. Sorry, the  
6 China Lakes area and then northern up into Kern County  
7 without grabbing Ridgecrest, so that Ridgecrest is  
8 staying in Kern County and taking it out that way.  
9 That's about -- that's 1,764 people. I could shift the  
10 line in California City to make up for that population  
11 if --

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Can you zoom in just a little bit  
13 more because it looks like up top, did you leave part of  
14 it out? Oh.

15 MS. WILSON: No population change.

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Inyokern, what is that right next  
17 to it? What's the population in there? It just seems --  
18 it would seem rather odd to leave -- that seems like that  
19 would be a population that's associated with it.

20 MS. WILSON: That is Inyokern.

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Just out of curiosity.

22 MS. WILSON: That is Inyokern, and that is like that  
23 now. China Lakes and Inyokern together is 2,762 people.

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay, we probably would not  
25 include it. Okay, that could be a possibility, what you

1 just mentioned, and can you just zoom down at the bottom  
2 where the Air Force base is?

3 MS. WILSON: Yes, the Air Force base is in with  
4 North Edwards, Boron, and parts of California City, and  
5 the rest of the MORCOA district.

6 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay, and so what you were  
7 suggesting was to go and -- cut into California City.

8 MS. WILSON: Yes, so we have --

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right, because there's already a  
10 split right there.

11 MS. WILSON: And (indiscernible, simultaneous  
12 speech) --

13 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay, so I (audio interference)  
14 something that we could look into. We do have to go to  
15 break though, and we will be back at 1:30. Thank you.

16 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 12:47 p.m.  
17 until 1:30 p.m.)

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Welcome back, everyone.  
19 Hopefully, everyone had something to eat and we're ready  
20 to go. We are ready to go back. We're still on the  
21 Congressional maps right now. And where we left it at  
22 the last conversation at our last episode of Season 2 is,  
23 we were looking at the Naval Base, as well as the Air  
24 Force Base, and trying to see if we could get the Naval  
25 Base into MORCOA. And with that, I believe Kennedy was

1 working on it? Was it Kennedy? Yes, I believe it was  
2 Kennedy.

3 MS. WILSON: And we -- he left off kind of not  
4 having too much direction of what I would be doing, so.

5 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, I thought I did give direction  
6 that we were going to try to move the Naval Base into  
7 MORCOA, and then the populations that would be from  
8 California City. But I'm going to go to Commissioner  
9 Andersen because she was waiting in the queue, then it's  
10 Commissioner Vazquez and then Commissioner Turner.

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Oh, thank you, Chair.

12 Yeah. These are not regular bases. These are test  
13 stations and research. This is where they design. It's  
14 a Naval Air Station and an air research base. This is  
15 where they design and test and fly all the airplanes for  
16 military services. It's a joint effort. It's not like a  
17 regular Air Force base. And the China Lake is the --  
18 City of Ridgecrest is deeply connected to that. And if  
19 Ridgecrest was in San Bernardino, I'd say put it in San  
20 Bernardino, but they have been on -- they're financially  
21 tied to Kern County because they're in Kern County, and  
22 that is where they get all their services from.

23 And the mayor's been on several times and said,  
24 "Hey, please, please, please keep us with Kern."  
25 Edwards -- and so I would really rather not take that

1 into San Bernardino.

2 In the Edwards vicinity, I was trying to see, you  
3 know, California city has like 12,000. Mojave is about  
4 5,000. And so I think those two who would go into MORCOA  
5 and make our 17. The issue is, you know, where do the  
6 Edwards -- where do all the employees come from? Those  
7 are two cities. It's also the Rosemont, Lancaster, and  
8 Palmdale. So if we have to do this area, and -- and the  
9 reason why I wouldn't go further east if you put the  
10 terrain layer on, this -- Tehachapi is up the mountains,  
11 has the Tehachapi loop if you're a rail buff.

12 And you can see as you go north, this is the area  
13 which is on the other side of the range, but as I said,  
14 Ridgecrest can't go in. It really needs to be in the  
15 city or it's financially broken. So if we want to do  
16 this, unless we go down into and rearrange in LA --

17 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- I'd say Cathedral City  
19 and the Mojave.

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Actually, Kennedy, can you  
21 zoom out just quickly? I wanted to see where the rest of  
22 FRESNO-KERN goes. Okay. I mean, and the third option  
23 would be to just carve in Edwards Air Force Base into  
24 FRESNO-KERN and then offset it with the split in  
25 California city again. Commissioner Vazquez.



1           COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah, it doesn't sound like  
2 we're going this way, but I just wanted to express my  
3 opposition to splitting up any portion of Palmdale or  
4 Lancaster into either of the two districts that we're  
5 considering. Yeah, that's it.

6           CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes, I'm with you, too. I've  
7 actually -- was in this area about a year ago. I love --  
8 it's a beautiful area. Commissioner Turner and then  
9 Commissioner Sadhwani.

10          COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Chair. And looking  
11 at it, I was going to actually back out of the initial  
12 request, particularly as it looked at splitting -- moving  
13 that line in California city because if their line would  
14 be moved, I'd be more interested in having it moved on  
15 Hacienda Boulevard, which is about 7,000 people. And I  
16 couldn't figure out how to make the shifts happen. So I  
17 think I'll just stand down on this for now.

18          CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you. Commissioner  
19 Sadhwani, any other comments? No? We're good? So  
20 standing down from further iterations of this or review?

21          COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

22          CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Akutagawa?

23          COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I think it's just more of a  
24 question. There's that portion. I mean, we have heard  
25 from -- well, okay, let me back up. Is this a VRA

1 District MORCOA? Is it a -- it is not. Okay. So  
2 there's a section in the Antelope Valley that is, you  
3 know, part of MORCOA. And we have heard that they do not  
4 want to be part of LA County. What percentage of  
5 population is that? I know that Kern doesn't necessarily  
6 want to be part of LA County, but, you know, to me it  
7 just makes more sense to bring Edwards and Mojave in with  
8 Palmdale and Lancaster, mostly because of the connections  
9 to the industry that's there specifically. You know, the  
10 aerospace, Lockheed Martin's there.

11 Otherwise, then I agree. I think we just, you  
12 know -- I think we're going to look at much more changes  
13 than we're able to do right now. We just need to move on  
14 is, I think, the next best option.

15 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Commissioner Vazquez,  
16 Andersen, and then Turner.

17 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: I am open to moving more of  
18 Edwards Air Force Base into the Antelope Valley and  
19 thinking about community assets and the workforce coming  
20 from Palmdale and Lancaster. So I am open to that, but I  
21 don't know that I'm completely sold that we need to make  
22 this change. So I'm not open to a whole bunch of changes  
23 across, you know, these three districts to make this work  
24 for China Lake.

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Commissioner Andersen?

1           COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: You know, the industry  
2 itself, there is research, you know, down in Palmdale and  
3 Lancaster. But Edwards and China Lake Naval Air Station  
4 do need to say together. They're kind of a group.  
5 They -- their research back and forth and the fun -- the  
6 planes flying back and forth out across the desert is  
7 crucial. So I don't want us to separate just one from  
8 the other, please, because this is Congressional. This  
9 is where they get the funds. If they're divided, they  
10 can't work together very well.

11           CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you. Commissioner  
12 Turner?

13           COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. And thank you,  
14 Commissioner Andersen, for saying that. And I wanted to  
15 try and get back to it. We all heard testimony about the  
16 difficulty in this area. So it's combined. It's Air  
17 Force Base combined into being brought Edward Air Force  
18 base into FRESNO-KERN area. But the other part of that  
19 talks about -- it was a woman testifying about the levels  
20 of government and the lack of support for people of color  
21 in the area. And so the request is to carve out FRESNO-  
22 KERN, west of Hacienda Boulevard and parts of Rosemont  
23 and Mojave, that's required to balance the population,  
24 and then carve Edwards Air Force Base into the Fresno  
25 current district with China Lake, you know, so that it is

1 with China Lake.

2       So it's kind of two-fold. Edwards Air Force Base  
3 would come in. And what we would be doing is also  
4 carving this west of Hacienda Boulevard and parts of  
5 Rosemont and Mojave to be able to protect some of the  
6 people. It's no level of government functions for this  
7 community of color and state and federal intervention is  
8 almost always the only way to get relief. So with the  
9 policing issues, this is often a matter of life or death,  
10 as is -- as I have testified previously. So I think we  
11 had a couple of different testimonies in this particular  
12 area, and it's trying to protect the community of  
13 interest, trying to have representation for people of  
14 color in this district, and also bringing in air force  
15 base with the China Lake.

16       CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Although, if I'm  
17 reading this right, isn't that the wrong direction in  
18 terms of the cut? Because your -- Hacienda would  
19 actually bring in more of California City. And if we're  
20 going to move in the Air Force Base, we actually have to  
21 move the line to the west in order to accommodate  
22 whatever population comes into FRESNO-KERN. Okay.

23       COMMISSIONER TURNER: So I guess if we'd start by  
24 looking at moving the line to Hacienda --

25       CHAIR FERNANDEZ: No. What I'm saying is that it's

1 going in the wrong direction because my understanding is  
2 that we want to bring the Air Force base into FRESNO-  
3 KERN, so that means we have to offset that population.  
4 We can't bring more of California City in. It would  
5 actually be less of California City to offset the  
6 population from the Air Force Base.

7 COMMISSIONER TURNER: And I'm -- thank you, Chair.  
8 And what I'm saying is, I guess in remembering the  
9 testimony, my priority would be protecting the  
10 communities, the people more so than the Air Force Base.  
11 And so with that, to see what those numbers are, and then  
12 perhaps being able to or not touch the Air Force Base.

13 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sadhwani?

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I -- okay. I'm  
15 trying to wrap my head around this because at first, I  
16 thought it was about the Air Force Base as they say.  
17 Given what I'm seeing, it looks like if we wanted to try  
18 and keep them together, it would be very hard to do it in  
19 Kern, given where that population is relative to where  
20 the geography of the districts currently lie. I could  
21 see what we were originally looking at was Edwards and  
22 China Lake into MORCOA and then putting the cut elsewhere  
23 in California City to balance, since California City is  
24 already cut.

25 I still think that that's a reasonable option. I

1 understand it's not what the folks are asking for, but  
2 in -- if the desire is to be kept together, given our  
3 current structure and we are not going to start, you  
4 know, completely redraw this whole area, it seems that we  
5 could do it in MORCOA, not in FRESNO-KERN. If the issue,  
6 though, is about the communities surrounding it, I  
7 don't -- I wouldn't know where to begin on that. I don't  
8 think that we can keep all of them. I don't think we can  
9 keep Rosemont, Mojave, California City, Edwards Air Force  
10 Base, and up in China Lake all together as well.

11 But I do recall, I mean, I remember from the very  
12 beginning, you know, and certainly, we've had a regular  
13 caller, I believe it was Ms. Westelesk (ph.), who I  
14 believe was from Ridgecrest. And I remember hearing that  
15 testimony very early on about the Edwards Air Force Base  
16 and China Lake and the -- and there was also conflicting  
17 testimony, right, about the connectivity between  
18 Lancaster, Palmdale, Rosemont, Mojave, and California  
19 City as well. So you know, I see the opportunity for  
20 Edwards Air Force Base in China Lake and MORCOA. I'm not  
21 sure how to proceed to put them into FRESNO-KERN.

22 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right. Commissioner Andersen?  
23 And if we -- I don't want to do this, but if we could try  
24 to be brief going forward 'cause we, as I noted in  
25 beginning, we are behind. Not that I'm going to rush

1 people through this but, yes, let's get through this.

2 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes. I'm sorry.

3 Commissioner Turner, I misunderstood. I'm a little  
4 unclear. You want to keep California City in Kern is  
5 yes?

6 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

7 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. All of California  
8 City?

9 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Calif -- well, if we could do  
10 all of California City, but there -- it was already  
11 split, so I'm asking (audio interference) something or  
12 other. I'm asking for the split to be on Hacienda.

13 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. But yeah, okay. So  
14 (indiscernible, simultaneous speech) --

15 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Because in doing that, that  
16 actually moves them into Mojave and Rosemont.

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. That's what I want to  
18 understand. So you want to keep Mojave -- Well,  
19 Rosemont, Mojave, and most of or parts of Cathedral  
20 City -- Cathedral. California City in Fresno.

21 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

22 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Then -- okay. Then, yeah.  
23 Then we have an issue because it puts Edwards into San  
24 Bernardino. You'd want to put China Lake into San  
25 Bernardino, and then you stranded Ridgecrest and it's a

1 smaller area, but it also has a large -- Ms. Westelesk  
2 does not live in Ridgecrest. It's actually the Indian  
3 Wells out there. They all have groundwater.

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay, let's not say where people  
5 live. Thank you.

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Sorry, but it's not  
7 Ridgecrest. But they have repeatedly asked because they  
8 do not have any financial connection at -- whatsoever to  
9 San Bernardino. And they're completely isolated.

10 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay, thank you. Jaime?  
11 And my inclination right now is to leave it as it is.  
12 Jaime?

13 MS. CLARK: Just a quick note that Edwards Air Force  
14 Base is already in the MORCOA district. When Kennedy was  
15 looking earlier at China Lake, that was approximately  
16 1,700 people or so. This section in California City that  
17 is highlighted is about 6,800 or so people. So if the  
18 Commission wants to move forward with including China  
19 Lake and Edwards Air Force Base in the same district,  
20 they could go in MORCOA. This could be shifted to go  
21 into FRESNO-KERN, and then I do believe it would be  
22 possible to balance somewhere else in California City  
23 just to have equal population on both sides if the  
24 Commission wishes.

25 COMMISSIONER TURNER: The balances, I would like



1 too, yes.

2 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I will probably be against it,  
3 but -- so Jaime, what you were saying was to put --  
4 leave -- obviously, leave Air Force Base in MORCOA, and  
5 then we go up to the Naval Base and take that out, Jaime?

6 MS. CLARK: So to make this switch and then move  
7 China Lake. Was that the request?

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yeah, yeah.

9 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah.

10 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fornaciari.

11 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So the -- when you were  
12 looking at China Lake, you were just looking at the base  
13 in -- in your Kern, right? You weren't looking at  
14 Rosemont? I mean, Ridgecrest, right? Because Ridgecrest  
15 is an integral part of China Lake.

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right.

17 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: That's where -- I mean,  
18 part of -- I believe part of China Lake is -- I think  
19 part of the basis in Ridgecrest in most of the people who  
20 work on the base is in -- are in Ridgecrest, so I  
21 wouldn't want to separate the city from the base.

22 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yeah, that was my thinking as  
23 well.

24 Commissioner Sadhwani?

25 Commissioner Andersen.

1           COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, if you put the highway  
2 on, you'll see. If you take the Naval Air Station, and  
3 then Ridgecrest can't sort of get to Kern.

4           MS. CLARK: I'm sorry, may you repeat that?

5           COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: If you take the China Lake  
6 ((audio interference) station, then Ridgecrest is  
7 completely isolated. If you want to like try to keep  
8 Ridgecrest still in Kern, you can't get there. You have  
9 to -- without going through the area. Additionally,  
10 Ridgecrest has about 30,000 people, where California City  
11 has 12, Mojave has 6; I don't know what Rosemont has.

12           CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right, and then I believe we have  
13 testimony that Ridgecrest wants to stay in Kern County.  
14 So that's -- those are other communities of interest as  
15 well. So right now, due to the conflicting communities  
16 of interests, we will leave it as is, and we will move  
17 on. As far as I know, we're -- oh, Commissioner  
18 Akutagawa.

19           COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I just have a -- I  
20 guess maybe a couple of questions. When I am reading  
21 some other different testimony about the -- I guess, the  
22 kind of the relationships between the military research  
23 facilities and, you know, the private industry too, and  
24 there is advocacy or comment requesting that they remain  
25 separate because it actually benefits both to be in

1 separate districts. But with that said, Edwards Air  
2 Force Base is separate from the other military research  
3 installation, so the Mojave Air Station as well as China  
4 Lake.

5 This may not be what was intended, but I am -- this  
6 just does raise a question of would it make more sense to  
7 move all of California City into the MORCOA district move  
8 out Edwards Air Force Base only so that then the three  
9 military research facilities are all in the Eastern Kern  
10 district?

11 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And that's what I thought we were  
12 going towards, but then the boundary at -- in California  
13 City was opposite, but that would be the -- it sounds  
14 like the cleanest and the most reasonable. What's that  
15 population again? And then I've got Commissioner Sinay  
16 and Commissioner Vazquez.

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you. We have had this  
18 conversation, and I want to say we've had it a couple of  
19 times, and they're -- you know, when we come back to  
20 something, and we start pulling up COIs again and trying  
21 to remind ourselves, we do miss, you know, the  
22 conversations that we had in the past, and I'm just  
23 concerned about how much time we've spent on this and how  
24 little time we have left.

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

1 Commissioner Vazquez.

2 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah, I'm not in favor of  
3 putting all of the military facilities in the same  
4 Congressional district. I actually think that splitting  
5 them up somewhat evenly among the different populations  
6 that are impacted by their activity, whether it's  
7 employment, or I'm guessing, even environmental concerns,  
8 et cetera, I feel like each community has a little bit of  
9 a stake in each of these military bases. And so for me,  
10 the current configuration barring maybe Commissioner  
11 Turner's adjustment to the California City line is where  
12 I'm at. I would not like to make many more changes to  
13 this current configuration.

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

15 Commissioner Turner, then Commissioner Andersen.

16 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah, I just wanted to say in  
17 response to Commissioner Sinay, we spend time where we  
18 want to spend time, and we're revisiting areas that we  
19 want to revisit in.

20 So I don't appreciate at all any of us at this point  
21 having an issue with wanting to look at one more area. I  
22 think it's what we've all done, and it's what we're doing  
23 right now. And so to that, I don't want to move  
24 California City into the FRESNO-KERN area, just kind of  
25 reading and rereading through trying to balance out the

1 testimony in this particular area, trying to protect  
2 people, even over an air station that has been  
3 disenfranchised and suffered in this area for a while.

4       Still trying to figure out how to get them to an  
5 area where they will be served. They're not being served  
6 currently, and I'm trying to find a space based on  
7 testimony that's been received of what to do with it.  
8 And I don't have that answer yet, so I don't have  
9 necessarily where to move it, but the explorations and  
10 getting it figured out is important, just as important as  
11 every other area of California. Thank you.

12       CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Commissioner Andersen.

13       COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Commissioner Turner said  
14 quite a bit of what I was going to say, thank you. And  
15 I -- if Commissioner Turner would like to find a bit more  
16 time to see where these people would be served better, I  
17 would like to do that. Would -- should they stay in  
18 Kern? Should they go to San Bernardino?

19       COMMISSIONER TURNER: The -- or I think the  
20 recommendation about them being moved into San Bernardino  
21 if they can go that direction (indiscernible) it's -- we  
22 just need to have this west, make sure that hacienda line  
23 is important. I don't know if they can all fit into  
24 MORCOA district and with balancing that out, but that  
25 would be wonderful as well.

1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Okay, and again,  
2 there's -- I do believe if we try to move the Naval Base,  
3 you also have to take Ridgecrest, so that's a bigger  
4 population, but again, that's another community of  
5 interest that we would be breaking because they prefer to  
6 stay in their current county. So it would be choosing  
7 which community of interests we are going to honor at  
8 this point, but it looks -- and I don't understand the  
9 boundary in California City. Is that a specific  
10 neighborhood? I guess that's my other question.

11 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I'm not sure where the line  
12 (indiscernible) came from, that I think was a population  
13 balance, and the numbers that we have, if we're looking  
14 at all of the Air Force Base and the attached cities that  
15 you mentioned, might balance out with the population  
16 because we talked about them in terms of just the one  
17 area, China Lake, but if we're looking at including  
18 Ridgecrest, the numbers might be a swap, Chair.

19 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you. Commissioners  
20 Akutagawa and Andersen.

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Commissioner Turner, I  
22 apologize. I think I'm still a little bit confused what  
23 the goal is. Is it -- is the goal to move either a  
24 portion or all of California City outside of the current  
25 district into just any other district or is it

1 specifically to MORCOA? And I'm not sure which COI  
2 testimony you're looking at, but would it be acceptable  
3 to actually move all of and just only California City and  
4 then try to balance it out by moving out the Air Force  
5 base? I think that's what I was seeing or that's what I  
6 thought I was hearing.

7 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you because that's not  
8 been clear. Thank you. Yes. What would be great is if  
9 we're moving California City, particularly and especially  
10 the portion to the west of Hacienda, I'd like to have  
11 that moved out of FRESNO-KERN. And yes, then that will  
12 allow perhaps the Air Force Base to move in.

13 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right. But right now the place --  
14 the portion that is highlighted is not in FRESNO-KERN,  
15 and Commissioner Turner, you just said you did not want  
16 to in FRESNO-KERN.

17 COMMISSIONER TURNER: That's right.

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: So right now that portion --

19 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Is that the west?

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: -- that's highlighted is in  
21 MORCOA.

22 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay.

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yeah. It's not in FRESNO-KERN  
24 right now. It's in MORCOA. So it's opposite of what's  
25 been said in terms of moving the Air Force Base and the

1 Naval Base. If we move that to MORCOA, that's the  
2 opposite. What's highlighted is opposite of what needs  
3 to be done. So we are going to move on. We are you are  
4 going to come back to Congressional tomorrow. So  
5 Commissioner Turner, if you want to do some more research  
6 on that and then come back, is that okay?

7 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. I will because it may  
8 have already been moved.

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Tomorrow?

10 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yep. That sounds good. Thank  
11 you.

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Great.

13 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you.

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Akutagawa, do you  
15 have anything else?

16 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I guess just for the  
17 sake of perhaps again, understanding, what I thought I  
18 heard Commissioner Turner say is to the line -- basically  
19 it's the other side is what she wants moved in, not the  
20 part that's highlighted, but it's the portion that's on  
21 the other side, which is in the current FRESNO-KERN  
22 district. But I definitely -- perhaps Commissioner  
23 Turner will just need to help us clarify that so that we  
24 can move on.

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right. So we'll come back



1 tomorrow because tomorrow is minor, minor, minor. So  
2 Commissioner Andersen and Sadhwani.

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you, Chair. Very  
4 quickly. Can we see the population of the Air Force base  
5 in that section? I think Kennedy showed that to us and  
6 it was about 2,000 that would want to stay from MORCOA --  
7 currently in MORCOA would stay with Fresno. So it'd be  
8 that red area and then, I believe it's the whole tan area  
9 as well, I think. You zoomed in, I think that's some  
10 airstrips. Yeah. So it's like 2,500 people. So I  
11 believe that the idea would be take this and keep it in  
12 Kern and take California City and put it where it might  
13 be better-served in San Bernardino.

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sadhwani?

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I just want to know the  
16 number.

17 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, thank you. I wish to  
18 say, you know, we were going back and forth and I think  
19 we have a lot of conflicting COIs throughout this region.  
20 And I think as we've said in other areas today, having  
21 two representatives isn't necessarily a bad thing. So  
22 you know, if Edwards Air Force Base and China Lake don't  
23 end up in the same district, that might not be a bad  
24 thing because they'll have two members looking out for  
25 them and their interests. And hopefully, those two

1 members will coordinate and work together and, you know,  
2 everyone will get along. So I would actually be in favor  
3 of just keeping things the way they are. Thank you.

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. And so it looks like  
5 it's about 2,300. 2,329 to be exact. Okay. Thank you,  
6 Jaime. So we may come back to this tomorrow. We'll see  
7 what further research comes with that. And Commissioner  
8 Sadhwani, did you have anything else? Okay. I believe  
9 this is -- we're done with the Congressional. Okay. So  
10 general consensus, we're done with the Congressional.  
11 Karin, could you please number the districts? Whoo.  
12 We're excited up here. Whoo. And as I mentioned, we  
13 will -- we plan to come back tomorrow briefly just to --  
14 if there's any minor, minor edits to the lines that we  
15 have been drawn. And Karin, is there anything else that  
16 you need from us right now?

17 MS. MAC DONALD: I think that's it. We're going to  
18 be numbering and then posting the files and we are ready  
19 for you with a BOE in just a minute.

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay, great. Commissioners Yee,  
21 Andersen, and Sinay.

22 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes, Chair. Thank you. Sorry.  
23 I thought we were still going to go to the Bay Area. I  
24 had three small already balanced changes for the Bay  
25 Area.

1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, I'm sorry. I did not have  
2 that on my list when I asked this morning or earlier  
3 today. Oh, sorry. Karin. I know too late, too late.  
4 Sorry. I brought my whack-a-mole gavel. That would be,  
5 Tamina, but let's go to Commissioner Sinay.

6 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you. I just was hoping  
7 that Jaime could tell us a little bit more about  
8 numbering and what we should be expecting. And, also, is  
9 there going to be -- how does the public usually react to  
10 the numbering and how should we prepare?

11 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Was that for Jaime or for Karin?

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Karin. Sorry.

13 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Karin, yes Karin will be the one.

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: But just to have a little bit  
15 more than just say, okay, you're going off to number  
16 because these are Congressional districts and we did --  
17 no one knows what numbers what.

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right. But we also redrew the  
19 districts that are going to be --

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: No, I know but --

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: -- new districts

22 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- just for us to have a little  
23 bit more background and be prepared for what the public  
24 might be asking us.

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Karin?

1 MS. MAC DONALD: Yes. Would you mind repeating the  
2 question? So you want to know a little bit more about  
3 numbering or -- of the Congressional districts?

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes. What are the factors  
5 going into it and how they may or may not raise -- is  
6 numbering just numbering or is there a possibility that  
7 the public will react in different ways? And so we just  
8 need to be aware.

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I believe in the government code  
10 section, it's specific as to how we start our numbering,  
11 but I'm going to let Karin talk about that.

12 MS. MAC DONALD: Yeah. Thank you so much for that  
13 question. Numbering is pretty much just numbering for  
14 Assembly, Congress, and BOE. For a Senate, it's a little  
15 bit more complicated because there's an issue of  
16 deferral, which is why we need to take a little bit more  
17 time. And deferral, of course, refers to the odd and  
18 even-numbered districts and the amount of persons that  
19 are being, you know, basically displaced or deferred to  
20 another election cycle. So there's a little bit of math  
21 involved there, but regarding their Congressional  
22 districts, we basically start numbering up in the north  
23 as Chair Fernandez just mentioned.

24 And then we go from north to south, always looking  
25 at the most northern point of the district and that

1 district then gets the next number, and then we keep on  
2 moving down in order. So that -- that's pretty much it,  
3 and involves a ruler.

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Karin. So obvious --  
5 so from that, people's district, to me, there's a high  
6 probability the number may change, like from one to the  
7 other, from what it currently is to what the new district  
8 number will be. Thank you.

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Well, for Congress we also have  
10 one less district, of course, like, than last time. So  
11 there will probably be a little bit of switcheroo. Yes.

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes. Thank you.

13 Commissioner Andersen.

14 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Karin, could you also say  
15 about the east-west order? You start north and go south  
16 but?

17 MS. MAC DONALD: Yeah, we've just always been --  
18 we've been consistent. So we start at the same point.  
19 You know, we usually start on the -- we've been starting  
20 on the east side and then move our way down that way in  
21 order of the most northern point if that was the  
22 question.

23 Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.

24 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes. Thank you.

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Okay. So if we can

1 move to -- what area was it again, Commissioner Yee? It  
2 was the Bay Area -- I always just say the Bay Area --

3 COMMISSIONER YEE: Bay Area, yeah.

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: -- but what specifically?

5 COMMISSIONER YEE: Martinez, San Leandro, and  
6 SANJOSE. These (audio interference).

7 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay so -- and so what -- can you  
8 just back it up a little bit in terms of what the goal  
9 was with this reconfiguration?

10 COMMISSIONER YEE: Okay. The Martinez one was  
11 simply to make the shell refinery there whole as it  
12 was -- our boundary went right through the middle of the  
13 refinery. So just making it whole and it's a zero  
14 population move and this will make NORTHCONT contain all  
15 five Bay Area refineries whole. So it seemed like a  
16 reasonable move, and that was initially flagged by a COI  
17 testimony.

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes. I actually had that on my  
19 list as well. So thank you, I can tick it off my list.  
20 I -- Martinez refinery is divided into two Congressional  
21 districts. So thank you.

22 COMMISSIONER YEE: And Tamina has already worked out  
23 the correct change. Yeah, I apologize, earlier I thought  
24 that when you were making your list that was a regional  
25 not a statewide list at the time.

1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, when I said statewide it would  
2 include anything within the state. And I had it on my  
3 list as well so I'm glad that you actually brought it  
4 back.

5 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. All good. So I recommend  
6 we go with this.

7 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. I would agree. Or any  
8 other discussion regarding this zero population change  
9 and bringing our refineries together? Okay. Please lock  
10 it in. There's a little-- there we go. Yeah, thank you.  
11 There's a little area there. Great. Thank you.

12 COMMISSIONER YEE: The second one was San Leandro.

13 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And Mountain View is whole,  
14 correct? I think it's whole.

15 MS. RAMOS ALON: Yes, Chair, Mountain View is whole.

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Okay. And then the next  
17 area, Commissioner Yee?

18 COMMISSIONER YEE: San Leandro. One of our callers  
19 last night suggested a better split which as I thought  
20 about it made a lot of sense. So the split would give  
21 the greater part of San Leandro its entire shoreline  
22 whole, and the caller talked to the up development and  
23 coastal concerns there. It also moves in Bayfair Mall  
24 right there above the word Alameda. In exchange a  
25 slightly different split on the bottom and then

1 exchanging out the Bay-O-Vista neighborhood which is  
2 above the 580 Freeway there on the right, which is what  
3 the caller suggested. So that made a lot sense to me and  
4 it's a better split.

5 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. And you're pretty familiar  
6 this area, so.

7 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes.

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And again, you're able to split it  
9 and even it out, correct?

10 COMMISSIONER YEE: That's correct.

11 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Do we have any comments  
12 regarding this change -- proposed change?

13 Commissioners Toledo and Andersen.

14 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: The change looks appropriate.  
15 I'm in support. Thank you.

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

17 Commissioner Andersen.

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: The same.

19 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you.

20 Commissioner Ahmad.

21 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Chair. I just  
22 wanted to note that every time Commissioner Yee comes  
23 with a change it's so clean. It's always with a full  
24 round solution. So I appreciate that, Commissioner Yee.

25 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you.



1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Me too. I will second that.

2 COMMISSIONER YEE: It's entirely to the credit of  
3 our mappers.

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And the idea and the listening had  
5 to come from someone. So thank you, Commissioner Yee.  
6 And to our public. Okay.

7 COMMISSIONER YEE: Okay. The third change is in  
8 SANJOSE and responding to what Commissioner Akutagawa  
9 mentioned this morning about the little Saigon area of  
10 SANJOSE, and they have a commercial district that we had  
11 drawn out and we wish to draw in. It does come into  
12 Cupertino which has VRA concerns and considerations, but  
13 as a commercial district it's a very -- I think it's just  
14 a few dozen people. I don't think it changes the CVAP.  
15 But let's take a look.

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. And it just -- that's the  
17 only piece of Cupertino that we are splitting, correct?  
18 Or is Cupertino already -- I can't see the cities on  
19 here.

20 COMMISSIONER YEE: This is the Cupertino district,  
21 not the city.

22 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, Cupertino. Okay. Yes. Okay.  
23 Perfect. Oh, it's in SANJOSE. Okay.

24 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah, yeah. We should have  
25 renamed that district long ago but it will be --

1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: That's fine. Thank you. Okay.

2 Commissioner Sinay?

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Sorry, could we -- oh, well,  
4 let's finish this, then I just wanted to go back to the  
5 cleaning up on the last one. It just looked like there  
6 was a little square that was left behind, but it was  
7 probably not.

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I'm glad that Commissioner  
9 Sinay is joining the OCD club.

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Just on the --

11 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I'm sorry just -- I -- this is --

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Where the triangle is --  
13 zooming in near the triangle on the right. Yeah. Where  
14 did I see it?

15 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: To the right?

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Wait, can you zoom out a little  
17 bit? Sorry. It was right at the border it looked  
18 like -- oh, yeah. That little triangle right there  
19 doesn't need -- okay, so it's in the right district.  
20 Okay, never mind. Sorry about that.

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: You know what that is? It's a  
22 right triangle. In the right place.

23 CHAIR SINAY: Sleep-deprived right now.

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay, and balanced out.

25 COMMISSIONER YEE: And so -- yes. And so I just

1 cover -- dot all our I's for the little Saigon change.

2 Tamina, can you tell us what tiny part of adjacent

3 neighborhood that you adjusted to accommodate the 56

4 people or whatever it was?

5 MS. RAMOS ALON: Yes, absolutely. So the change  
6 that we made was the line right here which was cutting  
7 the Vietnamese Business District. So we moved that back  
8 and there were actually relatively few people in there  
9 and we switched it out with a little tiny census block  
10 along this area. And it actually was able to improve our  
11 LCVAP by 0.01 percent.

12 COMMISSIONER YEE: Win, win.

13 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Wow. It is a super Saturday,  
14 isn't it? Okay. Okay. We're done.

15 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you, Tamina.

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

17 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes. Thank you, Chair.

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Commissioner Yee, for  
19 bringing that forward. Thank you, Tamina. Thank you for  
20 all of the Commissioners for bringing forward all the  
21 various changes that we worked on today. And okay, now  
22 we're done with Congressional.

23 Karin, please number, and then we will do a quick  
24 little review tomorrow for anything we might have missed  
25 or want to want to clean up. So thank you so much. And

1 then our next course is Board of Equalization. So with  
2 the Board of Equalization, criteria number 6 is nesting,  
3 nesting of ten Senate districts into one board of the  
4 Equalization District. So I believe Jaime's the one that  
5 will bring up our Senate map, please.

6 MS. CLARK: Yep. And just one moment while I am  
7 changing the -- I'm just running a couple checks to make  
8 sure there's no issues with contiguity or anything like  
9 that so that we can export this file and start numbering  
10 them. And then I'm going to switch over to our BOE plan  
11 so that'll just be one moment, please.

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Sounds great. And just for the  
13 community, after we discuss the Board of Equalization we  
14 will be going into a closed session. And that's under  
15 the pending litigation exception. So we'll do Board of  
16 Equalization first and then we will go to that. Thank  
17 you.

18 (Pause)

19 MS. CLARK: And just an update is that there were no  
20 little noncontiguous blocks anywhere hanging out for  
21 Congress. So I'm just going to take one moment to export  
22 this file and then switch over to BOE. Thanks again for  
23 your patience.

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Ahmad.

25 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you Chair. While we wait

1 for that, I just wanted to bring forward that I've been  
2 reviewing Board of Equalization testimony, and we haven't  
3 gotten anything since November 20 on Board of  
4 Equalization that I found. I don't know if someone else  
5 has found anything.

6 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I think you're right. I do  
7 remember receiving two callers that called in for Board  
8 of Equalization. So thank you so much on that.  
9 Commissioner Sinay.

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Could we review what the two  
11 callers did say since there were two on the 20th. I  
12 remember one of them, but the other one I keep racking my  
13 brain.

14 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: I -- can I --

15 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes. Commissioner Ahmad.

16 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: I think I would refer you to --  
17 back to the air table that has all of the comments  
18 related to Board of Equalization.

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay.

20 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yeah.

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Because there's more than two.  
22 Okay, so there's more than two. I do remember one of  
23 them was with the Latino, having to do with the property  
24 taxes. Both were very good feedback. And unfortunately,  
25 I have that folder at home that -- where I took my notes,

1 but yeah.

2 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yes, I'm looking.

3 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And right now we are waiting,  
4 right, for Jaime. Should we take a quick break, Jaime,  
5 so that you don't feel like you're pressured?

6 MS. CLARK: We just -- I actually just need like  
7 one -- sixty seconds and then I can --

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: All right.

9 MS. CLARK: -- start sharing my screen. So just  
10 one -- thanks for your patience.

11 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay, so for sixty seconds, we'll  
12 just go over what we plan -- oh, outreach director, if  
13 she comes on her cam -- turns on her video, she has an  
14 announcement for us.

15 MS. KAPLAN: Just any of the callers that have  
16 called in, they're also captured in the air table. So  
17 that's on there, just so you know.

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, yes. All input comments have  
19 been captured in air table regardless of mode of  
20 forwarding that information, be it verbally to us during  
21 our meetings and writing. We also, very exciting, have  
22 received quite a few of the paper communities of interest  
23 from our incarcerated population. And I've got to tell  
24 you I've had -- I've loved actually reading through them.  
25 So I encourage others to read through it as well. It

1 really does touch my heart. So thank you for writing to  
2 us and letting us know about your communities of  
3 interest. Was that sixty seconds? Okay, I'm going to  
4 continue -- oh, nope. I think we have trivia from  
5 Commissioner Yee.

6 COMMISSIONER YEE: No, just a question actually.  
7 About the input from persons incarcerated, I'm wondering  
8 how -- for the public if they wanted to read those, what  
9 would be the easiest way to find them in the air table?

10 COMMISSIONER YEE: Right. So you can go to the air  
11 table and I believe you can actually sort it by source.  
12 And it actually notes paper Community of Interest or COI.  
13 So you can sort it that way. And it's -- yeah, I think  
14 they may warm your heart. Okay, so we still have 30  
15 seconds, here we go. We are going to -- doing well.  
16 Everyone, we're doing well. We're marching through.  
17 Thanks to Commissioners Toledo, Andersen, and Kennedy to  
18 getting us to this point. And so we are going to  
19 continue with Board of Equalization, then we're going to  
20 go to a closed session. So I'm just going to give you an  
21 overview.

22 And then after our break and closed session, then  
23 we're -- we'll come back and review the Assembly map  
24 again, just for very, very brief edits at that point.  
25 Commissioner Le Mons.

1           COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Commissioner Fernandez, I  
2 just want to -- excuse me, Chair Fernandez, I just wanted  
3 to thank you for raising that -- the feedback from the  
4 incarcerated members of our community. I too was struck  
5 by many of those, but more importantly, I want to say,  
6 your advocacy in the early days of this work around that,  
7 it remind -- it took me back to that and I just wanted to  
8 acknowledge that and I'm glad you lifted that up today.  
9 Thank you so much.

10           CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, and I will also thank  
11 my partner in this, which is Commissioner Sinay, and then  
12 we also had Commissioner Turner who's a huge advocate.  
13 And for those that don't know, I did spend quite a bit  
14 the majority of my professional career with the  
15 Department of Corrections, so don't think we're all the  
16 same. We all -- we're all people and we all emphasize  
17 and sympathize with all of our challenges in our daily  
18 life. So thank you so much, Commissioner Le Mons. And  
19 then we have Jaime.

20           MS. CLARK: Yeah, thank you. Just note that the  
21 mapping program is being fussy, so might be a good time  
22 to go on break after all or enter a closed session and  
23 (indiscernible, simultaneous speech) --

24           CHAIR FERNANDEZ: You know, why don't we go to  
25 closed session. We'll go to closed session. What time



1 is it now? Kristian, is my watch -- okay, so I need to  
2 look at my -- what time is it? 2:23 to 3:15, so  
3 hopefully we'll be back at 3:15 because we do have a  
4 break at 3 o'clock. So hopefully that gives you enough  
5 time.

6 I'm sure it will, Jaime, because you are a miracle  
7 worker. Thank you so much. And we will be going to  
8 closed session, but please join us once again at around  
9 3:15. If that time changes, we will update the  
10 information. Thank you so much.

11 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 2:19 p.m.  
12 until 4:30 p.m.)

13 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Welcome back, everyone. We had a  
14 closed session under the pending litigation exception and  
15 we took no action. And we were initially going to go --  
16 actually, we are going to go to Board of Equalization,  
17 but unfortunately, at this time, it does take longer for  
18 our line drawers and mappers to get that information  
19 together. So I'm thinking what the best course to try  
20 to -- to be more efficient at this point is reviewing the  
21 Senate districts and verbally conveying that information  
22 and then having our line drawers go back and have that  
23 information, and then when they come back, we can see the  
24 draft Board of Equalization. Will that work okay, Jaime?  
25 Oh, Karin? Is that -- oh, I got thumbs up.

1 MS. MAC DONALD: Yes. Hello.

2 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Hello.

3 MS. MAC DONALD: Yes. That would work fine. Thank  
4 you so much.

5 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay, great. No, thank you so  
6 much. Okay, so with that -- Oh, Commissioner Toledo has  
7 his hand up. Hopefully, he has a recommendation.

8 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I do. And actually --

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Whooo.

10 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: And my recommendation will be  
11 to align the districts that we created back in the draft  
12 map districts and align them with an updated version of  
13 those districts. And so I'm going to read off the four  
14 districts for BOE as reflected. So I'll go through. The  
15 first will be NORCAL or NORCAL.

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And again these are the districts  
17 in the Senate, so that everyone's aware.

18 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Oh, that's right.

19 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

20 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: So we'll be nesting the Senate  
21 districts. So we have forty districts in the Senate,  
22 we're going to nest ten of them to create one Board of  
23 Equalization district and so just like we did in our  
24 draft maps. And so I'm just going to list them out so  
25 that our line drawers can go back and merge all the maps

1 together and present one big map for us to look at and  
2 review later this evening. So number 1, NORCAL. Number  
3 2, PLACER-ED. Number 3, SACRAMENTO. Number 4, ECA.  
4 Number 5, B -- oh, sorry, SBENFRESNO. Number 6 --

5 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Can we just go a little bit slower  
6 because we do have our ASL interpreters and the  
7 captioners and me.

8 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yes. I will read a little bit  
9 slower. I will read slower. Thank you, Chair. So  
10 starting --

11 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, yes. Katy, can you please  
12 give instructions to Commissioner Toledo on the pace.

13 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I'll read slower. I just have  
14 forty of these to read off so. So number 6, FRESNO-KERN.  
15 Number 7 is KINGS-KERN. Number 8 is MCV. Number 9 is  
16 ANTIVICAL. Number 10 is POF. That's our first district.  
17 Let's go on to the next district. The next district will  
18 be San Francisco, so SF, NCOAST, SD80CORR, COCO,  
19 NAPABYRON, PENINSULA, SANJOSE, EDENTECH, MIDCOAST, and  
20 lastly SCOAST. Thank you. We'll go on to the third  
21 district which is SECA. SWRC, SD-POW, P-O-W, SOC-NSD.  
22 Number 5 is NOCOAST. Number 6 is IOC. Then we'll go on  
23 to SBRC, SD10WE, SD210.

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Would you mind repeating the  
25 second one. We missed that one, after SECA.

1 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Oh, SECA, SWRC.

2 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you.

3 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you. Then we'll go on  
4 to our last list. SDNELA, WESTOF110, SPCC, 710TOWATER,  
5 SD60. The next one is SD60X605. SAA, SDSHORELINE, and  
6 EVENTSFV. And I see a thumbs up. So I see that our line  
7 drawers have the list and they'll be working on compiling  
8 our maps for us to review later this afternoon. These  
9 districts are aligned with how our draft maps were  
10 visualized. So it's just the updated maps reflected on  
11 the Board of Equalization. Thank you, Chair.

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Commissioner Toledo.  
13 And hopefully, I'm not sure when we will be able to see  
14 that draft but hopefully, let's see, our next break we'll  
15 be at 6 o'clock, right? At 6 o'clock, yes. I got a  
16 thumbs up from Kristian. He's our official timekeeper.  
17 So hopefully, if we can, you know, a little bit before  
18 then and then at 6:30, we will take our break and then we  
19 will come back at 6:15, I mean at 6:45. And then I  
20 believe at that point, we will go to public comment; is  
21 that correct? Okay. Yes. So that's the plan so far.

22 Okay. And in terms of Commissioner Toledo, I think  
23 I missed this, in terms of the rationale for the  
24 districts that were picked, I believe it was based on the  
25 districts that we picked for the draft maps. And if I'm

1 going to try to remember correctly, one of them was kind  
2 of more of a coastal. And then we had another one that  
3 was concentrated in the LA area. And then we had a third  
4 one that was Southern California. And then the fourth  
5 one covered kind of like the Sierras Mountains and  
6 Central Valley; is that correct?

7 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yes. That is absolutely  
8 correct. And we invested a ten from each one of those  
9 regions, as you stated.

10 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Great, great.

11 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: In alignment with our draft  
12 map. So we're sticking with the draft map alignment.  
13 It's just that at this point, of course, we will get  
14 these back. And, of course, we can have discussion  
15 around them, but it's an alignment with that so that we  
16 can get a map with our updated districts.

17 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay, great. Thank you  
18 Commissioner Sinay and then Commissioner Andersen.

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And we looked at the BOE map,  
20 our draft maps at kind of the sit-ups and in the  
21 diversity, and it was pretty reflective of the entire  
22 state, even the way we had done it. So you know, just  
23 addressing some of the questions that did come up around  
24 the BOE map from individuals.

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Great. Thank you for that

1 feedback.

2 Commissioner Andersen.

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, thank you, Chair. I  
4 must have missed one, but could you read the first group  
5 again because I can only come up with nine. So I missed  
6 something, but if you could --

7 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I'm happy to.

8 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you very much.

9 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah. So NORCAL, PLACER-ED,  
10 SACRAMENTO, ECA, SBENFRESNO. I'll read slower. FRESNO-  
11 KERN, KINGS-KERN, MCV, ANTIVICAL, and then POF. And  
12 we're putting that together, we can send the list out to  
13 the whole Commission so that the whole Commission just  
14 has the list. It's also if you go to the draft maps, all  
15 of the districts are in the draft maps as well.

16 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Sure, thank you. I didn't  
17 realize the ANTIVICAL because it was LA County. That's  
18 what threw me. So thank you.

19 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: No worries. Thank you.

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Commissioner Yee.

21 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you, Chair. Just wondering  
22 if I suppose the line drawers are going to do their  
23 deviation analysis for these because they may or may not  
24 add up to five percent each. And I just wanted to make  
25 sure that's being done.

1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes. So when they come back, we  
2 will be able to see if we are within the five percent and  
3 if not, then we can adjust accordingly. Thank you for  
4 that though. Thank you for the reminder. Okay, and so  
5 while we wait for that to come back to us, right now we  
6 are moving into the Assembly. And again, this is just  
7 going to be a brief look. Minor, minor edits and if --  
8 or looking at different areas, and hopefully, whatever  
9 you suggest, we've all gone back to see if it works. And  
10 so hopefully, each one doesn't take too much longer than  
11 five minutes, I know that's kind of short but if we've  
12 done our homework, it should be pretty quick.

13 So what I want to do first is I want to create a  
14 list. Again, please let's minimize because, one, you  
15 know, time, unfortunately, is not on our side right now,  
16 so we need to minimize the time because we still have to  
17 go through the Board of Equalization, and then tomorrow  
18 we will also go review the Congressional again, and if we  
19 don't get them with Assembly, we'll have to carry that on  
20 to tomorrow.

21 And so with that, I'm just going to note the few  
22 that I've heard already. And when you mention what area  
23 you want to go to, please mention actually, like, it's in  
24 LA, or it's in Orange County just so that I have it down  
25 and we can ensure that we're not going back and forth

1 from area to area and as well as from line drawer to line  
2 drawer. And so the few that I've heard Commissioners  
3 discuss is Carson and Carson is requesting to be whole  
4 with West Carson, I believe, and that's in the Los  
5 Angeles area. Is that correct? Okay.

6 And another one that I've heard Commissioners also  
7 discuss as well as myself is for the UC Riverside to  
8 adjust the boundary to ensure the campus with the City of  
9 Riverside, I believe that that was discussed. Riverside?  
10 Yeah. And then I will open it up to my fellow  
11 Commissioners and hold that. And when you do discuss it,  
12 I'm trying to write it down, so as Katy says, please  
13 watch your pace, I'm trying to write it down. Okay, and  
14 with that, we will go to Commissioner Akutagawa.

15 Oh, and again, and what we'll do is try and create a  
16 list, and fortunately, Commissioner Sinay is helping me,  
17 which is wonderful because if there are thirty items,  
18 we're really going to have to prioritize. So with that,  
19 I'm going to Commissioner Akutagawa.

20 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay, and I think you  
21 already noted them, the UCR one, the Carson one.

22 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes, and please state the areas.  
23 I already have those.

24 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. I also saw and I  
25 know that this came up in the Senate one but I did see



1 some COI testimony about a split in San Leandro for the  
2 Assembly district. And then I also saw some additional  
3 COI testimony and I did check into this. I think it  
4 should be fairly simple but there is a request to move  
5 one of the southern borders for the West San Gabriel  
6 Valley Assembly district down slightly to encompass a  
7 little bit more. That's another one.

8       There was also -- I saw a COI testimony about  
9 linking the Santa Susana Lab. This is in the Ventura  
10 County Hidden Hills, West Hills, Bell Canyon area. There  
11 was a request that Santa Susana Lab should be in one  
12 Assembly district with Bell Canyon.

13       CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And you said that was Ventura,  
14 correct?

15       COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: That was that, yeah, yeah,  
16 that Ventura East, you know, I guess we're saying San  
17 Fernando Valley.

18       CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

19       COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Also, the Maywood request  
20 that we've been getting, hearing a lot about moving  
21 Maywood into the Gateway Assembly District. Maywood, LA.  
22 I'm sorry, LA, yes, that's where.

23       CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. I'm actually getting  
24 very good at this.

25       COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes, so Maywood into the

1 Gateway district outside and out of the NELA District.

2 There was also, I'm coming back to San Francisco

3 Chinatown. I know that I mentioned the Van Ness move but

4 then there's been additional, I guess, clarification on

5 that that they gave some specific requests for that, so

6 San Francisco Chinatown. Also, I saw something, Phelan

7 and Pinon Hills has asked to be removed from the 210

8 District and wants to be in a similar district with other

9 mountain communities, rural mountain communities. And

10 then, sorry, I have --

11 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Remember we're limited and we have  
12 all of the rest of the Commissioners, so at some point, I  
13 may have to ask you to prioritize.

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes, and oh, the Jewish  
15 community in the San Fernando Valley, we've been hearing  
16 quite a bit from them too. I have two more. These are  
17 all from COI testimony. There was in the Alum Rock  
18 Assembly District, I guess there was a request to make a  
19 slight change because the Latino Business District is  
20 being split and Alum Rock in SANJOSE, yeah. And then,  
21 yeah, and then Highland was split three times, has been  
22 noted and it's a small city. That's it. Thank you. San  
23 Bernardino, I think or Riverside, I believe. San  
24 Bernardino, I guess.

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Sorry, I'm just taking a little

1 bit of time because I want to make sure that I know which  
2 Commissioner actually requested it. (Audio  
3 interference). Okay, now we have Commissioner Andersen.

4 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you, Chair. I don't  
5 have an extensive list. I have one and it is Input  
6 37901, it's Santa Rosa which is NCOAST and it's from the  
7 province, Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital. They wanted to  
8 change the line just a little bit to allow for greater  
9 continuity in the representation of our patient  
10 population in the region. They included a map. Pretty  
11 straightforward.

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Yes, thank you.  
13 Commissioner Turner?

14 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. One would have  
15 been the Maywood that's been spoken of already. And two,  
16 I have three. Two is Big Garden Loop doing similar to  
17 what we've done in the Senate and then the third is in  
18 that area around bringing back Century City  
19 (indiscernible) Hills and Rancho Parks area in NTN.

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Just one more time. Sorry about  
21 that, Commissioner Turner.

22 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Bringing in Century City, a  
23 refinement, a two-district refinement that will bring in  
24 communities into Century -- in the Century City area into  
25 the Crenshaw South area.

1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay, great, thank you so much. I  
2 should have put my list in the order of California but I  
3 wasn't smart enough to do that. Commissioner Kennedy.

4 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. Two things  
5 that I'd like to look at seeing if we can respond to.  
6 First of all, moving Walnut Park into 110 LA with  
7 Florence Graham, and it sounds as if moving Maywood into  
8 Gateway would ensure that there's room for that. Second  
9 is again, you know, I go to my topographical map and I  
10 look at the Santa Clarita Valley and listening to  
11 Community of Interest's input, I'm wondering if we do  
12 have space or a way to put Acton and I would also say  
13 with Santa Clarita. Thank you.

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. I'm a slow writer  
15 obviously. Commissioner Sadhwani.

16 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Thank you, Chair. Most of  
17 mine have already been mentioned, Maywood, Riverside,  
18 Carson. I think we have a very complete list already. I  
19 just wanted to lift up the San Fernando Valley. We've  
20 had a lot of competing testimony in that area and it was  
21 actually the last place that we had finished when we were  
22 working on the Assembly. I remember we had cut into a  
23 lot of different neighborhood councils. I don't have a  
24 plan but I would at least like to have a conversation  
25 about it. Thank you.

1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Great. Okay, Commissioner Toledo.  
2 Commissioner Kennedy, did you still have something?  
3 Okay, that's okay. Commissioner Toledo?

4 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah, for me, it would be  
5 Maywood and that's already been named. Santa Rosa with  
6 Sonoma, so just others, uniting some of the little towns  
7 around the City of Sonoma, and then San Fernando Valley,  
8 just taking a look at that. I don't have a plan for that  
9 either but at least taking a look at it and seeing if  
10 there's any refinements we can make or sticking with the  
11 draft. Thank you.

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay, great, thank you. Okay,  
13 anyone else? Oh, I know Commissioner Sinay has, I just  
14 have one, well, other than the other two that I already  
15 mentioned. Mine was in SACRAMENTO Carmichael area, we  
16 split Carmichael. Received lots of Communities of  
17 Interest regarding not splitting it. It is a Slavic  
18 community plus the business community, lots of business  
19 community organizations there that we've split out.  
20 That's the only one I have and now it's Commissioner  
21 Sinay.

22 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Seeing if we can put -- when  
23 we're looking at Carson, if we can also look at San  
24 Pedro, seeing if we can get them together. And we -- I  
25 know we finally don't split Santa Cruz in one of our --

1 in one of our plans, but I think in this one, they get  
2 split multiple times. And if we can just look at that, I  
3 don't have a plan. It's just, I heard them.

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Great. Thank you. Okay, so we're  
5 going to be aggressive and we're going to tackle all of  
6 them. What do you guys think? I think we're ready for  
7 this, right? That's right.

8 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Five minutes each one?

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Let's see. Let's see how this  
10 goes. Yes. I think maybe we'll do some of the easy  
11 ones. Although, however, I do want to talk to -- check  
12 with Jaime and Kennedy and Karin and Sivan and Tamina.  
13 Which one -- what area makes more sense for you or does  
14 it matter? I'm thinking the ones as we move towards Los  
15 Angeles with San Fernando Valley, that might take --  
16 those conversations may take a little bit longer. I'm  
17 thinking maybe we can maybe work north going to south.  
18 Again, if we don't get done today, our first slot  
19 tomorrow, we can of course devote to this. So any rec --  
20 oh, Karin. Does that sound good if we go north, kind of  
21 north?

22 MS. MAC DONALD: Yes, that sounds great. That's a  
23 terrific idea, thank you.

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: So -- oh, I'm looking to see.  
25 Kennedy, you're there. Okay, you want to -- should we go

1 to Kennedy? Okay. Kennedy. And I hope you heard  
2 everything because I'm not going to repeat it. Just  
3 kidding. So we'll go with north, and I believe -- yeah,  
4 I believe the SACRAMENTO area was the first one. If we  
5 go into the WPLACER-SAC, right there, Carmichael is  
6 split. Yeah. If we can -- I believe we can grab that  
7 area. The part of -- the north part of Carmichael that  
8 is split and we can put that all into -- yes. Thank you.  
9 I'm so glad that we've worked so long together I don't  
10 even have to say anything. You already know what I want  
11 to do. So thank you.

12 MS. WILSON: One moment. I will select that city  
13 now.

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

15 MS. WILSON: So moving that portion of Carmichael  
16 over puts WPLACER-SAC, I'm sorry, at 4.1 percent and West  
17 Sac at 0.33 percent.

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Great. Thank you. Do we have any  
19 consider -- any concerns with moving that over? Okay.  
20 Please make that change. Thank you.

21 MS. WILSON: I'm sorry, I didn't make the change, so  
22 we are -- it's good and in effect.

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: You didn't make the change? Yes.  
24 Thank you. And, okay, so we're going to move to, I  
25 believe it will be (audio interference) -- oh, okay. We

1 want to do yours. Okay, perfect. So we're going to go  
2 to Commissioner Turner. We're going to go to the Old  
3 Fig, right?

4 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay. Sounds good.

5 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right?

6 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

7 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Fig Loop. Fig Loop.

8 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Fig Loop. Fig Loop.

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes. Yes.

10 COMMISSIONER TURNER: It's going to be similar to  
11 what we did in Senate. We're going to be bringing in all  
12 of Fig Garden Loop and we will bring in Delhi and Cressey  
13 to MERCED-FRES, which will raise this -- everybody, all  
14 of this is going to raise the (audio interference) so  
15 everybody just we're going to do great. We're going to  
16 populate Stanislaus with Gustine and Stevenson North.  
17 I'll wait and let you do that.

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And Kennedy, would you mind  
19 putting up the CVAP on all of the districts, just so that  
20 we -- as we're moving, we know which ones are potentially  
21 VRA. Thank you. But continue with this. Thank you.

22 MS. WILSON: Yes. Okay, yes. One moment. I'll  
23 put -- I just selected the rest of it, so I'll put it up  
24 right now.

25 (Pause)



1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Got it. And we're going to be  
2 also bringing Delhi and Cressey into Merced Fresno.

3 MS. WILSON: So I will -- is it okay to make this  
4 change and then go forth and make the rest of those  
5 changes as well?

6 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes. And then we -- yeah. So  
7 right now, the AD 27, that's the current, right? What  
8 you're showing.

9 MS. WILSON: Yes. And so then you -- oh, yes.

10 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I just wanted to make sure I know  
11 them. Okay, great. Thank you. Yes. And then, yeah.

12 MS. WILSON: Okay. Sorry, I turned off the terrain  
13 layer to make this move a little bit faster. And so now,  
14 I'm going to bring in Delhi and Cressey. One moment.

15 (Pause)

16 MS. WILSON: And now I'm going to move Stevenson and  
17 Gustine up to populate Dennis. I'll do that right --

18 (Pause)

19 MS. WILSON: Sorry. I'm going to just remove all  
20 these extra little water blocks that make little  
21 squiggles.

22 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: So is this for population moving  
23 those out? Is that what it was for?

24 MS. WILSON: Yes. Because we took too many out of  
25 this. When we took Delhi and Cressey, it underpopulated

1 Stanisla -- this one, STANIS. Sorry. And I'm moving in  
2 Stevenson and Gustine to help balance that population so  
3 that it wasn't -- it was at a negative six point  
4 something, so I moved that in to balance the population.  
5 And so now with that -- oh, sorry.

6 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Um-hum. And then we need to give  
7 back because we're watching our CVAPs, I think they're  
8 only up, and then we want to give back -- I think we have  
9 to balance back. Yep. We got to give back, let's see,  
10 the West Park and parts of Fresno so we can take out Old  
11 Fig Garden.

12 MS. WILSON: Okay, one moment.

13 (Pause)

14 MS. WILSON: Okay. Oh, my voice. Okay.

15 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay, so what does it look like  
16 now?

17 MS. WILSON: So now it looks -- so in the Fresno  
18 District, I actually do not have the old lines on, so I  
19 do not have the old (indiscernible) --

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: The old Fresno -- the old CVAP was  
21 53.07 for Fresno.

22 MS. WILSON: And so now it's at -- the Latino CVAP  
23 is now at 53.51. And then moving to Merced Fresno, if  
24 you could remind me what it was before.

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: You all should have saw it at

1 51.01.

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: 51.03

3 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, you had three?

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. So it went up. It  
5 did go up. Pardon?

6 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: It went up 51.44.

7 MS. WILSON: And so yeah, those are the changes  
8 bringing Old Fig Loop and bringing in Delhi and Cressey  
9 up north and moving out the Gustine, Stevenson was able  
10 to help bring up the CVAP in Merced and then we brought  
11 in West Park and another part of Fresno, and that helped  
12 to bring -- and bring out Old Fig Garden, and that helped  
13 to bring the Fresno District (indiscernible).

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I did want to say, so the  
15 CVAP in both of the VRA districts increased. It went up.  
16 I did want to name that the Stanislaus area CVAP went  
17 slightly down, but yep. And that's what I'll say about  
18 that, but the VRA numbers increased a bit.

19 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. And the --

20 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: But it balances out those  
21 COIs that I was requesting.

22 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right. And the Stanislaus is not  
23 a VRA district.

24 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Right.

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. And so this was for the Old

1 Fig -- oh, what is that with that squiggly lines? It's  
2 interesting.

3 MS. WILSON: Yeah, it -- it was -- it's like a  
4 weird -- it must be a little river running through, so I  
5 was just going to take out.

6 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

7 MS. WILSON: And there you go.

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. Do we have any --  
9 anyone have any concerns with making this move? Okay.  
10 No concerns. Please lock it in.

11 MS. WILSON: Thank you.

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. And then, let see. Are we  
13 going to -- was that the last one for you, Kennedy? I've  
14 got like the north --

15 MS. WILSON: From what? Yeah, I was --

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Like San Leandro -- we've got San  
17 Leandro, Santa Susana, Santa Rosa, San Francisco,  
18 Chinatown. So I think that is Tamina. Thank you so  
19 much. I don't see anything else for north. Thank you,  
20 but we know you're there in case we need you. Very  
21 comforting. Welcome back, Tamina. So glad to see you  
22 again.

23 MS. RAMOS ALON: Evening, Chair. Where would you  
24 like to go?

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: So how about if you tell me which

1 order you want to take it in. We've got the San Leandro  
2 split, we've got the Santa Susana lab, we've got Santa  
3 Rosa. So that's a little bit more north. And we've got  
4 San Francisco Chinatown.

5 MS. RAMOS ALON: Anyone you like. Let's --

6 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: You want to start with Santa Rosa?  
7 That seems to -- maybe we go north and come south a  
8 little bit? And this would be Commissioner -- wait.  
9 Santa Rosa is Commissioner Andersen. And that's the  
10 Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital? Oh, I'm sorry. And  
11 Commissioner Toledo also had San Rosa with Sonoma,  
12 correct? So --

13 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: It was the same one, San Rosa  
14 Memorial Hospital.

15 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, it was the same?

16 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: And just making sure that that  
17 is in the North Coast District and then uniting some of  
18 the Sonoma -- the cities around Sonoma, the City of  
19 Sonoma.

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay, so we do -- do you have  
21 direction for Tamina?

22 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I believe we may have given  
23 the -- Tamina has the correspondence from Santa Rosa  
24 Memorial and I think she has already -- she has it for us  
25 as an iteration. So there we go.

1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Or we just recreate it? Okay.

2 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: So -- we -- it's already  
3 there.

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Chair, that's what I was  
6 going to say and it is there. Thank you.

7 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay.

8 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: And I believe, Tamina, were  
9 you able to work on the City of Sonoma as well? So the  
10 change is basically putting Memorial Hospital into the  
11 North Coast District and then making sure that the cities  
12 of El Verano, Boyes Hot Springs, Agua Caliente, remain  
13 with -- or are rather are united and connected to the  
14 Napa area, the Lake Napa map.

15 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And it is.

16 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: And that's presented here as  
17 well. And it's been balanced, so those are the two  
18 changes.

19 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Do we have any concerns  
20 with these changes?

21 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I'm almost thinking that we  
22 probably should also add the city or the Town of Eldridge  
23 as well, if there's enough deviation, if they're not --  
24 right next to it.

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Is that the one that's -- it looks

1 like we might. There's a negative 3.94.

2 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Because generally, it's over  
3 on the Boyes Hot Springs and the Springs area, but  
4 Eldridge is right next to it and just to be -- just to  
5 unite those little towns that are contiguous.

6 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right. Tamina, can we see what  
7 that population is, please?

8 MS. RAMOS ALON: Absolutely, Chair. One moment,  
9 please.

10 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: It's about 1,300, I believe.

11 MS. RAMOS ALON: The population is 1,315 people.  
12 Resulting deviation for 8004 Lake Nap is negative 3.68  
13 percent. And for 8012 Sonoma is negative 0.82 percent.

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Any concerns with that? If  
15 we do move forward, can you just make it just connected  
16 on the bottom right there on Eldridge, the little piece  
17 that's -- yeah. Okay. Okay. Thank you. Let's lock it  
18 in. And this is again so that those communities stay  
19 together, correct?

20 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: This is a Community of  
21 Interest that has requested to remain whole and together.  
22 Thank you.

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Okay. And then we  
24 have -- we've got San Francisco Chinatown, we've got  
25 Santa Susana. That was -- oh, the other three are

1 Commissioner Akutagawa, yes? The San Leandro split, the  
2 Santa Susana Lab with the district with Bell Canyon and  
3 the -- okay, which one are you taking us to? Okay, San  
4 Leandro. So it is split.

5 MS. RAMOS ALON: San Leandro is not split in this  
6 map.

7 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay. It looked pretty whole,  
8 or maybe it's in the other one.

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Commissioner Yee clarified.  
10 He thinks it might have been in the Congressional  
11 district. So the input sounded like it was in the ass --  
12 or the inputs sounded like it was the Assembly, so.

13 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay, so if you can remind me for  
14 tomorrow when we do Congressional will be Great. Thank  
15 you. Okay. So then we can go to the -- either San  
16 Francisco Chinatown or the Santa Susana Lab, the Bell  
17 Canyon.

18 MS. RAMOS ALON: Which -- whichever one you want to  
19 do.

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Well, it looks like we're in San  
21 Francisco.

22 MS. RAMOS ALON: Okay.

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: It looks like we're going to go to  
24 Chinatown right now.

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes. And this -- this



1 did -- input come in -- came in, and if we could go to --  
2 it looks like it's where the border of Chinatown and  
3 North Beach is. And it specifically speaks to -- it's  
4 along Columbus Avenue. There's like this little  
5 triangular area there that I want to specifically note.  
6 So the inputs did say that making this change would keep  
7 the communities in Chinatown and North Beach together.  
8 They have -- there's also been some coordination with  
9 LGBTQ partners and they've also suggested alternates to  
10 move out to balance the population.

11 So specifically, the request is the blocks directly  
12 north of Broadway, particularly around Vallejo and Green  
13 Streets along Columbus have many Chinese businesses as  
14 well as apartment buildings. And they've requested to be  
15 together with North Beach so that they can all advocate  
16 together for policy issues that they carry -- care about,  
17 housing issues to worker protections, to language  
18 assistance. So what they've requested is, there's a  
19 point like at the triangle that is Jones and Columbus on  
20 the street. So if we could go to there.

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Do you want to zoom in a little  
22 bit or are your eyes better than mine, Tamina?

23 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I think you might have to  
24 go a little bit further up or north, I guess. I guess  
25 that's the way I'm seeing on here. So the corner of --

1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Is it -- I'm sorry, I missed this  
2 part. It's in the East SF District?

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. And one more time.

5 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: So Tamina, do you know  
6 Jones in Columbus? It looks like when I was looking at  
7 it, it's kind of like, it's a triangle, but it's --  
8 there's a name for it, but I don't know what the proper  
9 name for that triangle is.

10 MS. RAMOS ALON: I'm sorry, I'm not sure what you're  
11 referring to.

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: So can you find Chinatown  
13 on here?

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Is it above?

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: It's -- I think it's  
16 further up.

17 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Further up or down? Other  
18 way?

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: No, it's right around  
20 there. Do you see -- yeah, where you're just --

21 MS. RAMOS ALON: Chinatown, where it says Chinatown.

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Do you see that  
23 upper -- where your cursor was. Yeah, right around  
24 there.

25 MS. RAMOS ALON: Up here?

1 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Do you see that? Yeah,  
2 right around there. Can you just zoom in on there?

3 MS. RAMOS ALON: Okay. Sure.

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: So that should be Columbus  
5 Street. Okay. So then if you go to -- now you go just a  
6 little bit to your left, to that little, that triangle  
7 where you -- do you see where it says Russian Hill?

8 MS. RAMOS ALON: Yes.

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Like that triangle. That  
10 is to the right of that label. And if you could just  
11 zoom in a little bit more. And you should see Jones and  
12 Columbus up at the top. What they're requesting is just  
13 move the area between Jones and Columbus go down to  
14 Broadway and Colomb -- so it's like a triangle. I know  
15 you can't see my -- me move my cursor.

16 MS. RAMOS ALON: I'm sorry, they want to be moved  
17 out of West SF into East SF?

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes. That part of north.  
19 And it should be North Beach. And then the balance would  
20 be, in consultation with LGBTQ partners, to balance it by  
21 moving Diamond Heights and Glen Park into West SF. It's  
22 all up to Jones.

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. All up to Jones?

24 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah.

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. I'm saying that like I know

1 it. All the way up to Jones.

2 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: So Chair, Jones is like four  
3 or five blocks to the -- to the west. So this is a large  
4 move, a large triangle that they're proposing.

5 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yeah. That's quite a few blocks  
6 going out. And so -- okay. And this is to unite  
7 Chinatown? Is that what it is?

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Chinatown and North Beach  
9 together.

10 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you.

11 MS. RAMOS ALON: I'm sorry, north to -- okay. So  
12 we're on Jones and we're going north (indiscernible,  
13 simultaneous speech) --

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: To the north to -- up to  
15 the corner of Columbus and Jones. It should end in a  
16 point, a triangle point.

17 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: So that would be all the way  
18 up -- all the way up to Columbus.

19 MS. RAMOS ALON: Oh, all the way to the other corner  
20 of Columbus.

21 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah.

22 MS. RAMOS ALON: Okay. Got it.

23 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

24 MS. RAMOS ALON: Okay. Thank you.

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: You know what that is? It's

1 another right triangle.

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Is that what the name of --  
3 I do not remember. I knew there was a name to the  
4 triangle. I just couldn't remember what the proper name  
5 was.

6 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: That's a ninety-degree angle.

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: So they've asked to balance  
8 it with population. They said Diamond -- move Diamond  
9 Heights in Glen Park into AD West SF to balance the  
10 population.

11 MS. RAMOS ALON: Okay. So this is 7,232 people. I  
12 can balance both sides at the same time. Can I make this  
13 change first?

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Chair? They asked if it's  
15 okay to make the change.

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Let me go back. Let's see where  
17 we're going with this. We're almost -- we're almost -- I  
18 gave away a few minutes on mine, so we're ahead. And we  
19 didn't have to do San Leandro, so that worked out really  
20 well.

21 COMMISSIONER Turner: And I didn't take all five.

22 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: You did not. You were -- you were  
23 set and ready to go, Commissioner Turner.

24 MS. RAMOS ALON: I'm sorry, Commissioner, will you  
25 tell me the other swap?

1           COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Diamond Heights  
2 neighborhood and Glen Park. And let me look at the --  
3 Tamina, if it's easier, there were, I believe some  
4 specific areas that a PDF of the actual streets that  
5 accompany the input. I'm trying to -- I'm trying to blow  
6 it up more so that I can see the actual streets. So it  
7 looks like the eastern border is Diamond Heights  
8 Boulevard and the western border is (indiscernible)  
9 Boulevard. And the northern border is -- hold on. I'm  
10 trying to move this. It looks like Cortola Drive and the  
11 southern border is Monterey Boulevard.

12           CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And so I just want to make sure we  
13 were very, like, specific when we drew these assemblies.  
14 I just want to make sure we're not breaking up some other  
15 communities of interest. I'm hoping that --

16           COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: This area is part of the  
17 LGBTQ COI but they have already indicated their support  
18 for this change, and they -- the indication is that it  
19 does not impact their COIs.

20           CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And so their indication for the  
21 support was that in the same COI that we received, or was  
22 that like a separate one from the LGBT?

23           COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: It was in the same input  
24 that we'd received, but they indicated that they have  
25 already talked to their LGBTQ partners.

1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay, great. Thank you. Is --  
2 are those the boundaries, Tamina? Commissioner Akutagawa  
3 are those--

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: It looks like the -- excuse  
5 me, the map that we received.

6 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. I have Commissioner Yee and  
7 Commissioner Andersen.

8 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. I'm not recalling what the  
9 reasoning behind that line was before, but if  
10 Commissioner Akutagawa has recent input, then that's  
11 fine.

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Andersen.

13 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, no, I am questioning  
14 particularly this last bit, the Diamond Heights. You  
15 know, the Noy Valley here right through there, that is  
16 basically LGBTQ area. And where -- so where is this  
17 coming from?

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: This is coming from the  
19 AEPI AMEMSA State Redistricting Collaborative, and they  
20 have indicated that they have already spoken to their  
21 LGBTQ partners.

22 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Correct. And we do have  
23 corroborating from the LGBTQ partners though?

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: That's what I had asked, but right  
25 now we don't have that information. It was just -- it

1 was in the same communities of interest information that  
2 they stated they had received kind of the okay from the  
3 LGBTQ community. So that's what we can go with right  
4 now.

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. I can see adding, you  
6 know, the -- it's not really Chinatown, but it's North  
7 Beach up in the north, that triangle. Removing this  
8 though, I -- this causes a great pause for me, the  
9 Diamond Heights area in particular. The Glen Park, I'm  
10 sort of looking at that, but I would really like to see  
11 input -- the other input to corroborate that rather than  
12 the same letter. I'm not comfortable with this change.

13 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I guess all I can say is I can't  
14 imagine that they would just say that they got -- that  
15 they spoke to their partners without having spoken to  
16 their partners, knowing that it could be corroborated,  
17 but if it makes it more comfortable to hold off and to  
18 see if we do get input in from the LGBTQ community, I'm  
19 not sure in terms of the schedule, what would work.

20 I anticipate as going into tomorrow morning with  
21 this, so it could be something that we could hold off and  
22 then address tomorrow. So hopefully if you're listening,  
23 which I'm pretty sure you are, hopefully, we can receive  
24 some input into air our table would be great. We are  
25 going to be having public comment later as well. So



1 either way, we are reading it, we are taking all the  
2 information in. So with that, we'll hold off. So I'm  
3 going to leave it on -- I'm going to leave it on my list  
4 as something that we will address tomorrow.

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you, Chair.

6 MS. RAMOS ALON: Chair, may I ask, would you like to  
7 leave this area unbalanced or would you like to balance  
8 this area?

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, let's balance it back. I am  
10 so sorry. Oh, did you want to take a snapshot of it so  
11 in case we have to do it tomorrow, we don't have to find  
12 the areas again? Just wondering if that might be a good  
13 idea.

14 MS. RAMOS ALON: Sure. If -- okay. I'm going to  
15 commit the change to make the snapshots and then I will  
16 back up.

17 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Can I weigh in?

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Sounds great. Commissioner  
19 Sadhwani.

20 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, so I mean I just want  
21 to agree with Commissioner Akutagawa. My guess is that  
22 if a community group is saying that they've touch based  
23 with their partners then I'm hoping that's going to be  
24 true and I'm going to take them for their word for it and  
25 we're talking about it here so certainly folks can call

1 in. I just wanted to know, I mean I would be fine moving  
2 forward this change at this point and revisiting tomorrow  
3 or walking back and revisiting tomorrow either way.

4 I just wanted a lift up. My understanding is the  
5 LGBTQ community had always asked for west of Twin Peaks  
6 being connected with Twin Peaks. I don't know, this  
7 doesn't achieve that, it doesn't not achieve that,  
8 they're already split so I think my sense is that that's  
9 probably kind of what the logic behind it's okay with  
10 them but if there's a way to pull in west of Twin Peaks  
11 that might be worth figuring out though I don't have a  
12 swap at the ready to move that forward. Thank you.

13 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I'm going to write that down, swap  
14 Twin Peaks. Okay, thank you. It's already reversed out.  
15 Tamina, did you get your snapshot?

16 MS. RAMOS ALON: Yes, Chair, ready to move to Santa  
17 Susana.

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes. Santa Susana, that again is  
19 Commissioner Akutagawa. So Santa Susana Lab into the  
20 district with Bell Canyon.

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah and it's for  
22 everybody's, if you want to look at it, it's 40297 and  
23 specifically it says that, "We have split the  
24 contaminated site which is a major cleanup site in  
25 Ventura County into two Assembly districts." That's what

1 caught my eye so I thought we could look at it. It does  
2 speak to the Santa Susana field lab as, let's see, is a  
3 historic nuclear and aerospace research facility. One  
4 location at the Santa Susana Field lab is known as Burro  
5 Flats. The Burros make an appearance again. This is a  
6 department of energy as well as cultural area for the  
7 Chumash Tataviam tribes.

8       And it says the southern portion we've put into, I  
9 guess it's the ADSCB, the northern portion we have in the  
10 Ventura County district and this person is just asking  
11 that it be put into one district it says the site is a  
12 contaminated site that qualified as a federal EPA  
13 superfund site but I guess the way the State of  
14 California is working with it, she just thought that it  
15 would be, I guess for the areas around it, it would best  
16 be served by having it one district for the communities  
17 there.

18       This person says it can be drawn in with Bell Canyon  
19 in Ventura County which is landlocked and only has access  
20 to West Hills. So I think that's the only -- that's why  
21 she just suggested this. I'm assuming she, I shouldn't  
22 say she but this person, they have said that that was  
23 just a suggestion. I guess it could go either way. Just  
24 one district is better, it sounds like.

25       CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. That's highlighted. It's

1 probably not populated correct. I hope not, same. Oh,  
2 Commissioner Fornaciari?

3 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, I would think we  
4 want to put it in Ventura County since it is in Ventura  
5 County and the representative from Ventura County would  
6 have a vested interest in representing it as opposed to  
7 the representative from the San Fernando Valley. I think  
8 there's more to it. I think it pretty much goes to the  
9 border of Bell Canyon.

10 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. There should be nothing  
11 there. Did we get -- yeah, looks like you got it on the  
12 west side too. It's just kind of blending in, I can  
13 tell, for sure. Oops, poked too much. Okay. Does  
14 anyone have any concerns or any comments regarding this  
15 move? Okay, we're going to lock that in, thank you. Did  
16 not change any of our numbers. Okay. So we are moving  
17 to Los Angeles. Right?

18 MS. RAMOS ALON: Thank you, Chair. Can do. Jaime  
19 will be with you in a moment.

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Great. Thank you, Tamina.  
21 Commissioner Fornaciari, did you still have?

22 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, just looking at this  
23 map really quick. I mean we have a bunch of  
24 unincorporated Ventura County in with the San Fernando  
25 Valley south of Bell Canyon. It's all, like, mountainous

1 region and that kind of thing. I would think that we  
2 would want that with the county that owns it. I mean I  
3 don't have any COIs but that's just a reaction I had.

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: With Ventura?

5 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah.

6 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Let's see if we have. Even  
7 though it wasn't on my list, we will look at that. Okay?

8 (Pause)

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you.

10 MS. CLARK: All right we made that change. Where  
11 would you like to look at next?

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, actually there was a little  
13 bit left with Santa Catalina with Agua Dulce and Acton  
14 and that is -- oh, Commissioner Kennedy.

15 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Chair, I think Acton and Agua  
16 Dulce are probably better taken up if or when we take up  
17 the San Fernando Valley because if we end up shifting  
18 populations that's going to end up impacting. If we're  
19 ready to go to the San Fernando Valley now, I'm fine with  
20 looking at this. I just want to suggest that we might  
21 want to hold off until we do the San Fernando Valley.  
22 Thank you.

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: That was a great segue, thank you  
24 so much. We are at the San Fernando Valley right now.  
25 So San Fernando Valley. Let's see, we had Commissioner

1 Akutagawa.

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I have a really quick  
3 one that I think will be quick because I think San  
4 Fernando Valley is going to take a little time. The El  
5 Monte one.

6 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: What was your -- was it on my  
7 list?

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: It should've been. El  
9 Monte, I said it was a -- it should be a quick fix. They  
10 wanted to just move the line down.

11 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I do not have that one. Okay.

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: It's the West Saint Gabriel  
13 District. There was --

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I'm sorry, is it "Move West Saint  
15 Gabriel"? Okay.

16 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: You called it something  
17 else?

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I did. I did. I have  
19 (indiscernible). I'm trilingual apparently. Okay, so  
20 let's go there really quick.

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. The West Saint  
22 Gabriel Valley, it's El Monte -- it's around El Monte.  
23 They just asked that the line for the district be moved  
24 down to the next major street which is Garvey so that  
25 more of the community can be brought in. However, this

1 is where, until I see it actually happen it's going to be  
2 hard to see what the impacts are going to be but I just  
3 wanted to lift that part up.

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Into Garvey, is it -- is that  
5 named after Steve Garvey, who was the first baseman for  
6 The Dodgers? Everyone should be impressed that I know  
7 that. I'm just saying.

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: That Garvey was there way  
9 before Steve Garvey came around.

10 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Sorry.

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you, just turn that  
12 away.

13 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Chair?

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes, Commissioner Vazquez.

15 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah, I just really wanted to  
16 stress that just north, the district we're modifying  
17 right now is a VRA district so we should be very, very  
18 careful even about making these small adjustments.

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, and that's why I  
20 wanted to see what it was going to do before --

21 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Right, committing anything.

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, because I know it  
23 sounds like it's a small change, but I didn't want to say  
24 let's just make it for sure until we saw the numbers.

25 MS. CLARK: So with that, for the West Saint Gabriel

1 Valley base district, a percent deviation would become  
2 negative 1.83 percent, percent Latino CVAP would be 28.46  
3 percent, percent Black CVAP would be 1.48 percent,  
4 percent Asian CVAP would be 52.73 percent and percent  
5 white CVAP would be 15.98 percent. Not sure, perhaps  
6 your VRA team would want to weigh in on this or?

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I'm sorry, could you go up  
8 or down?

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Wait. Hold on. It went down for  
10 Asian CVAP but slightly.

11 MS. CLARK: Down.

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And then for the other dis -- the  
13 AD56, I wanted to see that one as well (simultaneous  
14 speech).

15 MS. CLARK: -- 60 corridor, the percent deviation  
16 would become negative 2.73 percent. Percent Latino, CVAP  
17 will become 56.32 percent. Percent Black CVAP will  
18 become 1.89 percent. Percent Asian CVAP will become  
19 27.99 percent. Percent White CVAP will become 12.86  
20 percent.

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you. There does not  
22 appear to be a significant change, but I -- I definitely  
23 would want our VRA council to weigh in. Commissioner  
24 Sadhwani.

25 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Oh yeah, it's just that -- can



1 you remind me Commissioner Akutagawa where COI testimony  
2 was coming (indiscernible, simultaneous speech)?

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: That was all part of the  
4 earlier testimony that we had around the West San Gabriel  
5 Valley Senate District and that was -- that was added on  
6 as part of that too.

7 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: So this -- they wanted it in the  
8 Senate district or they wanted it --

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: No, in the Assembly  
10 district. It was separately --

11 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: (Indiscernible, simultaneous  
12 speech) mentioned?

13 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Mentioned as for the  
14 Assembly. But if it's going to impact the -- the -- in  
15 this case, because it's a -- the West San Gabriel Valley  
16 District is an Asian VRA district if it's going to bring  
17 it down then, I'd rather not do anything that's going  
18 to -- even if it's small, I'd rather just not make that  
19 change then.

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah.

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you.

22 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I'm sorry. So we are not going to  
23 make the change, correct? Okay. Sorry, I was -- let me  
24 make sure I knock this one out. Okay, great. So now we  
25 will go to the San Fernando Valley. We had a couple

1 there. Commissioner said -- that was fast. Thank you so  
2 much, Commissioner Akutagawa. We've got Commissioner  
3 Sadhwani and Commissioner Akutagawa. Commissioner  
4 Sadhwani was more of the general San Fernando Valley, and  
5 then Commissioner Akutagawa was for the Jewish community.

6 So does -- who wants to start first? Okay. Are  
7 they all -- okay, so Commissioner Sadhwani, would you  
8 like to start?

9 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Well, yeah, just as an  
10 overview. I mean, we've heard a lot of back and forth  
11 from the San Fernando Valley. Definitely, it seems that  
12 there are some competing interests there presenting  
13 various group, various interests, and -- and also  
14 presenting various maps. So we've had a number of  
15 callers and -- and certainly submissions in the last  
16 couple of days about a firefighters' map. So I just  
17 wanted to point folks to that. We've also of course  
18 had -- had the VICA maps that we've seen in the past, and  
19 it seems like they've done some updates.

20 So I just wanted to remind folks about that. So as  
21 we had completed this, we had moved Sylmar into this  
22 district to kind of shore up many of the working-class  
23 communities throughout that area. You know, my sense is  
24 that that district is looking pretty good as is. I know  
25 the LGBTQ community folks have asked to keep North

1 Hollywood and Toluca Lake together, which I believe we  
2 do. Do we do that? Yeah, I think so. So I just wanted  
3 to raise it and see if we do want to make any -- any  
4 shifts or changes in this area and just kind of get a --  
5 a temperature check from everybody.

6 If you recall, when we were finishing up in LA on  
7 whatever day that was, December 8, I think it was, this  
8 was actually the last area that we had worked on. We had  
9 gone back and forth about one or two districts that  
10 consolidates many of the working-class communities in  
11 this area. We had had two. And then we had a lot of  
12 negative feedback on it. We walked back from that, and  
13 this was kind of our compromise. So I just wanted to  
14 raise it and see, you know, see where -- where folks are  
15 landing.

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Commissioner Turner.

17 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Actually, I didn't want to  
18 weigh in on her question. I had an area that I wanted to  
19 talk about, but I'll wait.

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sinay.

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: In addition to the VICA and the  
22 firemen's, there's also a community unity map that's out  
23 there. So there is a lot of different competing  
24 interests. So I just wanted to be able to look at it.

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you for raising. I thought

1 that the firefighters' map was the community unity map.  
2 Sorry. (Indiscernible, simultaneous speech). There's  
3 three? Okay, I'm so sorry.

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah, the firefighter one is  
5 similar to the VICA is what I heard.

6 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Got it. Okay. Okay, I see.

7 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Jaime, can you click out one  
8 tick so we get more than that? Thank you.

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Vazquez.

10 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah. I was wondering -- I  
11 was wondering if someone could quickly sort of summarize  
12 how the firefighters' and the VICA map -- I've honestly  
13 been -- I've heard all the comment, but I've been lost at  
14 exactly what the -- what they're asking in compared to  
15 what we have here. I'm guessing it -- it may be a major  
16 change.

17 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Does anybody have a response for  
18 that? Everyone's hands still raised, but I think we've  
19 talked, so I'm not sure who's going to respond.

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I'll be honest. I have not  
21 been able to find the firefighters' map. I hear about  
22 it. Even though I feel like I have.

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. So are there any  
24 recommendations right now? I believe I heard  
25 (indiscernible) maybe but --

1 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I think it might be okay to  
2 just leave it as is.

3 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. All right. Okay. I think  
4 it's okay to just leave --

5 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I'm not seeing any -- I mean, I  
6 really wanted to raise it because we've heard so much  
7 about it --

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right.

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- and there's clearly  
10 divisions in the community.

11 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right, but I also feel that  
12 we've -- we were very intentional --

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: (Indiscernible, simultaneous  
14 speech). We were.

15 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: -- we went through this and felt  
16 good about it.

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah. We did. We did.

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay, great.

19 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Chair?

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes. Oh, Commissioner Vazquez.

21 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: I -- I have -- I have found a  
22 small version of the firefighters' map, but it -- it  
23 makes major changes. It's bringing portions of the San  
24 Fernando Valley and pairing them with the Santa Clarita  
25 Valley, splitting. It looks like right now we have Santa

1 Clarita paired with the north part of the San Fernando  
2 Valley. And instead, the firefighters' map sort of  
3 splits San -- splits Stevenson Ranch off and then takes  
4 San Fernando into like a C-shape that goes south and then  
5 goes east underneath toward Tarzana and Encino.

6 And then there's another portion that takes Santa  
7 Clarita and goes south through -- avoids Somar, but then  
8 I think takes portions of Burbank and Glendale, et  
9 cetera. I think those are fairly major changes and I  
10 think I personally agree that we've spent a lot of time  
11 in the Assembly trying to get this architecture to a  
12 place where we feel comfortable with it, given all of the  
13 conflicting COI testimony we have here. So for me, I  
14 don't have any changes based on this firefighters' map.

15 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Great. Thank you.

16 Commissioner Toledo and then Commissioner Akutagawa.

17 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah, I'm comfortable with  
18 these maps. I think we -- we had a -- a conversation  
19 during the drafts maps drawing. I was -- so yeah, I'm  
20 comfortable with these maps. I have seen the other  
21 versions of -- these maps seem -- and the architecture  
22 for these maps seem appropriate. Thank you.

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Great. Thank you. Commissioner  
24 Akutagawa and then Commissioner Ahmad, and then  
25 Commissioner Fornaciari and Commissioner Sadhwani.

1           COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I just took a quick  
2 glance at the unity map too, and it too also make some  
3 pretty big architectural changes that I think is going to  
4 ripple into some of the other areas because of the  
5 structure.

6           CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you for looking into  
7 that. Commissioner Ahmad.

8           COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you Chair. And the  
9 firefighters' map also talks about reuniting Burbank,  
10 Glendale, and Santa Clarita. And the iteration that we  
11 have in front of us does do a portion of that with  
12 Burbank and Glendale being in the same district. So  
13 there's some overlap.

14          CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you. And you're  
15 comfortable with the maps that we have, Commissioner  
16 Ahmad?

17          COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yes, I am.

18          CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay, great. Commissioner Toledo  
19 or Akutagawa. Anything else on this?

20          COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I think the only thing is,  
21 is that, I know that some of the inputs that we've gotten  
22 about the Jewish community is that they're in three  
23 different districts. Honestly, I'm not sure what we can  
24 do to try to unite maybe, or maybe make it less split,  
25 but without really having those ripple effects at this

1 point in time. So that's my main concern right now, so.  
2 But I wanted to bring it up. Thank you.

3 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes. I looked at the communities  
4 of interest as well, and it did include quite a few  
5 communities to try to bring together. Okay, so with  
6 that, we will leave that as is. We do have -- let's see,  
7 Commissioner Kennedy, did want to go to Santa Clara --  
8 Clarita, or which one?

9 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. I mean,  
10 looking at this moving Acton and Agua Dulce into the  
11 district with Santa Clarita, again, Jaime, could you put  
12 on the terrain layer, please? So to me, that just makes  
13 sense to put them in with Santa Clarita rather than  
14 Lancaster and Palmdale. The issue is, that's 10,000  
15 people that's going to overpopulate SCV. And we have  
16 enough room in the east San Fernando Valley District to  
17 absorb that, but I'm not sure. I mean, there's no easy  
18 direct swap.

19 And so then you get into a multi-district swap, and  
20 I don't know what the pathway to that would be. Jaime,  
21 do you have any thoughts on how we might accommodate  
22 10,000 people in SCV in --

23 MS. CLARK: Sure. I -- let me take a stab at this.  
24 I think if Acton and Agua Dulce, we're with Santa Clarita  
25 Valley, then, of course, Santa Clarita Valley District



1 would have to shed population. I think that could be up  
2 to the Commission. Maybe some of the Northridge areas  
3 could move into AD Central and then perhaps Panorama City  
4 or North Hills areas could go with East SFB. I think  
5 that that would be the -- I think that will probably be  
6 the split or the change that could then maybe make  
7 (indiscernible). Council areas whole that are currently  
8 split, for example, and move in those cities or those  
9 areas with Santa Clarita Valley.

10 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you. And we  
11 have heard some testimony, certainly advocating for the  
12 Northridge area to be whole, which it currently is not.  
13 As for the areas that would then move from the central  
14 San Fernando Valley District into eastern San Fernando  
15 Valley District, I don't have as good assent. Thank you.

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I think you have a couple -- are  
17 there a couple of cities split in that East San Fernando  
18 Valley right where you had the cursor? I didn't know if  
19 part of the answer might be a bit more.

20 MS. CLARK: Burbank is split in East San Fernando  
21 Valley, and then the other neighborhood council areas are  
22 whole right now in the San Fernando Valley District.

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Commissioner Kennedy, is  
24 this something that you want to think about a little bit  
25 more maybe come back tomorrow morning?

1 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I would be happy to.

2 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. How about if we do that?

3 Is that -- okay, thank you. And Jaime, by chance is the  
4 Board of Equalization information ready yet? I wanted to  
5 check in with you.

6 MS. CLARK: We are still working on that. And I  
7 think it's getting closer for sure.

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

9 MS. CLARK: And also just a note that I think that  
10 we could try this swap, and I don't think it would  
11 necessarily take a very long time to try it if we wish.

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay. Okay. Let me just get  
13 Commissioner Akutagawa, Commissioner Vazquez, and  
14 Commissioner Taylor, and Commissioner Toledo. Let's see  
15 what -- let's see what wise information they're going to  
16 give us.

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you. So I want --  
18 I'm just going through the COI testimonies for Acton and  
19 Agua Dulce. It does seem like Acton and Agua Dulce does  
20 identify or is seen more as part of the Antelope Valley  
21 less so the Santa Clarita Valley. So that would be my, I  
22 guess my only caution. I'm just trying to get through  
23 some of these as quickly as possible to just try to  
24 understand. Again, like with everywhere, there's lots of  
25 mixed testimony.

1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right.

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: So I'm just trying to make  
3 sure that we're not going to accidentally do something  
4 that shouldn't be done. So thank you.

5 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Great. Thank you.  
6 Commissioner Vazquez.

7 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah, I will say, well, I  
8 understand we have some recent community of interest  
9 testimony about this, I personally, would not lose a lot  
10 of sleep, unfortunately, if we don't make this change.  
11 So I did work for a couple of years in the Antelope  
12 Valley, and made a very long drive of -- up the 5 and  
13 then the 14 through Agua Dulce and Acton. It's a very --  
14 I mean, once you leave Santa Clarita, like the terrain  
15 changes, you have to go up like huge series of hills.  
16 It's geographically, as you can see what the terrain  
17 layer, incredibly different from the Santa Clarita  
18 Valley. And I do think there are interests and I believe  
19 we have testimony that also sort of has Agua Dulce and  
20 Acton feeling tied to the Antelope Valley as compared to  
21 the Santa Clarita Valley. So for me, I mean, happy if  
22 it's going to take, you know, a few minutes to just show  
23 the ripples. I'm happy to go on the journey, but I  
24 don't -- this is not a priority for me.

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Commissioner Taylor.

1           COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes. Similar comment as to  
2 Commissioner Vazquez. If there's something in totality  
3 to where it makes sense, great, but on his face, we've  
4 had earlier COI testimony that they wanted to be with the  
5 Antelope Valley. And it's one of those spaces where even  
6 though it's next to a suburban area, is distinctly  
7 different, in that it has more of a rural environment.  
8 So it's like suburban-rural. So thank you.

9           CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. And I appreciate that  
10 because I definitely know the feeling. I'm ten miles  
11 away from SACRAMENTO, but once I'm home, I'm completely  
12 rural. So thank you. Commissioner Toledo.

13           COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I'm not a hundred percent  
14 opposed to the change. I think it's fine to take a look  
15 at it, and if there's a way to unite Glendale and make it  
16 hold as part of this rotation, perhaps that's something  
17 that would be beneficial. I don't know if it is, I think  
18 it's a large population, but I'm just throwing that out  
19 there.

20           CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yeah, I think Glendale might be a  
21 little bit too much.

22           COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: It may be too much, but I'm  
23 not sure how much of a rotation we need to make.

24           CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right. I'm not sure how much of a  
25 super Saturday this is with Glendale.

1 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: We've had a pretty super  
2 Saturday.

3 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Why don't we just take a  
4 really quick look because Jaime seems to feel that it can  
5 be a really quick look at what if in fact  
6 (indiscernible) --

7 MS. CLARK: If we're talking about Glendale, then  
8 things just got a lot bigger than I thought that they  
9 would be. So --

10 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I think he was piling on.

11 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I was piling on.

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Piling on, you know, fingers  
13 crossed. Commissioner Akutagawa and Commissioner Taylor,  
14 more comments, or are we doing a Taylor?

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I was doing a Taylor.

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh.

17 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I did a Taylor.

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And it was very appropriate for  
19 you to do a Taylor. Okay. I think you're absolutely  
20 correct, Jaime, in terms of the Glendale. Let's do it  
21 without that goal for now.

22 MS. CLARK: So if the Commission's okay, I can just  
23 kind of do a quick -- kind of a -- a quick change and see  
24 the -- how things kind of pan out, and then you can  
25 assess and make changes from there if the Commission

1 likes the general structure of where things are going  
2 with this, if that's okay with you.

3 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: It's okay, thank you.

4 (Pause)

5 MS. CLARK: Okay, so I'm just going to zoom out so  
6 we can see what happened. So in this, and we would be  
7 able if the Commission wishes to include these parts of  
8 the forest with ADSCD, but this is Acton, Agua Dulce with  
9 the Santa Clarita Valley District and Granada Hills,  
10 Porter Ranch, Chatsworth, El Canyon. The Central San  
11 Fernando Valley-based district is Woodland Hills with  
12 Canoga Park Northridge. South Neighborhood Council area  
13 is full and the Southern parts of Northridge West were  
14 added in.

15 And then this very Northern part of Panorama City  
16 added to the East San Fernando Valley District. And that  
17 is the change, the changes that happened.

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And so we did split up Panoram --  
19 what was it? Panorama City?

20 MS. CLARK: Yeah. So Panorama -- so Panorama City  
21 Neighborhood Council area is split now.

22 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: It works, but we have, I believe  
23 it's Commissioner Vazquez was -- if I could get her  
24 feedback and then Commissioner Toledo.

25 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: I mean, like I said, I'm okay

1 with this. If the rest of the Commission feels like they  
2 would like to make this change, I won't stand in the way.  
3 I do think just overall for me, Acton, Agua Dulce make  
4 more sense with the more rural Antelope Valley.

5 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right. And as I look at it too,  
6 it looks like it's -- it would be attached more to the  
7 Antelope Valley than to Santa Clarita, but Commissioners  
8 Taylor and Akutagawa and, oh Toledo. No more? Okay.  
9 Okay. Commissioner Taylor.

10 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: I agree with Commissioner  
11 Vazquez. I think it's properly placed, but -- yeah, I  
12 think it's properly placed as is. Thank you.

13 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Properly placed right now as we  
14 changed it or where it was?

15 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Where it was.

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Where it was. Okay. So not --  
17 not this iteration. Commissioner Akutagawa.

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. You could add me to  
19 the Commissioner Vazquez and Taylor train there. You  
20 know, I won't oppose it. I just think that they are  
21 probably better off in a more rural district with the  
22 Antelope Valley because you still do have Santa Clarita,  
23 which is a pretty, you know, I mean, it's (indiscernible)  
24 mountain, right? And then you have, you know, the San  
25 Fernando Valley too. So that would just be my only

1 concern, but if that's what they want, you know, if it  
2 makes sense, there's again, mixed testimony. Some are  
3 saying yes, some are saying no.

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you for that.  
5 Commissioner Vazquez, do you still have another comment?

6 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: No, sorry.

7 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: That's okay. Commissioner Turner.

8 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes. So the California is  
9 engaged in responding. And just a comment that came in  
10 that says Agua Dulce is part of the LA County service  
11 planning area together with Acton Palmdale Lancaster  
12 makes sense for that to stay as is.

13 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you for the to the minute,  
14 love it. Love it. Commissioner Kennedy and Commissioner  
15 Sadhwani.

16 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I'm happy to defer and move  
17 on.

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Commissioner Sadhwani is in  
19 agreement, so okay. So with that, let's see, we have  
20 four minutes. We have four minutes to break. Karin just  
21 informed me that Board of Equalization is ready. Maybe  
22 what I suggest is that we bring the Board of Equalization  
23 districts up right before the break, and then right after  
24 break, we will discuss it.

25 But also, right before break, I would like Katy, our



1 wonderful moderator to -- is it going be time for public  
2 comment? If you could please read the instructions for  
3 public comment.

4 It's almost six o'clock and I expect that we would  
5 go to the public comment around 6:30, 6:45 because I  
6 would like to come back and discuss Board of  
7 Equalization. Thank you.

8 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Chair, you would like the  
9 instructions prior to break?

10 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes, prior to break would be  
11 great. I think Karin is going to show us really quickly  
12 the Board of Equalization districts. And this was based  
13 on the Senate districts are 10 -- by nesting 10. So we  
14 see quite a bit of deviation information. Okay, so just  
15 look at the AVC in here.

16 MS. MAC DONALD: Here, we have your Board of  
17 Equalizations districts. I will start with naming off  
18 which districts were put in where and the starting with  
19 NACA in this D titled equalization district, we have NACA  
20 nested in here. We have PLACER-ED. Let me zoom in. We  
21 have SACRAMENTO, ECA, SSACSTANIS, SBENFRESNO, FRESNO-  
22 KERN, KINGS-KERN, NCV and (indiscernible). And those are  
23 the TEN that are in this red version, in this red  
24 district.

25 And now moving south into the blue shaded district,

1 we have SECA, COR-CAJON, SD-POW, SWRC, SOC-NSD, OC-COAST,  
2 IOC, SBRC, SD10, WE, and POF.

3 And then moving into the gray or Los Angeles area,  
4 we have SD210, SD60605, SAA, 710TOWATER, SPCC, SDNELA,  
5 WESTOF210, SDSHORELINE, and then SFV and SCSFV. And then  
6 moving to the yellow, the coastal side of California, we  
7 have SCOAST and moving north, then we have MIDCOAST.

8 And then we have SANJOSE, PENINSULA, EDENTECH, SF,  
9 SD80CORR, COCO, NAPABYRON, and NCOAST. And I will zoom  
10 out again so that you can see a bigger picture of all of  
11 the state.

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Wow, thank you. It'll give us  
13 something to look at during break and it's within  
14 deviation. It's actually within very close deviations.  
15 I think 2.23 is the highest. And with that, if Katy, if  
16 you could please read the instructions for public  
17 comment. Thank you.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yeah, absolutely Chair.  
19 In order to maximize transparency and public  
20 participation in our process, the Commissioners will be  
21 taking public comment by phone. To call in, dial the  
22 telephone number provided on the livestream feed. It is  
23 877-853-5247. When prompted to enter the meeting ID  
24 number provided on the livestream feed, it is 85932989398  
25 for this meeting. When prompted to enter a participant

1 ID, simply press the pound key. Once you have dialed in,  
2 you will be placed in a queue. To indicate you wish to  
3 comment, please press star nine.

4 This will raise your hand for the moderator. When  
5 it is your turn to speak you'll hear a message that says,  
6 the host would like you to talk, and to, press star six  
7 to speak. If you would like to give your name, please  
8 state and spell it for the record. You're not required  
9 to provide your name to give public comment. Please make  
10 sure to mute your computer or livestream audio to prevent  
11 any feedback or distortion during your call. And once  
12 you are waiting in the queue, remain alert for when it is  
13 your turn to speak. And again, please turn down your  
14 livestream volume. And back to you, Chair.

15 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you so much. Right now we  
16 do have to go to break, so I will get back to  
17 Commissioner Andersen and Vazquez when we return. So it  
18 is 6:01, so if we can please return at about 6:16. Thank  
19 you.

20 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 6:02 p.m.  
21 until 6:15 p.m.)

22 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Welcome back, everyone. So where  
23 we left off at the last episode was we had just called up  
24 the Board of Equalization. And we did have a couple  
25 hands up. We have Commissioner Andersen and Commissioner

1 Vazquez, so we'll go to them first.

2 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you, Chair. I was  
3 just checking that, you know, we are still coming back to  
4 the assemblies tomorrow; Is that correct?

5 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes, we did not get through our  
6 list, so we will come back tomorrow to finish the list  
7 that we created today. Thank you so much.

8 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I do have a small addition  
9 as well. I'll give it to you in the morning. Easy.  
10 Easy-peasy.

11 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. I'm trusting you on this.  
12 Commissioner Vazquez.

13 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you.

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And then Commissioner Sinay.

15 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: Yes, if we're ready to go on  
16 to comments and Board of Equalization. First of all, as  
17 always, thank you to the mapping team for putting this  
18 together. I was looking at the map, especially over  
19 break, and I'm not sure there's a clean way to accomplish  
20 what I want to do here. I would like to, in these Board  
21 of Equalization maps, try to get the East San Gabriel  
22 Valley in with the Greater LA metro area. So B. moving  
23 it from A -- District A to District B in order to move  
24 out population.

25 I would first maybe recommend looking either at

1 Ventura, this por -- the events SFV portion of C. And  
2 then I sort of got stuck because there's not really -- I  
3 don't see a good clean swap between A and B, and so what  
4 I have been struggling with over the break is a three  
5 district swap between A, B, and C.

6 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Let me -- we will be coming  
7 back to it tomorrow. Would it help if you looked at it  
8 tonight and maybe considered some of the swaps?

9 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: Yes, I can do that. And  
10 would appreciate other thought partnership or ideas in  
11 the interim.

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay, great. Thank you so much.  
13 Commissioner Sinay.

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Is it possible -- I know  
15 they're ten million people, I get that, but could we just  
16 look at the CVAP, all the CVAPS, CVAPS for all of them,  
17 just so -- you know, I know that the last ones really did  
18 reflect the diversity of California and it was -- thank  
19 you.

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you for that. And next, we  
21 have -- oh, did you have any other questions with that,  
22 Commissioner Sinay? Oh, no, no, that's okay. I was just  
23 making sure.

24 Commissioner Kennedy.

25 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. I'm trying

1 to, in my mind, make these a little more coherent. And  
2 I'm thinking that keeping counties as whole as possible  
3 is also part of this. I mean, it's Criterion 4 rather  
4 than Criterion 6, which is nesting.

5 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: So in my mind, we don't  
6 necessarily have to nest. We, of course, Criterion 1  
7 have to have equal population. So I'm looking at the  
8 Coachella Valley and neighboring areas along the  
9 Riverside/San Bernardino line and thinking those would  
10 logically fit better in A.

11 And I don't know, you know, what that would do to  
12 the deviation, but it seems that, you know, you can move  
13 a pretty good chunk of population from one district to  
14 another, if your district is ten million people, without  
15 disturbing your deviation too much.

16 And then likewise, you know, it seemed to me that  
17 the Antelope Valley would -- it'd be nice to have Los  
18 Angeles County, you know, as much as possible in the same  
19 district. So those were just the two things that struck  
20 me when I looked at this. Thank you.

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay, those are good. I'm going  
22 to jot these down because what we can also do is provide  
23 instructions or directions, and then we can look at it in  
24 the morning, right. That would be great.

25 Commissioner Toledo.

1           COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah, thank you. And so as I  
2 was working with line drawers on putting this map  
3 together, we did explore some options, including moving  
4 event SFV out of this -- of Map B, but it created many  
5 ripples. Now, if we took the whole district -- and of  
6 course, nesting was part of our -- I didn't want to -- I  
7 wanted to continue with our philosophy of nesting because  
8 we haven't talked about it in terms of making a change.  
9 And I might -- I can potentially be supportive of keeping  
10 county lines together and making some cuts. So that  
11 maybe we nesting most of the areas that maybe not one or  
12 two. But there was quite a bit of ripples when we moved  
13 event SFV. We would have to swap something in the Bay  
14 Area, and so to make the rotation work, if we wanted to  
15 do that. But it is possible to do it and to keep the  
16 character and the spirit of our philosophy, we're putting  
17 this together. So -- but it may require splitting some  
18 of these -- some of the -- or not nesting, right, because  
19 nothing has to be completely -- district we'll have to  
20 completely nest. So I'd be supportive of exploring the  
21 possibility of doing that.

22           Of course, because it's ten million people, we  
23 can't -- we're not going to reach fifty percent of any  
24 minority group because it's fifty percent of -- and the  
25 way that minority groups are distributed, plus all the

1 jingles. And so we're really contiguity come -- we have  
2 to follow the criteria. And so I think we can do that if  
3 we respect county lines as well. So we could potentially  
4 do that as well. Thank you.

5 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right. Yes, thank you. And I  
6 actually did like that respecting because LA would be its  
7 own. Because it is ten million, and that's approximately  
8 the size of -- and maybe we just start there, start  
9 having with LA County being one, and then we just go from  
10 there. That would be my recommendation.

11 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you.

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: But we still have wonderful ideas  
13 coming our way. We have Commissioners Andersen,  
14 Fornaciari, Vazquez, and Akutagawa.

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you Chair. The one  
16 thing we should consider, what does the Board of  
17 Equalization do? And it's -- they deal with property  
18 taxes. So -- and that is done by county. But the most  
19 important thing is that they know the area. So switching  
20 things up gets tricky. And that's why we sort of have  
21 kind of grouped this like this because, you know, the  
22 Antelope Valley property values are -- even though it's  
23 LA County, it's sort of the similar terrain, which is one  
24 of the things that they consider. You know, what is the  
25 area and what are your property taxes.



1 But on Commissioner Akutagawa's -- and she just took  
2 SW -- SD-W10 -- SD-10WE, put it in B, and took S -- yeah,  
3 correct, put that in B, so that becomes green, and take  
4 SSA and put that in A. It has more, you know -- it looks  
5 more compact. So that's what I'm saying. Thank you.

6 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

7 Commissioner Fornaciari.

8 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, I was just going to  
9 suggest we take the LA County part of S-10 -- SD-10, put  
10 it in LA County, and then put the Orange County part of  
11 SAA in Orange County.

12 Did you look at that, Commissioner Toledo?

13 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: No. Because we were so  
14 focused on nesting, we didn't -- we -- I thought about  
15 splitting, but I -- we didn't move in that direction  
16 because we hadn't talked about it as a commission. So I  
17 wanted to have that discussion here before we went off  
18 and explored that possibility, but I am in support of  
19 that.

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Commissioner Vazquez.

21 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: I think Commissioner  
22 Fornaciari has a great suggestion that I would absolutely  
23 support because it -- for me, it's the LA County portion  
24 of the -- this District that's SD-10 West, that I -- it  
25 feels most like it should be with LA County in terms of

1 sort of tax policy. I disagree with putting the Antelope  
2 Valley with the rest of LA County for that purpose. I  
3 feel like in terms of sort of tax policy in  
4 considerations of property values, et cetera, that it  
5 makes more sense to put apples with apples, and property  
6 values and sort of those mechanisms in rural parts of LA  
7 County seem to make more sense in District D.

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. So you do not want  
9 necessarily county specific, right?

10 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Correct.

11 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay, rural. Okay. Commissioner  
12 Akutagawa and then Commissioner Turner.

13 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah,. I guess, one, I  
14 really do like what Commissioner Fornaciari noted. I  
15 think there are definitely distinct county differences  
16 too, and so that's why I was in favor of what  
17 Commissioner Kennedy had also suggested. I don't know --  
18 to be honest, I don't know if the property values matter  
19 as much as the tax policies of the different counties,  
20 and having that be together, but I think those are all --  
21 you know, these districts are humongous so you know, I  
22 can definitely go various ways.

23 But I do like the idea of, especially, the LA County  
24 parts of some of the districts that are currently  
25 crossing county lines, probably makes more sense to keep

1 together. Thank you.

2 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, and I really like our  
3 discussion. It's very warming, again.

4 And Commissioner Turner.

5 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. And if the mapper  
6 can bring the map down. Speaking in terms of the  
7 property taxes and policy on tax. I'm concerned more  
8 about the area in the Bay area that crosses over in the  
9 way that we have the maps currently nested. Yeah. So  
10 it's this area that goes into Alameda. So that's a  
11 concern for me, with the areas in the Central Valley and  
12 even into the Sierras. And so for those that will have  
13 an opportunity to take a look at it a little bit later,  
14 this would be an area that I would be interested in  
15 having split.

16 And perhaps, there is a different area up towards --  
17 I'm not sure what would be closer to these areas.  
18 Maybe -- yeah -- maybe closer to -- if we move it down,  
19 yeah, I can see the whole map, but -- and so I'll just  
20 leave it at that, that Alameda, that Bay area portion,  
21 distinct difference in pricing and tax is what would give  
22 me pause with nesting them as is. Thank you.

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Commissioner Turner.

24 All wonderful ideas. I'm just wondering if possibly  
25 Commissioner Vazquez and Commissioner Fornaciari, would

1 you be willing to work with our line drawers on what your  
2 vision is and bring it back tomorrow morning? Is that  
3 something you're willing to do?

4 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Sure.

5 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And I have a head nod from  
6 Commissioner Fornaciari.

7 And Commissioner Turner, did you have something  
8 else?

9 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes, I wanted to say thank you  
10 because I surely was not doing a Taylor. Thank you.

11 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Great cover-up. Commissioner  
12 Fornaciari.

13 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, I mean, I don't want  
14 to step on Commissioner Toledo's toes. It sounds like he  
15 was already working on it.

16 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: No, I'm okay with you working  
17 on this because I have a couple of other changes that I  
18 have to do. And I was just following the nesting  
19 philosophy. But I do agree that it may not make sense to  
20 nest, especially given some of these considerations that  
21 have been raised, and I -- as -- so I'm completely  
22 comfortable with having Commissioner Vasquez and  
23 Fornaciari take the lead on this. Thank you.

24 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: And then I didn't catch  
25 all of Commissioner Kennedy's -- did you want to make

1 Riverside whole in the southern part, it that -- was that  
2 the idea?

3 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I believe he did.

4 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

5 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

6 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. Okay, we can look  
7 at that.

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. And Commissioner Vasquez  
9 and Commissioner Andersen.

10 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, I was just going to  
11 say I'm happy to take it from here, Commissioner Toledo,  
12 but I think you absolutely were on the right track as a  
13 foundation and starting point, starting with the nesting.  
14 And so I think you've left us with a great foundation  
15 that we can pretty -- I think pretty easily and quickly  
16 make some minor adjustments in certain key areas.

17 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Great. Thank you.

18 Commissioner Andersen.

19 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah, just a quick -- across  
20 the entire state, it's a base of one percent, and then it  
21 all depends on local, county, and city taxes, So it does  
22 make sense, you know, for counties. Nesting just helps  
23 it because the populations have (indiscernible), you  
24 know, and they're five percent, so just with that little  
25 added tidbit, helps to -- which I'm sure they were going

1 to do, is look up what Dealy (phonetic) does, and  
2 (indiscernible). Thank you.

3 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Great. Great. Thank you. And I  
4 think the nesting was great. It's a great starting point  
5 and a good place for us to see where we are, but with --  
6 so with that -- so let's see.

7 Commissioners Vasquez and Fornaciari will come back  
8 to us tomorrow morning with their iteration, which we're  
9 looking forward to. That'd be great. And we will  
10 continue with the Assembly, first block, tomorrow  
11 morning. Hopefully, we get it done in one block. In  
12 terms of what we had on the list, we'll go through that.

13 And is there anything else before we go to public  
14 comment? I was going to go back to Assembly, but I think  
15 we'll go to public comment instead, but anything from  
16 the -- oh.

17 Commissioner Turner.

18 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes, I -- just add to the  
19 list. I have a slight adjustment for San Diego.

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. And -- okay, and so what --  
21 just a little bit more information on the San Diego so I  
22 get it on my list.

23 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Um-hum. It's from COI  
24 testimony that's -- we made some changes in that area  
25 around Normal Heights and Kensington, and the suggestion

1 is just for us to clean up the line. We split some COIs  
2 in so doing, and so there's a request that we just clean  
3 the line, and the street offered to do that either Meade  
4 or El Cajon.

5 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. I've got that.

6 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you.

7 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And this is for Assembly,  
8 Commissioner Turner?

9 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah.

10 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. And Commissioner Sadhwani.

11 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I just saw a note come in  
12 through the COI testimony about the change we made to  
13 Carmichael today --

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Um-hum.

15 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- and I just wanted to ask  
16 if that change was simply to keep Carmichael whole?

17 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: No, the change was -- is based  
18 on -- we've actually received quite a bit of testimony.  
19 There's a Slavic community that we just apparently went  
20 through their community, and then also quite a bit from  
21 their business community stirring up some of the business  
22 communities in Carmichael.

23 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: So that's why we made that  
24 change?

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes.

1           COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Okay, because we just got  
2 stuff in that by doing that change, we broke up the  
3 Afghan and Syrian refugee COI, so -- which I think was  
4 probably why we had put it there in the first place. So  
5 maybe we can just take one last look at that tomorrow.

6           CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay, great. Okay.

7           And anything else? Commissioner Turner, are you  
8 good? I think you were just going to say thank you,  
9 right? Because you're not --

10          COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you so --

11          CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yeah. It's not a Taylor move.  
12 Okay. And with that, we will go to public comment.

13          Katy, please, if you can get us going. Thank you.

14          PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely, Chair.

15          If you have not done so already, please press star  
16 nine. Actually, let me just read these real quick, and  
17 the short ones.

18          The Commission will now take public comment on --  
19 we'll now take general public comment. To give comment,  
20 please call 877-853-5247 and enter the meeting ID number  
21 85932989398 for this meeting. Once you have dialed in,  
22 please press star nine to enter the comment queue. The  
23 full call-in instructions were read previously and are  
24 provided in full on the livestream landing page.

25          Public comment will be for a minute and thirty



1 seconds this evening. You will receive a verbal warning  
2 at thirty seconds and fifteen seconds remaining. I will  
3 be identifying you by the last four digits of your  
4 telephone number. Please remain alert during the entire  
5 public comment period for your number. Please speak at a  
6 steady pace and take your time with all counties, cities,  
7 and numbers.

8 And we will begin with caller 0349. And up next  
9 after that will be caller 0129. Caller 0349, if will you  
10 please follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

11 MS. VILLAS: Hi, yes. My name is Maria Villas  
12 (phonetic), and I'm calling in from the San Fernando  
13 Valley from the Valley Village neighborhood. And I'm  
14 calling to ask for you to please consider keeping  
15 Glendale and Burbank unified and the East San Fernando  
16 Valley with Santa Clarita. These are similarly sized  
17 communities that are independently incorporated and work  
18 together on brush fire prevention. And to please keep  
19 North Hollywood and Toluca Lake unified, with working  
20 class communities of the Central San Fernando Valley.  
21 The map also keeps the communities along the Hammond  
22 Drive unified and in a single Assembly district.

23 And I'd like to thank the commun (audio  
24 interference). I'd like to thank everybody for the hard  
25 work they're doing.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

2 And right now, we have caller 0129. And up next  
3 after that will be caller 8742. Caller 0129, please  
4 follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

5 MR. LEBARRE: My name is Mike LeBarre, mayor of King  
6 City. I urge your adoption of the submitted Central  
7 Coast Community 6 Map using the Monterey fix shape files.  
8 Commissioners, I am speaking on CD\_MIDCOAST,  
9 CD\_CUPERTINO, and all iterations, and AD\_30  
10 (indiscernible). In these maps, you have created a  
11 CD\_MIDCOAST 70.5 percent super majority white district,  
12 and created an AD\_30 ((indiscernible) 74.4 percent super  
13 majority white district, all by splitting Monterey  
14 County, a 59.4 percent Hispanic population.

15 It seems solely so you can create CD\_CUPERTINO, a  
16 district that segregates COIs, bypasses nearby  
17 population, and instead adds distant population by  
18 connecting Monterey County with San Jose.

19 I do not understand this Commission's persistence to  
20 dilute the Hispanic vote of Monterey County, especially  
21 given it has been protected for almost fifty years by  
22 Section 5 of the BRA. It is basically stabbing them in  
23 the back.

24 It is frustrating that no one on the Commission has  
25 any connection to the Central Coast, and it is reflected

1 in the lack of attention to the Central Coast --

2 MR. MANOFF: Twenty seconds.

3 MR. LEBARRE: -- while the majority of your time is  
4 spent on areas where you are from. You have the  
5 authority and power to do the right thing. You cannot be  
6 forced to vote for a map --

7 MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

8 MR. LEBARRE: -- because of a deadline imposed by the  
9 courts. Make sure all final maps are available for seven  
10 days for public view, to comment on --

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

12 And right now we have caller 8742. And up next  
13 after that will be caller 2309. Caller 8742, please  
14 follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

15 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Good evening  
16 Commissioners. Thank you for finally connecting Sylmar  
17 with the Eastern San Fernando Valley in the Congressional  
18 map as many have asked before. Now, please focus on  
19 uniting the Assembly districts in the San Fernando Valley  
20 too. Santa Clarita has absolutely nothing in common with  
21 the Western San Fernando Valley, so we should not mix.

22 There seems to be a spontaneous new effort to merge  
23 Santa Clarita with the San Fernando Valley. And it seems  
24 pretty suspicious to me to see these people come out of  
25 nowhere at the last minute.

1           Please make the Santa Clarita Valley Assembly map  
2 look like the Senate and Congressional ones by adding  
3 Acton and Agua Dulce and more of Northwest Los Angeles  
4 County and keep the San Fernando Valley intact. Thank  
5 you, Commissioners for your hard work.

6           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

7           And right now we have caller 2309. And up next  
8 after that will be caller 3752. Caller 2309, please  
9 follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

10           UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Good evening. Thank  
11 you for listening to the needs of the Santa Clarita and  
12 San Fernando Valley communities, Commissioners. It is  
13 important that both of our communities have proper  
14 representation for the next generation by having separate  
15 districts. I'm still waiting to see you all make the  
16 same proper changes to our Assembly maps, Commissioners.  
17 You need to keep the San Fernando Valley Assembly  
18 District a hundred percent within the San Fernando Valley  
19 and keep the Santa Clarita Valley Assembly District with  
20 the rest of the Northern LA County.

21           Please make these changes to our communities at your  
22 earliest convenience, Commissioners, so that we can have  
23 equitable and fair representation for the next decade. I  
24 don't want to see any gerrymandering affecting the San  
25 Fernando and Santa Clarita valleys by mixing both areas.

1 Thank you for your time.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

3 And right now we have caller 3675. And up next  
4 after that will be caller 0304. Caller 3675, please  
5 follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

6 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hello, Commissioners.  
7 Thank you for taking my call. I want to ask you all just  
8 like many other callers have before to please not mix the  
9 Santa Clarita Valley and the San Fernando Valley in  
10 Assembly maps -- maps. The new Senate and Congressional  
11 maps are good templates as to how the Assembly maps  
12 should look since the San Fernando Valley wishes to  
13 remain whole and not with Santa Clarita Valley.

14 Moreover, the Santa Clarita Valley community should  
15 be with Northwest LA County. That means the Assembly map  
16 should have Acton and Agua Dulce along with Eastern  
17 Lancaster and Frazier Park to make a solid and equitable  
18 Assembly map. We don't want politicians and other groups  
19 wanting to gerrymander both the San Fernando and the  
20 Santa Clarita valleys at the last second by mixing them.

21 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

22 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: These last minute  
23 requests seem very sketchy and we just need you to fix  
24 the Assembly maps so that the San Fernando Valley and  
25 Santa Clarita Valley are separate.

1 I appreciate you listening to me and other like-  
2 minded callers, so don't fail as--

3 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

4 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: -- Commissioners. And  
5 thank you, and please have a good evening.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

7 And right now we have caller 0304. And up next  
8 after that will be caller 9685. Caller 0304, please  
9 follow the prompts. And one more time, caller with the  
10 last four digits 0304, please follow the prompts to  
11 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

12 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi. It seems like  
13 some people are having amnesia, because every version of  
14 the draft maps have had Santa Clarita and the North San  
15 Fernando Valley in the current district which has been  
16 around for ten years, has united the San Fernando Valley  
17 and Santa Clarita because there's a lot of overlap  
18 between the two from work and school and CSUN and College  
19 of the Canyons.

20 But I share frustration that there's still some  
21 serious issues in the San Fernando Valley. And one of  
22 the glaring issues is that West Hills does not go with  
23 Santa Clarita and really should be united with its  
24 neighbor Woodland Hills in the Central District. And you  
25 can make that quick switch by uniting North Ridge, which

1 should be a part of the North Valley as a united group.  
2 And so by swapping West Hills into the Central District  
3 and uniting North Ridge in the North Valley in Santa  
4 Clarita district makes the most sense.

5 So we hope that you will make that quick change  
6 to --

7 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

8 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: -- address some of  
9 the glaring issues that continue in the -- in -- in the  
10 San Fernando Valley. Thank you.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

12 And right now we have caller 9685, and up next after  
13 that is caller 6030. Caller 9685, please follow the  
14 prompts. And one more time, caller with the last four  
15 digit, 9685, please follow the prompts to unmute by  
16 pressing star six. Caller 9685, I do apologize. There  
17 appears to be some type of connectivity issue for you at  
18 the moment. I have you marked down for a retry, and I  
19 will come back around.

20 And right now, we have caller 6030, and then up next  
21 after that will be caller 7840. Caller 6030, please  
22 follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

23 MR. MALDONADO: Hello, can you hear me?

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

25 MR. MALDONADO: My name is Tony Maldonado (ph.).

1 Commissioner Vazquez, glad to know that you won't lose  
2 any sleep over the Santa Clarita Assembly map. Maybe you  
3 should rethink about being a commissioner if that's how  
4 you really feel about us.

5 I live in Canyon Country, Santa Clarita, and I know  
6 for a fact that our local firefighters come from Canyon  
7 Country to Agua Dulce and Acton to fight fires there. So  
8 would you prefer that their homes burn down to the  
9 ground? You obviously don't know very much about the  
10 Santa Clarita because we're more than just a  
11 (indiscernible) Mountain. What's next? (Indiscernible)  
12 should be part of Ventura County since it's a rural  
13 neighborhood of Santa Clarita, like Agua Dulce. You  
14 obviously don't know what you're talking about because  
15 all you seem to ever do is push things for the San  
16 Fernando Valley.

17 And when it comes to Santa Clarita, you could not  
18 care less. Maybe you should stop pushing things only for  
19 your pet areas, and do your job as you were hired to do.

20 Commissioners, I prefer the new map you just  
21 (indiscernible) today for Santa Clarita, as Agua Dulce  
22 and Acton are part of Santa Clarita. Thank you.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

24 And right now we have caller 7840. And up next  
25 after that is caller 7051. Caller 7840, please follow



1 the prompts. And one more time, caller with the last  
2 four digits 7840, please follow the prompts to unmute by  
3 pressing star six. I do apologize, caller 7840 -- oh,  
4 nope, there you are. The floor is yours.

5 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Yes, hello. Thank you,  
6 everyone, for tonight. My name is Antonio, and I live in  
7 the east San Fernando Valley, specifically North  
8 Hollywood. Commissioners, to be frank, your work is not  
9 done. I commend you all for the what you've done so far,  
10 but I've lived in the San Fernando Valley for over thirty  
11 years, and I can say that these maps are rushed.

12 There are over two million people who live in the  
13 San Fernando Valley, they require four Assembly maps. It  
14 needs more time. It needs more attention.

15 I'm calling in because I want to tell you, I really  
16 do support VICAs proposed maps, specifically map A and  
17 only map A. First, it keeps North Hollywood Toluca Lake  
18 unified with different working-class communities of the  
19 Central San Fernando Valley. The map A also keeps  
20 communities along Mulholland Drive unified in a single  
21 Assembly district, and they keep Glendale and Burbank  
22 unified in the east San Fernando Valley with Santa  
23 Clarita. These are similarly-sized communities. They  
24 are all independently incorporated and work together on  
25 brush fire prevention.

1 Pleading that the Commission go back and redo this.  
2 We are not done, and these maps will stay this way for  
3 the next ten years. So again, I thank you for your work  
4 but we're not done --

5 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

6 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: -- and I implore you all  
7 to go back and consider changing these maps. Thank you.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

9 And right now, we have caller 7051, and up next  
10 after that is caller 3995. Caller 7051, please follow  
11 the prompts. The floor is yours.

12 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Hello, I first want to thank the  
13 Commission for all their hard work. I know you guys have  
14 been at this for weeks now, and I really appreciate all  
15 the work you've been doing. My name is Abby Rodriguez,  
16 and I'm calling in from the Toluca Lake neighborhood to  
17 support, like the last caller, VICAs proposed map A.  
18 This map, I know not everyone's gotten a chance to look  
19 at it, but it unites North Hollywood and my neighborhood  
20 of Toluca Lake with working-class communities.

21 I know other Commissioners have brought this up, the  
22 importance of that, but we need to unite the working-  
23 class communities of the Central and San Fernando Valley.  
24 As well as these maps keep the communities, as the last  
25 caller had said, along Mulholland Drive unified in a

1 single Assembly district. This is extremely important to  
2 my community, and I really would appreciate you taking  
3 this into consideration.

4 This map is also the only acceptable map submitted  
5 by VICA. The other maps proposed breakdown too many  
6 communities of interest to be considered.

7 Finally, the San Fernando Valley on the four  
8 Assembly districts and two million people, and it needs a  
9 little bit more time and attention from this commission.  
10 Please don't rush a map that could cause a decade worth  
11 of challenges to the Valley residents after you said you  
12 would go back and finish them.

13 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

14 MS. RODRIGUES: Let's take some time, finish getting  
15 this done. Again, I appreciate all your work, but let's  
16 take this across the finish line. Thank you so much.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

18 And I'd like to invite all those that have recently  
19 called in and who have not done so already to please  
20 press star nine. This will raise your hand indicating  
21 you wish to give comment.

22 Right now, we have caller 3995, and up next after  
23 that will be caller 9951. Caller 3995, please follow the  
24 prompts. The floor is yours.

25 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Good evening,

1 Commissioners. I just like to please ask again that you  
2 keep the High Desert whole. It's important that we  
3 respect communities that identify with each other. And  
4 an easy way to move forward in these final days would be  
5 by respecting county borders.

6 I think that there's definitely a way that you can  
7 keep all of the High Desert -- all of San Bernardino  
8 County's High Desert together in one single Senate  
9 district, and I even think the same for the Assembly and  
10 Congressional maps, of course, but please just consider  
11 this especially as you're wrapping up in these final  
12 days. Thank you.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

14 And right now, we have caller 9951, and up next  
15 after that will be caller 9048. Caller 9951, please  
16 follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

17 MR. SEGOVIA: Good evening, Commissioners, my name  
18 is Mesit Segovia (ph.), and I'm speaking on behalf of the  
19 Santa Clarita City Council. Despite the city's  
20 historical significant population growth, the City of  
21 Santa Clarita probably maintains a rural-like environment  
22 with over eighty miles of multipurpose and equestrian  
23 trails and preservation of nearly 12,000 acres of open  
24 space.

25 More specifically, our San Canyon community located

1 in the northeast portion of the city, and a mere ten-  
2 minute drive south of Agua Dulce, adequately depicts our  
3 real identity with ranch-style homes, equestrian trails,  
4 and one of the highest horses-to-person ratio in Los  
5 Angeles County.

6       Additionally, as part of the city's efforts in  
7 preserving wildlife corridors and sensitive habitat in  
8 the area shared between the city in Acton and Agua Dulce,  
9 the city has acquired and secured open space parcels in  
10 these areas.

11       With that said, we implore you to reconsider adding  
12 Acton and Agua Dulce with the City of Santa Clarita,  
13 along with the rest of the unincorporated communities  
14 surrounding our city, which make up --

15       MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

16       MR. SEGOVIA: -- the Santa Clarita Valley in the  
17 Assembly district. Thank you. Have a good night.

18       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

19       And right now, we have caller 9048, and up next  
20 after that will be caller 9290. Caller 9048, please  
21 follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

22       MR. FERGUSON: Thank you very much, Commissioners.  
23 My name is Steve Ferguson. I'm a member of the Board of  
24 Education in the Burbank Unified School District which is  
25 in the San Fernando Valley that you all have been

1 discussing. These maps are far from done, and I know  
2 it's an exhausting process. Having said that, things  
3 will change in the San Fernando Valley, and we need to be  
4 tied with communities that we can function with in the  
5 state legislature.

6 Tying Burbank in with the Los Angeles Unified School  
7 District drowns out our voices because we have different  
8 funding levels based off of the student populations we  
9 serve. Our student populations more reflect that of  
10 Glendale and all the way up into Santa Clarita. So while  
11 we traditionally haven't been tied together, these  
12 communities are more like each other than tying it on the  
13 Woodland Hill side and the western portion of the San  
14 Fernando Valley.

15 So as all valley communities prep for these maps, we  
16 really just ask that you, again, look at what the state  
17 government does --

18 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

19 MR. FERGUSON: -- education being one of those main  
20 services. So thank you.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

22 And right now we have caller 9290, and up next after  
23 that will be caller 9652. Caller 9290, please follow the  
24 prompts. The floor is yours.

25 MS. ORR: Hi, my name is Adria Orr (ph.), and I'm

1 calling from Advancing Justice Asian Law Caucus on behalf  
2 of the AAPI and a member of the state redistricting  
3 collaborative and our partners in the Sacramento area.  
4 Thank you all for your ongoing work to finalize the maps.  
5 We know this is an incredibly complex and challenging  
6 process. As you review your work and make your final  
7 adjustments, we hope that you will not mistakenly undo  
8 good work that was captured by previous iterations.

9       The December 8 Assembly iteration kept whole hole a  
10 crucial Muslim refugee community of interest in the  
11 Arden-Arcade in Carmichael area. This growing Syrian and  
12 Afghan refugee community includes portions of both Arden-  
13 Arcade and Carmichael. We are aware that this is a very  
14 densely populated area.

15       I want to emphasize that the boundaries of this  
16 community do not include the entirety of either place,  
17 but our Howe Avenue to the west, Auburn Boulevard to  
18 Winding Way to the north, Manzanita, and Fair Oaks  
19 Boulevard to the east, and then Hurley Way, El Camino  
20 Ave, and Marconi Ave to the south.

21       For your convenience, my colleague (indiscernible)  
22 resubmitted a shape file and image of this --

23       MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

24       MS. ORR: -- community of interest by mail earlier  
25 this evening. We ask that when you return to the

1 Assembly map tomorrow, you please revert the boundary of  
2 AD\_07 (indiscernible) as captured in your December 8th  
3 iteration to ensure that the voice of this vulnerable  
4 community is preserved. Thank you so much.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
6 right now, we have caller 9652, and up next after that  
7 will be caller 1560. Caller 9652, please follow the  
8 prompts. The floor is yours.

9 MS. ALLEN: Good evening, Commissioners. This is  
10 Sky Allen with IE United calling on behalf of the IE  
11 redistricting hub. I hope you all are doing well.  
12 Congratulations on nearing completion of this process. I  
13 know redistricting is not easy. I wanted to thank you  
14 for always considering our feedback and trying to the  
15 best of your ability to ensure the voting needs and  
16 communities of interest for people of color in the IE are  
17 considered and honored as best as possible.

18 If I may make one last ask of you before you  
19 finalize your assembly map for AD\_JRC, Grand Terrace  
20 should not be with River Valley and Riverside and UCR and  
21 the surrounding area really should. UCR is one of the  
22 most diverse universities in the country and has a lot of  
23 commuters. The students are a big part of that  
24 community. I say this as a representative of our  
25 partners but also as a recent alum myself.



1           Likewise, Grand Terrace is deeply connected to  
2 Colton and the surrounding cities in San Bernardino  
3 County. So we ask that you make this last switch, and  
4 that will be the final map drawing request I have of you.

5           Thank you so much and I wish you all Commissioners  
6 and staff are very Happy Holidays. Thanks so much.

7           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

8           And right now, we have caller 1560. And up next  
9 after that will be caller 8609. Caller 1560, please  
10 follow the prompts. And one more time, caller with the  
11 last four digits 1560, please follow the prompts to  
12 unmute by pressing star six. I do apologize, caller  
13 1560, I have you down for a retry and I will come back  
14 around.

15           Right now, we have caller 8609, and up next after  
16 that will be caller 4397. Caller 8609, please follow the  
17 prompts. And one more time, caller 8690, please follow  
18 the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. 8609, sorry.  
19 All right. I do have you down for a retry.

20           Caller 4397 will be right now, and then up next  
21 after that will be caller 8544. Caller 4397, please  
22 follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

23           UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Good evening. Thank you  
24 very much, Commissioners. As an elected official here in  
25 Kings County, I'd like to share my strong opposition of

1 iterations STCV 2, 3, and 4 of KINGTULAKERN Congressional  
2 visualization. I urge you not to split up my county. My  
3 community deserves to have an adequate resources and fair  
4 representation in Congress, which is better accomplished  
5 by one member, not two.

6 Kings County is a coalition, a collection of small  
7 towns, rural towns, smaller rural towns separated by  
8 established farm ground and connected by shared resources  
9 and similar leads. Public transportation known as KART  
10 connects much of Kings County by bus, including Avenal,  
11 Kettleman City, Stratford, Lemoore, Hanford, and  
12 Corcoran. And during the September recall, some of the  
13 small towns did not have voter centers or ballot drop  
14 boxes, so residents of these towns relied on neighboring  
15 Kings communities to vote in-person.

16 The population of the town in Kings County are  
17 predominantly Latino and share culture and political  
18 interest making the entire community of interest --

19 MR. MANOFF: Twenty seconds.

20 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: -- the whole county a  
21 community of interest.

22 So anyway, I'd like to thank you guys for -- for  
23 what you're doing here. If you continue to adhere to the  
24 very manly politicized Congressional maps by  
25 (indiscernible) it splits the county. We can't have

1 that. So I want to thank you for what you're doing and  
2 appreciate your time. And --

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

4 And right now, we have caller 8544, and up next  
5 after that will be caller 2652. Caller 8544, please  
6 follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

7 MS. TATTERSFIELD: Hi, my name is Katherine  
8 Tattersfield (ph.).

9 MR. MANOFF: Caller 8544, we have not started your  
10 time yet. We're having trouble hearing you. Could you  
11 please get a little closer to your microphone?

12 MS. TATTERSFIELD: Oh, can you hear me?

13 MR. MANOFF: Just barely. Could you get closer to  
14 your phone, please?

15 MS. TATTERSFIELD: I have my phone right up next to  
16 me. Maybe I should try putting you on speaker?

17 MR. MANOFF: That sounds good there. Just talk  
18 louder, please.

19 MS. TATTERSFIELD: Hi, my name is Katherine  
20 Tattersfield. I am calling from Chatsworth in the West  
21 San Fernando Valley. I am a native of the San Fernando  
22 Valley, and I am very surprised to hear several callers  
23 say that there's no connection between the northwest  
24 valley and Santa Clarita. You guys have heard so much  
25 testimony to the contrary and it seems pretty suspicious,

1 as they've accused, you know, that -- that line of  
2 reasoning to be that they're coming in at the eleventh  
3 hour. I -- I have not heard any such claims until today,  
4 so that's pretty odd.

5 I think that the Commission is doing a good job  
6 with, you know, the San Fernando Valley maps and making  
7 some additional changes. I would push West Hills into  
8 the central district where it can be with Woodland Hills  
9 and unite Northridge with the Santa Clarita and North  
10 Valley district, because, you know, Northridge is really  
11 part of the North San Fernando Valley --

12 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds,

13 MS. TATTERSFIELD: -- of communities in Chatsworth.  
14 And you know, we should be together as CSUN is a big  
15 economic driver and it should be in the district. Thank  
16 you.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

18 And right now, we have caller 2652, and up next  
19 after that is caller 9677. Caller 2652, please follow  
20 the prompts. The floor is yours.

21 MR. KUSIAK: Good evening. My name is Michael  
22 Kusiak, K-U-S-I-A-K. I'm a resident of unincorporated  
23 Castro Valley, which is located in central Alameda  
24 County. I'm calling because I'm concerned about the  
25 sudden shifts of about 140,000 residents in central

1 Alameda County and San Leandro, Castro Valley and the  
2 Eden Area. I think it's kind of funny that the Eden area  
3 was taken out of the EDENTECH Senate District and put  
4 into the Contra Costa COCO iteration.

5 We are unincorporated communities, the Eden Area,  
6 unincorporated areas of Castro Valley. We already face a  
7 democratic deficit. By putting us into a different  
8 county, that honestly is not in the sort of same place  
9 that we are with the lack of local government and just  
10 sort of our redevelopment needs, is -- is very  
11 problematic.

12 Up until this map, the map that you all had  
13 yesterday, we were in a firmly Alameda County District.  
14 We share common school districts, a sanitary health  
15 district in Central Alameda County. And in the  
16 unincorporated communities we share a common challenge of  
17 achieving --

18 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds

19 MR. KUSIAK: -- democratic local control. Placing  
20 the Eden unincorporated communities of Castro Valley and  
21 particularly Ashland is not only irresponsible, but it  
22 further diminishes the power of our communities that are  
23 often overlooked.

24 Please take some time and fix this. Please keep  
25 Alameda --

1 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

2 MR. KUSIAK: -- County together. Please, restore  
3 EDENTECH with Alame -- with Castro Valley and Eden -- the  
4 Eden unincorporated communities. Thank you.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

6 And right now, we have caller 9677, and up next  
7 after that the caller 0805. Caller 9677, please, follow  
8 the prompts. Caller with last four digits 9677, please  
9 follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The  
10 floor is yours.

11 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Can you hear me now?

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

13 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Well, that's excellent.  
14 Thank you. My name is Brian. Good evening,  
15 Commissioners. We're almost there to finish line and I  
16 greatly appreciate your hard work.

17 Please remember to adjust or fix the Assembly  
18 District maps in the San Fernando Valley and San Clarita  
19 Vall -- Santa Clarita Valley communities. Excellent  
20 progress has been -- has been made in the Senate and  
21 congressional maps, so please, make the Assembly map  
22 reciprocate those changes.

23 Again, the San Fernando Valley wants to remain a  
24 hundred percent intact and in Santa Clarita. We deserve  
25 Acton and Agua Dulce to be back in our communities since

1 they are part of the Santa Clarita Valley. Our Assembly  
2 District should have the rest of Northwest rural LA  
3 County to ensure that we have proper representation for  
4 the wildfire epidemics that we go through each year.

5 Also, we use the northwest part of LA County for  
6 recreation all the time, and we really appreciate  
7 remaining intact for the --

8 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

9 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: -- new State Assembly  
10 district. With those changes and keeping the San  
11 Fernando Valley intact and the Santa Clarita Valley  
12 connected with Northwest LA County, we will be solid and  
13 have excellent representation.

14 I appreciate this. I think --

15 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

16 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: -- it's overdue. And  
17 please make these changes as soon as you get the chance.  
18 And thank you very much and have an excellent joy of  
19 holiday.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

21 And right now, we have caller 0805, and up next  
22 after that will be caller 7592. Caller 0805, please,  
23 follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

24 MS. HERNANDEZ: Hi, this is Christina Hernandez from  
25 Van Nuys. Commissioner, I know that your time is

1 precious but I'm going to take your time to repeat you --  
2 repeat to you your own words. This is from your December  
3 6 meeting. You were talking about the San Fernando  
4 Valley, and you can hear them for yourself. They started  
5 at three hours and thirty-three minutes into part two of  
6 your own video transcript.

7       You were spoken -- they were spoken after midnight  
8 more than eleven hours after you started that day.  
9 Definitely happy to collect public comment on this area  
10 and to continue work with Jaime on potential options when  
11 we have more than twenty minutes, end quote. Tonight you  
12 took less than twenty minutes to debate the San Fernando  
13 Valley, and you spent less than twenty minutes to talk  
14 about public comment in this area. You decided to take  
15 no time to look at additional options.

16       So tomorrow when you wake up, how about you decide  
17 if the San Fernando Valley deserves a bit more of your  
18 time than what was still allowed tonight? Thank you --

19       MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

20       MS. HERNANDEZ: -- and thank you for your hard work.  
21 Let's get this done.

22       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

23       And right now, we have caller 7592, and up next  
24 after that is caller 7175. Caller 7592, please, follow  
25 the prompts.



1 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Thank you and good  
2 evening. In regards to State Assembly districting, your  
3 Santa Clara County --

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: That was my fault.  
5 Please, Caller 759, thank you. The floor is yours.

6 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Oh yes, thank you. Good  
7 evening, in regards to State Assembly redistricting, your  
8 Santa Clara County State Assembly districts can easily be  
9 improved. My most recent State Assembly plans are posted  
10 at public inputs number 42576 and 42944. These plans  
11 differ in regards to Districts 23 and 28.

12 Both plans include a number of improvements, AD\_29  
13 BENITO would have more Monterey County if Hispanic  
14 percentage is increased by one percentage point. One of  
15 AD\_29's modifications was mentioned as a possible  
16 modification by Commissioner Fornaciari.

17 For AD-26 SUNNYTINO, the Asian percentage is  
18 increased by three percentage points. By AD-25 is more  
19 similar to the current Assembly District 27, that include  
20 part or all of the Hispanic majority (indiscernible)  
21 neighborhood what would not include the (indiscernible)  
22 neighborhood. West Valley cities Campbell, Los Gatos,  
23 Monte Sereno, and Saratoga to be one district rather than  
24 two districts.

25 I ask that you incorporate my modification --

1 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

2 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: -- with either public  
3 input 42576, 42576 or 42944, 42944 to your State Assembly  
4 redistricting plans. Thank you and have a good evening.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

6 And right now we have caller 1816, and up next after  
7 that will be caller 7181. Caller 1816, please, follow  
8 the prompts. The floor is yours.

9 COUNCILMEMBER LOPEZ: Thank you. My name is  
10 Councilmember Karina Lopez serving San Leandro. Today  
11 I'm speaking on behalf of myself and not on behalf of our  
12 council. San Leandro has deep economic and historic ties  
13 to (indiscernible) and Hayward and is the heart of the  
14 East Bay in Alameda County. We are a tight and diverse  
15 community of color, in which we share public transit,  
16 human services agencies, schools, hospitals, highways,  
17 and an airport.

18 The new SD\_EDENTECH iteration removes us from our  
19 East Bay communities, which we align with, not only  
20 ethnically, but also as a coastal community. The  
21 Commission disenfranchises San Leandro, unincorporated  
22 Eden Area, Castro Valley by putting us in an SD that is  
23 primarily white and affluent. This is not your chore.  
24 Your job is to enfranchise us. Please keep SD\_EDENTECH  
25 communities together. Reject SD\_EDENTECH iteration and

1 restore the SD\_EDENTECH draft map or add San Leandro to  
2 SD\_.(indiscernible) Please, keep Alameda County  
3 together. Thank you.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

5 And right now, we have caller 7181, and up next  
6 after that is caller 9823. Caller 7181, please, follow  
7 the prompts. The floor is yours.

8 MS. SPRINN: Hi, my name is Teresa Sprinn (ph.). I  
9 am from unincorporated Ashland. We are a large community  
10 of unincorporated communities in Alameda County, 140,000  
11 people. And I'm also speaking for San Leandro, which is  
12 right next door. We are a community of primarily people  
13 of color, and legally it will violate the Voting Rights  
14 Act if you combine our communities with Contra Costa,  
15 with the cities of Walnut Creek, Concord, and San Ramon.  
16 Please respect our Alameda County borders. We are not  
17 community -- communities of interest with Walnut Creek,  
18 (indiscernible), San Ramon.

19 And the unincorporated areas are already  
20 disenfranchised because we don't have three level  
21 government. The unincorporated communities are essential  
22 parts of the East Bay --

23 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

24 MS. SPINN: -- with Hayward, and they significantly  
25 overlap demographically, geographically, politically,

1 commercially. We share key concerns, and we have the  
2 same challenges in our --

3 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

4 MS. SPINN: -- environment law with economic  
5 development. And we also, our students at a Chabot  
6 College and California State University, East Bay. Keep  
7 us all together and make sure that we are empowered and  
8 franchised instead of the --

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

10 And right now, we have caller 9823, and up next  
11 after that will be caller 9307. Caller 9823, please  
12 follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

13 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi. First of all,  
14 thank you to all the commissioners for your hard work.  
15 It's really appreciated. I support the current map that  
16 splits Boyle Heights and East LA into two different  
17 districts. However, I believe Maywood and Bell Garden  
18 should not be connected to Koreatown.

19 Alternatively, I'd like to suggest that Maywood to  
20 be connected to communities west of the 710 Freeway,  
21 while Bell Garden should be connected to communities east  
22 of the 710 freeway. And lastly, I believe that all of  
23 Downtown LA should be kept together. Thank you for your  
24 time.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

1           And right now, we have caller 9307. And up next  
2 after that will be caller 3899. Caller 9307, please  
3 follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

4           MR. ANIJAR: Thank you so much. And thank you,  
5 Commissioners, for all your hard work. My name is Joshua  
6 Anijar. I am the Executive Director of the Contra Costa  
7 Central Labor Council, a federated body of over eight-  
8 five unions. I represent over 85,000 workers in Contra  
9 Costa County.

10           I really am calling first, you know, when we think  
11 about it, right here is a working class district  
12 that's -- that we're creating here.

13           My main worry is that you are putting all of the  
14 refineries into one district. It's really concentrating  
15 a lot of power for these refineries. And I think it'd  
16 really make sense within Contra Costa if we had the  
17 refineries split into two districts. And I hope that you  
18 consider that an option.

19           And I want to thank you for your time and all the  
20 hard work you're doing across California. I know  
21 democracy isn't easy, so thank you.

22           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
23 right now, we have caller 3889, and up next after that  
24 will be caller 9287. Caller 3889, please follow the  
25 prompts. The floor is yours.

1 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hi, Commissioners. I  
2 just want to say that you guys finally discussed putting  
3 Acton and Agua Dulce into the Santa Clarita Assembly  
4 District. But what I saw is that you dismissed it so  
5 quickly. And in my opinion, Victorville has never had to  
6 deal with the power safety shut offs. And they really  
7 don't know anything about the Angeles National Forest  
8 wildfires. They don't share the Santa Clarita watershed  
9 either. And you know, who does? The City of Santa  
10 Clarita, where our residents go to the doctor, where they  
11 drive to go to work, where they go to have fun. Thank  
12 you.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
14 right now, we have caller 9287. And up next after that  
15 will be caller 9436. Caller 9287, please follow the  
16 prompts. The floor is yours.

17 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hi, my name is Omar.  
18 I'm just calling in to say thank you to the Committee for  
19 all of the work that you've done thus far. And  
20 especially just to express my gratitude for the most  
21 recent iteration where you listen to the community from  
22 Redwood City and put all of Redwood City back in one  
23 Assembly district together with other cities from San  
24 Mateo County. You have so much gratitude from us for  
25 that, and I just want to reiterate that we would love to

1 see Redwood City remain unified and remain in one  
2 Assembly district moving forward. So thank you very  
3 much.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
5 right now -- hold on one second. Right now, we have  
6 caller 9436, and up next after that we'll have caller  
7 1960. Caller 9436, please follow the prompts. The floor  
8 is yours.

9 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Can you guys hear me?

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

11 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Thank you,  
12 Commissioners, for your hard work. I know this is long  
13 hours, weekends. You have our incredible gratitude.  
14 This is important work. So thank you so much.

15 I'm calling in regards to Congressional District  
16 Santa Clara. I support Mayor Liccardo in terms of not  
17 trying to split San Jose into more Congressional  
18 districts than necessary. And I think the proposed map  
19 from Thursday morning, iteration 3 gets it close but it  
20 has -- close but misses.

21 Basically, Mount View and Palo Alto, in Santa Clara  
22 County, are grouped together with all the coastal cities.  
23 I think that was maybe an oversight. I think one way to  
24 solve this problem would simply be to keep that  
25 Congressional district in Santa Clara. So basically,

1 don't have Newark or Fremont in there, and instead  
2 include Palo Alto and Mountain View. Because if you do  
3 that, then you split up --

4 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

5 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: -- the community's  
6 interest because Silicon Valley really consists of Palo  
7 Alto, Mountain View, Sunnyvale, Santa Clara, and  
8 Cupertino. And also, you're not going to be splitting up  
9 the Asian community.

10 So I think it's better to basically keep that  
11 district in fine lines, rather than mixing the tech heavy  
12 urban centers of Palo Alto and Mountain View with the  
13 rural coastal cities.

14 MR. MANOFF: Ten.

15 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: So please,  
16 Commissioners, take this into account and try to fix it.  
17 I think guys you're almost there. It's better to keep  
18 Fremont and Newark back in Alameda, and Palo Alto, and  
19 Mountain View --

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
21 right now, we have caller 1960, and up next after that  
22 will be caller 4034. Caller 1960, please follow the  
23 prompts. The floor is yours.

24 MR. MELENDREZ: Hello, my name is Alex Melendrez  
25 (ph.). I am a member of the San Mateo County community.



1 I would like to reiterate my appreciation to the body  
2 for -- for one, honestly, your public service and being  
3 able to craft the future of our democracy. This is not  
4 an easy job, and I know you don't get enough praise for  
5 that. But I would also like to thank you for your  
6 inclusion of Redwood City as a whole as part of the  
7 larger San Mateo County Assembly District area.

8 It's really important for the -- as a member of the  
9 Latinx community to see that a minority/majority city  
10 that has a significant Latino and Hispanic population be  
11 kept whole. So I thank you for that again. And I would  
12 like to reiterate that we keep that going forward. Thank  
13 you and have a good night.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
15 right now, we have caller 4034. And up next after that  
16 will be caller 1535. Caller 4034, please follow the  
17 prompts. The floor is yours.

18 MR. MILLER: Hi, this is Howard Miller, three time  
19 former Mayor of the City of Saratoga. I also serve as  
20 the Chair of the Santa Clara Valley Water Committee  
21 Redistricting Committee, so I understand the challenges  
22 that you guys face. In your latest Congressional map,  
23 the 1217 map, you inadvertently cut my city in half. So  
24 in the 174-year history of Saratoga, we have never been  
25 split.

1           This line that you drew through our city has split  
2 six different school districts, two fire districts, a  
3 community college district, and two sanitary districts.  
4 This is not a way for our city to have any voice in the  
5 Congressional area.

6           So I implore you, if you're going to go with this  
7 map, the 12/17 map, move the border to the west of  
8 Saratoga. That would cause the least disruption in  
9 population, but it would keep Saratoga whole. So please,  
10 change the map a little bit. Keep Saratoga together.  
11 Thank you.

12           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
13 right now, we have caller 1535, and up next after that  
14 will be caller 5384. Caller 1535, please follow the  
15 prompts. The floor is ours.

16           MR. MALDONADO: Can you hear me?

17           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

18           MR. MALDONADO: Commissioners, my name is Tony  
19 Maldonado. I've been living in Santa Clarita for twenty-  
20 three years. Commissioner Kennedy, thank you for the  
21 Assembly map you just drew today, putting us with Agua  
22 Dulce and Acton, which is better than the crappy map  
23 drawn for us.

24           As an independent Northwest LA County City, we want  
25 to be with the rest of the Northwest LA County and the

1 Antelope Valley, and nothing to do with the San Fernando  
2 Valley, just like our Congressional Senate maps.

3       Commissioners Vazquez, so you won't lose any sleep  
4 about Santa Clarita and you prefer us with crappy San  
5 Fernando Valley, how freaking dare you? What an utterly  
6 asinine comment. You definitely know nothing about Santa  
7 Clarita with your ridiculous statement that Agua Dulce  
8 and Acton are like (indiscernible) and Lancaster. Either  
9 you have an axe to grind against the City of Santa  
10 Clarita or working -- or you're working with politicians  
11 in San Fernando Valley as you only ever advocate for the  
12 San Fernando Valley. You should step down immediately.

13       Commissioner Vazquez, you are the same duplicitous  
14 commissioner who today shut down the conversation about  
15 the decision of putting two other Congressional districts  
16 and another Senate district on our side of the Angeles  
17 National Forest penetrating into our city at a wildfire  
18 threat --

19       MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

20       MR. MALDONADO: -- where many fires cross over the  
21 14th Freeway, getting all commissioners to claim they had  
22 no idea about this.

23       Commissioners, apparently, you don't read the  
24 comments as we have sent pictures, sheet files, and  
25 written descriptions of exactly what we're speaking about

1 where you assigned four congressmen and three senators --

2 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

3 MR. MALDONADO: -- to one side of the mountain that  
4 goes into our city. So enough with this. Fix our maps  
5 immediately. Thank you.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right  
7 now, we have caller -- right now we have caller 5384, and  
8 up next after that we have caller 1532. Caller 5384, if  
9 you'll please follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is  
10 yours.

11 MR. GRIGGY: Hi, can you all hear me?

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

13 MR. GRIGGY: All right. My name is Zachary Griggy,  
14 G-R-I-G-G-Y. I'm a former Marin County redistricting  
15 commissioner before, you know, the process ended. I just  
16 wanted to thank you all for keeping Marin County whole in  
17 your latest draft maps and for putting Marin in a no --  
18 in a north coast based Senate and Congressional District.  
19 I also served as a elected student body senator for UC  
20 Irvine. And I wanted to thank you also for incorporating  
21 our feedback by keeping the City of Irvine whole in all  
22 four levels of district lines.

23 And as you complete this process, I hope that you  
24 will continue to keep Irvine whole and ensure that my  
25 off-campus classmates are represented by the district

1 maps by keeping the City of Irvine together as you move  
2 forward and revise the Orange County District.

3 So I understand how difficult this process is. So I  
4 just wanted to thank you for incorporating our feedback,  
5 and I hope that you will keep Irvine whole moving  
6 forward. Thank you so much.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
8 right now, we have caller 1532, and up next after that  
9 will be caller 6855. Caller 1532, please follow the  
10 prompts. The floor is yours.

11 MS. CRAIG: Good eve -- good evening, Commissioners.  
12 I am a long-time listener, first-time caller and boy, you  
13 guys really know how to party on a Saturday night. My  
14 name is Kimbley Craig. I am the Mayor of Salinas,  
15 California, and I -- first and foremost, I just want to  
16 make sure that you're aware that hundreds of people have  
17 flooded your written public comment on keeping Monterey  
18 County together. I am incredibly grateful that you  
19 listened to us in keeping the Salinas Valley together,  
20 but the change has unintentionally divided our county of  
21 Monterey.

22 We've been protected under Section 5 for decades,  
23 and now it's splitting the county down the middle as that  
24 protection has recently been lifted. We work as a  
25 community to break down racial divide in Monterey County,

1 and splitting it down the middle only exacerbates the  
2 issue. I'm asking you to keep Monterey County in the  
3 Mid-Coast Congressional iteration.

4 And just lastly, I thought being a mayor was hard,  
5 but man, I wouldn't want to be a redistricting  
6 commissioner. Thank you very much for your hard work.  
7 And lastly, please keep Monterey County together in the  
8 Congressional Mid-Coast iteration. Happy holidays to all  
9 of you.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
11 right now, we have caller 6855, and up next after that  
12 will be caller 0794. Caller 6855, please follow the  
13 prompts. The floor is yours.

14 MR. SUKATON: Checking that you can hear me. Some  
15 trouble tonight.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

17 MR. SUKATON: Excellent. Commissioners, good  
18 evening. Sam Sukaton from California Environmental  
19 Voters Education Fund again. My compliments on coming  
20 close to the end of this process. My thanks for drawing  
21 Modesto out of the Plaster, El Dorado, Tahoe, Sierra  
22 District and maintaining the North Coast to Marin North  
23 Bay District in Congress.

24 A couple of fixes for tonight. First, echoing Skye,  
25 who's both a colleague and a personal friend, I agree

1 that Grand Terrace should be with the San Bernardino  
2 Community College District in San Bernardino County and  
3 UCR should be drawn with the City of Riverside and RCC  
4 for the JCR; kind of the JRC edits in the assembly.

5       Secondly, and some of you may have seen me tweet at  
6 you about the quick fix in the federal maps. I --  
7 I've -- you know, I've been -- I've been -- I've been  
8 writing for a whole North Coast seat in San Diego County.  
9 I know that's not happening and totally appreciate the  
10 tug of war with all of you.

11       With that in mind, just a very minor fix. It takes  
12 about 26,811 people.

13       MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

14       MR. SUKATON: The idea is moving Laguna Ranch into  
15 OCSBLA, moving 26,811 folks in Tucson West of the 5 from  
16 OCSBLA into NOCCOAST to reunite the Irvine Tustin COI  
17 you've been kind of examining --

18       MR. MANOFF: Fifteen

19       MR. SUKATON: -- and finally moving the entire City  
20 of Laguna Beach and the unincorporated coastal area  
21 between (indiscernible) Laguna Niguel into SOC and SD to  
22 kind of affirm the coastal the dist -- the kind of  
23 coastal COI in the north. Those are the two fixes I have  
24 tonight. Long conversation --

25       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

1           And right now, we have caller 0794. And up next  
2 after that will be caller 9171. Caller 0794, please  
3 follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

4           UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi, my name is  
5 (indiscernible). I'm a third-generation San Leandro  
6 resident and a former high school and middle school  
7 English teacher. San Leandro is my home. I care really  
8 deeply about ensuring that San Leandro residents are  
9 equitably represented.

10           We are a predominantly working class, majority  
11 community of color. My grandparents who immigrated here  
12 were factory workers and fishermen, and we share so many  
13 more interests with our neighboring East Bay cities of  
14 Oakland and Hayward and the surrounding unincorporated  
15 areas like Ashland, Cherryland, San Lorenzo, Fairview,  
16 Hayward, and Castro Valley.

17           Placing us in the same Senate district as cities  
18 like Walnut Creek makes absolutely no sense. It takes me  
19 over an hour on a good day to drive to Walnut Creek,  
20 where in Alameda County, we're separated from them  
21 geographically with the hills and Lake Chabot, but also  
22 demographically, politically, commercially. We don't  
23 share the same challenges when it comes to important  
24 issues, like law enforcement, economic development,  
25 healthcare access, you name it.



1           So, I believe the SD\_COCO iteration should remove  
2 the Alameda County unincorporated areas and  
3 o(indiscernible) San Leandro from its boundaries. Please  
4 keep us together with our neighbors in Oakland and  
5 Hayward, reject the --

6           MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

7           UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: -- SD\_EDENTECH  
8 iteration. We'll be disenfranchising nearly 100,000 San  
9 Leandro residents otherwise. Thank you.

10          PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

11          And right now, we have caller 9171. And up next  
12 after that will be caller 9605. Caller 9171, please  
13 follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

14          MR. BONILLA: Good evening, Commissioners. My name  
15 is Rick Bonilla. I'm the member -- mayor of the City of  
16 San Mateo in the 27th Assembly -- 22nd Assembly District.  
17 I'm calling tonight to appreciate your efforts when you  
18 did return all of Redwood City to within the borders of  
19 the district. And I'm urging you to please keep Redwood  
20 City whole within the 22nd Assembly District in San Mateo  
21 County.

22          Additionally, I'm concerned about the newly drawn  
23 Congressional district showing Jackie Speier 14th  
24 Congressional District stretching 200 miles from the  
25 coast from Northern San Mateo County down to San Luis

1 Obispo San Mateo County is a tight-knit community.  
2 Please do not spread it out that way and keep us whole.  
3 Thank you very much.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

5 And right now, we have caller 9605, and up next  
6 after that is caller 8438. Caller 9605, please follow  
7 the prompts. The floor is yours.

8 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Yes, thank you. Good  
9 evening, Commissioners. First of all, thank you again  
10 for your tireless efforts in this really exciting, as  
11 many of you said, super Saturday. I was pleased to hear  
12 the attention that several commissioners paid to the  
13 requested edits by the greater Riverside community. I  
14 just want to thank you for that and hope that you can  
15 consider keeping UCR as a community of interest wholly  
16 within the Assembly district 58.

17 UCR located at 900 University Avenue extends beyond  
18 the university borders and includes a broader array of  
19 landmarks, including partnerships with the California Air  
20 Resources Board, which recently relocated to the City of  
21 Riverside, much to the larger university and city  
22 collaboration. Currently, UCR is being split in the  
23 December 8th iteration, and we're just requesting that  
24 you consider this as a community of interest. As you --  
25 many commissioners stated today, we wanted to just thank

1 you for that, for paying attention and -- and being so  
2 great at listening. I know it's a lot of people coming  
3 and -- and sharing their concerns and so I've been very  
4 impressed with the thoughtfulness --

5 MR. MANOFF: Twenty seconds.

6 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: -- that you've put  
7 into your (audio interference.) And I just want to  
8 encourage you to consider the maps tomorrow that were  
9 submitted by campus architect, Jacquelyn Norman, under  
10 comment --

11 MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

12 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: -- 40611. Again,  
13 comment 40611. Thank you very much, and have a good  
14 evening.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

16 And right now, we have caller 8438. And up next  
17 after that is caller 6071. Caller 8438, please follow  
18 the prompts.

19 MR. SPALDING: Can you hear me?

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

21 MR. SPALDING: Thank you, Commissioners. Thank you  
22 for your work during this marathon session. My name is  
23 Douglas Spalding. I'm a resident of San Leandro, where  
24 my family has been since Moses Wick brought oysters in  
25 1872. I was born in Oakland. I work; I teach in San

1 Lorenzo, but I spent most of my childhood growing up in  
2 Walnut Creek. So I have some insight as to this side of  
3 the hill versus that side of the hills. And I can tell  
4 you there's not much similarity between the two. The  
5 main difference being the demographics. There's a  
6 significant population of BIPOC folks on this side. This  
7 doesn't exist in Walnut Creek or San Ramon or any places  
8 like that.

9       So the -- the effect of placing San Leandro and  
10 unincorporated communities in Alameda with Contra Costa  
11 County is to disenfranchise those folks.

12       Moreover, in San Leandro, like in Oakland, we are  
13 trying to reimagine policing. And one of those efforts  
14 is the --

15       MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

16       MR. SPALDING: -- mental health first response, an  
17 effort that we're trying to coordinate among our cities.  
18 We won't be able to do that as well if you split us up.

19       As previous speakers have said, there are number  
20 of -- of social and economic things that tie us two  
21 interstates --

22       MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

23       MR. SPALDING: -- 885, 80, the effect of Oakland  
24 International, the Port of Oakland. These are our folks  
25 over here. Please don't split us up. Thanks.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

2 And right now, we have caller 6071. And up next  
3 after that is caller 8897. Caller 6071, please follow  
4 the prompts. The floor is yours.

5 MS. RAYMOND: Hi, thank you. My name is Sarah  
6 Raymond. I am a resident of Castro Valley. I am calling  
7 tonight -- I wanted to, first of all, just second all the  
8 comments that have been made previously by Michael Kusiak  
9 and Barisha Spriggs (ph.).

10 As residents of incorporated Castro Valley and  
11 Alameda County, we do not believe that we should be  
12 separated from our neighbors in Alameda County. Placing  
13 our communities in a district that serves Contra Costa  
14 County is not a move that is in our best interests. Our  
15 communities share schools, the sanitary district, and the  
16 health district with our neighbors in Alameda County.

17 Because we are unincorporated, we do not have local  
18 governance -- governance, and removing us from our  
19 current networks will disenfranchise us and hamper our  
20 abilities to advocate and organize for our communities.  
21 The only thing currently connecting our communities in  
22 Contra Costa County are two sparsely populated rural  
23 roads. Please reconsider this late change to the  
24 proposed maps and place us back in Alameda County  
25 District. Thank you.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

2 And right now, we have caller 8897, and up next  
3 after that will be caller 3591. Caller 8897, please  
4 follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

5 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hi, Commissioners.  
6 Happy Holidays. I'm calling to you from the City of  
7 Acton. As of right now, I'm extremely disappointed to  
8 see you have not only failed to keep our Santa Clarita  
9 Valley separate from the San Fernando Valley, but also  
10 break off Acton and Agua Dulce from Santa Clarita Valley  
11 as well. It's a slap in the face to us.

12 And you know, my neighbors all literally went to  
13 school in Santa Clarita. Both of my parents work in  
14 Santa Clarita as well, and most of my life has been here  
15 in Santa Clarita Valley. If you read any of the SCD  
16 Magazine or newspaper, they mention my city as part of  
17 Santa Clarita Valley, just like Castaic and Stevenson  
18 Ranch are.

19 Commissioners, all that I'm asking of you is to  
20 please bring back Acton and Agua Dulce from the Santa  
21 Clarita Valley and Northwest LA. The San Fernando Valley  
22 has over 1.5 million people, and they can be divided into  
23 their own respective Assembly districts. It's simple as  
24 that.

25 Please, please, make these changes as soon as

1 possible, Commissioners. My heart dropped when I saw  
2 your changes an hour ago. So don't leave Acton or Agua  
3 Dulce combined, Commissioners. Thank you so much. Take  
4 care.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

6 And right now, we have caller 3591, and up next  
7 after will be caller 4422. Caller 3591, please follow  
8 the prompts. The floor is yours.

9 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Thank you all for all  
10 of your time and effort to create an equitable map for  
11 the State Assembly district in California. I know that  
12 you've been -- you did a little bit of work tonight, and  
13 there was some mention about correcting some of the San  
14 Fernando Valley in particular. I wanted to speak about  
15 the historic Jewish community in the West San Fernando  
16 Valley and not having it in three districts.

17 The Jewish community is an important community of  
18 interest, like other critical communities throughout the  
19 state, and must be kept united. This is why we join with  
20 other civic groups in support of the configuration of  
21 some of the maps that were discussed tonight, number  
22 38778 and map 40334, which I think people also call VICA  
23 Map A. We urge the Commission to support a map that  
24 keeps our communities intact as much as possible,  
25 specifically Woodland Hills, West Hills, Tarzana, and

1 Encino together, and then Sherman Oak, Studio City, and  
2 Valley Village. And try --

3 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

4 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: -- to have them within  
5 two districts if possible. Thank you for your continued  
6 patience and care in this complex process.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

8 And right now, we have caller 7 -- we have caller  
9 4422, and up next after that will be caller 3270. Caller  
10 4422, please follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

11 MS. VITA: Hi, my name is Corrine Vita (ph.), and  
12 I'm from the City of Saratoga. And similar to Howard  
13 Miller who spoke a few minutes ago, I've lived in the  
14 city thirty years and we're a very small city in the  
15 Silicon Valley. We're about 30,000 citizens, and we have  
16 been split into two Congressional districts. It makes no  
17 sense. We're a very tight-knit community. We share  
18 school districts, we share West Valley Community College;  
19 we share transit districts, housing districts, fire  
20 districts, police, sheriff. We're a very cohesive town  
21 and we have a lot of common interests.

22 So please do not split up this very small town in  
23 the Bay Area. It makes absolutely no sense. Keep us  
24 together and -- so we can continue to be a connected,  
25 cohesive town. Thank you very much.



1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

2 And right now, we have caller 3270, and up next  
3 after that is caller 8995. Caller 3270, please follow  
4 the prompts. Yeah, one more time, caller with the last  
5 four digits 3270, please follow the prompts to unmute by  
6 pressing star six. Caller 3270, I do apologize for some  
7 type of connectivity issue for you at the moment. I will  
8 be doing retries after the break.

9 Right now, we have caller 8995. Please follow the  
10 prompts. The floor is yours.

11 MS. CHANG: Good evening. My name is Cynthia Chang,  
12 a resident of City of Saratoga for almost forty years. I  
13 also served my twenty-third year on the Los Gatos-  
14 Saratoga Union High School District as a board member.  
15 In addition, I'm President of Asian-Pacific Islander  
16 School Board Members Association of the State of the  
17 California.

18 I'm calling tonight to request you to keep City of  
19 Saratoga as a whole. I echo what Howard Miller and other  
20 residents of Saratoga has spoken up earlier. It does not  
21 make sense to split our small city into two Congressional  
22 districts.

23 I appreciate all the hard work you have done, and I  
24 wish you a Happy Holiday, but please keep Saratoga whole.  
25 Thank you very much.

1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you so much.

2 And Chair, at this time, we are up against a break.

3 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes. Thank you, Katy.

4 And thank you everyone who has called. We are -- we  
5 will be going to a fifteen-minute break. Whoever's  
6 called in, please do not hang up; you will lose your  
7 place in line. And when we get back at 8:00 o'clock, we  
8 will continue with public comment. Thank you.

9 MR. MANOFF: Thank you so much, Chair. We are on  
10 break until 8:00 o'clock.

11 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 7:44 p.m.  
12 until 8:00 p.m.)

13 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Welcome back, everyone. And we  
14 are continuing with our public comments.

15 And Katy, can you keep us going? Thanks.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much, Chair.

17 I'm going to go ahead and read these short  
18 instructions. The Commission will now be taking public  
19 comment. To give comment, please call 877-853-5247 and  
20 enter the meeting ID number 85932989398 for this meeting.  
21 Once you have dialed in, please press star nine to enter  
22 the comment queue. The full call-in instructions have  
23 been read previously and are provided in full on the  
24 livestream landing page.

25 And if you've not done so already, and are already

1 called in, please press star nine. This will raise your  
2 hand for the moderator.

3 I do have a couple of retries I'm going to start our  
4 second half off with. We will be retrying caller 3270,  
5 and then up next after that will be caller 9685.

6 And one more time, for all those that have called in  
7 that have not done so already, please press star nine.  
8 This will raise your hand. Caller 3270, please follow  
9 the prompts. Caller with the last four digits 3270, if  
10 you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing  
11 star six. I do apologize, caller 3270. You still appear  
12 to be having some type of connectivity issue. Please  
13 reach out to the Commission or you can hang up and dial  
14 back.

15 And right now, we will go ahead and give caller 9685  
16 a retry. Please follow the prompts to unmute. The floor  
17 is yours.

18 MR. DE LA RIVA: Good evening commissioner. My name  
19 is Eddie De La Riva, council member with the City of  
20 Maywood. Thank you so much for your hard work on what is  
21 a very difficult task. I want to thank you for  
22 (indiscernible) SD map. And you have joined us back into  
23 SD710 with communities of interest along the I-10 --  
24 I-710 corridor, and I implore you to please do the same  
25 with our Assembly district.

1 Take a look at AD\_54 northeast Los Angeles. Maywood  
2 does not belong in that district as we have nothing in  
3 common with the communities in northeast Los Angeles.

4 I support the map, but I do believe that Maywood and  
5 Bell Gardens should not be connected to Koreatown.  
6 Maywood should be connected to communities west of the  
7 710 freeway. Bell Gardens should be connected to  
8 communities east of the 710 freeway. Downtown LA should  
9 stay together.

10 The City of Maywood has long been one of the gateway  
11 cities, and that's why I ask that you please include us  
12 in AD-62, AD\_GATEWAY with communities of interest of  
13 Southeast Los Angeles. With that, I will end my  
14 comments. Thank you. Good night.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

16 And right now we will have caller 7175, and up next  
17 after that will be caller 5141. Caller 7175, please  
18 follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

19 MR. PAYNE: Thank you, Katy. Good evening,  
20 Commissioners. This is Jeremy Payne. Thank you for your  
21 careful attention to the LGBTQ+ community of interest in  
22 San Francisco today. We particularly want to thank  
23 Commissioner Andersen for calling attention to this  
24 tonight.

25 Equality California would like to confirm that we

1 have been in communication with API and AMEMSA state  
2 redistricting collaborative regarding the unification of  
3 San Francisco's Chinatown. We are one hundred percent in  
4 support of unifying Chinatown and empowering our API  
5 COIs, but we misunderstood the cut that was being  
6 proposed in AD-17 East SF till after this unification. A  
7 cut of Diamond Heights and Glen Park would indeed divide  
8 the LGBTQ+ COI in San Francisco, and we certainly do not  
9 want to disempower our LGBTQ+ community further since the  
10 commission already removed west of Twin Peaks, which is  
11 part of the LGBTQ+ COI out of East SF.

12       Instead to support the unification of Chinatown,  
13 while still empowering our LGBTQ+ COI, Equality  
14 California proposes keeping Diamond Heights and Glen Park  
15 in East SF and moving Outer Mission into AD-19 West SF,  
16 since this neighborhood has a smaller LGBTQ+ population  
17 in comparison to Castro, Noe Valley, Bernal Heights, Twin  
18 Peaks, Diamond Heights, and Glen Park. All this can be  
19 seen --

20       MR. MANOFF: Twenty seconds.

21       MR. PAYNE: -- in the LGBTQ+ heat map or LGBTQ+  
22 shape file submitted by Equality California.

23       If possible, we would also ask the Commission to  
24 move west of Twin Peaks from West SF to East SF since  
25 it's the crucial part of the LGBTQ+ community that is

1 unified in the 2011 Assembly district. With these  
2 changes, we can create an AD-17 East SF district that  
3 truly unifies --

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

5 And right now, we have caller 5141, and up next  
6 after that will be caller 9699. Caller 5141, please  
7 follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

8 MS. WALIA: Please do not split up Saratoga, a small  
9 town of 30,000 in Santa Clara county. My name is Tina  
10 Walia. I'm the mayor of Saratoga. I care very deeply  
11 for my city. I'm speaking on my own behalf; the city  
12 council has not discussed this.

13 How can the maps be changed at the last minute in a  
14 rushed manner? It is wrong to split Saratoga, a small  
15 city of 30,000 population, into two separate  
16 Congressional districts. There has been a long tradition  
17 of West Valley communities working together. The state  
18 should not be dividing these communities.

19 This proposal literally split Saratoga down the  
20 middle of town with one side of Saratoga, Sunnyvale Road,  
21 in one district, and the other side of the road in  
22 another district.

23 Previous versions of the maps kept all of Saratoga  
24 in one district with one representative. No apparent  
25 reason for the new map which places Saratoga in two

1 districts that removes us from West Valley community of  
2 cities and puts us in a district with cities from south  
3 San Francisco to San Louis Obispo. Please keep Saratoga  
4 whole. Thank you very much.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

6 And right now, we have caller 9699. And up next  
7 after that is caller 9268. Caller 9699, please follow  
8 the prompts. The floor is yours.

9 MR. DRAGONI: Hi. Hello. My name is Tyler Dragoni,  
10 D-R-A-G-O-N-I, and I am a resident of unincorporated  
11 Alameda County. And this is in regards to the state  
12 Senate districts that were redrawn at the last minute,  
13 putting unincorporated Alameda County in the majority  
14 district of Contra Costa County.

15 There are nothing we have -- there is nothing that  
16 we have in common with the cities that are in Contra  
17 County. Ashland, the community that I live in has --  
18 compared to Alamo, which is another unincorporated  
19 community in Contra Costa County, has a median income  
20 four and a half times less than Alamo. Politically,  
21 those cities that are in the districts that we've been  
22 moved into cannot --

23 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

24 MR. DRAGONI: -- be further apart. The ideas of  
25 transportation, of housing. I just request that the

1 Commission move us back into Alameda County -- that --  
2 put Eden back in the Eden District. Thank you.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

4 And right now we have caller 9268, and up next after  
5 that will be caller 3212. Caller 9268, please follow the  
6 prompt to unmute. The floor is yours.

7 MR. SIMITIAN: Hi. This is Santa Clara County  
8 Supervisor Joe Simitian. And I want to ask the  
9 Commission to reconsider the MIDCOAST iteration for the  
10 Congressional maps. Again, I'm calling to ask that you  
11 reconsider the recently announced MIDCOAST iteration for  
12 Congressional maps.

13 This was, I know, a well-intended effort to address  
14 concerns from San Jose, but what has happened is a result  
15 is that our 18th Congressional District, which clustered  
16 a number of cities in South San Mateo County in Northern  
17 and Western (audio interference) County has now been  
18 essentially scattered to the wind.

19 Over the past twenty years, as a state senator,  
20 State Assembly member, county supervisor and mayor and  
21 school board president, I've represented twenty-three of  
22 these communities. I think have a good sense of where  
23 there are and are not affinities. The new map splits Los  
24 Altos from Mountain View where they share a school  
25 district --



1 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

2 MR. SIMITIAN: -- Los Altos Hills, from Palo Alto  
3 where they share a school district. The easy solution  
4 here is to go back to the old maps. Any one of the prior  
5 iterations, the draft map, or the map that was in place  
6 ten years ago, any one of those --

7 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

8 MR. SIMITIAN: -- would be a dramatic improvement.  
9 Thank you so much.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

11 And right now, we have caller 3212. And up next  
12 after that is caller 1516. Caller 3212, please follow  
13 the prompts. The floor is yours.

14 MR. SABET. Hi, this is Laurence Sabet. I live in  
15 San Leandro. I've been a resident for a -- fifty --  
16 little over fifty years. And I'm calling to express my  
17 full support for the December 8, 2021 iteration of the  
18 AD-20 map. I think that San Leandro is better suited in  
19 Assembly District 20, not Assembly District 18 as it is  
20 now. We have less in common with Oakland and much more  
21 in common with Ashland, Castro Valley, Cherryland,  
22 Fairview, Fremont, Hayward, San Lorenzo.

23 And -- but the latest thing that we just heard is  
24 that they're trying to put San Leandro into Contra Costa  
25 County, and we have nothing in common with them, as other

1 people have said. We're separated by a mountain range.  
2 You can't even get there. There's a wilderness area in  
3 between. You have to go all the way around. We're not  
4 contiguous at all with them. And nobody from here goes  
5 there. It's a high-class, Republican area, and we're  
6 working-class union people.

7 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

8 MR. SABET: So yeah, so please, put us in -- put San  
9 Lean -- all of San Leandro in Assembly District 20.  
10 Thank you.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

12 And right now we have caller 1516. And up next  
13 after that is caller 2263. Caller 1516, please follow  
14 the prompts. One more time, caller 1516, please follow  
15 the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. And to  
16 apologize, caller 1516, there appears to be some type of  
17 connectivity issue for you at the moment, but I do have  
18 you down for a retry and I will come back around.

19 Right now, we have caller 2263. And up next after  
20 that is caller 1404. Caller 2263, please follow the  
21 prompts. One more time, caller 2263, if you'll please  
22 follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. All  
23 right, I do have you down as a retry. We'll come back  
24 around momentarily.

25 And right now, I have caller 1404. If you'll please

1 follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The  
2 floor is yours.

3 MR. SITNAL: Hi, my name is Jad Sitnal (ph.), and I  
4 live in the City of Saratoga. Thank you very much for  
5 your wonderful work. The creation of the Coastal  
6 District and including Palo Alto makes a lot of sense.  
7 And keeping Saratoga together makes sense, but I would  
8 suggest that it's included combined with Cupertino -- the  
9 neighboring cities of Cupertino where we have a large  
10 Asian population. And that makes a lot more sense for  
11 us.

12 And finally, the Tech District getting Silicon  
13 Valley under one district makes a lot of sense because  
14 common issues can be addressed much more effectively.  
15 Thank you very much.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

17 And right now we have caller 0133, and up next after  
18 that we have caller 9468. Caller 0133, please follow the  
19 prompts. The floor is yours.

20 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi, I'm calling from  
21 West Hills in the San Fernando Valley, and I'm confused  
22 as to why West Hills and Woodland Hills aren't connected.  
23 I think that if you're going to make, like, any small  
24 change, that would be a good change to make. Thank you  
25 everyone for all your really hard work. That's all I

1 have.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

3 And right now we have caller 9468. And up next  
4 after that will be caller 7826. I'd also like to invite  
5 all those that have just called in or called in earlier,  
6 please press star nine to raise your hand indicating you  
7 wish to give comment. Right now, we'll go to caller  
8 9468. Please follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

9 MS. RASHAWN: Good evening. My name is Victoria  
10 Rashawn (ph.). I live in Chino Hills. And I'm calling  
11 because I am not excited about the map and I'd like for  
12 there to be a reconsideration that the map not divide the  
13 North San Gabriel Valley and the Inland Empire. Thank  
14 you.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

16 And right now we have caller 7826, and up next after  
17 that will be caller 3270. Caller 7826, please follow the  
18 prompts. The floor is yours.

19 MS: GRANT: Hi, my name is Surlene Grant. And I'm  
20 a former council member and a current convener of a group  
21 called Unity in the Community in San Leandro, California.  
22 Our group meets monthly to interact with more than 200  
23 residents in San Leandro to fight racism and hate.

24 I'm speaking to the Senate District map that shows  
25 San Leandro and the unincorporated areas of Alameda

1 County and Cherryland being brought over the natural  
2 ridgeline to be at the Contra Costa County. Focusing on  
3 the factor of contingency of the cities in the district,  
4 this is forced association. The only connection of these  
5 western communities to the district (indiscernible) in  
6 the district would be hiking trails and one country road.  
7 In short, this seems like a desperate grab to get a  
8 headcount for the district, for the Senate district. To  
9 do so, you are tearing apart cohesive voices and  
10 programs, many that are serving historically marginalized  
11 and underrepresented groups.

12 Focusing on community of interest, which others have  
13 already shared this point, this proposal puts San Leandro  
14 and unincorporated Alameda County --

15 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

16 MR. GRANT: -- into the far reaches of East Contra  
17 Costa County. It splits the city away from the county,  
18 splits communities of interest, including large pockets  
19 of limited English speakers and lower income from  
20 services that they receive in San Leandro, Hayward, and  
21 Oakland.

22 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

23 MR. GRANT: The purpose is to build community, not  
24 tear them apart. I urge you to redraw these lines.  
25 Thank you.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

2 And right now, we have caller 3270, and up next  
3 after that is caller 9447. Caller 3270, please follow  
4 the prompts. And one more time, caller with the last  
5 four digits of 3270, please follow the prompts to unmute  
6 by pressing star six. And I do have you down for a  
7 retry. I will come back around.

8 And right now, we have caller 9447 and up next after  
9 that will be caller 4201. Caller 9447, please follow  
10 prompts to unmute.

11 MS. KRIEGER: Hello.

12 MS. KATY: The floor is yours.

13 MS. KRIEGER: Thank you. Thank you. My name is  
14 Martha Krieger, and I live in the East Bay of Alameda  
15 County. I am an organizer there. I'm within the  
16 (indiscernible) community, and I am also an environmental  
17 activist. We are organizing up and down the East Bay  
18 against -- for environmental justice issues. We go as  
19 far as San Leandro and all the way down to Fremont. This  
20 is a really tough space. We have rising seas and  
21 wildfires. We have bad air days, and it really takes all  
22 of us working together to work on those issues.

23 San Leandro and unincorporated county -- Alameda  
24 County work incredibly hard with -- our leaders are API  
25 and Black and Brown communities, and they need to be able

1 to take BART and bus lines to get to meetings.

2 Sometimes, we bring our kids.

3 It's really, really important that you allow us to  
4 continue organizing together. It's important that we are  
5 working hard to try and reduce the vehicle emissions in  
6 our area; that we are working --

7 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

8 MS. KRIEGER: -- really hard to try and improve our  
9 health.

10 Please, if you could, consider going back to the  
11 SD\_EDENTECH draft and leaving this iteration that takes  
12 out the heart of our community from our organizing work.  
13 That --

14 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

15 MS. KRIEGER: -- helps us to live safe, happy lives  
16 with good jobs. Thank you.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

18 And right now we have caller 4201, and up next after  
19 that is caller 8575. Caller 4201, please follow the  
20 prompts. The floor is yours.

21 MR. WALMAN: Yeah. Hi, Stewart Walman (ph.) from  
22 VICA regarding the San Fernando Valley Assembly maps.  
23 Twelve days ago, when you all met and were working on  
24 Assembly maps, the last four districts that you were  
25 working on were the San Fernando Valley districts. And I

1 know you've had lots of testimony and things are getting  
2 a little blurred, but you were not happy with the maps  
3 and neither was the community. You said specifically  
4 that you would come back to those maps; that you weren't  
5 okay with them, you didn't like that, they put Woodland  
6 Hills with working-class communities. You didn't like  
7 that it split up Burbank and Glendale. You didn't like  
8 that Burbank was split up. Another commissioner talked  
9 about North Hollywood and Toluca Lake needing to be  
10 together. Another commissioner talked about Van Nuys,  
11 Valley Glen, North Hollywood trying to put them together.

12 The VICA maps are not like the firefighters' maps.  
13 I know a lot of people have called in saying that they  
14 like the firefighter maps and the VICA maps. I would  
15 urge you to take a look at VICA map A --

16 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

17 MR. WALMAN: -- which fits right in on those four  
18 districts. You wouldn't have to make A change. I would  
19 appreciate if you took the time to give a quick look. I  
20 think it does everything that the commissioners want.

21 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

22 MR. WALMAN: We looked at the commissioner's  
23 testimony over and over again to make sure that we could  
24 make you happy and fulfill all the needs that you had.  
25 We also don't split communities as well, which, you know,



1 neighbor councils have been a priority for us as well.

2 So please --

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

4 And right now we have caller 8575, and up next after  
5 that, is caller 2263. Caller 8575, please follow the  
6 prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

7 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hello, Commissioners.  
8 As a former Valley Glen neighborhood council member, but  
9 speaking on my own, not behalf of the neighborhood  
10 council, in regards to the San Fernando Valley map,  
11 Stewart is right. You guys did not like them. You have  
12 thousands of comments of people that did not like them.  
13 Please don't keep them the way you have them.

14 VICA map A, is great, but if you want a simple fix  
15 and you don't want to do VICA map A, which again, VICA  
16 map A is a better option than what I'm going to suggest,  
17 but if you moved Woodland Hills to South San Fernando  
18 Valley, connecting it with all the South San Fernando  
19 Valley communities, move Valley Glen and Valley Village  
20 into Central San Fernando Valley where we belong and  
21 unite North Hollywood, all of North Hollywood -- you've  
22 split up North Hollywood right now into East San Fernando  
23 Valley -- that would improve the CVAP over two points in  
24 the Central San Fernando Valley District for Latinos,  
25 unite North Hollywood into one district, and unite the

1 Jewish communities in the south San Fernando Valley  
2 district.

3 That is a simple three-way fix --

4 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

5 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: -- if you don't want to  
6 go with a better option of VICA map A.

7 Again, I support VICA map A. You did not like this  
8 map. Thousands of people said this map was not good.  
9 You did not spend the time to fix it. There's two  
10 million people in the valley that are depending on you to  
11 fix this. Please spend some time and fix it and/or don't  
12 spend time and pass VICA map A. It is a good map for all  
13 the neighborhoods in the San Fernando --

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

15 And right now we have caller 2263, and up next after  
16 that will be caller 6769. Caller 2263, please follow the  
17 prompts. This floor is yours.

18 MR. MINNET: Hi, good evening. My name is John  
19 Minnet (ph.). I'm a resident of San Leandro. I've lived  
20 in Alameda County for thirteen -- twelve years, San  
21 Leandro for not as long, but I was very surprised to see  
22 the Senate District map dated December 18 that attached  
23 San Leandro and the adjacent unincorporated areas, the  
24 Eden area, to Contra Costa East of the Hills, Concord,  
25 Walnut Creek, Danville. I agree with the previous

1 commenters that these are very different communities.

2 There's very little continuity.

3       There are BART lines going up -- going from Oakland  
4 to San Leandro to Hayward, there is -- there is not  
5 this -- and there are interstates. There is not the same  
6 kind of connection between the San Leandro area and east  
7 of the Hills.

8       If you try to calculate driving directions, you will  
9 see that all the driving directions will tail -- will  
10 take you way out of your way outside of that proposed  
11 district and then back into it.

12       So in addition to the communities --

13       MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

14       MR. MINNET: -- of interest that I understand are  
15 there, it would also greatly reduce our access to the  
16 electoral process by events being held in the bulk of the  
17 county where San Leandro and Eden would be a --

18       MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

19       MR. MINNET: -- would be an afterthought. So please  
20 make -- please keep San Leandro together with other parts  
21 of Alameda County. Thank you.

22       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

23       And right now, we have caller 6769, and up next  
24 after that will be caller 9835. Caller 6769, please  
25 follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

1 MR. LABONTA: Can folks hear me?

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

3 MR. LABONTA: Hi, my name is -- my name is Alex  
4 Labonta (ph.) I use he/him pronouns, and I'm a twenty  
5 year resident of Saratoga, California in Santa Clara  
6 County. Saratoga is a wonderful community. It's one of  
7 the primary cities, the heart of Silicon Valley. It's  
8 being split into two Congressional districts, and we're  
9 very concerned in West Valley, which is a political area,  
10 Cupertino, Campbell, Los Gatos, and Saratoga. This would  
11 divide Saratoga in half.

12 I'm very concerned about the Asian-American,  
13 (indiscernible) community, which is almost fifty percent  
14 of Saratoga. Their -- their API votes share will  
15 diminish in the two Congressional districts. And so my  
16 hope is, as a community of interest, Saratoga is intact.

17 Commissioners, please keep Saratoga as a city  
18 together. That would be a wonderful and very important  
19 and momentous thing for the future of Saratoga. Thank  
20 you all.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
22 right now, we have caller 9835, and up next after that  
23 will be caller is 0052. Caller 9835, please follow the  
24 prompts. The floor is yours.

25 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hi, thank you. I would

1 like to thank Commissioner Kennedy for, throughout the  
2 last couple of months, continuing to try to put Acton and  
3 Agua Dulce in with the Santa Clarita Valley, rather than  
4 the High Desert. This -- like Agua Dulce shares a  
5 watershed with Santa Clarita, not with, for example,  
6 Victorville. People in Agua Dulce try to commute -- or  
7 do commute through Santa Clarita when they need  
8 healthcare. We go to Santa Clarita. Yet, very quickly  
9 this evening, whenever the idea of putting Acton and Agua  
10 Dulce in with Santa Clarita was brought up, everyone  
11 decided that it was basic -- basically based on one  
12 tweet. It was -- it was decided that they -- they belong  
13 in with -- with Palmdale.

14         Meanwhile, Palmdale is split in half for a VRA  
15 district. And the idea that these --

16         MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

17         UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: -- the idea that --  
18 that -- that we belong in with a district with Victor  
19 Valley seems crazy to me when no one from Victor  
20 Valley --

21         MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

22         UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: -- has been to Agua  
23 Dulce and no one in Agua Dulce has been to Victor Valley.  
24 Please reassess this. We're talking about a very small  
25 change. We can make this happen. Please put Agua Dulce

1 and Acton --

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

3 And right now, we have caller 0052, and up next  
4 after that is caller 6308. Caller 0052, please follow  
5 the prompts. The floor is yours.

6 MS. ROGERS: My name is Sally Christine Rogers. I'm  
7 a proud member of the Santa Cruz County Farm Bureau. I'd  
8 like to thank the commissioners for their thoughtful  
9 consideration of communities of interest.

10 We want the Salinas Valley and the Pajaro Valley to  
11 be included in the MIDCOAST District. We are eighty  
12 Hispanic, most of who work in the agricultural sector.  
13 The obvious division should be the Santa Cli -- Santa  
14 Cruz County line, which is in the mountains. We are  
15 rural and agricultural community of Monterey Bay and  
16 should remain with the MIDCOAST District, not a part of  
17 San Jose or Silicon Valley.

18 I agree with Commissioner Kennedy that we should not  
19 be dividing our counties. Monterey County should not be  
20 split and Santa Cruz County should not be split.

21 Splitting the Pajaro Valley and Salinas Valley away  
22 from Monterey Bay would negatively divide our community,  
23 including these agricultural regions, and furthermore, it  
24 would dilute the voices and votes of our agricultural  
25 workers --

1 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

2 MS. ROGERS: -- and businesses. Thank you for your  
3 consideration.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
5 right now, we have caller 6308, and up next after that  
6 will be caller 5115. Caller 6308, please follow the  
7 prompts. The floor is yours.

8 MR. AMARODA: Thank you so much, and thank you,  
9 everyone, for your hard work, Commissioners. My name is  
10 Carlos Amaroda (ph.). I'm a resident of the San Fernando  
11 Valley, and I serve as a local neighborhood council  
12 member. Recent callers saying that this is the last --  
13 this is the last-minute ditch to try and unite Santa Cruz  
14 and San Fernando Valley are not recognizing the Assembly  
15 district that has been in existence for the past ten  
16 years that brings these two communities of interest  
17 together.

18 I do want to state some minor suggestions. The  
19 Northridge neighborhood and the North Hills neighborhood  
20 should stay whole as they are considered part of the  
21 North San Fernando Valley and they were impacted by the  
22 Aliso Canyon gas blowout and aftermath, just like Santa  
23 Clarita Valley has as well. They are currently split  
24 between AD-40 SCD (ph.) and also AD-46 central. Also,  
25 there are more common interests between West Hills and

1 Woodland Hills. The commission with West Hills to the  
2 AD-46 central map and together with Woodland Hills and  
3 move the Northridge -- and North Hills and Northridge to  
4 AD-40 SCD.

5 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

6 MR. AMARODA: I believe these changes should --  
7 thank you.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

9 And right now, we have caller 5115. And up next  
10 after that will be caller 7312. Caller 5115, please  
11 follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

12 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi, commissioners.  
13 Happy Saturday. I know it is more likely for people to  
14 call in when they're unhappy versus happy. So I thought  
15 I would mix it up and just say I actually really  
16 appreciate how you've drawn the Congressional lines  
17 statewide. Some might be unpopular, but I do think that  
18 you have stuck to the criteria that was listed and really  
19 listened to the community. And just thought I'd show  
20 some appreciation and thanks this holiday season for all  
21 the work you put into it. So thank you. Have a good  
22 night.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

24 And right now, we have caller 7312, and up next  
25 after that is caller 6907.



1           And I'd like to invite those that have just called  
2 in to please press star nine. This will raise your hand  
3 indicating you wish to give comment.

4           Caller 7312, please follow the prompts to unmute.  
5 The floor is yours.

6           MR. TIM SANCHEZ: Hi. My name is Tim Sanchez, and  
7 I'm just calling to echo a lot of the concerns from the  
8 San Fernando Valley. You guys, the Commission, spent  
9 hours talking about Old Fig Garden and Old Fig Loop, and  
10 you spent less than twenty minutes in the last two weeks  
11 talking about the San Fernando Valley. There's two  
12 million people that live in this area. It's the sixth-  
13 largest city, if it were its own city.

14           There are so many problems with this map. Woodland  
15 Hills, for example, is a median income of 100K. They  
16 shouldn't be with poor communities like Canoga Park,  
17 Winnetka, Reseda, Van Nuys. That's a major problem.

18           You've heard from the folks in Santa Clarita about  
19 Agua Dulce. You've heard from the Jewish community that  
20 said there's problems. You've heard from the Armenian  
21 community that says there are problems. There are  
22 massive problems in this entire map.

23           All the other maps, the VICA Map A, I support. The  
24 San Fernando Valley firefighter map, I support. These  
25 are all localized changes within four districts. This

1 had an opportunity --

2 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

3 MR. SANCHEZ: -- for you guys to really fix this.

4 Every single other area has been dealt with except  
5 the San Fernando Valley. This is why we tried to leave  
6 the City of Los Angeles because we're always treated like  
7 a ugly stepchild.

8 Don't continue to do this to our community.

9 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

10 MR. SANCHEZ: We need to be having advocate for our  
11 communities that are going to fight and just spend some  
12 time, spend more than twenty minutes on our community.  
13 We're asking you, begging you, Armenians, Latinos,  
14 Filipinos, Jewish folks, they're all united. Nobody  
15 likes these current maps.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

17 And right now, we have caller 6907, and up next  
18 after that will be caller 8676. Caller 6907, please  
19 follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

20 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi. I'm here to let  
21 commissioners know once again to please support public  
22 input 41011. With only four simple whole city moves,  
23 Southeast LA maps would be fixed and wouldn't negatively  
24 affect the current population balances. So please  
25 support public input 41011. Thank you.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

2 And right now, we have caller 8676, and up next  
3 after that will be caller 1013. Caller 8676, please  
4 follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello Commissioners. First  
6 of all, I'd like to say thank you guys for your time, as  
7 well as I would like to say to please take into account  
8 the public input on 41011. We need to fix the Southeast  
9 LA map. I hope I can count on you guys to do so by  
10 moving the four cities in Southeast LA in a direction  
11 that would not upset the current population balances.  
12 Thank you so much and have a happy holiday.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
14 right now we have caller 1013, and up next after that  
15 will be caller 2228.

16 Caller 1013, please follow the prompts. The floor  
17 is yours.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening, Commissioners.  
19 I'm just calling to thank you for the work that you're  
20 doing and actually not asking for any changes because a  
21 lot of things could come with, "Let me ask you for a  
22 change." So I'll just kind of call -- calling to thank  
23 you for all the work that you do. I know it's very  
24 difficult, and I really do appreciate the work that you  
25 guys did in the Assembly Inglewood map for keeping all

1 those cities together. And a special out to Commissioner  
2 Yee, Commissioner Vazquez, and Commissioner Sadhwani for  
3 making sure that those communities were kept together.  
4 So again, just calling to thank you, and not ask for  
5 anything else. Have a great holiday season.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
7 right now we have caller 2228. And up next after that  
8 will be caller 0347.

9 Caller 2228, please follow the prompts. The floor  
10 is yours.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you. Good evening,  
12 members of the Redistricting Commission. I want to thank  
13 you for extending the courtesy of permitting public  
14 comments to address the concerns surrounding the proposed  
15 redistricting maps. You know, we learned about the  
16 proposed redistricting maps at a recent meeting among  
17 residents down here in South Monterey County.

18 Many of the comments that were expressed by the  
19 attendees of that meeting, expressed a great deal of  
20 disappointment, a lot of frustration, a lot of anger, a  
21 lot of sense of re-victimization from the standpoint of  
22 certain folks that are elderly attendees who have a long  
23 history of experiencing actions that have deprived them  
24 of the ability to vote for minority candidates in prior  
25 elections over the years going back to the '60s and the

1 '70s. And that's while residing in South Monterey  
2 County, many of us have reviewed the criteria that's been  
3 posted on the Redistricting Commission's website. And  
4 that proposed district map that divides Monterey  
5 County --

6 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- into two Congressional  
8 districts fails to meet that criteria that the Commission  
9 must follow. That proposal is unacceptable in its  
10 current form. The alternative map that's been proposed  
11 by several Monterey County leaders --

12 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- including Monterey County  
14 Supervisor Chris Lopez, stays within the footprint of the  
15 three districts encompassed by the Commission's proposed  
16 maps. Those proposed alternatives are more congruent,  
17 and they preserve the salient interest of --

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
19 right now, we'll have callers 0347. And then up next  
20 after that would be caller 6638. Caller 0347, please  
21 follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

22 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi, good evening. My  
23 name is Edith. As part of the community of LA, I would  
24 like to support public input 41 (audio interference)  
25 District East LA map with four simple (indiscernible) in

1 order to keep current population balances. I appreciate  
2 everyone's time on this evening and I appreciate the --  
3 the time. Thank you so much. Have a good --

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
5 right now we'll have caller a 6638. And up next after  
6 that will be caller 1220. Caller 6638, please follow the  
7 prompts. And one more time caller 6638, please follow  
8 the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. One more  
9 time.

10 Caller 6638, please press star six one more time.

11 The floor is yours.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello?

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, the floor is yours.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes. Hello.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (In Spanish, not translated).

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: (In Spanish, not

18 translated).

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (In Spanish, not translated).

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
21 right now we have caller 1220. And up next after that  
22 will be caller 1547.

23 Caller 1220, please follow the prompts. The floor  
24 is yours.

25 MS. ROWE: Hello, this is Christine Rowe (ph.). I

1 want to thank the Commissioner that spoke about the Santa  
2 Susanna Field Lab today. I'm the one that submitted  
3 those comments. And I asked for it to be drawn in the  
4 Southern District to be with Bell Canyon in the impacted  
5 communities of West Hills and Chatsworth and Canoga Park  
6 that are most impacted. I'm looking at the various maps  
7 and documents that I've submitted to you.

8 I've submitted more than I believe seven comments to  
9 you since the 13th. And we should be -- the San Fernando  
10 Valley should be whole. I'm looking at a document from  
11 the 13th where I sent my suggestions to the LA City  
12 Council. And if you draw the -- the West San Fernando  
13 Valley, west of the 405, you get enough for an Assembly  
14 district. If you basically draw the San Fernando Valley  
15 East of the 405, you get enough --

16 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds

17 MS. ROWE: -- for an Assembly district there. I  
18 would greatly appreciate you separating us. You've heard  
19 testimony about why. And I want to just reference the  
20 impact of the Woolsey fire here and I had a cousin that  
21 lived in Canyon Country whose house burned, and I lived  
22 two miles from the Woolsey fire. And I'm thankful that I  
23 wasn't displaced by that. So we need to be separated  
24 because we have se --

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And

1 right now we have caller 1547. And up next after that,  
2 we will retry caller 1516.

3 Caller 1547, please follow the prompts to unmute.  
4 The floor is yours.

5 MS. BERNALD: Good evening, Commissioners. My name  
6 is Mary-Lynne Bernald, current council member and former  
7 mayor of the City of Saratoga. Tonight I'm speaking to a  
8 newly proposed change regarding the 18th Congressional  
9 District. I'm asking you to approve any of the prior  
10 iterations or draft maps. The new proposal is ill-  
11 conceived. It abandons historic regional working  
12 relationships, creates a geographic district area too  
13 lengthy to cover adequately or efficiently. And  
14 specifically to Saratoga, cuts are small twelve-square  
15 mile city in two, splits our school districts and  
16 community college districts, fire districts, and business  
17 districts.

18 Thank you Commissioners for all your efforts.  
19 Please keep our city, Saratoga, whole. Thank you again.  
20 Good night.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
22 right now we will retry caller 1516. And then up next  
23 after that will be caller 1784. Caller 1516, please  
24 follow the prompts to unmute. One more time, caller  
25 1516, please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing



1 star six.

2        Caller 1516, you appear to still have some type of  
3 connectivity issue. I would suggest either hanging up  
4 and calling back or reaching out to the Commission in the  
5 numerous other ways. Thank you so much. And right now,  
6 we will go to caller 1784. And then up next after that  
7 will be caller 2672.

8        Caller 1784, please follow the prompts. The floor  
9 is yours.

10        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Commissioners, I just want to  
11 wish you all Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Good  
12 luck getting across the finish line in the marathon. As  
13 a former elected official myself, I know you can't make  
14 everyone happy. And I just wanted to spend two seconds  
15 to wish you all Merry Christmas. Thank you for your  
16 service.

17        PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
18 right now we have caller 2672, and then up next after  
19 that will be caller 1816. Caller 2672, please follow the  
20 prompts. The floor is yours.

21        UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. I want to  
22 congratulate the Commission on coming very close to the  
23 end, and I know that there's still some clean-ups to be  
24 done. A lot of folks have specifically talked -- brought  
25 up the San Fernando Valley and a number of combinations.

1 I wanted to bring up the Firefighters' map. Been hearing  
2 a lot about, you know, fire protection and the Angeles  
3 question national forest.

4 And with that in mind, have questions of fire  
5 protection, fire evacuation, and the firefighters  
6 recognizing the service areas, I would encourage the  
7 Commission to adapt something that looks pretty similar  
8 to that at the Assembly level for the -- particularly at  
9 the Assembly level too because it's state government and  
10 kind of relationships between state and county and  
11 municipal kind of fire authorities kind of  
12 consolidating -- oh, the way that you've done it in a lot  
13 of other places like the Sierra, like recognizing that  
14 fire -- the fire prevention, fire protection, fire  
15 management, as a really crucial part of how some places,  
16 particularly Burbank, Glendale, and kind of the Western  
17 part of the Angeles Crest --

18 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- find -- find themselves.  
20 And in short, I know that you've got a lot going on,  
21 heard a lot about Saratoga, a lot about other  
22 perspectives on the San Fernando Valley, but do want to  
23 emphasize particularly because climate change is driving  
24 a lot of what's happened in the last ten years and the  
25 next ten years --

1 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: The firefighters' map does  
3 point (indiscernible). Thank you so much for your time  
4 and I hope you're having a wonderful, wonderful evening.  
5 Thank you for your commitment and your hard work.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
7 right now, we'll have caller 1816, and up next after that  
8 will be caller 2834. Caller 1816, please follow the  
9 prompts. The floor is yours.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you. I have already  
11 spoken this evening.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh, thank you so much.  
13 And right now, we'll have caller 2834, and up next after  
14 that will be caller 4208. Caller 2834, please follow the  
15 prompts. The floor is yours.

16 MS. LO: Hi, I'm -- hello. I'm Emily Lo, a Chinese-  
17 American and former mayor of Saratoga. I'm writing --  
18 I'm calling to request that you reject Congressional map  
19 dated 12/17 regarding District 18. Saratoga is a small  
20 city with less than thirteen square miles and a small  
21 population of only 30,000. Splitting this small city  
22 into two Congressional districts will completely dilute  
23 representation of our city and seriously divide the  
24 community. Please approve original map 12/15 Santa  
25 Clara, which kept cities and communities of interest

1 together. Thank you very much.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
3 right now we have caller 5038, and up next after that  
4 will be caller 5369.

5 Caller 5038, please follow the prompts. The floor  
6 is yours.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi Commissioners. We keep  
8 hearing many unhappy people call from the San Fernando  
9 Valley and Santa Clarita Valley. And rightfully so. No  
10 one is really happy with these maps. And the way to  
11 solve this honestly is by first of all keeping Santa  
12 Clarita Valley away from the San Fernando Valley,  
13 specifically referring to the Assembly districts when --  
14 where you've made progress fortunately on the  
15 Congressional incentive maps. So we're asking instead  
16 for the Assembly maps, just to have Santa Clarita Valley  
17 connected with Acton and Agua Dulce since they are  
18 literally part of the district, like they're literally  
19 part of the Santa Clarita Valley.

20 As a lot of callers have said before, you can ask  
21 anyone in the area and they will say the exact same  
22 thing. So to say something irresponsible, like I can  
23 sleep safely at night while changing an entire district.  
24 It's not very helpful or even polite to say that it  
25 wouldn't affect thousands of people. So instead, just

1 incorporate it with the Northwest Valley County, kind of  
2 like the Senate and Congressional maps and that's --  
3 that's that. Problem solved.

4 Now, for the San Fernando Valley, I encourage you  
5 all to look at the input that people have of where  
6 Woodland Hills should be or where Encino should be. The  
7 Jewish community, Latino communities, all those  
8 respectful communities can be in the San Fernando Valley,  
9 but they want to be intact. So again, just keep San  
10 Clarita Valley away and up north and definitely not  
11 across -- in the San Fernando Valley or even the map that  
12 suggests that it should be with Glendale and Burbank when  
13 to make that trek you'd have to pass through the San  
14 Fernando Valley.

15 MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It doesn't make sense, so  
17 that's -- that's a basic suggestion on how to do it.  
18 Just keep each valley intact in the whole San Clarita  
19 Valley up north and the San Fernando Valley intact  
20 together. So with that, make the change --

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
22 right now, we have caller 5369, and up next after that  
23 will be caller 56 -- 5690. Caller 5369, please follow  
24 the prompts. The floor is yours.

25 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hello, good evening.

1 My name is Kate. I'm calling to support the public input  
2 41011 that faceless Southeast Los Angeles maps with four  
3 simple whole city moves that do not upset the current  
4 population balances. Thank you so much for your time.  
5 Have a good evening.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
7 right now, we have caller 5690, and up next after that  
8 will be caller 7455.

9 Caller 5690, please follow the prompts. The floor  
10 is yours.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. It's very important  
12 that Santa Cruz stays in the same district as Monterey,  
13 not Silicon Valley. Santa Cruz has coastal needs, it has  
14 an agricultural area, it has dredging, it needs  
15 environmental protections. It needs to stay with the  
16 Monterey Bay and the Monterey District. This is very  
17 important. Just as Huntington Beach was decided that it  
18 needed to stay together for a coastal area, the same is  
19 true of Santa Cruz. Thank you very much, and I really  
20 appreciate your work and I hope that you can make this  
21 change. It's important. Thank you.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Thank  
23 you so much. And right now, we have caller 7455, and up  
24 next after that will be caller 7575.

25 Caller 7455, please follow the prompts. The floor

1 is yours.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi Commissioners. Thank you  
3 so much for taking my comments. I just wanted to voice  
4 my support for the public input number 41011. I believe  
5 that it would assist the Southeast LA maps by simplifying  
6 districts and reuniting Southeast Latino communities,  
7 which also includes the unnecessary split of Whittier.  
8 This can be done in four simple moves and it won't  
9 disadvantage or upset the people in these districts. It  
10 will also help to preserve the strong Latino voice.  
11 Thank you so much for your time and have a great day.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. I'd  
13 like to give caller 1516 an opportunity to retry. Please  
14 follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six.  
15 That's caller 1516. The floor is yours.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello?

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, hello?

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Commissioners, what is going  
19 with the San Fernando Valley? We need you to spend some  
20 time to fix it. This map is not acceptable, please.  
21 Someone made a comment. I live in Woodland Hills and  
22 Woodland Hills is attached to Tarzana, Encino, Sherman  
23 Oaks, and should be in the South San Fernando Valley. Do  
24 not take us into the Central San Fernando Valley. We  
25 have nothing to do with those people. There was a

1 suggestion to unite North Hollywood into East San  
2 Fernando Valley where it belongs. Put Valley Glen and  
3 Valley Village into Central San Fernando Valley where it  
4 belongs.

5 And put Woodland Hills with our like-minded Jewish  
6 community of Tarzana and Encino in south San Fernando  
7 Valley where it belongs. Or do the San Fernando Valley  
8 maps that is like a map A and call it a day. Thank you.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

10 And at this time, Chair, everyone in our queue has  
11 had an opportunity to speak.

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Great. Thank you so much, Katy.  
13 We still have a little bit of time left. So if you have  
14 not spoken yet, I will pass this back to Katy and she  
15 will read the instructions on how to call in. Thank you.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. The  
17 Commission will now take public comment. To give  
18 comment, please call 877-853-5247 and enter the meeting  
19 ID number 85932989398 for this meeting. Once you have  
20 dialed in, please press star, nine to enter the comment  
21 queue. The full call-in instructions have been read  
22 previously in the meeting and are provided in full on the  
23 livestream landing page. At this time, we do not have  
24 anybody in the queue who has not spoken this evening.  
25 And for all of you out there who want to call in, please



1 do so.

2 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Great. Thank you, Katy. Do we --  
3 oh, it looks like --

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: One more.

5 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: We -- we have someone in the  
6 queue, Katy.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We do.

8 Caller 7575, please follow the prompt to unmute.  
9 The floor is yours.

10 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi. Hi. Thank you.

11 I -- yeah, thank you guys for (indiscernible). I don't  
12 know what happened, but thank you and thank you for being  
13 so patient. So my name is Michelle. I live in  
14 Northridge. And I wanted to call to ask to please keep  
15 us still in the central San Fernando Valley other than  
16 Santa Clarita. I don't know who the last guy was, but  
17 it -- it sounded quite racist, like those people. Like  
18 what does that mean? And that -- I find it very  
19 offensive. I just wanted to state that for the record.  
20 West Hills belongs with its neighbors in (indiscernible)  
21 Hills and it's that it's not at all connected to the  
22 North Valley and San Clarita Valley. So thank you.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
24 right now we have caller 7268. And up next after that  
25 will be caller 4726.

1           Caller 7268, please follow the prompts. The floor  
2 is yours.

3           MR. REESE: Thank you, Commissioners. My name is  
4 Daniel Reese (ph.). I'm calling from Tulare in Tulare  
5 County. Again, I would like to thank you for making  
6 three effective VRA districts in the Central Valley.  
7 Thank you for my district of Highway 198, Lamar Hanford,  
8 and Tulare. This is keeping rural farm workers community  
9 together. It's going to give people like myself,  
10 immigrants, an opportunity to have fair representation in  
11 the greatest state in the union. I love the state of  
12 California. Thank you for that.

13           Thank you for listening to the people in Little  
14 Saigon. Thank you for listening too for everybody that's  
15 been, you know, calling and giving you input.  
16 Everybody's very, very happy with the decision you guys  
17 are making. We have a few more hours left. You guys are  
18 not alone. I know it's been a long road, but we've been  
19 along your side the whole way, so you're not alone. A  
20 few more hours. Let's keep going. I appreciate  
21 everything you guys are doing. I wish I can hug all of  
22 you because I am really, really proud of the work that  
23 you have done as a GIS student. I'm just, you know, for  
24 everything that's been going on. Thank you so much.  
25 Thank you for everything that you're doing. Again, --

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
2 right now we have caller 4726. And up next after that  
3 will be caller 8338.

4 Caller 4726, if you will please follow the prompts.  
5 The floor is yours.

6 MR. KOHLER: Hi, this is Vince Kohler (ph.). I'm  
7 calling in from the Central Coast. And I know that you  
8 have to wrap up this line drawing in the next couple of  
9 days and you've taken great care not to do harm. But  
10 there is one area though, where there's a Congressional  
11 map that does a great deal of harm. Monterey, (audio  
12 interference) and Benito counties have been together in a  
13 single Congressional district for many decades. You  
14 could call it the Steinbeck District.

15 The current version of the mid-coast and Cupertino  
16 district is probably the most radical redraw -- redraw  
17 under consideration. It puts the agricultural Salinas  
18 Valley in a district with the Silicon Valley as you heard  
19 from others. And it clearly puts the Acton communities  
20 of San Benito County and Salinas Valley at a severe  
21 representational disadvantage. Our current district is  
22 compact and unifies communities of interest in a most  
23 efficient and representative way. A reasonable  
24 alternative would be the Central Coast Committee 6 map --

25 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

1 MR. KOHLER: -- which has been submitted to you  
2 guys. And which achieves most of the objectives that  
3 earlier versions have tried to address. But in a way  
4 that's much more compact --

5 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

6 MR. KOHLER: -- and without the deleterious effect  
7 of 1213 -- of the 1213 and -- and the current map. So  
8 please do not harm our communities progress.  
9 (Indiscernible) sticking with the current Mid-coast and  
10 Cupertino maps. Thank you.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
12 right now we have caller 8338. And up next after that  
13 will be caller 8798.

14 Caller 8338, please follow the prompts to unmute.  
15 The floor is yours.

16 MR. MA: Evening, again Commissioners. My name is  
17 Kevin Ma (ph.). I'm from Mountain View. I still ask as  
18 well as many people to modify the mid-Coast districts  
19 such as Palo Alto and Mountain View. The two Silicon  
20 Valley cities are out of this district. Mountain View in  
21 Silicon Valley and Mountain View in Palo Alto  
22 fundamentally do not have water-based agriculture. Our  
23 water -- our water lines are basically landfill sites,  
24 there are not parks and they're no boats that are  
25 commercial at this point despite our previous history

1 with it.

2       So we've -- I feel like this community of interest  
3 does not mesh with much of the agricultural rustic  
4 portions or the south portions of the Mid-coast. I  
5 believe those should be merged with perhaps counties like  
6 San Benito or, you know, cut in half maybe shift further  
7 south into San Luis Obispo further. Because right now  
8 for -- even for Mountain View, it's also cut into two  
9 portions; one side is greater Eden and one side Mid-coast  
10 which seems very arbitrary to people who are within that  
11 city. So I do suggest that perhaps the board should be  
12 shifted either further into San Mateo into the mountains  
13 or just further south into San Luis Obispo. Thank you.

14       MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

15       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
16 right now we have caller 8798. If you'll please follow  
17 the prompts to unmute. And one more time, caller with  
18 the last four digits 8798, please follow the prompts to  
19 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

20       MR. TRADOFF: Can you hear me?

21       CHAIR FERNANDEZ: We sure can.

22       MR. TRADOFF: Great. Thank you so much. My name is  
23 Igor Tradoff (ph.). I am calling from the East Bay. And  
24 I, first of all, want to thank you for all the care that  
25 you have taken to solicit public input. I would like to

1 request that you revert back from the SD EDENTECH  
2 iteration to the original SD EDENTECH Draft. The  
3 iteration undermines the organizing and cohesion of BIPOC  
4 communities and removes the heart of our organizing  
5 community.

6 It appears to be in violation of the work being done  
7 in LatinX and black neighborhoods, particularly in San  
8 Leandro and unincorporated Alameda County, including  
9 Castro Valley, Ashland, Cherryland, and San Lorenzo,  
10 (indiscernible) in Union City where almost forty  
11 languages are spoken, COVID vaccination rates are  
12 (indiscernible) and voting turnout is lower than average.  
13 So I appreciate --

14 MR. MANOFF: Twenty seconds.

15 MR. TRADOFF: -- the work that you've done with maps  
16 overall, but just ask that you revert back on EDENTECH in  
17 this particular iteration. Thank you.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
19 right now we have caller 2714. Please follow the prompts  
20 to unmute Caller 2714, can you please follow the prompts  
21 to unmute by pressing star six. And one more time caller  
22 with the last four digits, 2714, can you please follow  
23 the prompt to unmute by pressing star six. Caller 2714,  
24 you appear to have some type of connectivity issue at the  
25 moment. I do have another caller. I will come back to

1 you or you are welcome to hang up and call back. It may  
2 help.

3 Right now, I have caller 8860. Please follow the  
4 prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Commissioners. Thank you for  
6 your service. As a Burbank public librarian, I ask that  
7 Burbank, Glendale, and Santa Clarita are in one map. We  
8 are the midsize cities that are part of the San Fernando  
9 Valley cog that can work well together and advocate for  
10 our needs. For the Assembly maps, please modify your  
11 maps. We have heard much support for VICA's map A and  
12 the firefighters' map. For the Assembly, both these maps  
13 are good and you should modify your maps to one of these.  
14 Thank you.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
16 I'd like to give color 2714 another opportunity. Please  
17 follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six.  
18 Caller 2714, if you please press star six, this will  
19 unmute you. Caller 2714, I did see your hand. Unclear  
20 as to why you are not able to connect. I would suggest  
21 hanging up and calling back or reaching out to the  
22 Commission in other ways.

23 At this time, Chair, we do not have anyone else in  
24 the queue.

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you, Katy. Thank you

1 all who called in. Again, there are other ways to submit  
2 your feedback to us. You can go onto our website and to  
3 our wedrawthelineca.org and provide your feedback and  
4 your input. You can also call it in if you'd like. With  
5 that, I just want to do a quick recap of where we are.  
6 Fellow Commissioners did a wonderful job today. We  
7 finalized -- somewhat finalized the Senate maps and we  
8 started on the refinements of the Assembly and we should  
9 be able to finish those tomorrow morning. Our meeting  
10 tomorrow starts at 11.

11 And then also we were able to see a draft of our  
12 Board of Equalization districts, and we should hopefully  
13 see a different iteration of that tomorrow. And then  
14 tomorrow we will also finish up with the Congressional.  
15 So we're almost back on track. Thank you all very much.  
16 And let's see. I think that's it. I just want to thank  
17 everyone. Our videographer, Katy, also wonderful job.  
18 I'm glad they all address you and they call in. It's  
19 like, you know, comforting and home. Our captioners, our  
20 court reporters, as well as our ASL interpreters, thank  
21 you and our wonderful staff, of course, and, of course,  
22 our -- my fellow Commissioners and Californians for  
23 engaging with us.

24 Again, we will see everyone. We'll be here tomorrow  
25 at 11. Thank you. And with that, our meeting -- there's



1 no one else in the queue and our meeting is adjourned.

2 It is 9:12 p.m. Thank you, everyone.

3 MR. MANOFF: Thank you so much, Chair. We are  
4 adjourned. Have a good night, everybody.

5 (Whereupon, the State of California, 2020  
6 Citizens Redistricting Commissions Public  
7 Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.)

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