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PUBLIC MEETING

THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 2021

12:00 p.m.

APPEARANCES

COMMISSIONERS

Isra Ahmad, Temporary Chair (Remote attendance)
Linda Akutagawa, Commissioner (Remote attendance)
Jane Andersen, Commissioner (Remote attendance)
Alicia Fernández, Commissioner (Remote attendance)
Neal Fornaciari, Commissioner (Remote attendance)
J. Kennedy, Commissioner (Remote attendance)
Antonio Le Mons, Commissioner (Remote attendance)
Sara Sadhwani, Commissioner (Remote attendance)
Patricia Sinay, Commissioner (Remote attendance)
Derric Taylor, Commissioner (Remote attendance)
Pedro Toledo, Commissioner (Remote attendance)
Trena Turner, Commissioner (Remote attendance)
Angela Vázquez, Commissioner (Remote attendance)
Russell Yee, Commissioner (Remote attendance)
Helen Schatz-Howser (Remote attendance)
Ben Menor (Remote attendance)

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P R O C E E D I N G S

12:00 p.m.

CHAIR AHMAD: Welcome, everyone, to our very first live COI input meeting. I would like to call this meeting to order. And can we start with roll call please?

MR. SINGH: Yes, Chair.

Commissioner Akutagawa.

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Andersen.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fernandez.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fornaciari.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Kennedy.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Le Mons.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Here

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Sadhwani.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Sinay.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Taylor.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Present.



MR. SINGH: Commissioner Toledo.

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Turner.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Vazquez.

Commissioner Yee.

COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Ahmad.

CHAIR AHMAD: Here.

MR. SINGH: Roll call is complete.

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you. And thank you to everyone for tuning in to the very first California Citizens Redistricting Commission Communities of Interest Input Meeting. My name is Isra Ahmad and I serve as one of fourteen commissioners, and I will be co-moderating today's session with my colleague Commissioner Yee.

I'll start by sharing a little bit about the commission. In 2008, California voters authorized the creation of the commissioner when they passed the Voters FIRST Act. In 2010, the congressional Voters FIRST Act added the responsibility of drawing congressional districts to the commission. So every ten years after the federal government publishes updated census information, California must redraw the boundaries of its congressional, state senate, state assembly, and state

board of equalization districts. So that the districts correctly reflect the state population.

The fourteen-member commission is made up of five republicans, five democrats, and four not affiliated with either of those two parties. The commission must draw the district lines in conformity with strict non-partisan rules designed to create districts of relatively equal population that will provide fair representation for all Californians.

To see the biographies of all fourteen commissioners and for additional information, please visit our website at wedrawthelinesca.org.

So when we receive the census data, the commission begins drawing maps using six line-drawing criteria outlined in the California constitution. Included in these criterion is minimizing the division of counties, cities, neighborhoods, and communities of interest to the extent possible. We can obtain the city and county information from those jurisdictions, but we need the neighborhood and communities of interest information directly from Californians. That's why we have launched these communities of interest input sessions to get that valuable information from you directly.

If you would rather submit your COI input, or communities of interest input, over the internet, you can



do so at our website or by visiting the COI tool at drawmycacommunity.org. You can skip the line and go online.

Now I want to just go over a few housekeeping rules. This meeting is primarily for communities of interest testimony. General public comment will take place at the end of the meeting. When you join the meeting, please use the raise hand button at the bottom of your screen to enter the queue.

When it is your turn to speak, our comment moderator, Katy, will be identifying you by your assigned unique ID number. You will be reconnected to the session with the ability to enable your own video and/or your own audio. The comment moderator will assign you a speaker order number before you begin speaking. And please make sure to note this number for future reference.

The commission will be enforcing a three-minute time limit, with a warning at thirty seconds and fifteen seconds remaining. At the end of your public input or at the end of your time, you will be reconnected to the meeting in the listen and view only mode. At the beginning of your input, you will see a map on the screen. Please remind the mapper what area you would like to see on the screen on this map.

Registration is not required to participate in this



input meeting. The public has the option of calling in during this meeting to get into the queue to speak. And the phone lines will be open at 5:45 p.m. The phone lines will also be closing at 8 p.m. later this evening.

The commission will be taking some required breaks throughout the meeting. There will be a fifteen-minute break beginning at 1:30 p.m., a forty-five-minute break beginning at 3:15 p.m., a fifteen-minute break beginning at 5:30 p.m., and a fifteen-minute break beginning at 7:15 p.m.

Shifting gears a little bit to communities of interest. While there are no clear rules on how to define a community of interest, we've identified ways -- identified ways for you to describe your communities. These can include naming your city or your county, mentioning the street names and/or significant locations in your neighborhood to help us identify the parameters of your community. You can share your shared interests or what brings your community together. You can also talk about what is important to your community. Or if there are nearby areas that you would like to be in a district with. Or if there are nearby areas that you don't want to be in a district with.

We also invite you to use the community of interest tool to draw a map and describe your community by



visiting drawmycacommunity.org.

We will now begin the public input sessions. And I will pass this over to Katy, our comment moderator.

MS. KATY: Good evening, Chair and -- or afternoon, Chair and public. Okay. Welcome to the public input session. Please use the raised hand button at the bottom of your screen to enter the queue. When it is your turn to speak, you will be identified by your assigned unique ID number.

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Okay. So up next we have 1021_007. On deck we will have 1021_012. Where'd they go?

MR. SABELLICO: Hello.

MS. KATY: Hi.



MR. SABELLICO: Can I share my screen?

MS. KATY: Yes. No. Hold on one second. Hold on one second. Your speaker order number is going to be 1. It says you -- well, you've enabled your audio and your video. And please remind the mapper of what you would like to see. They will be bringing that up on the map. They have the screen shared. And the time is yours.

MR. SABELLICO: Thank you.

Good afternoon, Commissioners. It's a pleasure to be speaking with you today. My name is Kevin Sabellico. I am a planning commissioner of the City of Carlsbad, but I am appearing on my own behalf and not as a representative of the City of Carlsbad or any other organization. My views expressed here are my own personal opinions, and hopefully by the time I'm done talking they'll be yours too.

So a little bit about me. I'm twenty-three years old. I'm a recent graduate of USCSB. I went to public schools locally the (indiscernible) union school district and the San (indiscernible) high school district. I'm a twenty-year resident of Carlsbad, California. Member of the Batiquitos Lagoon Foundation, and a former member of the (indiscernible) school site council.

My community is Oceanside, Carlsbad, and Encinitas. It is the San Diego north coast. I would also be very

comfortable living in a district that also has Vista, San Marcos, Solana Beach, Del Mar, Carmel Valley in it as well, so long as the core community of Carlsbad, Encinitas, and Oceanside are part of the district.

So the independent commission in 2011 drew assembly, senate, and congressional districts; all three of the cities -- Oceanside, Encinitas, and Carlsbad -- were part of a district together three times. Compare that though to when no independent commission was used to draw the San Diego County board of supervisors map. That was a clear case of political gerrymandering, if I cite to communities of common interest, and it was a designed to protect incumbents even though that's not the effect that it had.

And it separated Carlsbad, Oceanside, and Encinitas from each other. So you know, and when an independent commission is used, those cities are together. When an independent commission is not used, those cities are not together. Make your own assumptions from that.

The school districts is kind of the same thing. So I live in part of Carlsbad, but I am in a school district with much of Encinitas, Del Mar, Solana Beach. Not so much Oceanside, but you know, I'm in a district that has all of those other cities in it. And you know, separating Carlsbad and Encinitas would separate those

school districts. So that would not be a good thing.

It's the same story with the transit corridors. The map -- I have a map on my screen of the North County Transit District's corridors. Oceanside, Encinitas, and Carlsbad are connected by the I-5 Freeway, El Camino Real, and they have the coaster stops, which, you know, are the same tracks are used on the coaster as the Pacific Surfliner, which is the second most frequented rail corridor in the nation.

MR. SINGH: Thirty seconds.

MR. SABELLICO: The Spanish-speaking population also is 25 percent in Oceanside, 14 percent in Encinitas, 38 percent in Vista, and Carlsbad is below that. But to keep those three cities with double-digit percentages together would have (indiscernible) --

MR. SINGH: Fifteen seconds.

MR. SABELLICO: -- Carlsbad, Encinitas, and Vista all together, which is the current 80-76. So please keep Oceanside, Carlsbad, and Encinitas together in any districts that you can. Thank you. And please reach out with any questions.

MR. SINGH: Time.

MS. KATY: Thank you. Let's see. And up next we have 012; on deck we will have 005. 012 --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

MS. KATY: Your speaker number --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can you hear me?

MS. KATY: Yes, we can.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

MS. KATY: Your speaker number will be number 2, if you could please keep track of that. And you have your video and your audio on, and your time has begun.

MS. STEARNS: Thank you. My name is Kathleen Stearns. I am from Placer County in northern California. I am in the city of Roseville, but my concern is for the whole county. We seem to have -- in my specific city area, we are okay for distribution and input and everything else, but our county board of supervisors has decided that our redistricting committee will be done by the planning commission for the county. All the commissioners on that planning committee have been appointed by their individual supervisors from their own districts.

There is no representation in the planning committee for anyone except white males. And I brought this to the attention of the board of supervisors. I brought it to the attention of the planning commission. I have no response from anyone. The League of Women Voters has tried to get some information. We are concerned about it too. And of course, the whole county of Placer has a

need for representation for women and people of color.

That's -- that's my concern. I'd like it documented or like to know what we can do about it. Thank you.

MS. KATY: Thank you. Up next we have 005, and on deck, we will have 008. And 008, I would like to remind you that you can enable your video and audio in the lower left of your screen. And please remind the mappers of what you would like to see. And the time is yours.

You'll need to unmute yourself, sir. Thank you.

MR. LACHMAN: Oh, I'm sorry. I thought there was still one person before me. I'm 008; am I up now?

MS. KATY: Go ahead, sir.

MR. LACHMAN: Okay. Thank you. If you could please pull up Culver City, California.

My name is Andrew Lachman. I am a resident of Culver City. I have been here on and off for about ten years. And have also -- I am a member -- actually, I'm the chair of the Culver City Finance Advisory Committee, although I am testifying only in my personal capacity.

Culver City has -- has some very distinct ties in communities to the south -- sorry, to the west, in particular. We are at the moment the only west side council of government city that is not in the same district with Los Angeles, Santa Monica, Beverly Hills, and West Hollywood. We also have in common utilizing

the -- the Ballona Creek into the Ballona Wetlands and Marina del Rey. As a matter of fact, as a resident here, when I do my shopping that is not in Culver City, I may go to Palms, but most of the time I will be going to places like Santa Monica or Marina del Rey, as the communities that are very -- that -- that I share. When I use the parks or we go to -- we will go down to the -- the Ballona Wetlands or we will go to Santa Monica if we're not using, you know, the Baldwin Hills park and using our own communities as well.

And even our transit corridors also share a lot with Venice. All are down into Venice, which we also share a great deal in common in terms of our technology industries. This area -- Santa Monica, Culver City, Marina del Rey, and Venice -- sort of make up the heart of what's called Silicon Beach in Cali -- here in LA. And share a lot in terms of the entertainment industry and the technology industries as well.

So taking into account the dynamics, the demographics of the city, and also where our ties are in terms of shared resources, they are and have continued to be much more to the west and to the coast than they have been -- than they have been ever before. And we believe that at least one -- I believe that at least one district, if not several, should tie us to those areas in

which we share those common resources.

So with that in mind -- and of course with the light rail going from Culver City into Santa Monica as well. So with that in mind, I would respectfully suggest that any future redistricting consider making Culver City at least in one out of the three districts, if not more, part of district with --

MR. SINGH: Thirty seconds.

MR. LACHMAN: -- the surrounding areas, Santa Monica, Palms, maybe even lower Beverly would, but definitely definitely Marina del Rey, Venice, and you know, parts of the Baldwin Hill.

MR. SINGH: Fifteen seconds.

MR. LACHMAN: Thank you very much.

MS. KATY: And Mr. 008, your speaker number is number 4. If you'll make note of that. Thank you.

MR. LACHMAN: Thank you.

MS. KATY: And up next, we have 006, and on deck, we will have 010. And 006, I'd like to remind you, you may now enable your video or your audio in the lower left of your screen I believe. And your speaker number will be speaker number 5.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes. Hello.

MS. KATY: And your time has begun.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. I live in San Luis



Obispo County in the city of Pismo Beach in a neighborhood called Pismo Heights, which is between Price Canyon Road and the Pismo Preserve.

I believe our community has shared interest with other communities along the central coast, from Cambria to Santa Barbara, and that those interests are separate from the interests of our inland neighbors. These interests include transportation. We are all part of a statewide transportation corridor that includes highways 1 and 101 as well as the Caltrans rail line.

Secondly, we have in common a shared economy. Tourism is an important part of our local economy. And raises important issues for us, including traffic and parking problems. And recently questions concerning vacation rentals.

Thirdly, we're all very interested in our environment. Our communities are concerned to maintain the beauty and environmental safety of our coasts, both for ourselves and the visitors who come here to enjoy our beaches. And you -- you may have heard about the recent issue on our Oceano Dunes. The community has been very active in trying to limit vehicular access to the dunes; not to prohibit human access, but prohibit the vehicles which have been endangering some of the species that live there.

These are the issues that do not affect our inland neighbors, including towns like Shandon, Creston, and Pozo, that are rural, less densely populated, and have economies that are based on agriculture. And for that reason, I do not think they should be included in the same district as the coastal communities.

So thank you very much.

MS. KATY: Thank you. Up next we have 010, and on deck, we will have 005 which is caller 3 who needed to reconnect. But up next is 010; on deck 005.

And 010, you can enable your video or audio in the lower left of your screen. And please share with the mapper what it is you would like to show on the map. And your speaker number is speaker number 6.

MS. LAWSON: Hello, this is speaker number 6. I'd like to show the area in southern California that is currently in congressional district 39 right at the -- where the LA County and Orange County lines meet. Just north Orange County and southeast Los Angeles County. Right. Thank you so much.

My name is Karen Lawson. And I'm a thirty-year resident of the city of Yorba Linda in north Orange County. And we are near the intersection of the 55 Freeway and 91 Freeways, our major transportation corridors. We're the farthest northeast city in Orange



County, and we border on Riverside County to our east as well as San Bernardino County to our north and east.

Yorba Linda is extremely diverse economically. The residents in our city share interests in open spaces and scenic views. We have walking trails, many evangelical Christian churches, and we have good public schools. The high cost of homes here results in an upper-income older primarily white community, many senior retired empty nesters. And this kind of actively shuts out things like community diversity and affordable housing, unfortunately.

Recent addition of concentrated retail development in some limited commercial centers has added to our tax base. Residents here tend to shop and recreate locally and they're discouraged from commuting because of the terminally jammed transportation corridors, particularly the 91 Riverside Freeway corridor. So people really stay north of that -- that freeway.

The neighboring foothills of Yorba Linda to the south, including Villa Park and you'll see Anaheim Hills and the city of Orange even further to the south, are the most similar to Yorba Linda because they share having a high median income and housing and they currently share -- we're in the same board of education and county supervisorial districts with those cities.

Yorba Linda does not share similar profile with Chino Hills to the north. And (indiscernible).

MR. SINGH: Thirty seconds.

MS. LAWSON: And our residents don't travel to shop in LA cities or Chino Hills. There's major foothills that are a barrier. We have a large Buddhist community in Hacienda Heights, and then there's the confluence of 57 --

MR. SINGH: Fifteen seconds.

MS. LAWSON: -- and 210 freeways. So the diversity of neighborhoods in the west part of Yorba Linda will not be fairly represented as long as the wealthier, more civically engaged segments control local government. so I would urge the commission --

MR. SINGH: Time.

MS. LAWSON: -- to consider those issues. Thank you.

MS. KATY: Thank you. And we have 005, speaker 3, I will be promoting you now. And deck we will have 033. On deck 033.

005, you can turn on your video and enable your audio in the lower left of your screen. You are speaker number 3. Time is yours. Remind -- and the mapper -- you can tell the mapper what you want to see.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much for bearing

with me. Everyone can see and hear me, correct?

MS. KATY: Yes.

MR. BARSOUMIAN: Wonderful. All right. So my name is Edward Barsoumian. I currently serve as the government affairs coordinator of the Armenian National Committee of America Western Region. We are the largest and most influential non-partisan Armenian and American grassroots advocacy organization serving the western United States today.

I want to talk to you about U.S. congressional district 27. I currently reside in San Bernardino County. And specifically, I want to talk to you about the 27th district, which spans from Upland and Claremont to Glendora, Mount -- Monterey Park, Altadena, as well as large portions of the Angeles National Forest.

Now looking even more specifically at this region, I want to talk to you about the San Gabriel Valley, which is a community that I think is really important to discuss specifically. So our community, whose borders can be defined by the cities of Monterey Park, Alhambra, Pasadena, Altadena, Sierra Madre, Monrovia, Temple City, and Rosemead, have unique and important cultural makeup as well as unique and imperative needs from our congressional representative.

So currently, we are represented by Judy Chu, who we



elected because of her values and campaign platforms, which appealed to the voters of my district. And as an Armenian American, I can tell you that the San Gabriel Valley is home to strong and very proud Armenian community, which has endured a long history of constant battles for recognition of the Armenian genocide, safety for Armenians against hate crimes, and a long list of other important issues like ensuring equitable access to public services.

So as a minority group, I think that it's very important that we not break up this community's collective voice because it would then jeopardize everything that we fought generations to seek here, a seat at the table in American civil society and representative who actually cares about our needs and interests. So for this reason, I have to request that the San Gabriel Valley remain a part of the 27th congressional district, following the specific city boundaries that I listed, which again are Monterey Park, Alhambra, Pasadena, Altadena, Sierra Madre, Monrovia, Temple City, and Rosemead.

The Armenian community of this district is large enough that it also merits remaining in a separate congressional district from the neighboring communities, including Glendale, who are a part of the 28th

congressional district. Thank you. I yield the rest of my time.

MS. KATY: Thank you. All right. Up next we have 033; on deck, we will have 018. On deck, 018.

033, you can now enable your video in the lower left of your screen and your audio. Please remind the mapper of what you would like to speak about today. And your time will begin now. You can unmute yourself and enable your video in the lower left of your screen. 033, you have been promoted.

MR. CASTANEDA: Oh, okay.

MS. KATY: There you go.

MR. CASTANEDA: My apologies, everyone.

MS. KATY: There you are. All right. Please remind the map --

MR. CASTANEDA: Hi everyone.

MS. KATY: Please remind the mapper what you would like to see. Your speaker number is 7.

MR. CASTANEDA: I am Jose Trinidad Castaneda in Buena Park, north Orange County, congressional district 39. And I was born and raised here. I've lived here for thirty years. More towards the Buena Park, Fullerton area.

And you know, I have family all over north Orange County from Buena Park, Anaheim, Fullerton, La Habra,

Yorba Linda, Placentia, et cetera. And what is really important for us is the fact that we have fair representation and a voice. Right now we're being represented by someone who really just only listens to the very far northern side of the county, like Yorba Linda, Brea, where some of those views are just -- they just don't match the rest of our congressional district.

And it seems to be very geared towards just the wealthier, whiter communities, whereas I, you know -- not speaking as a commissioner, but you know, serve on a planning commission, a school district personnel commission and -- and I'm a community leader in -- in north Orange County. And so I'm just very concerned that, you know, there's not enough representation that is equitable and fair to more diverse communities that are not in the wealthy, white areas of Brea and Yorba Linda hills.

One of the things that concerns me as a resident of Buena Park is that I'm in -- I'm separated or at least my community is separated by two senate districts. And the other senate district is way further out. I don't have public transportation to get to that senator's office in LA county because I'm in Orange County. It's just -- it makes sense to have Buena Park be in one senate district, where I can actually get to my senator's office or see

him at various events.

What else -- you know, with Anaheim being so large, it's -- it doesn't make sense to have it be -- I mean, it's really entailed to cities, right. Anaheim hills is the wealthier part of the -- of that city that matches more, like, Yorba Linda and Brea whereas --

MR. SINGH: Thirty seconds.

MR. CASTANEDA: -- anyone in west and central Anaheim is, like, you know -- we're more diverse across incomes and ethnicities. And so I think it makes sense to split it between two senate districts --

MR. SINGH: Fifteen seconds.

MR. CASTANEDA: -- the way that it's actually already kind of segregated. So thank you very much for listening and happy to participate.

MS. KATY: Thank you so much. Up next we have 018. On deck, we will have 003. On deck will be 003.

018, you have been promoted. You can now enable your video and audio. Please remind the mapper what you would like to see and speak about.

MS. WAGNER: I'm sorry.

MS. KATY: You're okay. And your speaker number is number 8.

MS. WAGNER: Studio City, north, to include Burbank airport. We don't have them. Okay.



MS. KATY: We can hear you.

MS. WAGNER: Okay. Okay. We're sort of there. All right. Suellen Wagner. I represent Studio City for Quiet Skies, resident of Studio City congressional district 30.

The Burbank Airport Authority wrote a letter to you in April asking that the Citizens Redistricting Commission refrain from placing Burbank Airport in a new congressional or state electoral district, stating that the authority feels that it is imperative that Burbank remain within its existing districts, maintaining the status quo.

The reason given for this is to request -- is this request is for special consideration, is to facilitate the authority's desire to finance and construct a replacement passenger terminal. It is an effort to press forward with expansion of plans for growth of an already burgeoning land-locked airport. The authority has said that it is critical that the elected officials representing Burbank remain the same.

Here's the reason. Burbank Airport resides chiefly in the city of Burbank but partly in the city of LA and is wholly included in CD28, represented by Adam Schiff. However, CD30 where I live is the recipient of 95 percent of the negative noise impacts from Burbank Airport. Our

congressional representative Brad Sherman opposes the Burbank expansion and has spent the last four-plus years working to obtain relief for his constituents who have been unjustly targeted to receive concentrated flight paths to and from Burbank Airport.

Burbank Airport enjoys the support of representative Schiff, who has been an airport booster and is in full support of the expansion. Unfortunately, he has been blind to -- to the impacts on constituents next door in CD30 as well as those on a narrow segment of his constituents in Burbank who are being harmed.

The greater community would benefit from a careful examination of the status quo and a natural division of the airfield. Drawing straight lines rather than maintaining gerrymandered carve-outs for Burbank Airport would better serve the public.

Please do not give special consideration to Burbank Airport's inappropriate and self-serving request for special treatment and maintenance of the status quo. The status quo simply makes it easier for Burbank airport to ignore grievous (indiscernible) --

MR. SINGH: Thirty seconds.

MS. WAGNER: -- to continue to discriminate against cities of the Los -- city -- residents in the city of Los Angeles and CD30 who have (indiscernible) still

increasing jet impacts for over four years without relief despite overwhelming --

MR. SINGH: Fifteen seconds.

MS. WAGNER: -- (indiscernible) and FAA tech -- airport task force and more than three million noise complaints and two lawsuits. We thank you for your time and consideration. Please reverse the gerrymandering.

MS. KATY: Thank you so much. Up next we have 003. On deck, we will have 014.

003, your speaker number is number 9. You can enable your video and audio. Please remind the mapper what you would like to see. There you are.

MS. KEMPER: Hello.

MS. KATY: Hello. And your time has begun now.

MS. KEMPER: Hi. Hello. My name is Lauri Kemper, and I'm speaking from South Lake Tahoe, California. And I'm speaking about a much more rural area than the -- the previous speakers.

I wanted to just emphasize that the people that live on the eastern side of the Sierra Nevada have for many years dealt with inadequate representation at all levels of government. You can see by the map that the county divisions -- the Lake Tahoe basin itself has Placer county and El Dorado county on the California side. In terms of our congressional representation, we have a very

large geographic region. Don't even see it on the map, but it's -- it's so huge.

One of the challenges I've -- I'm a thirty-three-year resident of South Lake Tahoe, and one of the challenges is really having representatives, state and federal as well as our local ones, understand the unique issues on the eastern side of the Sierra Nevada.

And I would like the commission to consider lumping communities of interest such as the town of Truckee, all of the cities in the Tahoe basin like Tahoe city and the west shore as well as South Lake Tahoe. And Alpine County, on the eastern side of Alpine County, you have the -- the towns of Markleeville and Woodfords. And then down the east side, I would argue that there should be districting that considers the fact that water from the Sierra Nevada on the east side all flows toward Nevada or to closed basin such as Mona Lake or Owens Lake in California.

We share similar interests in terms of the preservation of water resources and the environment. And we have the big role in maintaining meadow systems for -- for recharge and carbon sequestration in terms of climate change.

We also have -- are heavily impacted by tourism -- tourism from the -- from all around the world, but

primarily Californians and we have unique issues related to vacation rentals and traffic and other impacts related to tourism and recreation. And we need better and more consistent representation where the communities on the eastern Sierra Nevada can work collectively to have a presence and represent -- and representation at all the various levels. Thank you.

MS. KATY: Thank you so much. Up next we have 014. On deck, we will have 043. On deck is 043.

014, your speaker number is number 10. You can unmute yourself and enable your video in the lower left of your screen. There you are. Is your mic -- please remind the mapper what you'd like to see. And the time begins now.

MR. CAMIA: Thank you. Zone F please, in the heart of California, San Joaquin Valley. My name is Andres Camia (ph.) calling in from -- I'm a resident here in Fresno.

And a quick storytelling. Fresno and current county historically is ag land with a large Latino population, which requires special attention from this commission to ensure that the federal and state voting rights act are upheld.

Moreover, the interaction between oil production, pollution, and access to clean water create a compelling

issues around EJ and a unique interest for this community throughout the San Joaquin Valley.

Thank you. And I yield my time. Thanks.

MS. KATY: Thank you so much. 043 is up next. On deck, we will have 001. On deck is 001.

043, your speaker number is 11. You can enable your video and audio in the lower left corner of your screen, if you choose. And please remind the mapper what you'd like to see. And your time begins now.

MR. ROTH: I thought I enabled it, but I can't see me.

MS. KATY: Yes, we can see you.

MR. ROTH: Okay. I guess (indiscernible).

Zoom in on the west side of Los Angeles, please. My name is Joseph Roth. I'm on the board of directors of the Westwood South of Santa Monica Boulevard Homeowners Association which represents residents north of Pico, east of Subolda (ph.). I'm probably getting too granular, but south of Santa Monica Boulevard and west of Beverly Glen. I also represent the area on -- this area on the board, of the west side neighborhood council which is a political division within the city of LA that extends south of Venice Boulevard and east of Sentry (ph.) city.

As an individual as well as on behalf of these



organizations, I'd like to request that we are grouped with similar neighborhoods like those in Westwood Village and the north side of Santa Monica Boulevard as well as those to the west in Brentwood and Pacific Palisades since we have similar positions and are similarly affected by governmental decisions and policies.

I'd also like to voice support for the concept of keeping the Westside Neighborhood Council, WNC, and its neighborhoods whole within each congressional and legislative district. Thank you very much for your time.

MS. KATY: Thank you so much. Up next we have 001. And on deck we have 015. And I would also like to remind those in the queue to please raise their hand into getting -- to get in line for comment. 001.

And 001, your speaker number is 12. Please remind the mapper of what you'd like to see.

MS. SELL: I'd like to see Santa Clara County. I think it's in area C.

MS. KATY: And your time begins now.

MS. SELL: So my name is Linda Sell. And I live in Sunnyvale. And I'd like to -- I'm a Asian and the congressional district that I currently live in is the only Asian majority district I believe in the whole continental United States. The -- as you know, the Asian community is seeing a uptick in Asian hate and Asian

violence. So I think it's imperative that we continue to have an Asian majority district in this area.

And the cities that are in that area that form this Asian majority district are Cupertino which in the last census had 67 percent Asian, Sunnyvale which has 46 percent Asian, Santa Clara which has 43 percent Asian, Milpitas which has 67 percent Asian, Fremont -- part of Fremont, which has 59 percent Asian.

I think it's important to have that so the representative for the congressional district can work with all these cities to have a cohesive voice in the nation to confront the rise in Asian violence and for the safety of the community.

The other thing that's important about all those cities is they have a high large tech employee -- large tech companies are in that area. In Cupertino, 15,000 are employed by Apple. In Milpitas, about over 11,000 are employed by tech companies. In Santa Clara, about 21,000 are employed by tech companies. In Sunnyvale, about 35,000 are employed by tech companies. Fremont, the part of Fremont that's in the district, Tesla, Lam Research, Synnex, Western Digital, employ 17,000.

It's important that the representative for the congressional district represents all of these companies --

MR. SINGH: Thirty seconds.

MS. SELL: -- so that they can -- they can use their combined forces and knowledge to help the nation, help the representative gear our nation to help the nation --

MR. SINGH: Fifteen seconds.

MS. SELL: -- with technology. And also because a lot of their workers displace affordable housing, a lot of those companies are reinvesting in this region for affordable housing. So it's important that that congressional district --

MR. SINGH: Time.

MS. SELL: -- contain those cities.

MS. KATY: Thank you so much. Up next we've got 015, and on deck will be 002. On deck will be 002.

015. Oh. 015, you can now enable your video and audio in the lower left-hand corner. You are speaker number 13. Please remind the mapper what you'd like to see. And your time begins now.

MS. MELISSA: Thank you. Can you hear me okay?

MS. KATY: Yes, we can.

MS. MELISSA: So I am looking at Zone B, greater Sacramento area. And apologies, my name's Melissa. I live in Sacramento. And the greater Sacramento area is home to many people and to keep it in one district -- or sorry, it's home to so many people to have to keep it in

one district at any level. But as the commission begins to deliberate, we really urge you to consider the eastern suburbs of Sacramento, from Roseville and on east really shared -- a shared -- shared community of interest along the I-50, I-80 corridor and through El Dorado county to Lake Tahoe, including Placer, Nevada, and Sierra counties.

Tahoe is really the closest trip that many of our community has to getting out to nature, and Roseville and Sacramento area suburbs provide a lot of services, including medical services for residents of the communities that are closer to the Nevada line. Sacramento's commute -- as a community, our prioritization and commitment to improving walkability and public transit also articulate a unique community of interest.

So again, while Sacramento and our surround communities will likely be divided, the greater Sacramento area itself is a community of interest. Thank you so much.

MS. KATY: Thank you so much. Up next we have 002. And on deck we will have 029. I would also like to remind 009, you are registered for this block, so if you would like to speak, please raise your hand. But up next, we have 002. On deck is 029.



002, your speaker number is 14. You can now enable your video and audio if you so choose. And please remind the mapper what you'd like to see, and your time begins now.

MS. TURNER: Hi. This is Kimberly Turner, Studio City for Quiet Skies. It just did full view, so I need to get my notes here. Hang on one second. I'm sorry.

Okay. I've got them. The map is to include Studio City, north to include Burbank Airport.

Again, I am a resident of Studio City and cofounder of Studio City for Quiet Skies. And I would like to discuss Burbank Airport. Burbank Airport Authority is asking that the Citizens Redistricting Commission refrain from placing Burbank Airport in a new congressional or state electoral district. This comment will focus on state redistricting.

This request by Burbank Airport to maintain the status quo is tantamount to gerrymandering. Burbank Airport has been historically gerrymandered. In addition to federal gerrymandering, our research shows that state gerrymandering has long been perpetuated. And Burbank Airport would like that to continue. This needs to be carefully examined and corrected.

State electoral district lines should be drawn straight and Burbank Airport should not be carved out of

other districts that it is located in. Deviating district lines allows Burbank Airport to control other districts and should not be permitted to continue.

According to its location and if drawn in a straight line, Burbank Airport should be in Rivas' district and Hertzberg's district, but instead, it has been historically gerrymandered to be in Feinberg's district who is a friend of the airport and a recipient of fundraising by airport commissioners.

Regarding federal redistricting, part of Burbank's airfield is in Los Angeles. In addition, Los Angeles receives almost all of Burbank's devastating noise and pollution impacts through Brad Sherman's district, CD30. Redistricting to include CD30 in all fairness must be considered.

The primary purpose of this commission is to prevent gerrymandering. If the purpose is to be realized, Burbank Airport's districts, both state and federal, must be examined and gerrymandering reversed and redrawn to reflect fairness. Thank you very much for your time.

MS. KATY: Thank you so much. Up next we have 029, and on deck we will have 009.

029, your speaker number is number 15. You can enable your audio and video in the lower left of your screen. Please remind the mapper what you would like to

see. You can enable your audio in the lower left of your screen, and your video if you so choose. Your speaker number is number 15. 029, you are promoted to a panelist. You can enable your audio and your video in the lower left of your screen. Speaker 029? There you go.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

MS. KATY: All right. Please remind the mapper what you would like to see and your speaker number is number 15. There you are. And there's your face too.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you, folks, sorry.

MS. KATY: No problem. Thank you so much.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So I would be in the Contra Costa County. And so I believe that to be around district 9, district 15. And so a little bit on the left is a little town. Pinole is the city that I would be referring to. Perfect. Thank you so much. That's exactly where we're at.

So currently, Pinole, the city in which I live and have lived for over twenty years and that I love here on the -- on the bay, one of the challenges we're facing at a county level specifically is that our city is split completely in half by interstate 80, and has (indiscernible) to the splitting in half we have supervisor for district 1 on the eastern side which is

John Gioia. Does a great job.

And then on the other side, we have district 5 which is Federal Glover. So what happens with our city is we have roughly about 7 to 8,000 voters on a consistent basis. But because of our roads, they split between the two different district level supervisors. We find it a bit of a challenge getting enough attention to get various issues pushed through, and those include things like we live in a healthcare desert, a park we've been paying for for many years and parks never come to our town.

So I think it would be really helpful to make sure that at the county level, that we stop the split between two different district levels. And put Contra Costa to district 1 which would be with John Gioia, and that would be because Pinole as a city is right in line with El Cerrito, Richmond, Berkeley, because it's on the bay. The issues that we face are very different than District 5, which is on the northern part of -- northeastern part of Contra Costa. So that's everything I have that I wanted to share. So I appreciate you giving me the opportunity.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Up next we have 009 and at this time we will not have anyone on deck. We will deal with that in a moment. 009 you

are speaker 16. You can unmute yourself and enable your video in the lower left of your screen. Again, you are speaker 16. You can unmute yourself and enable your video in the lower left of your screen. You have been promoted. There you are.

SPEAKER 16: Hi. This is a little bit different from the meeting. Hello? Can you see me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We can hear you. You can enable your video in the lower left of your screen, if you like. Oh, no. Now you muted yourself. You can unmute yourself again. There you go. You --

SPEAKER 16: You know, I'm sorry. I think I missed something.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: No, you're there. We can hear you.

SPEAKER: Okay, listen. Can you hear me? What -- I'm sorry. What -- my name is Sunny from Hacienda Heights. I'm retired and I'm kind of worried about, you know, we going to have a restriction of our Congressional district where I have to talk to, you know, neighbors, how they feel about the restriction. And they are saying that the way we have (coughing) excuse me (coughing) -- we have district as it has been, didn't cause any, you know, trouble to us. So I hope unless there's any special problems to this district. I hope, so the State,

you know, keeps the same way it has been because you are happy. It has been. And thank you. Thank you for giving me opportunity. Thank you. Good day. Bye-bye.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. That is all of our registered speakers at this time. How would you like to proceed, Chair?

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Katy. We do have an informational video on the FOIA tool. Can we have that video played, please?

(Audio played at 1:xx p.m., ending at 1:45 p.m.)

CHAIR YEE: Thank you. And welcome back to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission. This is our June 10th Community of Interest Input meeting. I am Commissioner Russell Yee. I will be chairing this segment of today's meeting. We encourage all interested citizens and others to visit our communities of interest tool. And you can always submit a map there. It's at DrawMyCACommunity, all one word, DrawMyCACommunity.org. And you can submit a map there and a description of your community of interest anytime. For this segment. We will again have Katy moderating our calls and we're ready to take the first call.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Welcome to the public input session, Number 2, from 1:45 to 3:15.



If you are scheduled for this block of time, please use the "raise your hand" button at the bottom of your screen to enter the queue.

When it is your turn to speak, you'll be identified by your assigned unique ID number. You'll be reconnected to the session with the ability to enable your own video and or audio. You'll then be assigned a speaker order number before you begin speaking. Please make a note of your speaker order number for future reference.

The Commission will be enforcing a three-minute time limit with a warning at 30 seconds and 15 seconds remaining. At the end of your public input, or at the end of your time, you'll be reconnected in a listen and view only mode. At the beginning of your input, please remind the mapper what area you would like to see on screen.

Up next, we will begin with speaker 016. And up next, after that person will be 023. We will start with 016. Following, them will be 023. 016, you are speaker number 17. Please remind the mapper what you would like to see. And the floor is yours.

SPEAKER 17: Hello. Good afternoon. I'm speaker 16. My name is Patricia Hanzo (ph.). If the mapper can please show where the 57 and 60 freeways meet in Orange County? Which is within three counties L.A., San

Bernardino, and Orange County. You can probably look up The city of Diamond Bar. That might be a good point to expand from.

I am here to provide testimony and public input for nearby areas that need to be kept together. These areas include from the west to the east, Hacienda Heights, Walnut, Diamond Bar, Chino Hills, and down towards Brea and Fullerton where the 57 freeway runs through.

I live in northeast Fullerton, which is on the east side of the 57 Freeway in Orange County. To start, I feel that the areas on the west and east side of the 57 need to remain together. Travel from the three counties is important and needs to continue accessing funding as infrastructure expenses are very high.

Another reason to keep them together is our common points of advocacy. The 57 and 63 freeway exchange impacts Los Angeles County, San Bernardino County, and Orange County. This region benefits from funding and projects that improve and maintain that freeway exchange. The funding comes from Congress, State measures, and county dollars. Driving through there, you will see mountains and hills on both sides of the freeway when you're on it. All three counties are stakeholders and have a shared interest as well as the city's.

Please respect the boundaries of these communities



during the redrawing of new maps. Many local residents come together to advocate for solutions to the bottlenecks, congestion, for better air quality, transportation improvements, and traffic control measures. This section needs to remain together and have representation from the 39th Congressional District and the 29th State Senate seat, which currently overlap it.

Remember that this space is expensive to maintain, so this overlap helps. In the last decade, we have seen the results and it is better this way. Another common denominator is the surrounding greenspaces in this same area, which includes --

MODERATOR: 30 seconds.

SPEAKER 17: -- Regional Park (ph.), Powder Canyon, Tonner Canyon, Chino Hills State Park, Firestorm Boy Scouts Reservation, and Carbon Canyon Regional Park. Green Hills Regional Parks --

MODERATOR: 15 seconds.

SPEAKER 17: -- and State Park benefits this area. It needs protection. Issues like land use, greenspace designations, housing development, air quality, and funding --

MODERATOR: Time.

SPEAKER 17: -- is up for debate and discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Up next, we have 023.

And following, them will be 017. 023 you are speaker number 18. You can now enable your audio and video in the lower left of your corner. Please remind the mapper what you would like to see and what you will be speaking about. And the time is yours.

SPEAKER 18: Calabasas, California, if you could zero in on that. 91302 if that's helpful. It's right near the Ventura County line. Yeah. Do you want me to start?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, please.

SPEAKER 18: Okay. I'm James Pizajen (ph.), mayor of The City of Calabasas. We presented some written testimony that the Council approved unanimously. I want to highlight some things. Regarding the present lines, in 2011, the State's political districts, Congressional, State, and Assembly were drawn by an independent commission, your Commission, the California Redistricting Commission, for the first time. This was accomplished pursuant to Proposition 11, an initiative approved by voters in 2008.

Unfortunately, the Commission carved up the geographic area covered by our COG, our Council of Governments, in an unprecedentedly haphazard manner as follows. And keep in mind that this area we're talking about, the count -- our Council of Governments is 100,000

people or less in the entire COG. Our Congressional Districts were carved out into three different ways. Congressional district 23 was in Westlake -- cover Westlake Village. Congressional District 27 covered Hidden Hills. Congressional District 33 covered Agora Hills, Calabasas, and Malibu.

Our State Senate District 27 was contiguous and we were happy with that, it was -- stayed the same.

In the assembly, 44 was Westlake Village, 45 was Calabasas in Hidden Hills, and 50 was Agora Hills, Calabasas, and Malibu. The little city of Calabasas, population 25,000, despite emphatically pleading ten years ago to be kept intact, is actually divided between two Assembly Districts. As I've mentioned many times over the years. I believe we're the only municipality of our size in California to be so slighted. It makes it very, very difficult on our residents.

So the following three principles were approved by the Council. Given the statistics that I've cited, there's no reasonable excuse for dividing our otherwise cohesive region with so many commonalities of interest into different districts. This is especially true for the cities in the Cameo Valley (ph.).

The city of Malibu may present some challenges because the geography and population distribution could

lend itself to some division whereby that one entity is added to another district. But at the very least, the cities of --

MODERATOR: 30 seconds.

SPEAKER 18: -- Calabasas, Hidden Hills, and Westlake Village should be kept within the same political boundaries. Two, under no circumstances should any individual council of government city find itself divided between two or more districts. Three, districts should be as compact as possible --

MODERATOR: 15 seconds --

SPEAKER 18: -- circle-like shapes strongly favored or snake-like shapes. Congressional District 33 encompasses areas of The State that have little or nothing in common. Meandering nearly from the Orange County line to the Ventura County line. Thank you very much for your time.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. And speaker 017 is up next. Behind then will be 024. 017, your speaker number is 19. You can enable your audio and video in the lower left of your screen. Please remind the mapper of what you would like to see. Your time begins now.

SPEAKER 19: Good afternoon. May I please have a map, East Central Coast? In fact, the map that you

opened earlier was fine. But if you can pan in, specifically in Ventura County. Close to Thousand Oaks. Perfect. Thank you very much.

Good afternoon, Commissioners. My name is Nina Laba (ph.). I am the legislative affairs manager and I'm here officially on behalf of The city of Thousand Oaks. The city of Thousand Oaks is in Ventura. We are located between Los Angeles and Santa Barbara counties. The city shares the same common interests with our county in diversity, socio-economic levels, services such as water quality, public safety, air quality, business, and agriculture.

Ventura County has a strong emphasis in biotechnology. Thousand Oaks alone is home to Amgen, Takeda, Atara, Acutes (ph.) and Capcida (ph.). We are also home to corporations such as Anthem, Teledyne, and PennyMac. We are proud to be the in-season training facility for the Los Angeles Rams who wanted a quiet community away from an urbanized setting to focus on training.

We are part of SOAR, which is the Save our Open Space Resources Initiative. Most cities in Ventura County require a vote of people before agricultural land and open space areas can be rezoned for development. The city of Thousand Oaks is surrounded by open space and

agriculture. In fact, there are 1,500 -- 1,500 acres of protected open space within the city's planning area.

Costa, which is a joint partnership with the Conejo Recreation and Park District, owns and manages approximately 1207 -- 1200 acres excuse me -- 12,000 acres of open space and maintains more than 150 miles of trails. Thousand Oaks open space even abuts the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. And we are active supporters of wildlife preservation.

Unfortunately, due to our geography, vegetation, and climate, we are designated a very high wildfire severity zone as with most Ventura --

MODERATOR: 30 seconds.

SPEAKER 19: -- County cites. As you develop new maps, we ask you to consider the uniqueness of Thousand Oaks. In fact, we prefer our current maps. We ask you keep Thousand Oaks whole and avoid integrating the city with the city of Los Angeles. Although we are along the same U.S. 101 corridor --

MODERATOR: 15 second.

SPEAKER 19: -- the San Fernando Valley is vastly different in urbanization, terrain, density, and size. Thousand Oaks is truly a community of interest with Ventura County.

MODERATOR: Time.

MS. LABA: We have unique issues and we can --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Up next is registered 024. And up follow behind them will be 025. 024, your speaker number is 20. You can enable your audio and video in the lower left of your screen. Please remind the mapper of what you would like to see. And you can enable your audio and video in the lower left of your screen. 024, you have been promoted. Perfect. There you are. All right, please remind the mapper what you would like to see. And your time begins now.

SPEAKER 20: May I see the map that includes Calabasas and the surrounding community. First -- I can't see the map, I'm assuming it's up. But I want to thank all of you for taking the time out of your busy schedules to volunteer to help with this redistricting initiative. It's important work to our foundation and our democracy.

My colleague, Mayor James Pizajen spoke earlier about the history of Calabasas and our attempts to try and remain intact in the previous redistricting. And I just wanted to review one additional fact. And I'm -- the map, if it's in front of you, you'll see the region that goes from Calabasas, Agora Hills, Hidden Hills down into Malibu and then over into the green area of Topanga, which is unincorporated Los Angeles County and Pacific

Palisades.

I'm speaking on behalf of our efforts to work together on important climate change work, especially as it applies to extreme heat activities and wildfires. The city of Calabasas recently received a grant to create a community-wide, a region-wide emergency operations center in the event that Malibu's EOC is evacuated and their backup is not available. And the same with the other communities that they can come to the Agora Hills Calabasas Community Center, located on the 101, and be able to continue to provide critical information to their residents.

So this time, more than ever, this region is working together on survival. On addressing the new disastrous fires that we are experiencing. And I ask you also to please not only keep small cities like Calabasas, 25,000 people, intact but to consider regions in high-fire zones. We rely tremendously on each other, not only for communication, but in the event of evacuation.

And I know we're not alone. And I would ask that in both requests, both small cities and communities that are contiguous in geographic areas, high prone to fires, that you consider keeping us all together across the State so that we could do the important work that needs to be done. Thank you. And I want to thank you again for the



work ahead.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And caller -- I'm sorry, registered 025 you are up next. And then following up behind them is going to be caller 7347. They are registered but they called in -- right now it's 025.

025, you are speaker number 21. You can enable your audio and video in the lower left of your corner -- of your screen. And please remind the mapper of what you would like to speak about today. And the floor is yours.

SPEAKER 21: Yes, good afternoon. My name is Martha Howitt (ph.) and I'm the Latina Association of Riverside County president is a community organizing -- can you please move to the southwest Riverside.

All right. So basically, I wanted to thank you all for listening to us and giving us the time and consideration. My main request today is that we belong to one district, congressional district, instead of two. And the regional boundaries are from the northern side of San Diego all the way to Corona. But the southernmost part of southwest Riverside County belongs to the District number 50 from the 79 south to the north of Corona is District 42.

And the request that I have is that you consider keeping us with the District 42. And I'm going to tell you the reasons why. We need a sustainable economy. And

basically what is happening. Taking the low -- the southernmost part of our district to belong to San Diego, it really give us a great disadvantage in the sense that the numbers will prove that we can become one district number 42nd.

And so what binds us together is that we have the industry, a winery, and warehouses that is not sustainable for us. We need to be united on this particular endeavor so that we can recreate our economies. For instance, we can bring -- if schools, institutes of training. We also alleviate the transportation issue because basically what we are in this particular area is the exodus going to San Diego, going to Orange County, and L.A. Counties. And that is counterproductive to a quality of life that we all deserve.

And I thank you very much for your time. I will not take a three or so minutes. I just want you to consider to keeping us in the 42nd District. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And up next, we have callers 7347. They are calling in on the telephone. They will not be able to be promoted. So I will be asking them to unmute, much like our regular business meetings.

Caller 7347, Oh, there you are. Go ahead. Remind



the mapper of what you would like to share today.

SPEAKER 21: Okay. My name is James Gallant (ph.). I'm with the Marquette County Suicide Prevention Coalition in Marquette, Michigan. And my community of interest is the entire United States of America and its Constitution. And I'm here to give my opinion based on some facts. And I believe there is a serious controversy in the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission at our meeting today. But it appears that these controversies have been -- were gleaned from the California model and the Arizona model.

And it appears that the Michigan Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission has inadvertently neglected to codify the precedent to the Rules of Procedure when they came into existence, much the same as the California model did and the Arizona model did. The -- what we have as a controversy is the definition of autonomy that's enjoyed by a Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission.

I believe that that autonomy, which in Webster's Dictionary there's 11 versions. We have an independent version, autonomy, which is much like an independent school district within a state school system within each state of the United States. And they can make their own rules. They have independence. They have independent

autonomy. But they don't have free autonomy, which is what, if you just start -- you start meeting and you started your own rules? That's like free autonomy, like a sovereign nation. Like a sault-nation. And Sault Ste Marie, Michigan is a sovereign nation within the boundaries of the State of Michigan, within the boundaries of the United States of America.

So I believe that the precedent to all of these independent redistricting commissions are the fundamental principles of parliamentary law in America, which is contained in Robert's Rules of Order, the 2020 edition. This is how we've been doing it in America for over a hundred years. And this is the way that these Commissions should have started by that.

And I found one anomaly in your proceedings so far this year, and one is that at the first meeting, the Secretary of State -- well, at the last meeting ten years ago, they said Secretary of State has to preside over the meeting until the chair is appointed. The chair being the fifth person, which is the independent.

Well, now, all of a sudden, the Secretary of State appointed a temporary chair to take over until that independent chair was appointed, which seems completely inappropriate because the Constitution says the Secretary of State shall preside until the chair is appointed.

So all of this --

MODERATOR: 30 seconds.

SPEAKER 21: -- is going back to the idea that people seem to just be making it up on the fly and every next chair gets to make it up on their own as some sort of facilitated dialog thing and not the precedent which is the Constitution of the United States of America --

MODERATOR: 15 seconds.

SPEAKER 21: -- bound to the Constitution of the State of California -- state and then down to the parliamentary procedure in America. This way we do it. So I would ask you to review your bylaws and have a special meeting concerning the bylaws and the rules of procedure and the precedent the fundamental --

MODERATOR: Time.

MR. GALLANT: -- of parliamentary law.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And we do have 025, which is speaker 21, just got back in line and raised their hand again. So we will be hearing from them again momentarily.

CHAIR YEE: May I mention something?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair.

CHAIR YEE: We do have time for general public comment at the end of this meeting. And so if members of the public have comments other than public input about

communities of interest, we ask that they wait until the end of the meeting to provide those. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, Chair. I do have one more person to promote. Can I go -- should I go on? Yes? Yes. Okay, got it.

And 025. Again, you are speaker number 21, and please remind the member what you would like to speak about in the floor is yours.

SPEAKER 21: Well, thank you again. I have already spoken. And although I was not eloquent enough, I don't think. But basically what I wanted to say is that a lot of issues are being brought out about the quality of life, our economies, and the things that we need to accomplish as a community. I know that I want to touch bases right with the map because I don't think I was very specific in what I want. And I want Commissioner Yee to see what I was speaking about.

Can you move to the southwest Riverside, please? On the map? And I thank you for your patience. Okay. southwest Riverside. Well, that's Orange County, San Diego, the line with San Diego. Here's Temecula. I'm a Temecula resident, by the way. And that's the reason what I could -- mean, I was a little taken by the map. It impressed me.

But the southernmost part belong to the 50th

district, Congressional District. And from this 70 -- 79 south, which is -- can you enhance the map a little bit? Like can we see a street or something? Yes. You see that? That line is the 15. Yeah, the 79 South. Can you move it up a little bit? Yeah. The 79 South is just a small little portion of our city that belongs to 50 and I in -- for the life of me, I don't understand why.

But that's the reason why I'm calling about. To ask you to consider in only one district. And I -- we don't have a sustainable economy. And yet we are -- we have so much potential. We have an enormous potential to grow. And it goes all the way to Corona. The 42nd goes from the 79 north -- from the 79 south on the straight corridor to -- all the way to Corona, that's the 42nd.

And that's exactly what I'm asking Commissioner Yee to give us an input on this endeavor. That if we, we conglomerate into one district, we will have better position to have a sustainable economy for our area. And like I said before, what binds us together is one thing. That we want --

MODERATOR: 30 seconds.

CALLER: -- we must to have a sustainable economy because every morning it is an exodus going everywhere. We are a bedroom community. And we need to work together to make it possible to flourish and to grow. And please

just keep us in the 42nd taken.

MODERATOR: 15 seconds.

CALLER: Thank you so much.

CHAIR YEE: Thank you to our caller and for the further thoughts. We do generally encourage callers to only take one appointment slot. You can always submit further comments through email or through our community of interest tool. IDrawMyCACommunity.org and all input is given equal weight. So we encourage you to do that. Katy?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair. I would like to ask those in the queue that have chosen to call in, if you would like to make a public comment at this time, we do not currently have anyone in the queue that has an appointment. So to raise your hand as a caller, you can press start nine. That will raise your hand indicating you would like to make a comment. You may have a public comment. Caller, and go ahead the floor is yours.

SPEAKER 23: Thank you so much. It's Ann McEwen calling. I live in Acton, California, which is northern L.A. County if the mapper wants to go to that region.

We are currently -- districted as Congressional District 25. And it includes people who live in cities, yeah, like Santa Clarita and Simi Valley. And I think that's a mistake that their lived experiences are very

different from ours. We are on wells. We are on septic systems. We are the high desert. And so I would encourage the Commission as they look at that, to look at the high desert, even though their distances, our shared living experience, is much more similar.

So when I was drawing on the map, I had Acton Lake, Lakewood, Lancaster, and Palmdale. But then I went north in the desert and included Rosamond, which we do activities with all the time, the folks in Rosamond, and Mojave. And then going east and looking at the communities between here and Victorville that we are as a subculture, much more alike. And I hope that's helpful. I don't know if you have any questions you want to ask or if that's enough.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And you are just -- so I did not tell you. You are speaker number 23. If you could keep track of that. Thank you so much. We do have registered 032. You are registered for a appointment at this block. If you would like to share your comment at this time and raise your hand, I will -- please raise your hand indicating you wish to comment. 032, yes, you are registered at this time. We do have caller 8566 who has raised their hand.

SPEAKER 24: Can you hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, go ahead. Your



speaker number is going to be speaker number 24. Please keep track of that and the floor is yours.

SPEAKER 24: Great. Thank you. My name is Lucas Zucker (ph.). I'm a resident of Ventura, California. I really wanted to speak about the importance of keeping western Ventura County together as a community of interest. You know, communities of Ventura, Ojai, Oxnard, Poahemi (ph.), and Santa Paula, Fillmore, and this is really important communities of interest because there's really a big divide between western Ventura County, eastern Ventura County. And western Ventura County is majority Latino, agricultural and, you know, more working class and faces more disparities in housing and education and health care compared to eastern Ventura County, which is more affluent, less racially diverse, less immigrant, and less Spanish speakers.

And the western Ventura County also is really an environmental justice community as designated by the state's Calenviroscreen. You know, we face a lot of issues from pollution from oil and gas development to agricultural chemical, like I said, fertilizers to groundwater depletion.

And particularly in my neighborhood on the west side of Ventura, you know, we're really impacted by the oil fields here. And so we are -- our Senate districts

currently -- I'm really respect that, you know, keeping kind of Western Ventura County together and as well as Santa Barbara County, which we share a lot in common with and sometimes even more in common than Eastern Ventura County. But I think the assembly districts currently don't really do a very good job of that, of recognizing that divide between western and eastern Ventura County. And I think particularly Oxnard doesn't make sense to be in that eastern Ventura County district that currently is. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And now we have 032. And we do have someone following up behind them by the identifiers -- unusual, says calling user one. But somebody raised their hand. You are up next after 032. 032, I will be promoting you now. 032, your speaker number will be 25. You can enable your video and your audio in your lower left corner if you so choose. Please remind the mapper what you would like to see and your time begins now.

SPEAKER 25: Hi, my name is Mike Young (ph.). I appreciate it. And I'm calling about the San Fernando Valleys but especially in the west San Fernando Valley. I'm looking at what -- I've been a long-time resident in the San Fernando Valley, over three decades. And in the Valley, it's fair to say that the Valley is certainly --

its own, it's certainly its own region. Right? This is a region that has historically tried to separate itself from Los Angeles. But when -- even when you look at what the San Fernando Valley is and as much as you look at the San Fernando Valley, it is by definition, I mean, it is the valley itself.

So when we look at the natural topography, it's very, very unique. Right? You have the Santa Susana mountains to the west side. You have basically the surrounding the entire region from Puerto Rancho in the north and mountains to the south. It's very clear, as somebody who commutes to and fro -- has commuted to and from looking for work, it's a very different feel. The Valley itself is a place where it has done -- because of its own natural topography, it's very clearly not, you know, it has attached to the San Gabriel Mountains, but it's not quite the San Gabriel Mountains. Right? It has Mulholland Drive, but it's not Santa Monica. You go through one side, but we're not, you know, there's a reason why the Valley is the Valley.

And so when we look at it, when we're thinking about what the impacts are -- and we're looking at a community that I think has been really held together, that shows a lot of commonality, the temperature differences when you -- on hot days str something that we all share.

Right? The valley keeps the heat in. The feeling about it, the commuting, going through the freeways, the 101 that cuts across it. You know, recognizing that there's also the 118 up north. They're basically the main arteries that have traveled to -- coming in and out of the San Fernando Valley itself and how it's connected.

And so as we're thinking about -- or as the Commission is thinking about the region, I like to argue or support the idea that the -- that you view and try to connect and keep the Valley together collectively as its unit to the extent that we possibly can.

And when you think about cities like Burbank, Calabasas, Glendale, Hidden Hills, San Fernando Valley, and these are key municipalities within the Valley itself as its own region that's distinct from the rest of other parts of Los Angeles County and even Los Angeles City.

MODERATOR: 30 seconds.

SPEAKER 25: So to the -- so, yeah, just in short, you know, please take a look, look carefully, and think about the Valley to the extent and can. To think about Valley as Valley districts. What their unique conditions and unique topography is and unique experiences define them.

MODERATOR: 15 second.

SPEAKER 25: Thanks so much. I Appreciate it.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And our next speaker is a call. And it says, call-in user one. I'm not sure what that means, so. Sorry, shouldn't say I was joking but -- call-in user one, please follow the prompt. Call-in user one, please follow the prompt to the Zoom instructions.

Okay. We are going to move to the next caller at this time because I have no way to deal with that, so. Caller 4075, oh, nope. Our next caller with their raised hand just hung up.

So if anybody would like to comment, that is in the queue, please press star nine to raise your hand indicating you wish to comment. At this time we will have open public comment. Star nine to raise your hand.

Chair, we do not have any raised hands at this time. I defer to you.

CHAIR YEE: Thank you, Katy. Let's just wait a few minutes. So at this time, we're actually ahead of schedule. And this is our first public input meeting. And so we're adjusting our timings and taking note for future meetings. But at this point, we're through our appointments. People have signed up for appointments. And so we'll wait a few minutes just for anyone else who'd like to call in with a public input about community of interest that they would like to share with us or a

public comment about anything that the Commission -- but any matter of the Commission's work.

So we'll just wait a few minutes for anyone who would like to call in at this time. With either public input or a public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And I do have a raised hand. Caller 7347 has chosen to raise their hand. And behind them, we will have speakers 016 whose chose to raise their hand. So call 7347, go ahead. Your speaker order number will be 26 and go ahead. The floor is yours.

SPEAKER 26: Okay. Thank you. This is James Gallant, Marquette County Suicide Prevention Coalition, Marquette, Michigan, again. I guess I didn't get the agenda straight. I hope I get a couple more minutes here. But I'd like to, just to say that I think that the Michigan and California -- and I would like to help -- we need to get it straightened around about the precedents to all of these independent redistricting commissions because if it is spread all across the United States, this is just un-American. I mean, it's un-American not to follow the precedents of the way we do it in America and then allow, you know, this is supposed to be -- and those -- those citizens, not politicians. Right? Voters, not politicians, that's what they're calling it.

Right? Except for, you know, we just don't want you to do the same thing that they did. That wouldn't be good.

So we need to get the precedent set, which is the Robert's Rules of Order and I've noticed many anomalies in Arizona -- and that Arizona model, which you folks started with. Right? That was back in 2000. And then you went with it in 2011 and now in 2021. There seem to be future iterations that are going to be just changing and it's going to be just like unrecognizable as the way we do it in America before long.

And I say that because in Michigan, what they're doing is, they starting with discussion without a motion or second, and that's even the way it's put on the agenda in Arizona. They said, well, we're going to talk about this, there'll be discussion about this, be possible action about something sometime later. And they're doing this all the time. They did it today in Michigan. They appointed a committee completely inappropriate, it was just -- they don't even know what the big -- they approved Robert's Rules of Order for use, but they don't have a copy of the rulebook or nobody really understands what's going on with any of it.

So I would hope that I would ask this to the California Commission to work with me. And I'm working with the Michigan Commission. We get a -- we get a,

like, a training orientation on Robert's Rules of Order and what that really means. Because they got -- they got a training module and it was called Robert's Rules of Order and Cheat Sheet for Nonprofits. And that's what they're going by. And this is more of that facilitated dialog thing that the National Association of County and City Health Officials. It starts out with discussion. So you're facilitating the deliberation. That's not -- that's not the way it works, it's, you know, the business is coming from staff, not from the Commission. It's backwards. It's just completely backwards. It's almost like it's circumvented the Robert's Rules of Orders. It's like it's been created to circumvent the way we do it in America.

And I would ask that you would please come together with all of us, and we can -- we can get this worked out before we get too far. There's too many decades into this. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next, we do have 016. 016, you are speaker number 17. You can unmute yourself and -- your audio in your lower left corner. Your speaker number 17. Thank you so much.

SPEAKER 17: Hello. I spoke earlier to give testimony, but I didn't get my order number. And my comment is, in March I tried to go on the we draw the

map, we draw the -- that website. And I had a really hard time setting up my account and it wouldn't accept certain emails. So I'm not sure from March to now that's been fixed. I'm going to I just went right now and tried it and it actually worked for me. But I just wanted to put that out there. I'm not sure if other folks were having problems in March trying to set up an account for the we draw Californian website. And yeah, if you can let me know what my order number was.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 17, ma'am.

SPEAKER 17: Okay. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: You're welcome.

SPEAKER 17: That's all.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

CHAIR YEE: Thank you. That is the we draw -- DrawMyCACommunity.org, DrawMyCACommunity.org -- DrawMyCACommunity, one word, dot org. That is our mapping tool where you could submit a map and a description of your community of interest. And if there are any issues using that, there is a "help available" that you can access through that site. And please do let us know if you have any problems. We certainly want to fix that.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And up next, we have 001. 001 you're speaker number 12.

Please remind the mappers of what you would like to share about and the floor is yours.

SPEAKER 12: Hi. My name is Linda Sell (ph.) and I'm just making general comments. I've been trying to find the videos of the Commission meetings online and I haven't been able to find them. Usually, like, for city council meetings, I can go to the website and I can find taped videos of meetings. And I couldn't find that on the site for the Redistricting Commission.

I like the way today, how it was so easy to make public comment and use the Zoom tool. So thank you for using Zoom and making it easy. I liked the videos that you had on introductory basic videos, but I don't see videos talking about communities of interest, like, how people give public comment.

So I would suggest that you try to make it easier and more welcoming for people to give public comment by having a video and a presentation just for that. I really appreciate, like, having the ability to invite Commissioners to speak at group meetings. That really was good to -- good relationship with the community to do that. I would like to see more of an overview of the schedule that this whole redistricting process will take. I see maybe in some documents, like, a tentative schedule.

And then, so in -- many of us haven't been involved in this process before, so it would be good to have an overview. And then to have, like, markers that show and the timeframe when the public will be giving input and what type of input that will be. Like, right now you're giving input on communities of interest, and later on that, we've maybe be different input.

So it would be good if people in advance knew what input they needed so that they could, you know, study it and prepare for that and make time in their schedule for it. I really appreciate all the Commissioners taking their time to do all these meetings. I see all the many meetings you do. So I want to thank you for your dedication to community, for applying and serving. So thank you. And that's all I have.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And up next, we have caller 8689.

CHAIR YEE: Caller 8689, if you could hold for just a second --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh, sure.

CHAIR YEE: -- I'd like to respond to those good comments. Thank you so much for the detailed attention to our work. And if you go to our website, there is a tab for timeline. And the tab for timeline will give you access to previous meetings. And it is our intention to

have all our videos of our meetings available there. The DrawMyCACommunity tool, which is online, does have a tutorial and it's also available not only in English but 12 different languages.

So we do encourage everyone to use that. There's also a video on how to use that tool. We've been airing that -- we'll be airing that during breaks during these meetings. The caller referenced the educational gatherings that we've been hosting -- that we've been presenting at around the State. That phase is actually winding down. The -- in order to make room for these meetings. So it's our intention to host these meetings all around the State, both virtually, and if it becomes possible in person.

So if you have any questions about accessing any of our materials or what our plans are or what's on an agenda, you can always check our website. And don't hesitate to call or email our staff and we'll be happy to help you get the information you need. Okay. Sorry, caller, to keep you waiting. We'll take the next call.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: No, it's okay. All right. Caller 8689. Caller 8689, you are going to be speaker number 26 (sic). If you could please keep that number at some point. And if you would like to share anything with the map, please tell the mapper otherwise,

go ahead.

SPEAKER 26: Thank you. If you could zoom to Zone A. My name is Tom Wheeler (ph.) and I am the executive director of the Environmental Protection Information Center. We are an environmental advocacy group based in Arcadia, California. And I am a resident of Eureka, California, in Humboldt County.

And Zone A, our environment really shapes our communities of interest up here. Whether it is the coastal moderated forests, such as our superlative redwoods, the tallest trees in the world, or our many salmon-bearing streams that run from the coast inland.

These are really the things that help to shape our environment. It gives us a common culture and a common history of resource exploitation and now resource conservation. And we really share a lot in common here in Humboldt County with our neighbors to the north in Del Norte County, our neighbors to the east in Trinity County, to the south in Mendocino, Sonoma, and Marin I would really urge the Committee to try to keep these areas together.

By contrast, even though we are rural and we are in the northern part of the State, we don't really have a lot in common here in Humboldt County with our neighbors in Siskiyou County, Shasta County, Modoc County, those

counties to the east of us. Culturally, it's very different. We have, you know, dense forests, a lumber economy, a cannabis economy here on the coast.

Culturally, we share a lot more in common with our neighbors along the north coast than we do with other residents in the northern part of the State. So, again, I would urge to try to keep the north coast together, which I defined as the way that you've defined it in Zone A as one large community of interest. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Up next, we have caller 9143. Caller 9143, if you will follow the prompt and -- the Zoom is providing you.

Caller 94 -- there you go. You will be caller -- speaker number 27. We can hear you. Hello, 9143.

SPEAKER 27: Okay.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, there you are. You will be speaker.

SPEAKER 27: Hello.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hi. You will be speaker number 27. If you would like to make a comment about an area, please, at the mapper know what area that is. Otherwise, you have 3 minutes. The floor is yours.

SPEAKER 27: Yes. My name is Ellen Schauffhaus (ph.) from Kern River Valley and the surrounding (audio interference) --

MODERATOR: Could the speaker please speak up?

SPEAKER 27:: Can you hear me a little bit better now?

MODERATOR: That's a little better, caller. Thank you. Please get close to the phone and speak loudly. Thank you.

SPEAKER 27: All right. Kern River Valley. And that is just east of Bakersfield and what I'm advocating for all communities within (indiscernible) Valley and surrounding rural areas such as Lake Isabella, Wofford Heights. Kernville, Waldon, Kelso Vally, Onyx, Canebrake, South Lake, Squirrel Valley, Kern, Havilah, Walker Basin, (indiscernible). Now, all of these communities are very rural. They are an unincorporated, broad, broad rural area. And by the very nature of our ruralness, isolation from easy access to services, we are more self-reliant and dependent on each other's ability to help each other in emergencies as well as in daily life stressors.

We have infrastructure commonality problems, shaky internet access, cost, reasonable water access, public transportation needs, elderly services. Our communities are (audio interference) much older. Extractive water infrastructure development proposals are in (audio interference) such (indiscernible) storage proposed.

(Indiscernible) Improvement that's happening.

(Indiscernible) work at the Kern Water is (indiscernible) by the Rio Bravo Water District can be a problem for our water table.

Outside visitation to (audio interference) where trash is illegally (indiscernible) in all over (indiscernible). Properly managed recreational facilities, sanitation needs (indiscernible) influx, dirt bike, motocross, destruction of hillsides, and disturbance of neighborhoods is very common. Keeping intact our private property rights from recreational intrusion and keeping the surrounding natural beauty of our area from degradation due to visitors to (audio interference) potential use natural areas.

MR. RONCO: Thirty-seconds.

SPEAKER NO. 27: What brings us together is recreational use in the area. So that is my comments. I have written them.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And our next caller is 4075. As a reminder those in the queue if you would like to comment. Star nine for those calling in will raise your hand indicating you wish to comment. And 4075 your speaker number will be 28. If you have a general comment, that is fine. If you would like to share with the mappers something to bring up on

the map, you may do so now. Three minutes is yours.

JACQUELINE: Hello. My name is Jacqueline (ph.) and I live in The City of Upland, which is located at the San Bernardino County. I live in a district that goes far east as Upland in the San Bernardino County and as far west as Pasadena and Altadena in the Los Angeles County. My community is very different than Pasadena. We are aligned with our neighboring cities of Ontario, but we share the same community, college district, and water district.

We shop locally in the Inland Empire. We love Ontario Airport and hardly go out as far as the end of our district. I would like to see a district that includes Upland, Montclair, and Ontario where we are -- ethnic make up a similar and we share local resources. I really appreciate you taking the time to listen to us. I would like to better understand how our neighbors are also proposing to the Commission. And so I hope you will publish all the submitted COI's and summaries of the COI's shared during these calls.

I wanted to save time and skip the line as you suggest, but I was afraid you wouldn't hear my testimony since I haven't seen anyone else's published to date. Thank you.

MR. RONCO: Thank you, caller. It is our intention



to publish all submissions and we are working on that right now.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. We do have another raised hand. And I would like to remind those in the queue calling in star nine will raise your hand indicating you wish to comment. And we will go to call in user 2. Caller --

MR. PARROW: Hello.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, hello. Your speaker number will be 29.

MR. PARROW: 29.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: If you would like to make a general comment, that is fine. Otherwise, please share with the mappers what you would like brought up on the map and the floor is yours for three minutes.

MR. PARROW: Okay. Right now?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, sir.

MR. PARROW: Okay. Can you hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can.

MR. PARROW: So my name is John Parrow, and I live in Wawona, California. We're up in the foothills towards Yosemite and we represent congressional district number 4, Assembly State Assembly District 5, and State Senate District 8. So as mountaineer residents and businesses we have a unique culture, much different than the



incorporated cities or the urban areas of the Bay Area, the coastal regions, the big cities like San Francisco, Sacramento, L.A., and so forth. And we have huge private national forests, ranching, farming, vineyards, a lot of open spaces and -- but some of the major issues that we have are forest management.

And under forest management, because of the mismanagement of our forests, we have tremendous problems with fire. So we want somebody that represents us, that understands the issues of proper forest management, also water and drought and water storage. We don't want representatives from large metropolis areas who don't understand water storage and the importance of water storage or building of dams to get rid of -- to mitigate against the drought like we're having this year.

So for all -- and then we're a gateway community to tourism which provides a lot of tax revenue for us. So we're at the south, we go up and down the Central Valley up in the Sierra. So we're we have the -- both the South Gate, the North Gate of Yosemite. And so this is a big area of business for us as well. We have a lot of cultural community and recreation fairs, parades, logging jamborees, steam trains, a lot of boating and camping and fishing, and so forth.

So essentially what I would like to do is recommend



that because Congressional District 485 and Senate District 8 represent the mountain communities, and because mountain area residents and businesses have a unique culture different than large cities, I respectfully request that these districts continue to represent the mountain community and essentially remain the same or nearly the same as they are currently. And this will allow a fair and equitable solution for our residences and our

MR. RONCO: Thirty seconds.

MR. PARROW: Thank you very much for listening.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Up next, we have caller 8822. Caller 8822. Your speaker number will be speaker number 30. If you would like to make a comment. Please remind the mapper what you --

MS. VON KRIEG: Hi.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- would like brought up.
Hi.

MS. VON KRIEG: Hello there.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yeah,

MS. VON KRIEG: Bianca Von Krieg of Bianca for San Francisco.org and candidate for California's 12th Congressional District, a.k.a. San Francisco. San Francisco is home to some of the richest and most destitute citizens in the nation. Home to seventy-seven

billionaires. It is the highest per capita concentration in the world. I will take you on a quick overview of an ideal redistricting, then apply a resolution to specific areas as time permits. Would the moderator please bring up a map of the City of San Francisco street view?

If we bisect the district along the Geary Boulevard corridor, the northern area should be ceded to District 2, a.k.a. Marin County (indiscernible). The remainder of District 12 should be further bisected roughly along the Highway 1, 19th Avenue corridor. Ceding the western portion to Congressional District 2. All ceded territory are well-known Republican strongholds that would enjoy representation more appropriate to their politics.

Congressional District 12 should then be expanded to include territory to its immediate south along the 101 corridor and continue to its new borders as constrained by everything east of the 82, 380, 280 highway system, SFO, and the San Francisco Bay respectively.

I submit the parts of West Oakland be considered as well. All preceding expansions correspond to the same socio-economic demographic. The subsequent iterations of refinement should regard geography with slow gradients of at least twenty degrees or greater. Although Russian Hill, Nob Hill, Buena Vista, et cetera be forfeited to Congressional District 2 as well. The richer people tend

to live higher up in San Francisco and in most places. As the preponderance of wealth reside with Caucasian citizens. This new layout will not only protect various ethnic districts, but empower them. For those of you who are fans of Nancy Pelosi, for reasons passing understanding, she'll find herself quite at home the new district pool where she may shamefully emerge from the Republican closet.

District 2, should probably be then subdivided into a new district as well as it practically extends to the --

MR. RONCO: Thirty second.

MS. VON KRIEG: -- to the northern border. As a candidate, I desperately want to give voice to those less fortunate that have been gerrymandered under the rug. Unfortunately, this is a tall endeavor when one is mired in the political backyard of a billionaire.

MR. RONCO: Fifteen seconds.

MS. VON KRIEG: I thank you for your time. I cede my time. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Up next, we have caller 5000. I'd like to remind those in the queue calling in, star nine will raise your hand indicating you wish to comment at this time. Caller 5000, your speaker number will be 31. Please remind the

mappers what you would like to see and three minutes; the floor is yours.

MR. BONANNO-CURLEY: Thank you so much. Yes. If you could please pull up outreach zone H, please. My name is Tyler Bonanno-Curley and I'm the manager of government affairs for The City of Long Beach. And we've submitted a letter outlining the City's official position on redistricting. And I want to thank you all for the opportunity to provide public comment regarding the city's redistricting priorities.

On January 19th, earlier this year, the Long Beach City Council unanimously adopted our 2021 State Legislative Agenda, which supports redistricting policies, practices, and legislation that preserve the geographic and demographic integrity of the City through district lines that keep Long Beach together.

For the past two redistricting cycles, The City has been largely kept intact, with the vast majority of Long Beach represented by predominant seats. In the State legislature and in Congress, as much as eighty-five percent of The City is represented by primary districts. It's critical that Long Beach retains this cohesion through the upcoming redistricting process. With almost a half million residents, Long Beach is the seventh largest city in California and the second largest in Los

Angeles County, located in the southeast region of Outreach Zone H.

We're also one of the most diverse communities in the country and consistently achieve a perfect score on the human rights campaigns Municipal Equality Index. Keeping our community together is a critical priority for Long Beach. And we want to make sure redistricting does not further divide Long Beach into smaller districts.

We also would like to extend an invitation for the commission to host a meeting in Long Beach to help bring the redistricting process closer to our residents. Given Long Beach's diversity and unique interests within Los Angeles County, we look forward to our community engaging in the redistricting process and to keeping Long Beach intact. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Up next, we have caller 4273. And I would like to remind those in the queue again, star nine will raise your hand indicating you wish to comment. I have caller 4273.

CALLER NUMBER 32: All right. Can everyone hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes. Your caller number will be 32. Please, let the mapper know the area you'd like to bring up. Three minutes is yours.

CALLER NUMBER 32: So could we zoom in on Sacramento County? So I just wanted to talk a little bit about the

East County region because Sacramento County, which is, of course, home to our wonderful state capital, is really divided into two main regions. You have the West County region, which is Sacramento, the city, of course, and other communities which are similar to it, such as Florin.

And then if you look at Eastward County, you see that you have many suburban communities that have many state workers that live there. And really, Sacramento County can be pretty evenly divided into two different congressional districts, one making up our capital city and one making up its innermost suburbs. And I feel that East County cities such as Carmichael, Fair Oaks, and Folsom, Citrus Heights, it makes sense that they would be kept in one district because these communities are quite similar to each other.

I also believe that other East County communities such as Sloughhouse or Wilton and Galt should be in this district as well because as we see on the current map, cities like Rio Linda and Galt have been separated from the East County region, and it makes sense that these would remain in a Sacramento County-based district rather than put in a predominantly Delta district, which reaches as far away as the Bay Area and Yuba City. Which are areas that don't have a lot in common with Sacramento.

And I feel that ultimately to redraw the district, generally speaking, to create a solid East County seat would really make sense to represent the interests of the greater Sacramento area and really just in general help with our economy and assure that we have representation for our community.

In general, the district, as it is now, is pretty much a cohesively drawn East County seat, but my suggestion would simply be that the line is probably drawn a bit cleaner. And also too, we have the community of Antelope, which to me seems like it would make much more sense with the with the East County region. I believe the city, like Antelope, has more in common with Citrus Heights or Foothill Farms, or Carmichael than it would with the city of Sacramento itself.

The current lines are just a bit less clean. So I would advise that the Sacramento County be more cleanly divided into the East and West County regions, which I think is going to ultimately represent both communities in a more accurate way.

I thank you all for your time and for your consideration --

MR. RONCO: Thirty seconds.

CALLER NUMBER 32: -- and for caring and serving our communities. Thank you.



PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And up next, we have caller 8822. Speaker 034, that just joined, you are registered during this time block to make your public comment. If you could please, raise your hand to get in the queue. Thank you so much. You will be up next. You're after this caller.

CALLER 8822, if you could follow the prompt that Zoom is providing you.

UNIDENTIFIED CALLER: I apologize.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, there you are.

UNIDENTIFIED CALLER: I apologize. I pressed the raise hand in error --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: That's okay. Thank you so much. You are -- your speaker number will be number 33 if you can keep that for future reference, and you just muted yourself again.

We (indiscernible) that prompt again. It'll unmute you again. It'll be star six that will unmute you. Did you want to comment at this time? Okay. You raise your hand. Exactly. Okay. All right. We will move on to our next speaker 034. I will be promoting you, 034, you can now unmute yourself and enable your audio and video in the lower left of your corner of the screen. Yes, you will be speaker number 33, I believe because the other one did not choose to speak. So. Speaker Number 33,

please remind the mapper of what you would like to share, and three minutes is yours.

CALLER NUMBER 33: Great. My name is you from The City of Avalon and San Bernardino County. That is zone -- I am calling because -- Victor Valley, which is home to City of Victorville, Adelanto, Hesperia, and Apple Valley. It's a quiet and unique community within California's like desert and within San Bernardino County.

We share the transportation and workforce community of interest with the cities along the 15 and 215 corridors, both the San Bernardino, Fontana, and Rancho Cucamonga. However, because of our placement in the desert, we have (indiscernible) to the communities of Roseville as well as the Moraga Basin. However, we primarily work down in the inland valley, in the Rancho Cucamonga area, and down the I-15, I-215 corridor. So that is our community which was -- my primarily. Along the (indiscernible) because as closely as we've historically been tied to Joshua Tree, I think that our interests aren't necessarily as strongly shared as those down the hill, so to speak.

So as we are up the hill, up the 215, whereas -- you know, we mostly work down the 2 -- or down the 15. Therefore, I think it's in our community's interest to be

kept together as the Victor Valley. And also to be included in those communities of Rancho Cucamonga, Rialto, Montana, San Bernadino. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And I would like to remind those in the queue, call in; press star nine to raise your hand indicating you wish to comment. Otherwise, Chair, I will have to defer to you. We do not have any raised hands at this time.

MR. RONCO: Okay. We'll wait a few more minutes. While we're waiting, I'd like to mention some of the callers have been referring to zones. For members of the public who may not be familiar with our use of zones. These are alphabetically designated areas of the state. If you go to our website and go to outreach, the outreach tab there's a dropdown for outreach zones that will show you the map of the state. And these zones are not redistricting zones. They're simply the way we divided up the state for outreach purposes. So A through I. Sorry A through K.

So that's what some callers have been referring to. However, you do not need to use those zone designations to tell us about your community of interest. Another thing to mention earlier caller asked about videos of our past meetings. These are available on our website which are linesCA.org. I gave the wrong tab information. The

tab is actually the meetings tab. You go to the meetings tab, you can go to past meetings and the timeline for former meetings. Past meetings are there with agendas, handouts, videos, and starting recently, we're also providing meeting summaries. That will include all motions as well as our best attempt to provide timestamps for meeting items to help you fast-forward to parts of those videos that maybe have special interest to you.

That's under the meetings tab on our website. The timeline tab that I mentioned, is actually the overall redistricting timeline that we are working with. Okay. Any other callers, Katy?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We do have a raised hand at this time. Caller 4585. Caller 4585. Hello? You're unmuted.

MS. MCLEAN: Thank you. I am Marsha McLean, City Councilwoman, City of Santa Clarita. And I'm not sure how your zones work. However, I wanted to comment on our districts, our congressional districts that we have now. And I don't know if you're able to put that up on the screen, but I want to make sure we are a very unique area. We are separated from the San Fernando Valley to the north by mountain ranges and want to make sure that any redistricting is keeping us together with the north county.

And right now, we have a separate district that kind of goes from one side of the I-5 freeway to the next. And it would make more sense to bring that area together rather than have those two separate districts. And we will be making further comments. But right now, I just wanted to make sure that that comment was on the record as to making sure that we are kept together in our districts that we have now and not separated or put with the San Fernando Valley. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And caller 8822. Raise your hand. Caller 8822, you are unmuted.

MS. VON KRIEG: Is this right?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes. There you are.

MS. VON KRIEG: Yes. This is Bianca von Krieg of Bianca for San Francisco.org and candidate for California's 12th Congressional District, also known as San Francisco. Could I ask the mapper to bring up another street view of San Francisco proper, please?

Overall, the intersection between the city and county of San Francisco and Congressional District 12 is almost one hundred percent. Which makes for an enhanced homogeneous representation of rich white people who are literally leery of approving progressive tax increases but desperately needed -- to those desperately needed by

federal and municipal social services. If I can go through and since we have a little bit of time here, and take you through some of the districts. If you look at the area of northern San Francisco Bay, they bordered north of California Street and east -- no excuse me, west Venice. That's traditionally regarded as Pacific Heights, which is home to your traditional billionaires like the Diddys, the Oracle guy, Marc Benioff, et cetera. And areas in the western part of the city, I'd say divided around 7th Avenue or Highway 119, 19th Avenue tend to be a little bit more middle class, upper middle class. They vote Republican and they're generally kind of isolated from other areas of the city. There are pockets of well-known AAPI districts. One of them would be in the Irving Street area of what we consider the Sunset District in western San Francisco and the Clement Street area in the northern section of that area as bisected by Golden Gate Park. Hispanic areas are the mission, which is essentially centered around the Missioners Street and the area of south market of San Francisco near Noe Valley. And it borders on the Castro, which is the LGBT district. It is one of many. There is also a transgender --

MR. RONCO: Thirty seconds.

MS. VON KRIEG: a defined LGBTQ district in the area

known as the Tenderloin near the to the west of the Union Square area. Everything south of Market, traditionally --

MR. RONCO: Fifteen seconds.

MS. VON KRIEG: -- industrial and I guess that's all I can say. We have micro-neighborhoods that need to be accounted for in the redistricting. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And that was our last raised hand at this time. I'd like to remind those calling in to press star nine to raise your hand if you wish to comment.

MR. RONCO: This segment will be --

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: And Chair we did not --

MR. RONCO: This segment will be closing at no later than 3:15 if no further callers, we'll close a bit early.

We do remind everyone that you can find out everything about our work at wedrawlinesca.org; [wedrawthelinesca](http://wedrawthelinesca.org) is one word, .org. You can get to our community of interest drawing tool from there or directly at drawmycacomunity.org. We also have a full social media presence on Facebook, Twitter, and so forth. So anywhere you want to get a hold of us or keep track of our work well, we're there.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I do another raised hand, Chair, shall I take it?

CHAIR TURNER: Yes, please.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay. Caller 7456, please follow the prompt. And --

MS. NAVARRO: Hello, can you hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes.

MS. NAVARRO: Oh, awesome. Thank you so much. I just wanted to say thank you so much for taking public comments today and also coming up with the whole, like, mapping tool that I thought that was really, really cool. But I'll go ahead and start with my public comments. So my name is Maria Navarro (ph.). I'm a resident of Oxnard, California. We're in the County of Ventura. And the alternate plan, including the communities of Oxnard, the adjacent City of Port Hueneme, and the unincorporated area of El Rio. It's an important community of interest in California's central coast.

We think that we should be kept together and ideally united in the same districts of the nearby Santa Clara Valley, which includes the communities of Santa Paula, Fillmore, and Piru. We're a community of interest because we're mainly an agricultural, working class, and farmworker community, facing disparities in housing, education, and health care with unique economic needs. We're also a community of immigrant families with a much larger share of black Latino residents, immigrants, and

Spanish indigenous language speakers than the surrounding region. And we are an environmental justice community who has been disproportionately impacted by pollution from oil and gas, agriculture, agricultural chemicals, and groundwater depletion. But anyway, yeah, those are my comments. Thank you so much.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. We do have one more raised hand. We have about -- as a reminder, star nine will raise your hand to comment. We only have about three minutes till break.

MR. RONCO: So let's go ahead and take it.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay. And go ahead. The floor is yours.

MR. RONCO: And this will be our last call until break.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay.

MS. VON KRIEG: I'm sorry. I hope I'm not monopolizing the time. It just doesn't seem like there's anybody else coming. Yes. Bianca Von Krieg, again, of Bianca for San Francisco.org and council of California's 12th Congressional District. Just to continue my little tour of the 12th District here. It is so imperative to apply a very fine eye when redistricting because there are pockets of extreme wealth and there are pockets of extreme poverty. Some of the more poor areas,

unfortunately, began around the Hispanic district, regarded as the mission district, and continue along the Mission Street corridor to an area known as Excelsior, where you have more of an AAPI and kind of mixed racial bag of people who generally go along a lower middle-class portion. And that same kind of demographics spills over to the area east of that of Portova and Silver Terrace. And then there's Bayview, Hunters Point where there is greater poverty and unfortunately greater violence to the area.

West of Mission Street, known as Noe Valley. It is south of the Caster Noe Valley, is home to female-identifying LGBT members who are a bit more affluent. Going up the hill there of Twin Peaks and Glen Canyon and so on, and you begin to see more middle-class white people, some Asian, but mostly white, middle class. And then becoming upper middle class as you go up the hills. To go to the far west of San Francisco State University, that area is obviously a very young, diverse group of students. Students do tend to quickly gravitate out to private housing shortly after a year or two, but the first years are pretty predominant down there as well.

And that makes for a younger demographic continuing on down to the Tier 80 corridor where you're approaching the border of San Francisco and the Daly City area, which

is predominantly Asian of middle and lower middle --

MR. RONCO: Thirty seconds.

MS. VON KRIEG: -- class demographics. The areas north of Market Street become a little bit more tricky as you become closer to the northeast area of the city, which is the business district --

MR. RONCO: Fifteen seconds.

MS. VON KRIEG: -- which also borders along Chinatown, which is very, very poor. And in North Beach, just north of that, which kind of runs the gamut of middle class to upper middle class --

MR. RONCO: Time.

MS. VON KRIEG: -- going along the west.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay. Thank you.

MR. RONCO: Thank you so much, Katie. That wraps it up for our second session. We'll be now going to break. Break will last until 4 p.m. when our third session will resume with Commissioner Ahmad chairing that session. So we'll go to break and see you all at 4.

(Whereupon, a recess was held)

CHAIR AHMAD: Welcome back from break, everyone. I will be moderating this next ninety-minute session.

Just a few reminders for folks. So we do have to take a break in ninety minutes. However, if we don't have anyone cued up, we may take a break earlier than

that. However, we will start this session with those folks who had registered for appointment slots, and then we will be opening up the phone line for anyone else who would like to provide their communities of interest input.

Another friendly reminder that we do have a three-minute time limit per person, so please keep that in mind as you provide your comments. And if you would like to skip the line, you can submit online via our COI tool which is found at drawmycacommunity.org. And with that, I will pass it over to Katie to moderate the phone calls.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, Chair.

Welcome to public input session number three. From -- what are we in 4 o'clock to 5:30. If you are scheduled for this block, please raise your hand at the bottom of your screen to enter the queue. When it is your turn to speak, you will be identified by your assigned unique ID number. You'll be reconnected to the session with the ability to enable your own video and/or audio. You will then be assigned a speaker order number. Before you begin speaking, please make note of your speaker order number for future reference. The Commission will be enforcing a three-minute time limit, with a warning at thirty seconds and fifteen seconds remaining. At the end of your public input, or at the end of your time, you



will be reconnected in a listen and view only mode. At the beginning of your input, please remind the mapper what area you would like to see on the screen.

Up next, we have 041, and I would like to remind those in this block that are scheduled to please raise their hand to comment. 040, I believe at this time. But 041 has raised their hand. So we will promote them. 041, your speaker order number is going to be 34. You are now able to enable your audio and your video. And once you do this, please remind the mapper what it is you would like to share about today. And with that, the time is yours.

MR. TALBOT: Hello. My name is James Talbot. I'm in the city and county of San Bernardino.

MR. RONCO: Could the speaker please speak up or turn up the mic?

MR. TALBOT: Yeah, is this better?

MR. RONCO: It's a little better. Please speak loudly and close to the mic.

MR. TALBOT: Yeah. I'm right in the city of San Bernardino. I'm a constituent of the 31st Congressional Districts, as well as the 40th Assembly District and state Senate District 23. And just something that I wanted to point out, is that I live up here on the -- this is the 210 freeway up here and it's close to where I

live. But there's definitely something to be concerned about regarding a community that that is just north of the airport, which is down here on Fifth Street, in the center of the center of the city. Where it's actually carved out to be in another congressional district, which is eight and it's kind of further up over, like, right in (indiscernible) I think is the street, where the airport where the airport is. And I definitely would like to see that as a community of interest included in our congressional districts. This is definitely much more common with those communities than the other congressional districts that I mentioned. I think there's something important to point out is I think in the last redistricting process, they definitely emphasized the socio-economic interest when dividing up the district. They did that as well as with our Assembly District and our congressional districts. But I definitely want to point out that our valley, San Bernadina Valley area has seen a big proliferation in terms of logistics and warehouse that has been definitely powering our economy. And communities are not necessarily going to impact the same in a sense, in my congressional district, and Assembly District is actually the people who are definitely utilizing the online buying industry in terms of what's driving out the proliferation

of the warehouses and --

MR. RONCO: Thirty seconds.

MR. TALBOT: -- trucks that are bringing the bad pollution to this area. But it's the communities and the other districts like 8047, and (indiscernible) 35 that are actually feeling the negative --

MR. RONCO: Fifteen seconds.

MR. TALBOT: -- impact in terms of health and air pollution. So I appreciate the time. And thank you for (indiscernible).

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Thank you. I'd like to remind those that are registered for this block to please, raise their hand, indicating they are ready to comment. 040, in particular. Thank you.

040, you're speaker number 37. You are now able to enable your audio and video. Please, remind the mappers of what you would like to share and your three minutes is yours.

MS. GONZALEZ: Thank you so much. Can you all hear me okay?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, thank you.

MS. GONZALEZ: Hi, my name is Ana Gonzalez and I'm representing CCAJ and also the Brown and Black Redistricting Alliance for San Bernardino County. So we can zoom into San Bernardino real quick. And I wanted to

piggyback on some of the things that a San Bernadino resident mentioned. CD8, which is J. Obernolte's district, and CD31, which is Pete Aguilar's district. Just like the lines that are drawn dividing the City of San Bernardino. A lot of the communities are disproportionately misrepresented in these areas. Hence why we have so many, I would say like, misrepresentation when it comes to a lot of the issues that are hurting these communities. And so it would be good to think about the way we draw the lines. First, CD8 and CD31 moving forward and include all of San Bernardino into CD31, because -- like the colleague earlier mentioned, those communities in San Marino are way more relatable than what goes on up north on CD8.

And I understand that there's less support for these residents when it comes to the representation of the congressperson representing CD8. Which has almost no appearances in this region because it is more connected to the CD31 communities that live there. And so it would be best that these communities are represented by CD31 when thinking about redrawing these maps moving forward. And that's my comment. Thank you so much.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next we have caller 5324. Their registered number is 042.

MR. PEYTON: Can you hear me now?



PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can hear you now. Your speaker order number will be 38. If you could, please, make note of that and please remind the mapper of what you would like to share. And your time is yours.

MR. PEYTON: Great. Thank you. My name is Alan Peyton (ph.). I'm from Contra Costa County. I participated in the process ten years ago, and one of the challenges was Contra Costa kind of got raided in the congressional district. We were divided up into four congressional districts. And there's only, right now, 1.1 million people in our county. So that's basically one and a half congressional districts. So we have Martinez, part of a congressional district with Napa. That doesn't make sense. San Ramon was taken out of the San Ramon Valley and put in in district southern to that, including Fremont and Hayward. And then eastern Contra Costa County, part of it, was put together with the majority of San Joaquin County.

So if you could look at Contra Costa County of keeping some barriers with whatever districts you're creating. Common sense barriers, hills, rivers, waterways. We've got the Delta. Eastern Contra Costa County with Vacaville and Fairfield in these current assembly districts, that doesn't make a whole lot of sense either.

So I would encourage you, and using principles, of course, compactness. But using some common sense boundaries, whether it be hills, ridgelines, rivers, those kind of things. But also keep the small city whole and divide the larger city. It doesn't make sense to have the largest city in our county kept whole, but smaller cities divided. And so those are the kinds of things that I encourage the commissioners to take into consideration. And I understand, I helped work on maps for all of Northern California last time using the exact same software as the consultant to the commission at that time. And so I know how difficult it is to draw the lines to make sure everybody got their fair share of the numbers, but also to follow the common sense guidelines. But I encourage it to work on that, based from the Contra Costa perspective. Communities of interest are eastern Contra Costa County, that's pretty much Pittsburgh, Bay Point, Antioch, Oakley, Brentwood, Discovery Bay, Bethel Island, Banning, and Knightsen. And that's considered Eastern Contra Costa County. You have Central County, Concord, Walnut Creek, Clayton, Martinez, Pacheco, Pleasant Hill, Clyde. And then you have San Ramone Valley, which is the Alamo, Danville, San Ramon, Casa Hara (ph.), and those areas to be together in La Miranda, Lafayette, Morgan, and Aranda should be together. And

then you have West Contra Costa County, which interestingly enough --

MR. RONCO: Thirty seconds.

MR. PEYTON: -- is in a different area, 510 area code versus the rest of our current congressional district over there. The congressman has to drive out of his district to get to the other part of his district unless he wants to take a two-lane country road to get to it. That just doesn't make sense.

MR. RONCO: Fifteen seconds.

MR. PEYTON: So instead of taking a major highway. So those are the kind of things to think about, at least in Contra Costa and in the East Bay. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. I would like to remind those in -- or actually, I would like to see if 026 Speaker 026. If you would like to make your comment, please, raise your hand at this time.

The button to raise your hand is at the bottom of your screen, 026. Your appointment was earlier today. You're here now. Well, it looks like 026 is not hearing me at this time to raise your hand, it will be at the bottom of your screen, if you do decide you want to make your comment. Otherwise, Chair, we do not have anybody else in the queue that has an appointment at this time.

CHAIR AHMAD: Let's stand at ease for a couple of

minutes --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely.

CHAIR AHMAD: -- to allow.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes. Yes. And I'll try to reach out to 026.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Chair?

CHAIR AHMAD: Yes, Commissioner Turner?

COMMISSIONER TURNER: On my screen, unless I move the mouse, the raise hand button disappears. So I just wanted to offer, in case it's helpful for someone that's looking for the raise hand, if they move their mouse around, it should appear.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Ahah, I think you just helped them. They just came in. Thank you.

Commissioner Turner. Fabulous. 026, here they come.

026, your speaker number is going to be 39, if you can make note of that. You can now enable your audio and video in your lower left corner of your screen. And once you do that, if you want to remind the mapper of the area that you would like to talk about. So the lower left of your screen, you'll be able to unmute. There you go. You're unmuted now. You can talk. Well, where did you go? Oh, I lost them. Where'd they go?

MR. KUMAR: Hi. Can you hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can. Thank you

so much.

MR. KUMAR: Okay, so I was having a challenge.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: That's okay. Please remind the mapper --

MR. KUMAR: Yeah, in the map I'm not -- in the map, I'm not able to pinpoint my district, but I will go ahead without further delay.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay, perfect.

MR. KUMAR: Hi. My name is Sam Kumar (ph.). I'm from Congressional District 17. It's in Santa Clara. It actually falls in two counties; one is Santa Clara County, the other one is Alameda County. It has a total population of little over three quarter million. That's about close to 800,000 population and out of which, over 39,000 population of Asian ethnic background. Which is like 55.6 percent. So this is according to Census 2010. I'm not quite sure of what that 2020 percentage. Actually, the percentage has gone up. It's close to be fifty-nine, close to fifty-nine percent. So other district, congressional district is, as I say, partly in Santa Clara County, which has a thirty-nine percent Asian ethnic population, and partly in Alameda County, which has a 32.3 percent Asian ethnic population.

The redistricting commission, ten years ago, were able to balance many item in those. All the south make

this unique Asian majority congressional districts which can elect a representative in Congress that can have a congressional staff and priorities to match the needs of the multitude of issues such as immigration, education, training, and housing preferences.

I hope that you will be able to maintain that in this redistricting cycle. Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 mandates that electoral district line cannot be drawn in such a manner as to improperly dilute minority voting power. The U.S. Census also shows that this congressional district is the only Asian majority congressional district in the mainland of the United States. Many cities in my community are Asian majority cities or higher Asian influence cities --

MR. RONCO: Thirty seconds.

MR. KUMAR: -- according to the U.S. Census of 2010. These cities are the sixty-seven percent to forty-three percent Asian ethnic population are of the cities of Cupertino, Sunnyvale, Santa Clara (indiscernible) --

MR. RONCO: Fifteen seconds.

MR. KUMAR: -- and Fremont. I would hope that at least the cities can be kept together since they have common cultural similarities being Asian majority or higher percentage of Asian. Thank you for the opportunity.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Oh, oh. Wait, oh, yeah. I will defer to the Chair at this time, and we do not have any further appointments in the queue. Or raised hands.

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Katie. Just a reminder for folks, if you would like to submit your communities of interest input via our online tool, you may do so at drawmycacomunity.org. Your input will land with the commissioners in the same place that we will be storing this verbal input being shared today. With that, if we have no more appointments for this time slot, I would request that we open the phone lines.

MR. MANOFF: Phone lines are open, Chair.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: So for that, the people that are in the queue that have chosen to call in, if you would like to hit star nine, that will raise your hand indicating you wish to comment.

And Chair, just -- just so we're clear, there are people that do have appointments that haven't chosen to show up at this time block just yet, so.

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you for that update, Katie. And if it's possible, as they do show up, if we can get them in the queue.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely. And -- oh, what is -- oh, my computer just decided to go crazy on

me. We do have a raised hand from a caller, caller 9143.

And go ahead. The floor is yours. If you choose to share with the mapper what you would like to talk about. Otherwise, I believe you're able to make general public comment.

MS. SCHATZ-HOWSER: Yes. My name is Helen Schatz-Howser (phonetic). I'm from District 23. I called in the last session in reference to Kern River Valley. That's where I live. And District 23 is, in part, it's a mountain community, but it also encompasses places like Bakersfield, Ridgecrest, Tehachapi. And I'd really like to put in, besides what I had already put into my last session, about what the special needs are of rural communities, is that a mountain community district would be really (indiscernible) people that are in very isolated areas. Kern River Valley, it does have a highway that goes through 178, and it connects two cities and in particular Bakersfield to Ridgecrest. I think that that is one thing to consider when talking about a mountain community, is that even though there is a highway that goes through it connecting, you have to think about the geography, particularly the Kern River Canyon, which is quite an obstacle many times in order to get goods and services from a larger community, such as Bakersfield. And it has infrastructure problems that

Bakersfield does not have. So possibly making a district a mountain -- inner mountain community district that would stretch north of Tehachapi, going all the way north, let's say, into even District 4, Congressional District 4, which is mountain communities also. And maybe -- well, I do see 22 does go down into the Valley, but an inner mountain that takes into consideration the very rural roads, infrastructure that is sometimes -- many times lacking or intermittent; everything from water resources to internet and those types of resources. That's what I think would be something that would really benefit our community. Other communities that are isolated and also dependent on recreation.

Our area is very, very much dependent on recreation and also exploited with a lot of deterioration --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. SCHATZ-HOWSER: -- that happens from recreationists. And also water resources are exploited from our area, given basically to other districts, such as 2124, the Central Valley. And then we are --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

MS. SCHATZ-HOWSER: -- forgotten about in other areas. So thank you very much. I appreciate it.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

And at this time we do not have any raised hands or anyone in the -- new in the queue.

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Katie. Let's continue to stand at ease in case folks are dialing in now.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Chair, do we know, were all of the appointments filled for this time slot?

CHAIR AHMAD: We had 10 out of 18 appointments filled for this time slot, and the intention was to open up the phone lines for folks who didn't have an appointment. So we're at that stage now where anyone can call in to provide their community of interest input.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Okay. Thank you so much.

CHAIR AHMAD: Mm-hmm.

A friendly reminder to folks listening. If you choose to submit your COI input, your community of interest input online, you can do so at drawmycacomunity.org. That input will make its way directly to the commissioners.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 037, you just joined. If you could raise your hand? At the bottom of the screen, if you wave your mouse around, should give you an option to -- a feature to raise your hand, indicating you wish to comment. It is your appointment block at this time? The lines are open for your appointment time. 037, if you would like to raise your hand and make your comment.

037, you are around. I'm going to try allowing you to talk. See if we can open some communication here.

Can you hear me?

MR. MENOR: Can hear you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes. I can hear you.

MR. MENOR: Okay. I was just --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Would you -- sta -- stand by. We are going to promote you to panelist. One moment.

MR. MENOR: Okay.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Would you like to enable your video, sir?

MR. MENOR: Hello?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hello. Would you like to enable your video? You have that option at this point.

MR. MENOR: I don't --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: You do not have to.

MR. MENOR: Oh, okay. Yeah. If I do, my Wifi will knock out.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay. So, yeah, you do not have to. Just leave it alone.

MR. MENOR: Okay.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: You are here, and we can hear you.

MR. MENOR: Yeah.



PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Please remind the mapper what it is you would like to share with us today. And your speaker number is going to be 4040. If you can keep that for your record. And the floor is yours.

MR. MENOR: Okay. Thank you. I do identify myself as well?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: You can -- you may. Please do.

MR. MENOR: Okay. My name is Ben Menor. I'm from the San Francisco Bay area. Lived all of my life, except for five years in Santa Clara County. But I'm invol -- I'm a member of the National Federation of Philippine-American Associations. And therefore, this is a high interest for us. And to be brief, the issue that I would like to bring up and keeping the API communities closely and -- and say together. For example, cities like Daly City, Union City, Milpitas has a high concentration of Filipinos besides Asian American Pacific Islander. Keeping those communities intact do several things. One, it continues to allow the community to thrive because of economics. But more important and most recent is the situation with hate crime upon Asian Americans Pacific Islanders Filipinos have been attacked as well as the number of other Asians, specifically Chinese-Americans. And so what I'm trying to theorize,

but I think it's more of a fact because I -- I come out of District 17, which is the only congressional district in the United States that is Asian Pacific American majority. And I believe that by having such a district as District 17, it provides an -- an insulation against the perpetrators on hate crimes against Asian Pacific Americans. Because, one, there are many public officials in that district, mayors, and board of supervisors, as well as Congressman Ro Khanna. And therefore, I could -- I -- I sense and I see that I don't see -- I haven't seen or heard any acts of crime against the APAs --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MR. MENOR: -- so far. So my point is -- my point is, is that by keeping these APA communities intact, it helps in many ways. But more important, for security and safety.

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

MR. MENOR: And I -- I'll stop there, because if I -- if you want me to, I grew up in the Bay Area, so I could tell you where all the APA communities are and more specifically, Filipinos. I'm -- I'm that old.

MR. MANOFF: Time.

MR. MENOR: So I'm 71 years old, and I --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. And with

that, we do not have anyone else in the queue at this time that is waiting for an appointment. And we do not have any new callers.

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Katie, for that update.

Just an update for my colleagues. As we did have appointment time slots and registrants for this time block, the 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. time block, we will be here for that duration in case folks decide to show up or show up within this time block. So let's continue to stand at ease. Remind our wonderful fellow Californians to submit their input via the COI tool if they choose to do so. Otherwise, we are here and ready to hear your input.

If you're just tuning in, the California Citizens Redistricting Commission is here waiting to hear from Californians on their communities of interest input. If you would like to call in, our phone lines are now open and we are taking public input regarding communities of interest. You can also submit your communities of interest input via our online tool that is found at drawmycacomunity.org.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I'm thinking as we move forward, we might need some snazzy content to fill the time. PSA or something like that.

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: This might actually be a good idea. A good time to have the -- a short, 30-second

video on how to define and submit Communities of Interest testimony, as was suggested by somebody. Maybe it could just play occasionally so anybody who's watching can perhaps take some inspiration maybe for those who might not be sure.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Just a quick reminder, you know, we can hear and see everything that's going on now, so just a thought.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: As we await additional testimony, I'd love to just also acknowledge that June is Pride Month, and we had an awesome panel some time ago on LGBTQ issues as they relate to redistricting. But certainly, we look forward to hearing additional testimony from LGBTQ communities as we move forward in this process.

CHAIR AHMAD: Just a friendly reminder for those listening, if you would like to submit your communities of interest input via this live meeting, you may do so now. Give us a call. Otherwise, you can also submit via our many different avenues, including our communities of interest input tool that can be found at drawmycacomunity.org.

A reminder for my colleagues that this time block, from 4:00 to 5:30, have eighteen appointment slots. Ten of those eighteen were booked, and we are still waiting on a

few folks who had booked appointments for this time slot.

While we wait for our friends to call in, our fellow Californians to give us a call, we can play a video about the COI tool.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. And again, I would like to remind those calling in pressing star, nine will raise your hand, indicating you wish to comment. And we do have a caller here.

Hello.

CALLER 41: Hello.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Hi. You -- your caller number will be 41.

CALLER 41: Okay.

COMMENT MODERATOR: If you could make note of that. And if you plan to make comment on a community of interest, please make it known what the -- what you would like the mapper to pull up. Otherwise, the floor is yours.

CALLER 41: Okay. I'm sorry. I missed a part of what you said. I would like what --

COMMENT MODERATOR: If you would like --

CALLER 41: -- the mappers to do what?

COMMENT MODERATOR: If you would like --

CALLER 41: Yeah.

COMMENT MODERATOR: -- the mapper to pull up a

specific area just let them know what you would like them to pull up.

CALLER 41: Oh. Great. Okay. Thank you so much.

COMMENT MODERATOR: You're welcome. And your time has started. Go ahead.

CALLER 41: Oh. Thank you. Hi. My name is Sharon Weisman. I live in Long Beach, and that is the area I'm interested in speaking about today. I have lived in Long Beach since 1975, and I really want to speak in support of keeping Long Beach all in one congressional district; one assembly district, if that's possible with the size; and certainly in one state senate district.

You know, living in Long Beach, we often describe ourselves as the biggest small town in America. At least I do. And it's because we really have a sense of community in Long Beach, even though we're almost half-a-million people, we really just feel like we live in a community, even though -- I mean -- there are separate neighborhoods. But we really do feel like Long Beach is a -- is a community.

And I think that in order for someone to represent us well in congress and the assembly and the state senate, they really need to understand our city. And so obviously, it would be ideal to have those representatives live in Long Beach. It has often been

the case that our senator may not live in Long Beach; although they do right now.

So we have been kept largely intact. I know the last two -- two rounds, and we in Long Beach are very appreciative of that. So we just encourage you, in your considerations, to think of Long Beach as a community of interest and to keep us all in the same districts.

And I thank you so much for allowing me the time to talk. Thank you.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And we do have another caller with a hand raised. I would like to remind those calling in to press star, nine to raise their hand, indicating they wish to comment. Caller 4673, if you could follow the prompt that you're hearing on your phone. Caller 4673. Last four digits of your phone number of 4673, please follow the prompt that Zoom is giving you to press star, six.

Thank you.

CALLER 42: Can you hear me?

COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, I can hear you now.

CALLER 42: Can you hear me now?

COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, I can hear you now.

CALLER 42: All right.

COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Please let --

CALLER 42: All right. Thank you so much.



COMMENT MODERATOR: You are welcome. You will be speaker number 42. Please let the mapper know if there's an area you would like to bring up. You have three minutes; the floor is yours. Go ahead.

CALLER 42: Yes. I'm a resident of San Francisco. My name is Scott. And I want to speak against the possibility of San Francisco and Marin County being in the same district. And I just want to say that San Francisco has a very unique community in its diversity of people in terms of the LGBTQ community is -- has a very significant presence in San Francisco. It has a rich history, it was the first city to authorize same-sex marriages and domestic partner benefits, and San Francisco is also one of the most integrated cities in California; while Marin County has some of the most segregated cities in the state.

And in fact, there is at least twenty-eight different languages spoken in San Francisco. So that really just speaks to the level of diversity that we have in the city. And also in terms of housing, Marin County is very suburban. It's high levels of home ownership and rural housing while San Francisco is very urban and very dense. Compared to Marin, San Francisco has three times as many housing units. Marin has only 500 people per square mile, while San Francisco has nearly 19,000 people

per square mile. And that population density of San Francisco is thirty-eight times higher than Marin.

In San Francisco, nearly seventy percent of the housing stock is multi-family units. And in comparison, less than thirty percent of Marin units are more than one unit. And the majority of Marin residents are homeowners, while most San Franciscos are renters -- San Franciscans are renters. Excuse me.

And so yeah. That's basically all I want to say. San Francisco, again, is a very unique place to live and it deserves its own district and representation. Thank you.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. And our next caller with their hand raised -- I would like to remind those in the queue to press star, nine to raise your hand, indicating you wish to comment. Star, nine will raise your hand.

All right.

CALLER 43: Hi. Can you hear me?

COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can. Your speaker number will be number 43. Please make note of that for future record. And please mention to the mapper anything you might want brought up. Otherwise, the floor is yours. Go ahead for three minutes.

CALLER 43: Thank you. Hi. My name is Amy



Gisgunsic (ph.), and I represent the Los Feliz Improvement Association. And I would like to make comments in support of our neighborhood, which is Los Feliz, not being split into any district. We're currently split into two different senate districts and it's very awkward for us because we're definitely a distinct neighborhood.

So we -- if the mapper can find it, we're in Los Angeles. We're a neighborhood in Los Angeles. And we're really defined by our proximity to Griffith Park on the East side of Los Angeles. We're -- Griffith Park is our northern boundary, and then our eastern boundary is the Los Angeles River.

So we're a very specific neighborhood. We have a neighborhood association. We also have a neighborhood council as part of the Los Angeles government dedicated to Los Philos. So having the neighborhood split between -- specifically right now its senate district creates just some -- some awkward issues for us.

We're not large enough to be a district by ourselves, so we would be grouped in with other neighborhoods in the area; which potentially could be Silverlake neighborhood, or Hollywood, or up into the Burbank area. But again, I think it would serve our community best if we were not split through the middle of

the neighborhood for any district.

Thank you.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. And again, as a reminder for those in the queue, star, nine will raise your hand, indicating you wish to make a comment.

Alright, Chair. We do not have any more raised hands at this time. Oh. I spoke too soon. One more.

All right. You will be caller number 44. Your speaker number will be 44.

CALLER 44: Thank you. Can you hear me?

COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can. Please go ahead. The floor is yours.

CALLER 44: Hello. My name is Leroy Layba (ph.). I live in the city of Simi Valley. And I'm currently -- I've -- I've had some concerns that our district is sharing -- we're in Ventura County. The city of Simi Valley is in Ventura County and we're actually lumped in with Los Angeles County.

We've had a rich history of being a lifelong Venturian. I'd like to stay -- see if we could redistrict so we would stay entirely in Simi because the unique needs of both LA County and Ventura are -- they -- they're diametrically opposed in a lot of situations. So -- you know -- I don't know why we were separated from the rest of Ventura County and put in with Santa Clarita

County and LA County in the San Fernando Valley, which we have very little in common. But I'd like to say, if -- but I'd like us to be within -- with Thousand Oaks, Simi Valley, Moorpark, Camarillo. These are all people that have, basically, a lot of common denominators and they would be better served with them.

That's it. That's all I have.

COMMENT MODERATOR: And thank you so much. And again, as a reminder to those in the queue, star, nine will raise your hand, indicating you wish to comment. I'm sure if I defer to the chair a hand will pop up. Doesn't look like we have any hands at this time, Chair.

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Katy. We still have about fifteen minutes remaining before our mandatory break. So we'll continue to stand at ease, await additional callers. In the meantime, if you would like to find out additional information about our work, you can do so by finding all of our information online at our website at drawmy -- I'm sorry. Too many websites. That's the website to draw your map for the COI tool. That can be found at drawmycommunity.org. If you would like additional information about the commission, you can visit wedrawthelinesca.org.

Let's continue to stand at ease for another fifteen minutes to await our additional callers.

COMMENT MODERATOR: And we do have a raised hand,
Chair.

Hello.

CALLER 45: Hi.

COMMENT MODERATOR: You will be caller -- speaker
number 45. And please go ahead and share your comment.

CALLER 45: Hi. My name is Joseph Gercher (ph.).
I'm calling from Alameda County. It would be nice to be
able to join this as a Zoom meeting, which more people
are familiar with than the live video stream.

Anyway, I'm speaking in -- in -- for keeping the
cities of Union City, Newark, and Fremont all together in
a census -- or in a assembly district, in a congressional
district, and in a senate district. This is the so-
called Fremont Union City Newark Area of Alameda County.
It's usually divided up in some way. However, it's a
pretty unique area because it's extraordinarily diverse.
It's actually a majority of Asian folks. So it's a so-
called majority-minority region. And of the people who
are the Asian majority, half -- a majority of them are
not American citizens by birth. So it's highly
immigrant.

And because it's at the very bottom of Alameda
County, it tends to receive not so much tension from the
county supervisors, and consequently from the other

elected representatives and the legislature and in congress. So we get divided up a lot.

It's a bedroom community for San Jose. If anything, it should be connected to San Jose and not the rest of Alameda County. And it's a group of very highly educated people. Many of them, as I say, educated overseas. They came to the United States for a better life and they found it in this area. And so we'd like to have that represented.

I'm not an Asian person myself, but I've always felt that this area deserves some kind of representation. I think maybe because they're not -- a lot of the people aren't raised here; they don't participate in American politics to the extent that they -- they could.

Thank so much for allowing me to call in.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And that was our only caller with their hand raised at this time.

CHAIR AHMAD: Katy, I see a hand.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes. Yes. Thank you, Isra.

One moment on that.

I apologize. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR AHMAD: No apologies necessary.

(Pause)

COMMENT MODERATOR: And we do have another raised hand. Oh. Wait. Hold on one second. And you will be

caller number 46. Please let the mapper know what area you'll be speaking about. The floor is yours.

CALLER 46: Okay. Hi. Am I on, now, or?

COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh. Yes. Please, go ahead.

CALLER 46: Okay. Well, I just spoke to you, and since nobody else is, I -- I'm going to take this opportunity to continue addressing the commission.

I'd like to plug for the Hispanic community of Alameda County. This begins south of downtown Oakland. It goes through some of the rather unsavory parts of the city; no fault of the community. But they're not wealthy folks. And then it extends down through what's called the unincorporated areas of Alameda County; Ashland, Cherryland, and then into Hayward.

So at the present time, this community is divided between two congressional districts. And I think it -- it really doesn't receive the attention that it deserves because of its strong Hispanic immigrant community. And so what usually -- it happens when lines are drawn is that Oakland is viewed as a -- as a minority city for black people, and Hayward is just part of the rest of Alameda County that's put into, at present time, a different congressional district. Whereas in fact, it's really the heart of the new -- what -- the area I described is really the heart of the New-Asian emerging

community in Alameda County, and I think that deserves recognition; instead of continuing to draw lines that give prime -- primacy to Oakland in the North and the Hayward area in the South.

So you're going to have to take --

CHAIR AHMAD: Can I ask --

CALLER 46: -- a look at that in the South? I know you have demographics -- demographers who can check into this. Yes, ma'am?

CHAIR AHMAD: May I ask a clarifying question?

CALLER 46: Yes.

CHAIR AHMAD: Would you please describe South where in Oakland. If you could identify the street, that would be helpful for our mappers.

CALLER 46: There's -- there's four neighborhood -- so-called residential neighborhoods. San Antonio, and then Fruitvale, and what's called Central-East Oakland, and then Elm Hurst Residential District. Now, these are comprised of many neighborhoods, but I've named the main residential districts in Oakland. I think there's about a dozen or so. And that's the ones that I'm talking about.

So it -- it basically follows interstate 5-80 -- or 8-80 South from downtown Oakland to the -- to the border of the city that's call San Leandro. But then it jump --

the Hispanic community jumps over that and continues into Hayward. And -- and it's really just a shame that this community is divided up. The top half right now is one congressional district, the bottom half is another. And I think that -- that really makes it hard for them to obtain representation. Again, because it's probably heavily immigrant.

Does that clarify the --

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you so much.

CALLER 46: Yeah. The picture -- yeah. The picture you've shown is -- is really (indiscernible, simultaneous speech) --

COMMENT MODERATOR: We're at time, Chair.

CALLER 46: -- it -- okay. I -- my time's up.

That's good.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. And that was our last hand at this time.

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Katy. We have about five minutes until our mandatory break. So we will continue to stand at ease to allow time for those who have made an appointment during this time slot. And I see folks are jumping in the queue.

Katy, can we open the line for the two callers in the queue?

COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair. I will --

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you.

COMMENT MODERATOR: -- do that. We will go with 010, they were caller 6 from this morning. I will be promoting them.

Caller 010, caller 6, speaker 6, you are now able to enable your video and audio. You have been promoted. Please remind the mapper of what area you are calling about. And the floor is yours. You have to unmute yourself, please. The floor is yours, ma'am.

CALLER 6: Oh. I'm so sorry. I apologize. My name is Linda Fihee (ph.) and I live in Brea. And I want to speak on behalf of -- of a separation in the 39th District. Brea is aligned more with the 57 Freeway. It's our main corridor. Yorba Linda and Placentia have their -- or in -- within our district, and they have their own school board, their own water district. They're aligned with the 55 and the 91. They border them.

And we have more alignment and more transportation, more commerce, between Brea, Fullerton, Buena Park, and La Habra. And I just want to have us unique from the -- the part of the county that -- what -- Yorba Linda and Placentia are more aligned with, which is Anaheim Hills, Phila Park, and the foothill communities in that area. That's all I have to say.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

CALLER: Thank you.

COMMENT MODERATOR: And that was all our callers at this time.

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: All right. We are right up against 5:30. So we will be taking our mandatory 15-minute break and meet back here at 5:45, where we will continue with Commissioner Yee. Thanks, everyone.

(Whereupon, a recess was held from 5:30 p.m. until 5:45 p.m.)

CHAIR YEE: Welcome back to the June 10th California Citizens Redistricting Commission Communities of Interest Input Meeting. This is the segment of our meeting when we will take input from those who do not have an appointment, and so you do not need an appointment; you do not need to register. Just follow the instructions on the live stream page, and you can give your input.

When you give your input, you will not be able to share your screen; however, our staff will display a map. They'll zoom in quickly to whatever region or place you are describing, and you can proceed from there.

The comments are limited to three minutes. We will mute mics at three minutes, unless it's absolutely clear you're on your last two words or so, just to be fair to everyone. So we're not trying to be rude, but we're

trying to limit all comments to three minutes.

So this will be the time for non-appointment public input submissions, and you're free to call at any time.

COMMENT MODERATOR: All right, Chair. We do have a caller with their hand raised.

I would like to remind those calling in that pressing star 9 will raise your hand, indicating you wish to comment. And it will tell me to call on you.

All right, Caller 0112, you are -- your speaker number will be 46 if you will make note of that. And then if you will let the mapper know what area you would like to speak about, and you have three minutes. The floor is yours; please go ahead.

CALLER 46: Yes, hello; can you hear me?

COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can.

CALLER 46: Perfect, yes. Hi, yes. My name is Luz Molina (ph.), and I live in National City, California, in San Diego County. The zip code is 91950.

The boundaries of National City include Division Street to the north, the State Highway 54 on the south, and then the Pacific Ocean on the west. The line on the east is a little zig-zaggy, so I -- I don't know the names of those streets, but I urge you to keep National City intact. I've been a resident of National City since I was a little girl. Right now, most of National City is

covered by two assembly districts; this is Assembly District 80, and a small portion is covered by Assembly District 79.

I would like to see all of the 91950 ZIP code fall under one assembly district, and because it is the biggest portion, I would like for it to go to Assembly District 80. This will help to reduce confusion about who represents National City at the California State Assembly.

And that concludes my comment. Thank you for your -- for considering my request.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

And we do have another caller with their hand raised, and I would remind those in the queue to press star 9 to raise their hand, indicating they wish to comment.

And there's --

CALLER 47: Hi -- oh.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Hi. Just real quick, your speaker number is number 47, and if you could just make note of that.

CALLER 47: Okay.

COMMENT MODERATOR: And now the floor is yours.

CALLER 47: Thank you. My name is Henry, and I'm a resident of Monterey Park in Zone H of LA County.



I appreciate that the CDRC recognizes that our large population requires more public input, and additional (indiscernible) hearings have been assigned to LA County. We'd like to offer and ask that the CDRC hold one of its LA County meetings in the San Gabriel Valley, where I live. We have a large bilingual Spanish, Mandarin, Cantonese-speaking population. I hear that the August 15th meeting is the most appropriate date to hold such a meeting in the San Gabriel Valley, so I hope that you'll consider doing that. Thank you.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

And again, I'd like to remind those in the queue to raise their hand, indicating they wish to comment. We do have one more raised hand. Star 9 will raise your hand, indicating you wish to comment.

And go ahead, the floor is yours, and you are -- your speaker number is 48; please make note of that for a later time.

CALLER 48: Hello, yes; can you hear me?

COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can.

CALLER 48: Yes, good evening. My name is Andrew Kerr (ph.), and I am a current resident of Long Beach, California. I've lived in Long Beach my entire life, since 1970. Myself and my family are active, both physically and politically in our community, and I

volunteered for -- for decades on the issue of homelessness and affordable housing.

And I'm calling in this evening as a strong supporter of maintaining and improving upon the geographic integrity of the district boundaries for redistricting our political offices for the City of Long Beach.

I am very much in favor of keeping Long Beach together in a single congressional state assembly and state senate district. For many years now, we had been largely intact as a city in our elections, and that's been to, I think, the region's advantage, and for -- for many citizens, the State's advantage. But I remember the days before that when our city was broken up, and I think that was both unfair for the City of Long Beach and our residents, as well as the surrounding communities.

We are the -- the second largest city in the County of Los Angeles. I -- I think by dividing up our city, it pits us as a very large city against some of the smaller cities around us, and it's unfair to both us and to them. So I'm very much in support of making sure that our community remains the strong economic engine for -- for the State and the region, and to keep our robust community thriving.

So I ask the Commission to greatly consider keeping

Long Beach together when the final lines are drawn, and that -- that they are improved upon, and making sure that we're intact geographically as a city. Thank you so much.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

And again, for those in the queue, star 9 will raise your hand, indicating you wish to comment. Star 9 will raise your hand.

At this time, we do not have any raised hands. Star 9 will raise your hand, for those in the queue that have not commented as of yet.

CHAIR YEE: Public, I might mention that the caller numbers that we are assigning and making folks to make a note of is not only used for our own internal recordkeeping, but that will allow callers to reference their call, if they wish to submit follow-up comments, or clarifications, or additional map, or so forth, and we can match them up in our database, so that's why we're assigning caller numbers, since you are not required to give your name or identify yourself otherwise. We need some way of referencing your submission, so that's why we're using caller numbers.

Just as a reminder, as callers come to the front of the line and your time begins with three minutes; there is a timer displayed on the screen to help you keep track

of that. Our staff will call out when you're at 30 seconds, 15 seconds, and then --

COMMENT MODERATOR: Sorry, Chair. We had -- sorry. We had a caller coming through.

CHAIR YEE: Go right ahead.

COMMENT MODERATOR: We had a caller coming through; I apologize.

CHAIR YEE: Thank you.

COMMENT MODERATOR: I didn't realize you were still giving instructions.

Caller 89995, you will be caller number 49, if you will please make note of that. And please share your comment. Thank you.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Your time begins now.

CALLER 49: Hello, can you hear me?

COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can hear you. You're going to want to mute your live stream. If you're listening to live stream, go ahead and mute that.

CALLER 49: Okay. Off. It should be off. Is it off now? Okay.

COMMENT MODERATOR: There you go.

CALLER 49: Should I begin talking?

COMMENT MODERATOR: You can begin talking.

CALLER 49: Good evening. This is -- my name is Emily Dickson (ph.). I lived in LA County --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: If the caller could please mute the live stream audio, we will reset your time. Please reset -- please mute or turn off the live stream video.

CALLER 49: Okay.

CHAIR YEE: The live stream is delayed.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much.

CALLER 49: Okay, I'm --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Your time begins again now. Thank you.

CALLER 49: Thank you. My name is Emily Dickson. I live in LA County in the City of Inglewood. My zip code is 90305.

I'm very concerned about the traffic in Inglewood due to the new stadium that is -- has been built, and also the Forum traffic. We are seldom notified of when events and traffic can be quite horrid. I hope that they can come up with some type of policy or system where we are notified clearly in advance when there is an event, and routes that we can use to come in and out of our homes. At this time, we do not have that, and I expect it to get worse because there will be a Clippers stadium very shortly; they're building that. As an -- and as I said, we already have forum traffic.

So I'm hoping that street right now, we are

inundated with traffic due to so much construction in our -- our small city already, and I -- I only see it getting worse as these venues begin to open up. And that is my comment.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

I'd like to invite those who have not commented today to please raise your hand.

CHAIR YEE: At this point, we're asking that there be no repeat calls. So if someone has called in once already today, we ask you to simply listen in or submit your further testimony in writing or through our COI tool at DrawMyCACommunity.org. At this point, we will not be taking repeat calls.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, Chair. And we do have a caller that is new. And go ahead, the floor is yours. You will be caller 5-0, 50; please make note of that for your record, and please let the mappers know what area you'd like to speak about. Thank you.

CALLER 50: Hi, thank you. I'm calling to speak about the Sierra Cascades region.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Perfect. Go ahead; the floor is yours.

CALLER 50: All right. I am calling on behalf of the Sierra Nevada Alliance, our member groups, and our constituents throughout the Sierra and the Cascades. And

just wanted to, echoing what some folks have said earlier about the importance of representation in our region to recognize the natural resources that the Sierra and the Cascades provide for the rest of the state, as well as the natural beauty of this area that draws in so many visitors coming to recreate, coming to get solace from urban life, lots of folks who have chosen to become full-time residents recently in this area, and really value the natural spaces that this region provide.

In addition, it's very important that we keep in mind the climate deadline of 2030 and protect and create resiliency in these spaces that provide climate refugia, clean water, cool spaces from the heat, and just a lot of value to humans and ecosystems. And I will yield my time.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

And I'd like those -- to ask those who have called in and who have not made comment today to please press star 9 to raise their hand, if they would wish to make a comment today.

All right, and we have another caller here. Caller 5338, you will be speaker number 51, if you will please make note of that. And go ahead, the floor is yours; please let the mapper know what area you'd like to talk about.

CALLER 51: Hi, my name is Maria Stratchen (ph.). This is my first time attending this type of a meeting, and I look forward to attending more meetings and learning more.

No question, no topic, but just wanted to say thank you for having this meeting.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh, we appreciate you, too. Thank you so much.

And I would like to remind those in the queue that star 9 will raise your hand, for those of you who have not commented today. I look forward to all those comments.

For those who have not given comment in the queue, please press star 9. For those who have not given comment, please press star 9 to raise your hand.

Chair, we do not have any raised hands at this time.

CHAIR YEE: Thank you, Katy. We will wait a few more minutes.

So at this point, we're taking -- we're continuing to take public input on communities of interest, but we also now welcome public comment on any of the Commission's concerns or interests or activities that anyone would like to comment on so public input on communities of interest or public comment on any redistricting matter.

COMMENT MODERATOR: I'd like to ask those who have not commented to press star 9 to raise your hand, indicating you wish to comment.

CHAIR YEE: For my colleagues, I might mention that we did send out a fresh email blast just a few minutes ago, alerting people to the meeting right now that's taking place and an opportunity to call in.

For anyone just tuning in, we are taking public input on communities of interest, whether or not you have an appointment. You do not need to register; you can call in at this time. We are also taking public comment on any concern or matter related to the Commission.

COMMENT MODERATOR: And we do have another caller with their hand raised.

Caller 5566, you will be caller number 5-2. Please make note of that in your record. Please speak -- please say -- oh, man, I'm sorry, it's been a long day. Please share with the mapper what you would like to see. Thank you.

CALLER 52: Should I go ahead, or?

COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, you should.

CALLER 52: Okay. Hi. My name is Nina Jaconda (ph.). I live in redistricting area C in the City of Sunnyvale, which is Santa Clara County. And my friends live in the cities of Cupertino, Sunnyvale, Santa Clara,

Milpitas, and Fremont, and we share common values and ideas in terms of education.

As a parent volunteer for Educaide, I realize that our schools are not funded as well as other school districts. So it is important to have companies work with our elected officials, such as like the rest are represented, so we can support our kids in pursuing their dreams in science and technology. Thank you.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. That was --

CALLER 52: Thank you.

COMMENT MODERATOR: And that was our only caller with their hand raised at this time. I would like to remind those who have not commented today to please press star 9 to raise your hand, indicating you wish to comment.

CHAIR YEE: Our next public input meeting will be on Saturday, June 19th. That will also be a statewide meeting. It's scheduled to go -- to start at 9 a.m. Appointments are available for that meeting, as they were for today's meeting. Translation is available with five-day notice, if you need translation help for submitting your input, so that will be the next public input meeting, Saturday, June 19th, starting at 9 a.m.

We're continuing to take any calls for public input on communities of interest, as well as public comment on

any Commission matter. We'll wait a bit more, just to give folks a chance. We take public comment at all our meetings and so this is certainly not the only opportunity. We're also always reachable by email or phone, and our staff is always ready to respond to any inquiries. And also, follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and subscribe to get regular updates of our book.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, Chair.

I would like to remind those in the queue who have not commented today, please press star 9 to raise your hand. Those who have not commented today, please press star 9 to raise your hand. Thank you so much.

We do have a caller. Caller 1926, your speaker number is going to be 52 (sic). Please make note of that. Please left the Commission -- or the mappers know what area would -- you would like to talk about. And go ahead, the floor is yours.

CALLER 53: I'm over here in the City of Pomona, which is in the 32nd, I believe, in the 52nd district.

Anyways, I was just calling up to find out how long are we going to be able to enjoy these public inputs with -- through Zoom and also dialing in? I'm finding this, you know, I'm excited just like everybody else as ever to participate in it, and I thank you for it. So

would you happen to know how long will this continue, the public hearings to resume?

CHAIR YEE: Thank you, Caller. At this point, we will be having these public input meetings throughout the summer. In terms of Zoom versus hybrid versus in-person, that's an open question. The governor has not yet clarified his intentions going forward as to whether the pandemic regulations will or will not continue, or in what form, so that's still an open question, but we certainly intend to make our work as accessible as possible, and so we do certainly realize that Zoom has made participation much easier for many people. At the same time, there's nothing like being in person, so.

CALLER 53: Thank you.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

I would like to remind those in the queue that have not commented today to please press star 9 to raise their hand to speak with us today about their community of interest. Thank you.

CHAIR YEE: And just to reiterate, at this point we will not be taking repeat callers. We realize that earlier today we were not entirely consistent about that, but at this point, we're going to limit callers to one three-minute share today, so just to let you know.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, Chair. I appreciate



that.

CHAIR YEE: For anyone just tuning in, we are continuing to take public input on communities of interest. You do not need to have had an appointment or registered to submit your testimony. So please feel free to call in. We are also taking public comment on any Commission matter at this time.

We'll wait just a few more minutes, in case there are any callers.

COMMENT MODERATOR: I believe we have a fresh hand here. We do.

Caller 3969, you will be Caller 54, speaker order 54. Please share your comment.

CALLER 54: Okay, thank you. Unfortunately, I wasn't able to get onto this call earlier. I'm from the Palm Desert area in the Coachella Valley, and I was hoping to hear lots of good stuff, but I was late getting on, and then I had difficulty, could not get any voice from the video.

But I'm just very pleased that you're holding these meetings, and I'm sure since this is the very first one, that there will be many opportunities for us to be able to provide positive input to your committee.

And I also just want to make, on a personal note, a thank you for providing the American Sign Language

interpreters for the hearing -- the deaf and the hard of hearing, who frequently get missed in these -- these community service -- proposals and issues. So I thank you for that and I look forward to, as we go down the road, being able to provide something of a more positive input on your redistricting activities. Thank you very much.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And for those of you in the queue who have not commented today, please press star 9 to raise your hand, indicating you wish to comment.

Chair, we do not have any hands at this time.

CHAIR YEE: So if anyone is still in the queue and has not commented today, now is the time. If we don't have any more raised hands from people who have not commented today, we will wind things down here.

COMMENT MODERATOR: For those of you calling in at this time, please press star 9 to raise your hand. For those of you calling in at this time, if you would like to comment, please press star 9 to raise your hand.

Caller 7561, you will speak -- your speaker number will be 55. Please let the mapper know what area you'd like to talk about, and the floor is yours for three minutes. The floor is yours, 7561. That's --

CALLER 55: Hi. I'd like to speak about the

redistricting Commission.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Perfect. Please do so.

CALLER 55: My name is Melody Tine (ph.); I grew up in Rowland Heights. I have lived there pretty much my entire life. My family owns a business located in the City of Industry. And I recently just moved from Rowland Heights to Walnut; my child attends private school in Fullerton, and my story is pretty typical of someone who's grown up in the San Gabriel Valley. We live, work, and go to school along the nexus of the 60 and the 57 freeway, along with Fullerton and Colima Road nexus, Hacienda Heights, Rowland Heights, Walnut, Diamond Bar, La Habra, Fullerton, that whole area of interest.

Even though we're part of two different counties, Los Angeles and Orange, we're really one broader community. The common interest is (indiscernible) in culture. The Chinese and Korean cultures are strong in these areas -- oops, sorry -- are strong in these areas, and you can see that through all of the languages in the schools, supermarkets, restaurants, and by catering to these communities, we're also uniting our (indiscernible) of the 57 and 60 freeway interchange, which is one of the worst, I think, in the U.S.

As many have lobbied for federal funding to fix this freeway interchange for over a decade now, and we're

finally seeing progress, it would make sense that the communities impacted by the 57/60, and depending on it for live, work, and play would be kept in one legislative district. Thank you.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. I believe that was all of our new callers, new hands. Thank you so much.

CHAIR YEE: In defining a community of interest, certainly transportation and traffic concerns are among those things that are right there with other things that people have in common, so that's perfectly appropriate for -- the last caller, and I think you said all of our callers referenced the transportation concerns.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Perfect.

Caller 0129 has called back and raised their hand. Caller 0129, you will be caller number 57 as your speaker order number. Please let the mapper know what area of California you'd like to talk about.

CALLER 57: Hi, yes, good evening. My name is Jonathan Flores (ph.) and I'm calling regarding LA County and Orange County area. It's just a general public comment.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Perfect. Go ahead.

CALLER 57: Okay. Hi, good evening, Commissioners. My name is Jonathan Flores. I am a civic engagement

specialist at AltaMed Health Services. They're one of the largest federally qualified health centers where we work to eliminate disparities in healthcare access and outcomes by providing superior quality health and services for Latino, multi-ethnic, and underserved communities in Southern California.

AltaMed has been providing services for over 50 years, serving approximately 300,000 patients per year. We were borne out of the idea that access to affordable quality care should be universally available and this concept remains the core of our mission. At AltaMed, we also believe that civic engagement is the catalyst for change in health equity.

AltaMed's civic engagement efforts seek to empowers patients within Latin communities to participate in democratic process, and in so doing, ensuring their voices are heard in the redistricting process to ensure fair representation and distribution of resources.

Today, we want to encourage and reiterate to the Commission the importance of ensuring that the California redistricting process remain transparent and accessible to everyone to ensure that even the most vulnerable in our communities have a voice in the process and feel that their communities of interest are well-represented.

Lastly, we would also like to emphasize to the

Commission and the staff the importance of providing sufficient time for non-English speakers to request translation services prior to these upcoming communities of interest input meetings. In order to elevate and encourage participation among our non-English speaking community, we must ensure that the process is both accessible and inclusive.

AltaMed's redistricting priorities include ensuring that the process is fair, transparent, and includes community input, especially as it relates to communities surrounding AltaMed facilities, both in LA County and Orange County who are most -- who are often most impacted by social (indiscernible). Thank you very much and have a good evening.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And that is our last caller at this time. Put the -- that is a fresh caller with a fresh hand. Thank you so much.

CHAIR YEE: For the public, once again, we will have our next community of interest input meeting on Saturday, June 19th, starting at 9 a.m. It'll be identical to this meeting in format and intention. And we will not focus on any particular region but will be a statewide community of interest input meeting. They will follow throughout the summer, a series of such meetings, and you are welcome to call in and provide your input at any

meeting, even the meetings that are focused on a particular area, even though the majority of input probably will be from that area. So that meeting, you're still welcome to provide input on any area in the state at any meeting.

I'm going to give one last call out for any further calls for community of interest input or general public comment about any matter concerning the Commission.

Okay, well, unless there are any further callers, at this point, we've given almost a full hour to community of input submissions without an appointment, and we've given 45 minutes of that to general public comment about the Commission's work.

Unless there are any last-minute calls, I'd like to thank, first of all, our staff that did all the heavy lifting to get this first community of interest input meeting organized, a tremendous amount of work beforehand and during this meeting and it has gone very smoothly. Commissioner Ahmad and I are very grateful for all the excellent prep that made this all possible. Thank you to our ASL interpreters and our call-in staff, to Katy, who moderated the calls, which I am sure is much more complicated than it looks. She makes it look easy.

We look forward to the next, the second community of interest input meeting on Saturday, the 19th, and then a

whole series of meetings throughout the summer.

Please do look at our website, WeDrawTheLinesCA.org for all the information you could possibly want about our Commission, hopefully, including records of our past meetings, videos, archived handouts, and so forth. You can also get access to the (indiscernible) Commission, these records as well.

As always, we encourage you to submit community of interest testimony through our community of interest tool at DrawMyCACommunity.org, DrawMyCACommunity, all one word, dot org. And there, you can draw a map and describe your community and submit it, and that submission will have equal weight to all the testimony that we collected today.

Anything else from any of my colleagues that we should announce or share? Yes, Commissioner Turner?

COMMISSIONER TURNER: I wanted to say bravo, Commissioner Yee and Commissioner Ahmad. Great job.

CHAIR YEE: Thank you for trusting us with this debut of --

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Day one down, yes.

CHAIR YEE: Yes.

Okay, if there's nothing else, this meeting is adjourned.

(Whereupon, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.)



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