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Speaker 01 -- Mina Layba
Speaker 02 -- Olivia
Speaker 03 -- Laura Som
Speaker 04 -- Caller 003
Speaker 05 -- Dotty LeMieux
Speaker 06 -- Jennifer Jones
Speaker 07 -- Caller 2409
Speaker 08 -- Tamika Bridgewater
Speaker 09 -- Caller 1926
Speaker 10 -- Caller 8334
Speaker 11 -- Caller 0469
Speaker 12 -- Stuart Waldman
Speaker 13 -- Hayward Blake
Speaker 14 -- Randal Hernandez
Speaker 15 -- Iris Mann
Speaker 16 -- Alan
Speaker 17 -- Mark
Speaker 18 -- Amy Wong
Speaker 19 -- Caller 4663
Speaker 20 -- Caller 9927
Speaker 21 -- Mandeep Singh
Speaker 22 -- John H. Welborne
Speaker 23 -- Linda
Speaker 24 -- Caller 7456
Speaker 25 -- Ryan Senneff
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9:00 a.m.

3 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Good morning, everyone. Welcome
4 and thank you for tuning in to the California Citizens
5 Redistricting Commission Communities of Interest meeting
6 today. I am Commissioner Alicia Fernandez, and I will be
7 Cochairing today's meeting with Commissioner Ahmad.

8 And first we would like to call -- do a roll call.
9 Ravi, can you do roll call, please?

10 MR. SINGH: Yes, Commissioner.

11 Commissioner Ahmad?

12 CHAIR AHMAD: Here.

13 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Akutagawa?

14 Commissioner Andersen?

15 Commissioner Fernandez?

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Here.

17 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fornaciari?

18 Commissioner Kennedy?

19 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.

20 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Le Mons?

21 Commissioner Sadhwani?

22 Commissioner Sinay?

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Here.

24 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Taylor?

25 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Here.



1 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Toledo?

2 Commissioner Turner?

3 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Here.

4 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Vazquez?

5 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Here.

6 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Yee?

7 Chair, the roll call is complete.

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

9 With the recognition of Juneteenth as a federal
10 holiday, the Commission wanted to recognize this
11 historical moment in our nation's history. We are
12 honored to take part in this milestone in our nation's
13 growth and encourage all communities to remain civically
14 engaged by participating in California's redistricting
15 process.

16 I will start by sharing a little bit about the
17 Commission. Every 10 years, after the federal government
18 publishes updated census information, California must
19 redraw the boundaries of its Congressional, State Senate,
20 State Assembly, and State Board of Equalization districts
21 so that the districts correctly reflect the state's
22 population.

23 In 2008, California voters authorized the creation
24 of the Commission when they passed the Voters FIRST Act.
25 It authorized the Commission to draw the new district

1 lines for State Senate, State Assembly, and State Board
2 of Equalization districts. In 2010, the Congressional
3 Voters FIRST Act added the responsibility of drawing
4 Congressional districts to the Commission.

5 The 14-member Commission is made up of five
6 Republicans, five Democrats, and four not affiliated with
7 either of those two parties. The Commission must draw
8 the district lines in conformity with strict nonpartisan
9 rules designed to create districts of relatively equal
10 population that will provide fair representation for all
11 Californians.

12 When we receive census data, the Commission begins
13 drawing maps using six line-drawing criteria, as outlined
14 in the California Constitution. One of these is
15 minimizing the division of counties, cities,
16 neighborhoods, and communities of interest to the extent
17 possible.

18 We can obtain the city and county information from
19 those jurisdictions, but we need the neighborhood and
20 communities of interests' information from Californians
21 directly. That is why we have launched these Communities
22 of Interest input sessions to get that valuable
23 information from you directly. We encourage all
24 Californians to participate in this process.

25 If you would rather submit a community of interest



1 input over the internet, you can do so from our website,
2 or by visiting DrawMyCACommunity.org. Skip the line, go
3 online.

4 Now I will call on all Commissioners to introduce
5 themselves and to say hello. To see biographies for all
6 14 Commissioners, and for additional information, please
7 visit our website at WeDrawTheLinesCA.org. Please also
8 follow the California Citizens Redistricting Commission
9 on social media. You will find us on Facebook,
10 Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn, and YouTube at
11 WeDrawTheLinesCA. You will find a lot of useful
12 information about redistricting and updates from the
13 California Commission.

14 And we'll begin with Commissioner Ahmad.

15 CHAIR AHMAD: Hi, everyone. My name's Isra Ahmad,
16 and I'm so excited that you all are joining us today for
17 our Communities of Interest input session.

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And next we will go to -- I do not
19 believe we have Commissioner Akutagawa; are you here?
20 No. We'll go to Commissioner Andersen.

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Good morning, California.
22 My name's Jane Andersen, and it's an honor to be here
23 with you this morning, and I hope to hear from many
24 Californians today.

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fornaciari? I do not

1 believe he's here yet. We will --

2 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I am here.

3 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, you are here.

4 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes. Good morning,
5 California. Thanks for joining us today. I'm really
6 looking forward to hearing about your communities of
7 interest and, you know, what drives you with regard to
8 redistricting.

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Kennedy?

10 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Good morning, everyone. I'm
11 here from Morongo Valley, beautiful Joshua Tree gateway
12 community in rural San Bernardino County. Thanks for
13 joining us.

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And Commissioner Le Mons, I do not
15 believe is here yet. Commissioner Sadhwani?

16 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Good morning, California.
17 I'm very excited to be here today on this beautiful
18 Saturday in Southern California, looking forward to
19 hearing from folks across the State on this Juneteenth,
20 our newest federal holiday. Thank you so much.

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sinay?

22 COMMISSIONER SINAY: (In Spanish). Good morning,
23 California. We're so excited that you're here with us
24 today, and please tell us all about your communities.

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Taylor?

1 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Good morning, California.
2 Like my Commissioners, very excited to be here in these
3 historical moments. I encourage everyone to get and
4 remain civically engaged, and I look forward to,
5 anticipate, and want your public input. Thank you.

6 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Toledo?
7 Commissioner Turner?

8 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Good morning, everyone. We
9 welcome you on this glorious Saturday morning. I am
10 Trena Turner, here in the Central Valley heat, looking
11 forward to spending the day with you, hearing all about
12 your communities.

13 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And Commissioner Vazquez?

14 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Good morning, Californians.
15 This is Angela Vazquez. I am here calling in from Los
16 Angeles by way of the Inland Empire, where I grew up,
17 excited to hear from my fellow Californians today.

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And Commissioner Yee is not here
19 today. And I already introduced myself. (In Spanish).
20 Welcome and thank you for joining us today, Californians.

21 I will go over a few housekeeping rules. This
22 meeting is primarily for communities of interest
23 testimony. General public comment will take place at the
24 end of the meeting.

25 Today we are joined by our line drawing team,

1 HaystaqDNA and Q2 Data and Research, who will be
2 displaying a map of the area that attendees describe.
3 Please start with the area you would like to discuss and
4 be as specific as possible about the boundaries of where
5 your community is located. Attendees will not be able to
6 share their screen.

7 We are also joined by Katy, our comment moderator,
8 who will be introducing attendees when it's their turn to
9 speak. When you join the meeting, please use the raise
10 hand button at the bottom of your screen to enter the
11 queue. If you have registered for the time slot, we
12 encourage you to call in during your appointment time
13 slot.

14 When it is your turn to speak, Katy, our comment
15 moderator, will be identifying you by your assigned
16 unique ID number. You will be reconnected to the session
17 with the ability to enable your own video and/or audio.

18 The comment moderator will assign you a speaker
19 order number before you begin speaking, and please make a
20 note of this for future reference. You will be able to
21 use this number to identify your community of interest
22 testimony on our website at a future date.

23 The Commission will be enforcing a three-minute time
24 limit with a warning at 30 seconds and 15 seconds
25 remaining.

1 At the beginning of your input, you will see a map
2 on the screen. Please remind the mapper what area you
3 would like to see on the screen and be as specific as
4 possible about the boundaries of where your community is
5 located.

6 Registration is not required to participate in this
7 public input meeting. The public has the option of
8 calling in during this meeting to get in the queue to
9 speak. The call-in information and access code is listed
10 on the livestream.

11 Communities of interest tool, there are no clear
12 rules on how to define a community of interest. We have
13 identified ways for you to describe your community.
14 Begin with your county or city, mention the street names
15 and significant locations in your neighborhood to help us
16 identify the parameters of your community. What are your
17 shared interests? What brings you together? What is
18 important to your community? Are there nearby areas you
19 want to be in a district with? Are there nearby areas
20 you do not want to be in a district with? Why or why
21 not? Has your community come together to advocate for
22 important services, better schools, roads, or health
23 centers in your neighborhood?

24 Also, we invite you to use the communities of
25 interest tool to draw a map and describe your community



1 by visiting DrawMyCACommunity.org. Skip the line, go
2 online, submit your community of interest input today.

3 We will now begin the public input sessions, and I
4 will pass this over to Katy, our comment moderator. We
5 will start with the people who are registered, and then
6 open the phone lines, if there is time before the next
7 session.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Good morning. Welcome to
9 the public input session. Please raise your hand --
10 please use the raise hand button at the bottom of your
11 screen to enter the queue. When it is your turn to
12 speak, you will be identified by your assigned unique ID
13 number. You will be reconnected to the session with the
14 ability to enable your video and/or audio. You will then
15 be assigned a speaker order number. Before you begin
16 speaking, please make a note of your speaker order number
17 for future reference.

18 The Commission will be enforcing a three-minute time
19 limit, with a warning at 30 seconds and 15 seconds. At
20 the end of your public input, or at the end of your time,
21 you'll be reconnected in a listen and view only mode.

22 At the beginning of your input, please remind the
23 mapper what area you would like to see on the screen.

24 I will begin with 004, and in the queue up next, we
25 will have 008. So 004.

1 MS. LAYBA: Good morning, Commissioners. Good
2 morning, California.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Good --

4 MS. LAYBA: We are honored to be the --

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Real -- real quick. I'm
6 sorry, real quick. Your clock won't start, just one
7 second.

8 MS. LAYBA: Okay.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: If you could please make
10 note that your speaker order number is 01, and please
11 make sure to remind the mappers of the area you want to
12 see. And the floor is yours, ma'am.

13 MS. LAYBA: Will do. Thank you so much. I am
14 calling regarding map E, Thousand Oaks.

15 Good morning, Commissioners and California. Thank
16 you for allowing me to speak again. My name is Mina
17 Layba. I'm the Legislative Affairs Manager, officially
18 here on behalf the City of Thousand Oaks. The City of
19 Thousand Oaks is in Ventura County. We're between Los
20 Angeles and Santa Barbara Counties. I'm here to share
21 our community of interest.

22 We share a common interest within Ventura County in
23 diversity, socioeconomic levels, services, such as water
24 resources, air quality, and public safety services,
25 business, and agriculture. Ventura County has a strong

1 emphasis in biotechnology. Thousand Oaks is home to
2 Amgen, Takeda, Atara, Arcutis, and Capsida. We are proud
3 to be the in-season training facility for the Los Angeles
4 Rams, who wanted a quiet community away from an urbanized
5 setting to focus on training.

6 We are part of SOAR, Save Open Space Resources
7 initiative. Most cities in our counties require a vote
8 of the people before agricultural, land, or open space
9 areas can be rezoned for development. Thousand Oaks is
10 surrounded by open space, 15,000 acres of protected open
11 space.

12 COSCA, which is our joint partnership with the
13 Conejo Recreation and Partnership, owns and manages
14 approximately 12,000 acres in open space, and more than
15 150 miles of trails. Thousand Oaks open space even abuts
16 the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. We
17 are active supporters of wildlife preservation.

18 Unfortunately, due to our geography, vegetation, and
19 climate, Thousand Oaks is in a very high wildfire
20 severity zone, as with most Ventura County cities. As
21 you develop your maps, we ask that you consider the
22 uniqueness of Thousand Oaks, and we prefer current
23 mapping. We ask that you keep Thousand Oaks whole and
24 avoid integrating us with the City of Los Angeles.

25 Although we're part of the same Los Angeles-101

1 corridor, we are unlike the San Fernando Valley in
2 urbanization, terrain, density, and size. Thousand Oaks
3 is truly a community of interest in Ventura County. We
4 have the unique issues, and would like to continue
5 working with our Ventura County partners in common
6 solutions, especially for water --

7 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

8 MS. LAYBA: -- wildfire, and air quality. Thank
9 you, State of California. Thank you, Commissioners, for
10 all you do and your hard work. Have a good evening or
11 have a good morning.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

13 And up next, we have 008. I would like to ask those
14 that have a registered time, 001, to please raise their
15 hand if they would like to comment or get in line to make
16 comment. Okay, so right now we have 008, and then up
17 next will be 001. Right now we have 008, up next will be
18 001.

19 You have been promoted. You can now enable your
20 video and audio. Your speaker order number will be
21 number 2. Please remind the mapper of what area you
22 would like to see. 008, you can now enable your audio
23 and video in the lower left of your screen if you so
24 choose.

25 OLIVIA: Okay.



1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: There you go.

2 OLIVIA: Okay.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right.

4 OLIVIA: Hello. So please bring up the map of LA
5 County that includes the neighborhood of El Sereno, and
6 it's part of East Los Angeles.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I'd like to remind you
8 that your speaker order number is number 2. Please make
9 note of that. And your time begins now.

10 OLIVIA: Okay, thank you. El Sereno is in the City
11 of Los Angeles, just east of the City of Alhambra, and it
12 is in the area east of the 710 Freeway and north of the
13 10 Freeway.

14 My name's Olivia (ph.), and good morning to all of
15 you. I'm calling to ask that the Commission keep my
16 community whole, within the same lines as much as
17 possible. My city is in the 51st Assembly District, 24
18 Senate District, and 34th Congressional District.

19 Over the last 10 years, my community of El Sereno,
20 which has grown from being a primarily Latino community
21 to a diverse community ethnically, economically, and
22 educationally. It is because of these changes and
23 economic growth that I request that my community of El
24 Sereno remain within the current district lines.

25 We share a lot more in common with the Highland Park

1 and Eagle Rock areas to the north, both of whom have
2 experienced the same type of economic growth that we
3 have, and as a community, share more in common with than
4 any other communities to the south or east of us.

5 Thank you. I appreciate just being able to give my
6 input.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

8 Up next, we will have 001, and waiting in the queue
9 after that will be 003. Right now, we have 001, and up
10 next in the queue will be 003.

11 And 001, I would like to remind you that your
12 speaker order number will be number 3, if you'd please
13 make note of that. And you can now enable your video and
14 audio. Please remind the mapper of what area you would
15 like to see. And the floor is yours.

16 MS. SOM: Good morning, Commissioners. My name is
17 Laura Som. Would the mapper pull up the City of Los
18 Angeles for the City of Long Beach -- County Los Angeles,
19 Long Beach. Thank you.

20 Commissioner, my name is Laura Som. I'm a former
21 survivor of the Cambodian genocide. My people and I
22 immigrated to the City of Long Beach about 40 years ago
23 after the genocide happened in 1975 to 1979. Ever since
24 then, we have been thriving, and our community is a
25 community of interest and also the importance of this

1 community for us is where we meet our family. We have
2 contributed to the City of Long Beach economically, in
3 addition to adding to diverse community to the City of
4 Long Beach.

5 I'm here to ask that the Commissioner keep the City
6 of Long Beach together, intact, as much as possible.
7 Even after 40 years after the genocide, many Cambodians
8 from around the world would come to the City of Long
9 Beach so that they could find their family members that
10 they have missed, been missing, or scattered due to the
11 genocide in Cambodia.

12 In addition, I wanted to let you know that I'm the
13 executive director of the MAYE Center. And at the MAYE
14 Center's Community Healing Center, we provide services
15 for the City of Long Beach in terms of improving mental
16 health, in addition to sharing all the wonderful
17 techniques of holistic healing to improve the residents'
18 mental health and physical health as well.

19 And I think that's about it. And I just want to say
20 thank you so much for all the hard work that you are
21 doing, and I hope that you can, as much as possible, keep
22 my city intact, the City of Long Beach. Thank you so
23 much.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

25 So right now, we will have 003, and up next in the

1 queue we will have 005. So right now is 003, up next we
2 have 005.

3 And 003, your speaker order number is going to be
4 number 4. You can now enable your video and audio in the
5 lower left of your screen. And please remind the mapper
6 of what area you would like to see. And the floor is
7 yours.

8 SPEAKER 04: (In Spanish).

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: (In Spanish). And for the public,
10 we will have that translated into English. And I just
11 want to remind everyone that if you require interpreter
12 services, to please send -- submit a request to the
13 Commission five business days prior to a meeting. Thank
14 you.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

16 So right now in the queue, we will have 005, and up
17 next in the queue, we will have Caller 0565. So right
18 now will be 005, and up next will be 0565.

19 I'll be promoting them now. 005, your speaker order
20 number is number 5. You can now enable your video and
21 audio in the bottom left of your screen. Please remind
22 the mapper of what area you would like to see. And the
23 floor is yours.

24 MS. LEMIEUX: Thank you very much. My name is Dotty
25 LeMieux. The area I would like to see is Marin County.

1 Thank you.

2 I'm a resident of Marin County, have been for the
3 last 50 years. I'm an attorney and a campaign
4 consultant.

5 In 2011, a group of us appeared to testify at the
6 hearing held in Santa Rosa for the purpose of getting
7 Marin County away from San Francisco, as we previously
8 had been. We felt very strongly that Marin County should
9 be paired with Sonoma County and the other coastal
10 counties north, rather than sharing the same district as
11 San Francisco, which we don't have that much in common
12 with. We felt we were better served not crossing the
13 bridge and having representatives serve a contiguous
14 coastal area.

15 What we share in common with the rest of the coastal
16 area is obviously the coastline, large, rural food-
17 producing areas, the coastal mountain range, the 101
18 Freeway, which is the main artery from the Golden Gate
19 Bridge north, all the way to the Oregon border, and also
20 large areas of open space and federal National Park
21 Service land.

22 That change was made in 2011, and we have been in
23 the contiguous coastal region ever since then and feel
24 that we have been served well. I was a little alarmed to
25 see that your outreach zones have Marin County in an

1 outreach zone separated from those other counties and put
2 with San Francisco and the East Bay. And we hope that
3 doesn't signal that you are planning to move Marin County
4 back to an area that will cross bodies of water via
5 either the Golden Gate Bridge or the San Rafael-Richmond
6 Bridge.

7 So we would like very much to be put back into our
8 regular county, and I will be testifying at the hearing
9 of Zone C, where we are now, and hopefully will be put
10 back.

11 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

12 MS. LEMIEUX: We don't quite understand how this
13 happened, and if you could explain why these zones were
14 created and if that does signal that there's some change
15 in the works, that would be important to know.

16 MR. MANOFF: 15 seconds.

17 MS. LEMIEUX: And also it would be great if there
18 was a little more publicity on these hearings. I only
19 heard about it because I'm an activist and connected to
20 other people, but I haven't seen it publicized largely,
21 so if you could make sure that that happens. Thank you
22 very much.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Thank you so
24 much.

25 Up next we have Caller 065. And I'd like to remind

1 those in the queue, those calling in, star 9 will raise
2 your hand, indicating you wish to comment, and that is
3 the only instruction given at this time. But 0565 is who
4 we have right now, and as our -- oh, and up next, we will
5 have Caller 2409.

6 So right now will be Caller 0565, and up next will
7 be Caller 2409. And these are callers, so we will not be
8 promoting them. Let me ask them to unmute.

9 Hi, Caller 0565. Your speaker order number is going
10 to be number 6, if you could make note of that. And if
11 you could remind the mapper of what area you would like
12 to see. And the floor is yours.

13 MS. JONES: Hello?

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, hello. Did you hear
15 the instructions?

16 MS. JONES: Yes. Hi.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Your speaker order number
18 is number 6. And remind the mapper of what area you
19 would like to see, and the floor is yours.

20 MS. JONES: Can I see the area for Simi Valley,
21 California? Simi Valley, California?

22 MR. MANOFF: Go ahead.

23 MS. JONES: Hi. My name is Jennifer Jones, and I
24 actually reside in Simi Valley, California. And I kind
25 of quickly looked at the most recent census numbers, and

1 it looks like the district that I am in for
2 Congressional, which is the 25th District, is likely to
3 be expanding. So from what I'm looking at, the expansion
4 would be kind of a natural to include all of Simi Valley.

5 We do have a little section of Simi Valley that is
6 currently in the 26th, Julia Brownley's District. And it
7 only makes sense to keep Simi Valley whole, to expand to
8 include the rest of Simi Valley into the 25th, since the
9 majority of Simi Valley is already in the 25th District.
10 And given just the numbers I'm looking at, looking at the
11 expansion, the natural progression, and also the dynamic
12 recently that I've looked at regarding the different
13 heritages here in Simi Valley.

14 So we are definitely growing, and we are definitely
15 being a lot more inclusive of a lot of different
16 minorities, and especially the 26th area, there is a
17 significant number of Hispanic minorities. So it would
18 only make logical sense to just include all of Simi
19 Valley, including that -- get rid of the 26th area and
20 just put it into the 25th area.

21 And that's just kind of my input. So thank you very
22 much for taking time to listen to me and have a good day.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
24 up next, we have Caller 2409, that's Caller 2409.

25 Caller 2409, you are now unmuted, and your speaker

1 order number is number 7. Please make note of that for
2 future reference to this testimony. And please remind
3 the mapper of what area you would like to see on the map.
4 And the floor is yours.

5 SPEAKER 07: Hi, good morning. May we see the map
6 for Long Beach?

7 MR. MANOFF: Go ahead.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Go ahead, the floor is
9 yours, ma'am.

10 SPEAKER 07: Hi, good morning. So I'm calling from
11 the City of Long Beach. I've lived here for over 54
12 years. And I'm calling on behalf of keeping support,
13 keeping Long Beach together in the Congress and State
14 districts. We currently have Congressman Lowenthal's
15 area and also Nanette Barragan. And we also -- I support
16 and organize one of the largest Latino community-based
17 organizations here in the City of Long Beach, where we
18 have almost 50 percent of our community represents
19 Latino, (indiscernible), Hispanic.

20 Separating areas would definitely be a hardship for
21 our community. We have, you know, one of the largest
22 Cambodian residents outside of Cambodia, and we have a
23 large Asian-Pacific Islander and African American
24 population.

25 So we are very much in support of keeping our city

1 together. So I would respectfully ask the Commission to
2 keep Long Beach together when drawing the lines. Thank
3 you so much.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

5 And we currently do not have anyone in the queue, so
6 I will defer to the Chair.

7 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Katy. We will stand at
8 ease for two minutes. And I just wanted to remind
9 everyone what our interpretation requests, what that
10 consists of, or the different ways that you can submit
11 requests for interpretation. And again, they must be
12 submitted at least five business days prior to the
13 meeting. You can submit your request via email to
14 interpreter.request@CRC.ca.gov on the communities of
15 interest meeting appointment form, or you can also call
16 us at (916) 323-0323.

17 (Pause)

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I'm going to go ahead and
19 read in our standard call-in instructions with the phone
20 number for the public.

21 In order to maximize transparency and public
22 participation in our process, the Commissioners will be
23 taking public comment by phone. To call in, dial the
24 telephone number provided on the livestream feed. It is
25 (877) 853-5247.

1 When prompted to enter the meeting ID number
2 provided on the livestream feed, it is 92599682165 for
3 this meeting.

4 When prompted to enter a participant ID, simply
5 press the pound key. Once you have dialed in, you will
6 be placed in a queue. To indicate you wish to comment,
7 please press star 9. This will raise your hand for the
8 moderator. When it is your turn to speak, you will hear
9 a message that says the host would like you to talk, and
10 to press star 6 to speak. If you would like to give your
11 name, please state and spell it for the record. You are
12 not required to provide your name to give public comment.

13 Please make sure to mute your computer or livestream
14 audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during your
15 call. Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for
16 when it is your turn to speak, and again, please turn
17 down the livestream volume.

18 And at this time, we do not have any callers in the
19 queue, and I will defer back to the Chair, and we will
20 keep the lines open.

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Katy. We will stand at
22 ease for another couple minutes, and then we'll go from
23 there. Thank you.

24 (Pause)

25 MR. MANOFF: And the instructions are complete on

1 the screen, Chair.

2 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Kristian.

3 (Pause)

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay, since we do not have any
5 callers at the time in the queue, we're going to take a
6 five-minute break and play a five-minute video.

7 (Whereupon, a recess was held)

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Welcome back, everyone. Katy, it
9 looks like we have some in the queue. Thank you.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair, and they have
11 raised their hand, is Caller 7205. Caller 7205, I will
12 enable you to talk at this time.

13 Hi, Caller 7205. Your speaker order number will be
14 number 8, if you will please make note of that in your
15 record. And please remind the mapper of what area you
16 would like to see. And the floor is yours.

17 7205, we can hear you.

18 MS. BRIDGEWATER: Hi, my name is Tamika Bridgewater
19 and I live in Simi Valley. And I don't know the -- I
20 couldn't get my computer to work, so I don't know the
21 specifics of the line, but the most natural thing in the
22 world for everyone in the area would be to add Moorpark
23 to District 25 because Simi Valley and Moorpark already
24 share so many organizations. Even, like, our Board of
25 Realtors is Simi Valley-Moorpark. And it would just be

1 just a natural progression.

2 The communities are very similar and a lot of people
3 that live in Simi know people that live in Moorpark, and
4 vice versa. We do business together. It would just be
5 the most natural thing in the world. It would be best
6 for the community because we're already kind of joined.
7 It would be very -- it would be very disjointed, you
8 know, for the lines to be drawn someplace else.

9 That's all.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

11 And up next, we have Caller 1926.

12 And I would like to remind those calling in, star 9
13 will raise their hand. We do have some in the queue,
14 Caller 8334, if you do wish to raise your hand, star 9
15 will do so for you. But right now, we have Caller 1926.

16 And Caller 1926, your speaker order number will be
17 number 9, if you could please make note of that. And
18 please remind the mapper what area of California you
19 would like to see. And the floor is yours.

20 Yes, we can hear you. Your speaker order number is
21 number 9. Hello?

22 SPEAKER 09: Yes, hello?

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, hello.

24 SPEAKER 09: Can you hear me?

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can hear you.



1 Your speaker order number is number 9. Please remind the
2 mapper what area you would like to see. And the floor is
3 yours.

4 SPEAKER 09: Okay, I'd like to see the map of --

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: If you could get a little
6 closer to your microphone, that would be great.

7 SPEAKER 09: Yes, I'd like to see the map that has
8 the City of Chino, and the Senatorial District would be
9 20. Can you hear me?

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can.

11 SPEAKER 09: Okay. So there's some Assembly
12 districts surrounding there, and also a Congressional
13 area. And when we redistricted the last time around,
14 what happened was that the City of Chino was cut in half.
15 You have Chino Hills now, and you have the City of Chino.
16 And both of those cities are highly conservative cities.
17 They oppose a lot of things, such as, you know,
18 affordable housing, things that have to do with crime,
19 and there's a lot of other issues. And the school
20 district, it tried to initiate parent (indiscernible).

21 So my opinion is -- is that I think that the City of
22 Chino and Chino Hills' votes being diluted because that
23 district is in more of a, kind of, a liberal or say, you
24 know, district, with the Senatorial District, with the
25 Assembly District in that area, and also with the

1 Congressional area.

2 So I think in order for them to have, you know,
3 choice of, you know, candidates that could address their
4 issues -- I listen to the City Council meetings all the
5 time; I live in Pomona. And you know, they have failed
6 recently to, you know, to get candidates, you know,
7 except for one, into the senators recently, you know.

8 But I think that incorporating the City of Chino
9 into maybe the eastern portions like Murrieta, Riverside,
10 and so -- such forth, would be a better choice for them
11 since, you know, those areas are also conservative like
12 Chino, whereas Pomona is, you know, completely opposite,
13 you know, and some of the areas of Fontana and so forth.

14 So those are my comments. Please take those into
15 consideration in reuniting Chino and Chino Hills again.
16 Again, last time they did Chino Hills was X'd out because
17 of some factors that came into play that, you know, some
18 of the candidates were more liberal, they didn't want
19 Chino into it because they were a powerful voting block,
20 you know, that stopped a lot. So that's my comments.
21 Thank you.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

23 Up next, we have Caller 8334, that's Caller 8334.

24 Yes, hello. Caller 8334, your speaker order number
25 will be number 10, if you will please make note of that



1 for your record. And please remind the mapper of what
2 area you would like to see today. And the floor is now
3 yours.

4 We can hear you.

5 SPEAKER 10: Hello, can you hear me?

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yeah -- yes, we can.

7 Your speaker order number is number 10, please make note
8 of that. Remind the mapper of what area you would like
9 to see. And the floor is yours.

10 SPEAKER 10: Is that right now, or --

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, right now.

12 SPEAKER 10: -- later -- okay. Right now.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: You are live right now.

14 SPEAKER 10: So I am looking at a map that was sent
15 to me by email, and I'm looking at District C, which
16 lumps Marin County with the East Bay and San Francisco.

17 I would like to assert, as I did 10 years ago for a
18 district that was coastal and includes Marin and the
19 coastal area. And my reasons are many. I mean, they're
20 socioeconomics, they're cultural. But I particularly
21 represent a group of people who practice equestrian
22 sports, and the culture of Marin and Sonoma are united in
23 this. We recently had a joint economic study done
24 between Marin and Sonoma on the economic impact of horse
25 keeping, and breeding, and training, and boarding, and

1 all of those activities that accompany it.

2 We don't have close alliances with San Francisco in
3 that area, nor do we have them with Alameda or Contra
4 Costa County, a little bit more with Contra Costa, but
5 really, Marin belongs in that coastal area that would
6 include Marin, Sonoma, Mendocino, and up north to the
7 Oregon border.

8 So please consider this in your efforts. It makes a
9 difference in land use for us. When we increasingly have
10 more interests that are aligned with urban development or
11 suburban development, we lose ground to other uses, such
12 as agricultural or horse keeping, or even recreation.
13 We've seen recreation areas lost to intensive
14 development. Thank you.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

16 I would like to remind those calling in that star 9
17 will raise your hand. Please use star 9 to raise your
18 hand. Thank you so much.

19 Caller 0469 will be right now. Caller 0469. Yes,
20 Caller 0469, your speaker order number will be number 11,
21 if you will please make note of that. If you will please
22 let the mapper know what area of California you would
23 like to see. Your time begins now.

24 SPEAKER 11: Hi, my name is Sahi Tamora (ph.), and
25 I'm calling from Stevenson Ranch, California. Can the

1 mapper open up that area, please? It's basically in
2 north Los Angeles County near Valencia and Santa Clarita
3 Valley.

4 MR. MANOFF: Go ahead.

5 SPEAKER 11: Okay. So Stevenson Ranch shares a lot
6 in common with Valencia and the rest of Santa Clarita
7 Valley, and City of Santa Clarita; they're right next to
8 each other. We share common concerns around
9 transportation, I-5 runs right through our area, and it's
10 the major artery for a lot of us to commute into Los
11 Angeles. We share common school district resources.

12 So we're a little bit north of where you are. Go a
13 little bit north on the map. Yeah, so that area right
14 there, that little red spot that you see -- if you zoom
15 in a little bit? Right.

16 So we basically are right next to Santa Clarita
17 Valley. We share, you know, common transportation. We
18 have similar concerns around transportation, water
19 supply. We also have school districts that feed into
20 each other and we share those resources as well.

21 So I would recommend to this board to keep Stevenson
22 Ranch part of the Santa Clarita community as much as
23 possible. And that's basically all I have to say. And
24 we are a very diverse community, and getting more diverse
25 by the day, as more and more folks come to our area for

1 more affordable housing and better quality of life.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And thank you so much.

3 And at this time, we do not have anyone else in the
4 queue. I will defer to the Chair.

5 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you, Katy. Can you
6 please read the call-in instructions again?

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I'll gladly do that.

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9 participation in our process, the Commissioners will be
10 taking public comment by phone. To call in, dial the
11 telephone number provided on the livestream feed. It is
12 (877) 853-5247.

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14 provided on the livestream feed, it is 92599682165 for
15 this meeting.

16 When prompted to enter a participant ID, simply
17 press the pound key. Once you're dialed in, you will be
18 placed in a queue. To indicate you wish to comment,
19 please press star 9. This will raise your hand for the
20 moderator. When it is your turn to speak, you will hear
21 a message that says the host would like you to talk, and
22 to press star 6 to speak. If you would like to give your
23 name, please state and spell it for the record. You are
24 not required to provide your name to give public comment.

25 Please make sure to mute your computer or livestream

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

5 We do have someone in the queue, but they are not a
6 caller, they're a registered participant. 002 has joined
7 us. Just one moment. I will be promoting them. That is
8 002. Thank you so much.

9 Hi. You are now able to enable your audio and video
10 in the lower left of your screen. Your speaker order
11 number will be number 12, if you will please make note of
12 that. And if you will please remind the mapper of what
13 area you would like to see. The floor is yours, sir.

14 MR. WALDMAN: Am I -- I'm on?

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, you are.

16 MR. WALDMAN: Oh, sorry about that.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: That's okay.

18 MR. WALDMAN: Hi, my name is Stuart Waldman. I'm
19 president of the Valley Industry and Commerce Association
20 in the San Fernando Valley. So if the mapper can pull up
21 the San Fernando Valley portion of Los Angeles, that
22 would be fantastic. Awesome.

23 So when you're looking at this map, you will see
24 that the major lines that you're noticing are our
25 freeways, but there's so much more to the San Fernando

1 Valley.

2 On the northern portion, we have mountains. On the
3 western portion, we have mountains. And on the southern
4 portion, we have mountains as well. But on top of that,
5 we are -- all of the blue that you're seeing is the City
6 of Los Angeles, but in the bottom left corner, you will
7 see the City of Calabasas, you will see in pink the City
8 of San Fernando, and over to the right, you will see
9 Burbank and Glendale. Those are cities that are legally
10 defined cities. But the rest of the blue is the City of
11 Los Angeles.

12 Now, one thing that the San Fernando Valley has that
13 is unique is we have communities. And these are legally
14 defined communities by the City of Los Angeles, and I'm
15 actually going to show you the map I have, that shows --
16 so I live in the community of Van Nuys. It's like a
17 city, but it's a legally defined community.

18 We are asking that when you draw the lines, that
19 your mappers get the lines from the City of LA and
20 respect those lines, and we ask -- this happened last
21 time, and we appreciate that, but that those communities
22 are kept whole.

23 Historically, the San Fernando Valley has been cut
24 up. In fact, on your map, you can't really see it, but
25 at the bottom of my map, you should be able to see that

1 it is Mulholland Drive. We ask that no district be cut
2 over towards Mulholland Drive. Anytime that we've had
3 districts that have gone over there, we have not been
4 represented.

5 Now, the numbers I have on my map, my background,
6 are from 10 years ago, so our population is about 2
7 million now, but we have grown. And we are a separate
8 community from Los Angeles. We share the same heat
9 problems, we share the same water problems, we share the
10 same traffic problems in the San Fernando Valley, but we
11 don't with the rest of the City of Los Angeles.

12 So we respectfully ask that when you are drawing
13 lines --

14 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

15 MR. WALDMAN: -- through the San -- thank you --
16 that include the San Fernando Valley communities, that
17 one, you keep those communities whole; two, you also
18 ensure that the districts are either a majority San
19 Fernando Valley or wholly contained in the Valley.

20 In this last redistricting, everything --

21 MR. MANOFF: 15 seconds.

22 MR. WALDMAN: -- went pretty well. In the previous
23 redistricting, the San Fernando Valley had always been
24 cut up. We were represented by people who did not live
25 in our San Fernando Valley, didn't shop our streets,

1 didn't share our --

2 MR. MANOFF: Time.

3 MR. WALDMAN: Thank you so much.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

5 And at this time, I will defer back to our Chair, as
6 our queue is now empty, and our instructions have been
7 read.

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Katy. We will stand at
9 ease for two minutes, for a couple minutes.

10 And I just wanted to remind everyone of our upcoming
11 meetings, Community of Interest input meetings. We have
12 a meeting on Monday, June 29th. It's concentrated
13 towards Zone D, which is the El Dorado, Nevada, Placer,
14 Sacramento, Sierra, Sutter, Yolo, and Yuba Counties. Of
15 course, it's virtual, so anyone can call in throughout
16 the state.

17 And we have another meeting on Thursday, June 24th,
18 that would be Zone I, which is our Riverside and San
19 Bernardino counties.

20 And then on Saturday, we have a Zone H meeting,
21 which is Los Angeles County.

22 We also have a business meeting on June 25th.

23 So if you're not able to call in today, we're hoping
24 you can join us at one of our future communities of
25 interest meetings.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, Chair. I do
2 have a short form of instructions, and I can remind the
3 public, if you don't mind?

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes, please.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. The
6 Commission will now take public comment by phone. To
7 give comment, please call (877) 853-5247. Please enter
8 the meeting ID number of 92599682165. Once you have
9 called in, please press star 9 to enter the comment
10 queue.

11 The full call-in instructions have been read and are
12 also provided on the livestream landing page. Thank you.

13 And there is no one in the queue at this time.

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Katy. We will wait a
15 couple minutes.

16 (Pause)

17 MR. MANOFF: The instructions are complete on the
18 stream, Chair.

19 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you. Because we
20 don't -- there is no one in the queue right now, what we
21 are going to do is we are going to take a break. We are
22 going to show our video, our long video, correct?

23 So Commissioners, please come back at 10:45, and at
24 that point, we will take the callers that are in the
25 queue, and also those that are registered for our session

1 number 2.

2 So thank you. Please come back at 10:45.

3 (Whereupon, a recess was held)

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Welcome back to the California
5 Citizens Redistricting Commission June 19th Communities
6 of Interest input meeting. We also encourage you to
7 visit the Communities of Interest tool to draw a map and
8 describe your community by visiting
9 DrawMyCACommunity.org.

10 I will pass this over to Katy, our comment
11 moderator, to continue with public input. We will start
12 with people who are registered, and then open the phone
13 lines, if there is time before the next session.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, Chair.

15 Welcome to the public input session. Please use the
16 raise hand button at the bottom of your screen to enter
17 the queue.

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

25 The Commission will be enforcing a three-minute time



1 limit, with a warning at 30 seconds and 15 seconds. At
2 the end of your public input, or at the end of your time,
3 you'll be reconnected in a listen and view only mode.

4 At the beginning of your input, please remind the
5 mapper what area you would like to see on the screen.

6 And right now, we have 006 in the queue, and that is
7 currently the only hand we have raised. So 006.

8 006, you can now enable your audio and video in the
9 lower left of your screen. Your speaker order number
10 will be number 13, if you could please make note of that.
11 Please remind the mapper of what area you would like to
12 see. And the floor is now yours.

13 MR. BLAKE: My name is Hayward Blake (ph.), and I'm
14 an Oakland denizen of many, many years, 82 years of age,
15 so I've been around a while.

16 My concern and pleasure is the way that the assembly
17 lines are laid out, the Council is a different matter. I
18 consider the areas from, say, Albany, El Cerrito, all the
19 way down through Oakland, into San Leandro, to be almost
20 a continuous mappable area in which sometimes the only
21 way you can tell what city you're in is by the color of
22 the street sign and the -- which I think is good, and
23 I've watched the ethnic, religious, political changes for
24 the last 70 years. And it's well-developed and it's a
25 good community.

1 We have our problems, obviously, and I don't think
2 that there should be any drastic changes District-wise,
3 or Assembly-wise, or Senate-wise, in this area.
4 Everybody seems to be comfortable with these districts.
5 And again, I stress the north-south nature.

6 The one -- the outlying districts that are really
7 different are not districts so much as geographic, such
8 as the Oakland Hills, stretching from San Leandro, all
9 the way through above Albany, which of course, is a very
10 dangerous, dangerous area. And -- good place to live,
11 it's ethnically mixed. It's really much more mixed in
12 democratic, I would say socially, in the last 25, 30
13 years. And massive changes are occurring. And I think
14 the districts support this.

15 That should do it for me.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

17 And I would like to remind those in the queue that
18 *9 will raise their hand. If you could please press star
19 9, that would raise your hand, indicating you wish to
20 comment.

21 And it's Caller 9471. If you wish to comment,
22 please press star 9.

23 At this time, Chair, there is no one with a
24 raised -- oh, too soon, here we go.

25 Caller 9471 will be up next. Caller 9471 will be up

1 next.

2 Hi, Caller 9471. Your speaker order number will be
3 number 14, if you will please make note of that. And
4 please let the mapper know what area you would like to
5 see. And the floor is now yours.

6 MR. HERNANDEZ: Well, good morning, everyone. My
7 name is Randal Hernandez, and I have lived and worked in
8 Long Beach for over 30 years, so I'm looking at LA County
9 and Long Beach specifically.

10 During that time, I've been very civically active in
11 a variety of community organizations. I was an appointee
12 of Mayor Robert Garcia's to the Economic Development
13 Commission. I am the past Chief of Staff to former Long
14 Beach Mayor, Beverly O'Neill, and served on LA County's
15 Redistricting Committee in the past. So I understand
16 well the complexities of the demographic and legal
17 requirements regarding establishing fair political
18 boundaries across the State, and I commend the Commission
19 for its work.

20 Today, I want to strongly recommend the Commission
21 respect the boundary of the City of Long Beach, and
22 ensure the City is nested within single Congressional and
23 State Legislative districts.

24 I recall vividly decades ago when the Redistricting
25 Commission split the City, nesting Congressional district

1 partially in Long Beach and half in Orange County, if you
2 can believe that. These boundaries dramatically lessened
3 our voice at the State and Federal level.

4 As the second largest city in LA County, Long Beach
5 reflects the demographic and economic diversity of the
6 state. I believe firmly that preserving the geographic
7 integrity of the City, the Commission will meet the
8 criteria outlined in the Voting Rights Act and strengthen
9 Long Beach's voice in Sacramento and Washington.

10 Commissioners, I respectfully ask that you keep Long
11 Beach together, consistent with recent redistricting
12 efforts, and I thank you very much for listening, and for
13 your work.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And thank you so much.

15 I will defer to the Chair at this time. There are
16 no callers or registered public.

17 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Katy.

18 Just a reminder to visit our website at
19 WeDrawTheLinesCA.org. Sign up for our emails to learn
20 more about Commission meetings, updates, and
21 announcements. Please connect with us on social media.
22 We are on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn, and
23 YouTube at WeDrawTheLinesCA.

24 There are numerous ways to provide public input to
25 the Commission. Community of Interest public input

1 meetings are taking place throughout the summer. Visit
2 WeDrawTheLinesCA.org for more information.

3 You can also go to our Communities of Interest
4 mapping tool at DrawMyCACommunity.org. The online
5 Communities of Interest tool is available in English,
6 Spanish, simplified Chinese, traditional Chinese,
7 Vietnamese, Tagalog, Korean, Armenian, Farsi, Arabic,
8 Russian, Japanese, Punjabi, Khmer, Hmong, and Thai.
9 Tutorials are also available in those languages.

10 We will stand at ease for a couple -- a few more
11 minutes.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Chair, would you like me
13 to read the call-in instructions at this time?

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes, please. Thank you, Katy.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: No problem.

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17 participation in our process, the Commissioners will be
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8 audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during your
9 call. Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for
10 when it is your turn to speak, and again, please turn
11 down the livestream volume.

12 And at this time, we do not have anyone in the
13 queue.

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Katy. We will wait a
15 few more minutes.

16 (Pause)

17 MR. MANOFF: And the instructions are complete on
18 the stream, Chair. Thank you.

19 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Since we do not have any callers
20 in the queue, we are going to take a five-minute break
21 and go to video. Thank you.

22 (Whereupon, a recess was held)

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Welcome back, everyone. We will
24 be taking public input.

25 Katy, it looks like we have someone in the queue?

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair, we do.

2 Caller 2829, thank you for your patience, hello, lost my
3 notes. Caller 2829, you will be caller -- your speaker
4 ID number will be number 15. Please let the mapper know
5 what area you would like to speak about. And the floor
6 is yours.

7 Caller 2829, the floor is now yours. Well, thank
8 you, Caller 2829 is no longer with us, and the queue is
9 empty. I will defer to the Chair.

10 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Katy. I just want to
11 remind everyone what our policy is regarding
12 interpretation requests. The request for interpretation
13 must be submitted at least five business days prior to
14 the meeting. You can submit your request via email to
15 interpreter.request@CRC.ca.gov on the COI meeting
16 appointment form or call us at (916) 323-0324.

17 And also for the caller that was in the queue, if
18 you got disconnected, please call us back.

19 And we will stand at ease for a few minutes.

20 Katy, can you reread the instructions again, please?
21 Thank you.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair. No problem.

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24 participation in our process, the Commissioners will be
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16 call. Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for
17 when it is your turn to speak, and again, please turn
18 down the livestream volume.

19 And we do not have anyone in the queue at this time,
20 Chair.

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Katy. We will stand at
22 ease for a couple of minutes.

23 (Pause)

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. We do not have any callers
25 in the queue, so we're going to take a 20-minute break,

1 and we'll show our video. So please come back in 20
2 minutes. Thank you. That would be 11:27. Thank you.

3 (Whereupon, a recess was held)

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Welcome back, everyone. And we
5 will continue with our public input. And so those --
6 Katy, can you read the instructions, and then we'll go
7 straight to the callers, please?

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Sure, would you like the
9 full instructions or the abbreviated at this time, Chair?

10 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Let's do the abbreviated for now.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay.

12 The Commission will take public comment by phone.
13 To give comment, please call (877) 853-5247, and enter
14 the meeting ID number, 92599682165, for this meeting.

15 Once you have dialed in, please press star 9 to
16 enter the comment queue. The full call-in instructions
17 are read at the beginning and throughout the meeting and
18 are posted on the livestream landing page.

19 And we do have a caller, it is Caller 3430. That is
20 Caller 3430.

21 Yes, Caller 3430, your speaker order number will be
22 number 15, if you will please make note of that. Please
23 let the mapper know what area you would like to speak
24 about. And the floor is yours.

25 MS. MANN: Hi, can you hear me?

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can. The floor
2 is yours.

3 MS. MANN: Hi. Okay. Hello, everyone. Thank you
4 all for your work and service on this really important
5 issue. My name is Iris Mann, and I'm a resident of
6 Diamond Bar, in the eastern part of Los Angeles County.

7 I'm calling in today to express my support to have
8 the communities of Walnut, Diamond Bar, Roland Heights,
9 Hacienda Heights, West Covina, and the Philips Ranch
10 Community of Pomona to all be in the same Federal and
11 State Legislative districts.

12 I call this the 60-freeway corridor. It's a major
13 transportation and jobs corridor for the area, with many
14 people using this freeway as the main transportation
15 avenue to and from their jobs along this corridor.

16 In addition to jobs and transportation, ethnically
17 these communities are diverse and should remain together.
18 The demographics of the -- these communities are one-
19 third AAPI and one-third Latino, when combined. These
20 ethnically diverse communities of the San Gabriel Valley
21 should remain together. They have more in common with
22 each other than the Orange County communities and are not
23 currently -- that they're currently bundled with in the
24 State and Federal Legislative districts.

25 I'd also like to state that while I live in Diamond

1 Bar, my neighborhood, and most of the northern part of
2 the city, is also part of Pomona Unified School District.
3 This includes the sharing of the theater schools with the
4 Phillips Ranch community of Pomona.

5 Phillips Ranch has many similarities to Diamond Bar.
6 Both communities are made up of mostly single-family
7 homes, they share similar demographics, and are connected
8 with the 60 Freeway corridor. Thus, Diamond Bar and the
9 other San Gabriel Valley cities should be in the same
10 district as Phillips Ranch and should include Cal Poly
11 Pomona, all the way up the 71 Freeway to the eastern
12 border.

13 Again, Diamond Bar, Phillips Ranch east to the 71
14 Freeway, Walnut, West Covina, Hacienda Heights, and
15 Roland Heights should all be in the same Legislative
16 district.

17 Thank you so much for listening. I appreciate it.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

19 And that was our only caller at this time, Chair.

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. We will stand at ease
21 for a couple of minutes.

22 (Pause)

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Katy, can you read the full
24 instructions again, please? Thank you.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair.

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2 participation in our process, the Commissioners will be
3 taking public comment by phone. To call in, dial the
4 telephone number provided on the livestream feed. It is
5 (877) 853-5247.

6 When prompted to enter the meeting ID number
7 provided on the live stream feed, it is 92599682165 for
8 this meeting.

9 When prompted to enter a participant ID, simply
10 press the pound key. Once you have dialed in, you'll be
11 placed in a queue. To indicate you wish to comment,
12 please press star 9. This will raise your hand for the
13 moderator. When it is your turn to speak, you will hear
14 a message that says the host would like you to talk, and
15 to press star 6 to speak. If you would like to give your
16 name, please state and spell it for the record. You are
17 not required to provide your name to give public comment.

18 Please make sure to mute your computer or livestream
19 audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during your
20 call. Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for
21 when it is your turn to speak, and again, please turn
22 down the livestream volume.

23 And at this time, we do not have anyone in the
24 queue, Chair.

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Katy.

1 I just want to remind everyone that we do have a
2 week full of meetings coming up, so there's other
3 opportunities for you to provide oral testimony.

4 We have a meeting on Monday, June 21st. It's geared
5 toward Zone D, which is El Dorado, Nevada, Placer,
6 Sacramento, Sierra, Sutter, Yolo, and Yuba Counties. And
7 that meeting is from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

8 We have another meeting on Thursday, Zone I, which
9 is Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. That's from 11
10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

11 On Saturday, we have -- June 26th, we have a Zone H,
12 Los Angeles County. That's from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

13 And we have a business meeting on Friday, June 25th,
14 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 a.m. (sic).

15 As a reminder, you do not need an appointment to
16 provide testimony, but if you do want to reserve an
17 appointment, please do so online at WeDrawTheLinesCA.org.
18 I'll do that again, WeDrawTheLinesCA.org. Thank you.

19 And it looks like we have a caller, Katy.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We do. And I would like
21 to remind those calling that star 9 will indicate they
22 would like to comment by raising their hand. If you
23 could please press star 9 to raise your hand.

24 Caller 7912, if you would like to make a public
25 comment at this time, please press star 9, indicating you

1 wish to comment. And we do have a raised hand from
2 Caller 7912, that is Caller 7912. I will be asking you
3 to unmute at this time.

4 And now, Caller 7912, if you could follow the prompt
5 of star 6. Thank you so much. You are now unmuted.
6 Your speaker order number will be 16. If you could
7 please remind the mappers of what area you would like to
8 see on the map. And the floor is now yours.

9 ALAN: Good morning, Commissioners. My name is Alan
10 (ph.). I'm a resident of Tulare County, and I would like
11 to see -- to keep Tulare County whole because we have a
12 strong agricultural interest. We are different than
13 Fresno and Kern County, and we want to have our own
14 representative.

15 Also, if you give the public a deadline, such as
16 telling us when draft maps will be available, you will
17 inspire all of us to get our communities together. Thank
18 you, Commissioners.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

20 And at this time, we do not have anyone else in the
21 queue.

22 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Katy.

23 I also want to remind the public that there are
24 numerous ways to provide input besides testimony at our
25 meetings. But if you do want to know when the next

1 meetings are or the upcoming meetings, please visit our
2 website, again, at WeDrawTheLinesCA.org for more
3 information. You can also avoid the line and go online
4 to our Communities of Interest mapping tool at
5 DrawMyCACommunity.org.

6 You can also go onto our website and click
7 DrawMyCACommunity icon, and that will take you straight
8 to our Communities of Interest mapping tool. You can
9 also send us your input by email at
10 VotersFirstAct@crc.ca.gov. You can also phone us at
11 (916) 323-0323. And you can also send your input by mail
12 to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission at
13 721 Capitol Mall, Suite 260, Sacramento, California
14 95814. Please make sure your voices are heard.

15 And we will stand at ease for a couple more minutes.
16 Thank you.

17 (Pause)

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: We still do not have any callers
19 in the queue, so we will be taking our lunch break early.
20 When we return from break, we will start with the people
21 that have appointment time slots, and then we will open
22 up the phone lines as needed. So please return from
23 lunch at 1 o'clock. Thank you and enjoy your lunch.

24 (Whereupon, a recess was held)

25 CHAIR AHMAD: Welcome back everyone to the

1 California Citizens Redistricting Commission Community of
2 Interest input meeting. I just wanted to go over a few
3 reminders for everyone before we start opening up the
4 phone lines and visiting our public inputters. You
5 please visit our website at draw -- or please visit the
6 COI input tool, which is another way for you to provide
7 your input and draw a map and describe your community,
8 and that can be found at DrawMyCACommunity.org.

9 I will pass it over or to Katy, our comment
10 moderator for the day, to continue with public input. We
11 will start with people who are registered for this time
12 slot, and then open the phone lines, if there is time
13 before the next session.

14 Katy?

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair. Good
16 afternoon. Thank you.

17 Welcome to the public input session. Please use the
18 raise hand button at the bottom of your screen to enter
19 the queue. When it is your turn to speak, you will be
20 identified by your assigned unique ID number. You will
21 be reconnected to the session with the ability to enable
22 your own video and/or audio. You will then be assigned a
23 speaker order number before you begin speaking. Please
24 make a note of your speaker order number for future
25 reference.

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

8 At this time, Chair, we do not have any of our
9 appointments or call-ins in the queue. Would you also
10 like me to read the call-in instructions at this time?

11 CHAIR AHMAD: Yes.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay.

13 We shall also read the call-in instructions at this
14 time. In order to maximize transparency and public
15 participation in our process, the Commissioners will also
16 be taking public comment by phone.

17 To call in, dial the telephone number provided on
18 the livestream feed. It is (877) 853-5247. When
19 prompted to enter the part -- when prompted to enter the
20 meeting ID number provided on the livestream feed, it is
21 92599682165 for this meeting. When prompted to enter a
22 participant ID, simply press the pound key.

23 Once you have dialed in, you will be placed in a
24 queue. To indicate you wish to comment, please press
25 star nine. This will raise your hand for the moderator.

1 When it is your turn to speak, you will hear a message
2 that says, the host would like you to talk and to press
3 star six to speak. If you would like to give your name,
4 please state and spell it for the record. You're not
5 required to provide your name to give public comment.

6 Please make sure to mute your computer or livestream
7 audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during your
8 call. Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for
9 when it is your turn to speak. And again, please turn
10 down the livestream volume. And I would like to remind
11 those calling in at this time, if they do -- if they do
12 wish to make a comment to please press star nine to raise
13 their hand, indicating that they wish to comment.

14 And Caller 2402, if you would like to comment, star
15 nine will raise your hand, indicating you wish to
16 comment.

17 And Chair, it looks like at this time we do not have
18 any raised hands, so I will hand it back to you.

19 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Katy. Let's stand at ease
20 to allow folks some additional time to call in.

21 I just wanted to also remind everyone that there are
22 numerous ways to provide public input to the Commission.
23 This COI input meeting is one of many avenues that the
24 Commission has set up to gather your Communities of
25 Interest input. You may also visit our website at

1 WeDrawTheLinesCA.org. You can give us a call at (916)
2 323-0323. You can also send us an email at
3 VotersFirstAct@crc.ca.gov. You may also choose to send
4 in mail, and you would send that to our headquarters,
5 which are at 721 Capitol Mall, Suite 260, Sacramento,
6 California 95814.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And again, those in the
8 queue, please press star nine to raise your hand,
9 indicating you wish to comment.

10 And at this time, we do not have any raised hands.
11 And the instructions are complete on the Chair -- or on
12 the stream, Chair, just to confirm.

13 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Katy.

14 Let's continue to stand at ease for a few more
15 minutes.

16 (Pause)

17 CHAIR AHMAD: All right. It seems like we still
18 have no callers lined up in the queue. So what we'll do
19 is go ahead and play the COI tool video while
20 Commissioners take a 10-minute break.

21 MR. MANOFF: Do you mean five-minute video?

22 CHAIR AHMAD: Sorry. Five-minute video.

23 MR. MANOFF: Sounds good.

24 (Whereupon, a recess was held)

25 CHAIR AHMAD: Welcome back.

1 We'll pass it back over to Katy to see if we have
2 any callers in the queue.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I would like to remind
4 those in the queue to please press star nine to raise
5 their hand, indicating they wish to comment.

6 And Chair, at this time we do not have any callers
7 with raised hands. Would you like me to read the
8 instructions again?

9 CHAIR AHMAD: Yes, please. Thank you.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: You are welcome.

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12 participation in our process, the Commissioners will be
13 taking public comment by phone.

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17 livestream feed. It is 92599682165 for this meeting.
18 When prompted to enter a participant ID, simply press the
19 pound key. Once you have dialed in, you will be placed
20 in a queue.

21 To indicate you wish to comment, please press star
22 nine. This will raise your hand for the moderator. When
23 it is your turn to speak you will hear a message that
24 says the host would like you to talk and to press star
25 six to speak. If you would like to give your name,

1 please state and spell it for the record. You're not
2 required to provide your name to give public comment.

3 Please make sure to mute your computer or livestream
4 audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during your
5 call. Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for
6 when it is your turn to speak. And again, please turn
7 down the livestream volume.

8 And at this time, Chair, we do not have anyone in
9 the queue with their hand raised.

10 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Katy.

11 A quick reminder for everyone. For our upcoming
12 meetings, we do have another COI input meeting held on
13 June 21st. That's Monday, June 21st. That meeting will
14 be focused in on our Outreach Zone D, and those are
15 inclusive of the following counties; El Dorado, Nevada,
16 Placer, Sacramento, Sierra, Sutter, Yolo, and Yuba and
17 the surrounding areas. And a reminder that callers are
18 not limited to just those counties. So anyone from
19 across the state can call in.

20 We do have another meeting scheduled on Thursday,
21 June 24th. And that's focused On our Outreach Zone I,
22 which includes Riverside and San Bernardino counties. We
23 encourage you to call in and provide your input. If you
24 choose to use the online tool, that can be found at
25 DrawMyCACommunity.org.

1 Let's stand at ease for a few more minutes.

2 (Pause)

3 CHAIR AHMAD: All right, while we await additional
4 callers to queue up, can we play the Redistricting Basics
5 video? And it will last approximately 20 minutes.

6 (Whereupon, a recess was held)

7 CHAIR AHMAD: Welcome back from break.

8 I will go ahead and pass it over to Katy, our
9 comment moderator, to continue with the public input.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh, yes.

11 Oh, Caller 2851. Caller 2851, we will be enabling
12 the line at this time. And Caller 2851, if you'll follow
13 the prompts that you'll be hearing from Zoom in your ear
14 right now. Star six will unmute you. There you go.
15 Here you are.

16 MARK: All right.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hi.

18 MARK: Sorry about that.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hi. Yeah. Oh no, you're
20 fine. Thank you so much. One moment. I just have a
21 little bit of brief instruction. So your speaker ID
22 number will be number 17. If you'll please make note of
23 that for future record. And if you will, please remind
24 the mapper of what area of California you would like to
25 see and be speaking about. And the floor is yours.

1 MARK: All right. My name is Mark. I live --
2 excuse me -- in Palmdale, California. I work in
3 Lancaster. I understand that there's been some calls
4 earlier today about not breaking up existing Communities
5 of Interest. I'd like to talk about preserving a
6 Community of Interest that was gerrymandered long before
7 the Citizen's Commission was created, and that's
8 Palmdale-Lancaster.

9 We are the urban center, north of Los Angeles and
10 Mojave Desert and Antelope Valley area of the high
11 desert. The two cities are of similar size, similar
12 populations, virtually identical demographics, and yet,
13 for some reason, nearly half of Lancaster has been split
14 off and attached to the 23rd Congressional District
15 rather than with the rest of the community in the 25th.

16 I'm hoping that the community can be restored. It
17 currently is preserved in the Assembly District, in the
18 State Senate District and the Board of Equalization
19 District and the Los Angeles County Commissioners
20 District, but for some reason it's split in the
21 Congressional. So as a result, half of Lancaster, if
22 they wanted to go to their main Congressional offices,
23 they have to do a hour and a half trip through the
24 mountains up to Bakersfield, California, which, while a
25 nice community, has very little in common with the

1 interests that we have down here.

2 A couple of quick examples for -- example, a week
3 ago, I was at an event sponsored by the AV, the Antelope
4 Valley Commerce. I'm sorry, I'm slipping the word here.
5 The -- anyway the Antelope Valley Commerce business
6 organization, which is comprised of both Palmdale and
7 Lancaster businesses, where they've unified, and they
8 were distributing monies to students in the form of
9 grants, for them to attend college. And this was area
10 students in both Palmdale and Lancaster.

11 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

12 MARK: Both of our communities are built very
13 largely around aerospace. Bakersfield is a community
14 built around agriculture. I'm certainly hoping that the
15 two communities can be --

16 MR. MANOFF: 15 seconds.

17 MARK: -- reunited within the Congressional
18 District. And I would like to put some additional
19 information forward in written comments. I had a quick
20 question about that before I tried to do that though.
21 When we upload --

22 MR. MANOFF: Time.

23 MARK: -- comments --

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

25 I'd like to remind those calling in, please press



1 star nine to raise your hand, indicating you wish to
2 comment. And please press star nine.

3 Caller 5179, if you wish to comment, star nine will
4 raise your hand. If you'll please use star nine to raise
5 your hand.

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

8 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Katy. Let's continue to
9 stand at ease.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh. We do now have a
11 raised hand. Perfect.

12 So Caller 5179 will be up right now. We'll be
13 opening the line. Please follow the prompts that you
14 hear in your ear from Zoom. And there you go.

15 MS. WONG: Hi. Good afternoon. Can you hear me?

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We can hear you. And if
17 I could just give you a few instructions and then the
18 floor will be yours. Your speaker order number will be
19 number 18, if you will please make note of that for
20 future reference. If you'll please let the mapper know
21 what area you would like to see and speak about today.
22 And with that, the floor is yours.

23 MS. WONG: Great. Thank you so much. Good
24 afternoon. I'm Amy Wong from El Monte in Los Angeles
25 County, Zone H. I'm calling in today to uplift that El

1 Monte shares the San Gabriel Valley's historic Latino and
2 Asian population with the rising API population in its
3 northern regions close to Arcadia. While El Monte
4 clearly shares an SGV identity with all its neighbors
5 between the 710 and the 57, it's also specifically part
6 of an API corridor in the western end of the valley.

7 We share a Community of Interest with our West San
8 Gabriel Valley neighboring cities, including Alhambra and
9 Monterey Park. Our community also experiences
10 environmental justice issues. The El Monte bus station
11 is the largest bus station west of the Mississippi, with
12 lines like the Silver Line and Silver Street, connecting
13 folks east and west. Despite this resource, we breathe
14 in dirty air on the daily from our surrounding freeways,
15 the 210, the 605, the 60, and the 710.

16 Our community is also park poor. We need more
17 resources to get community members to visit our beautiful
18 San Gabriel Mountains National Monument, which accounts
19 for 70 percent of our open space in LA County. The San
20 Gabriel Valley also has many monolingual, Spanish,
21 Mandarin, and Cantonese-speaking residents. Given our
22 diversity, I suggest the CCRC holds one of its LA County
23 meetings here in the San Gabriel Valley. The August 16th
24 meeting, which is being translated in Spanish and
25 Cantonese, would be a great opportunity to do so.

1 Lastly, I'd like to request the CCRC host these
2 public input meetings for the entirety of the advertised
3 duration. On June 10th, I tried to call into the meeting
4 after work out at around 6:45 p.m. I thought the meeting
5 was until 8:00 p.m. However, the meeting adjourned
6 already, and I couldn't provide my comments. To make
7 this a more flexible and equitable process, I also
8 encourage you to host the meetings until the advertised
9 times. This will help add -- help accommodate working
10 class folks, students, and others.

11 Alternatively, if the CCRC prefers to adjourn
12 meetings early, I suggest there be language written out
13 on the website for folks to expect a shortened meeting if
14 there's been, say a specified amount of silence. Thank
15 you so much.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

17 And at this time, we do not have any other callers
18 in the queue.

19 Chair, would you like me to read the instructions
20 or --

21 CHAIR AHMAD: Sure, Katy.

22 But before you do that, I just wanted to provide a
23 brief reminder to everyone to visit our website at
24 WeDrawTheLinesCA.org. You can also sign up for our email
25 Listserv to learn more about Commission meetings, updates

1 and announcements. Please also connect with us on social
2 media. We are on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn,
3 and YouTube at WeDrawTheLinesCA.

4 Go ahead, Katy. Thank you.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: With that, in order to
6 maximize transparency and public participation in our
7 process, the Commissioners will be taking public comment
8 by phone.

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10 the livestream feed. It is (877) 853-5247. When
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14 pound key. Once you have dialed in, you'll be placed in
15 a queue. To indicate you wish to comment, please press
16 star nine. This will raise your hand for the moderator.

17 When it is your turn to speak, you'll hear a message
18 that says, the host would like you to talk and to press
19 star six to speak. If you would like to give your name
20 please state and spell it for the record. You're not
21 required to provide your name to give public comment.
22 Please make sure to mute your computer or livestream
23 audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during your
24 call.

25 Once you're waiting in the queue, be alert for when

1 it is your turn to speak, and again, please turn down the
2 livestream volume.

3 And, Chair, at this time, we do not have anyone in
4 the queue. I will defer to you.

5 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you Katy.

6 Let's stand at ease for a few minutes.

7 (Pause)

8 CHAIR AHMAD: A friendly reminder for everyone that
9 our Communities of Interests public input meetings will
10 be taking place throughout the summer. Please visit
11 WeDrawTheLinesCA.org for more information. You can also
12 submit your input via the Communities of Interest mapping
13 tool that can be found at DrawMyCACommunity.org and is
14 linked directly through our website.

15 The online COI tool is also available in English,
16 Spanish, simplified Chinese, traditional Chinese,
17 Vietnamese, Tagalog, Korean, Armenian, Farsi, Arabic,
18 Russian, Japanese, Punjabi, Khmer, Hmong, and Thai.
19 Tutorials are also available in those languages as well
20 for the Communities of Interest tool.

21 MR. MANOFF: Would you like me to go to the
22 five-minute video at this time, Chair?

23 CHAIR AHMAD: Yes, Kristian, that would be
24 appropriate.

25 MR. MANOFF: Sounds good.

1 (Whereupon, a recess was held)

2 CHAIR AHMAD: Welcome back to the California
3 Citizens Redistricting Commission Community of Interest
4 input meeting. Just wanted to remind everyone that we
5 also encourage you to visit the Communities of Interest
6 tool to draw a map and describe your community by
7 visiting DrawMyCACommunity.org.

8 I will pass it over to Katy, our comment moderator,
9 to continue with the public input.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair. I would love
11 to do that. I shall read the instructions at this time.

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13 participation in our process, the Commissioners will be
14 taking public comment by phone. To call in, dial the
15 telephone number provided on the livestream feed. It is
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2 required to write your names give public comment. Please
3 make sure to mute your computer or livestream audio to
4 prevent any feedback or distortion during your call.

5 Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for when
6 it is your turn to speak, and again, please turn down the
7 livestream volume. And again, for those calling in,
8 please use star nine to raise your hand indicating you
9 wish to comment. Again, that is star nine.

10 Oh, wonderful. We do have a raised hand at this
11 time. It is Caller 4663. And again, that is Caller
12 4663. And we'll be opening the lines.

13 Caller 4663, if you'll follow the prompts. Star six
14 will unmute you. Caller 46 --

15 SPEAKER 19: Hello?

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes? Hello, sir. I'm
17 going to give you some brief instructions if you'll just
18 hold on one moment.

19 SPEAKER 19: Okay.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: If you could make note,
21 your speaker order number is number 19. So if you could
22 keep that for later reference. And then if you would
23 please let the mappers know what area you would like
24 brought up on the map. And the floor is now yours.

25 SPEAKER 19: Oh, thank you very much.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: You're welcome.

2 SPEAKER 19: It's San Diego County, City of San
3 Diego, Chollas Watershed.

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

6 SPEAKER 19: Thank you for holding -- thank you,
7 Commissioners, for your service. I'm calling about a
8 very traditional Community of Interest designation within
9 the city of San Diego. That is the Chollas Creek
10 Watershed. When San Diego was first founded by Pedro
11 Fages back in 1779, he met the Kumeyaay Indians.

12 The Kumeyaay Indians moved back and forth from the
13 San Diego Bay, up the Chollas Watershed. And if you look
14 at the distribution of San Diego Latinx people, they are
15 mainly in the Sandy -- the Chollas Watershed. The
16 Watershed is important for us because that's how people
17 of this culture are organized. They shop and live in
18 this Watershed, not artificial communities created by
19 developers or other things.

20 So if you're considering how to organize or draw
21 boundaries, please respect the Watersheds. And our
22 Watershed is the Chollas Watershed and includes an area
23 from, essentially, the La Mesa border down to the San
24 Diego Bay at 32nd Street in National City. That's the
25 Chollas Watershed. And it's particularly important,

1 because we're an impaired Watershed, polluted, and unless
2 we get concentrated attention as a Watershed, our people
3 and our environment will be continued to be polluted and
4 misused.

5 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

6 SPEAKER 19: So please consider Watersheds. Thank
7 you for your service.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

9 All right. And I would like to remind those calling
10 in. Oh, no. No, we don't -- I don't have anyone to
11 remind at this time, but I will read the brief
12 instructions.

13 The Commission is currently taking public comment by
14 phone. To give comment, please call (877) 853-5247 and
15 enter the meeting ID number of 92599682165 for this
16 meeting. Once you have dialed in, please press star nine
17 to enter the comment queue. The full call-in
18 instructions were read previously during this session and
19 are also provided on the livestream landing page.

20 And Chair, at this time, we do not have anyone in
21 the queue. I will defer to you.

22 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Katy.

23 Let's stand at ease for a few minutes.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And I'd like to remind
25 those calling in, please press star nine to raise your

1 hand, indicating your wish to comment.

2 And thank you. That is Caller 9927. We do have a
3 raised hand. I'll be opening the line. Please follow
4 the prompts that you will hear from Zoom. Star six will
5 unmute you. Caller 9927, you are unmuted. I'd like to
6 give you some brief instruction momentarily. Your
7 speaker order number is number 20. If you could please
8 make note of that for future reference. And then please
9 also let the mapper know what area in California you
10 would like to be brought up on the map and that you'll be
11 sharing. And the floor is yours.

12 SPEAKER 20: Good afternoon. Hello?

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes. The floor is yours.

14 SPEAKER 20: Thank you. Good afternoon. I'm
15 calling from Simi Valley, California. And the -- let's
16 see, significant locations would be the Reagan Library
17 and our city centers on Alamo.

18 And let's see, some of the shared interests we have
19 with wanting to preserve -- well, I understand the 25th
20 District will have to grow in population, about the same
21 size as the population of Moorpark. So that's what we're
22 asking to add Moorpark to Santa Clarita and Simi and not
23 just split the districts up, because we share the same
24 geography, being wildfire zones and the shared water
25 resources.

1 Excuse me. I woke up with no voice today. So thank
2 you for bearing with me. And let's see, what's important
3 to our community is a preservation of family, and safety,
4 education in a planned-out community, eliminating
5 overcrowding and of course, our Constitutional right.
6 Let's see I'm looking at your questions here.

7 Let's see. We've fought hard to prevent
8 high-density housing projects in the area that cannot
9 accommodate -- the city cannot accommodate the traffic
10 constraints on or the resources for that. And that is --
11 that's what brings us together as a community and our
12 desire to grow and that population to be added with
13 Moorpark in Santa Clarita and Simi Valley. So thank you
14 for your time and your service.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

16 And at this time, we do not have any other callers
17 in the queue, Chair, so I will defer to you.

18 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Katy.

19 Let's continue to stand at ease for a few minutes
20 before we figure out what to -- where to move from there.

21 (Pause)

22 MR. MANOFF: Chair, would you like us to roll the
23 20-minute video with a check in at 15?

24 CHAIR AHMAD: Yeah. I'm just thinking about our
25 required break at 2:30 and a 20-minute video would take

1 us right up against that time.

2 MR. MANOFF: Right. I figured if we come -- if
3 we -- if we've -- if anybody calls in before then, we'll
4 take them at that -- at the 15.

5 CHAIR AHMAD: Great, that sounds appropriate. So
6 please go ahead and start rolling that 20-minute video,
7 and we'll check in in 15 minutes.

8 MR. MANOFF: Sounds good. Thanks, Chair.

9 CHAIR AHMAD: Thanks.

10 (Whereupon, a recess was held)

11 CHAIR AHMAD: Welcome back.

12 I will pass it over to Katy, our comment moderator,
13 to line up the folks who are in the queue.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, Chair.

15 I would like to remind those in the queue to please
16 press star nine to raise your hand, indicating they wish
17 to comment. We do have several raised hands. But for
18 those that just called in, star nine will raise your hand
19 indicating you wish to comment. And please do so.

20 Right now we will have Caller 400 or 4700. And then
21 up next behind Caller 4700 will be Caller 2241. So right
22 now is Caller 4700. And then up next will be Caller
23 2241.

24 So Caller 4700, please follow the prompts that Zoom
25 will be giving you. There you are. You are unmuted. I

1 have a couple of instructions for you. Your speaker
2 order number will be number 21, if you will please make
3 note of that for future reference. And then if you'll
4 please let the mapper know what area you are going to be
5 speaking about today. And with that, the floor is yours.

6 MR. SINGH: Thank you to the Commission. Great to
7 see many of you. And I've had the opportunity to engage
8 with a few of you. My name is Mandeep Singh, I'm the
9 executive director of the Jakara Movement. I'm calling
10 specifically from Fresno County, and that's in the city
11 of Fresno. While the organization that I engage with and
12 the communities I work with really reside throughout the
13 state, you know, I -- just in terms of the conversation,
14 I also want to just highlight along with many of the
15 other issues, the importance of language as a focal part,
16 in terms of, as we're defining sort of Communities of
17 Interest.

18 I work largely in Punjabi-speaking communities
19 really from Kern County up to Sutter as well as across
20 from the Inland Empire to the Bay Area. There's just
21 something I just wanted to keep in focus. Appreciate all
22 the input you're taking, all the time you're putting into
23 this, and hope to be a partner in any way possible.
24 Thank you.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

1 And with that, up next, we have Caller 2241. I
2 would like to remind those in the queue, if you will
3 please hit star nine to raise your hand, indicating you
4 would like to comment. For now we have Caller 2241.

5 Hi, Caller 2241. I have a couple of instructions
6 briefly. Your speaker order number will be order number
7 22, if you'll please make note of that for future
8 reference. And then I'd like to remind you to let the
9 mapper know what area you would like to talk about. And
10 with that the floor is yours.

11 MR. WELBORNE: Thank you. This is John H. Welborne,
12 W-E-L-B-O-R-N-E, in Los Angeles, California. And I would
13 like to talk about the central area of Los Angeles, in
14 particular what is known as the Mid-Wilshire District,
15 the Greater Wiltshire Neighborhood Council, and so forth.
16 I will attempt to send a series of seven PowerPoint
17 slides that deal with the suggestions for the Commission.

18 Personally, I was very involved with the city
19 redistricting 10 years ago and should have paid more
20 attention to the state. Specifically the concern relates
21 to the boundaries separating on a north-south basis.
22 State Assembly Districts 50 and 53, State Senate
23 Districts 26 and 24, and the House of Representatives
24 37th District and 34th District.

25 Unfortunately, your predecessors on staff and

1 Commission followed a boundary that had been created a
2 few years before by the Los Angeles Police Department
3 when a new division, Division 20, was created. And so a
4 division boundary had to be cut through the middle of the
5 Wilshire division.

6 And so a line was placed based on census tracts
7 between Division 7 and the new Division 20 going right
8 down the middle of our neighborhoods, cutting in half the
9 Larchmont Village Neighborhood Association, cutting in
10 half the Windsor Square Association, cutting between the
11 Windsor Village Association, Wilshire Park Association, a
12 lot of viable neighborhoods.

13 The city, in its redistricting, corrected that, and
14 the council district boundary goes on Western Avenue.
15 And I will send materials showing why it would make much
16 more sense for you to move the boundary certainly to
17 Western Avenue, which is quite easy for those three
18 districts that you all oversee, or actually six
19 districts. But just to be consistent, so it does not
20 split up a major Community of Interest which works
21 together as the Greater Wiltshire Neighborhood Council.
22 So I think that's it. Thank you.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

24 I would like to remind those that have called in to
25 please press star nine, indicating they wish to comment.

1 Please press star nine, indicating they wish to comment.
2 Those in the queue, if you will please press star nine,
3 indicating you wish to comment.

4 And thank you so much. We do have a raised hand.
5 Caller 0023. Caller 0023. We'll be opening the lines at
6 this time. Caller 0023, you are now unmuted. I have a
7 couple of instructions for you. Please make note your
8 speaker order number is number 23. If you will please
9 remind the mapper of what area you would like to speak
10 about for your Community of Interest at this time. And
11 the floor is yours.

12 LINDA: Hi. My name is Linda, and I live in Simi
13 Valley, California in District 25. And I recently found
14 out that part of Simi Valley is not included in our
15 district. And I think it would be wise to add it, since
16 District 25 needs more numbers of people. And I think
17 Moorpark would be a great addition to District 25,
18 because they have Moorpark College, and a lot of our
19 young people attend that college that live in Simi
20 Valley. It's a really great Junior College, and a
21 community college that is well thought of in the area,
22 and the kids go there for the two years and then on to
23 other schools, you know, for their bachelor's degrees.

24 And so I think that it would be a great addition to
25 have Moorpark College be part of our district. And

1 there's a lot of synergy in the community between
2 Moorpark, Simi Valley, Santa Clarita, and the other parts
3 of District 25. And there's a lot of similar type
4 people, and it's well diversified, and they have great
5 resources. In fact, our Simi Valley Police Department,
6 actually when there's a serious situation is called in to
7 help with Moorpark in certain instances.

8 So I just think that's a good one. And I've never
9 done this before. And I want to thank you for -- all for
10 your work and what you're doing. It's really
11 appreciated. And I know -- and thank you for taking our
12 calls and listening to what we have to say. And when I
13 was looking to buy a home in Simi, I was also looking in
14 Moorpark, and -- because it just feels like it's all, you
15 know, pretty much the same.

16 And I have a lot of friends in Santa Clarita too,
17 and it just seems like a good fit. And of course, we
18 have the Reagan Library, and that's, you know, a lot of
19 people come from all over the United States just to visit
20 that. But that's one of our main things that we have in
21 Simi that we're proud of. But anyway, thank you so much
22 for your time.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

24 And with that, I would like to remind those in the
25 queue to please raise their hand utilizing star nine.

1 Please press star nine to raise your hand, indicating you
2 wish to comment.

3 And with that, Chair, we do not have any other
4 raised hands.

5 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Katy.

6 What we'll do now is we'll take our 2:30 break,
7 which will be 15 minutes and then return from break.
8 When we return from break, we will also be opening the
9 line for those folks who have not made an appointment.
10 The line has been open throughout the various sessions
11 today, but I will call for that once again. And I will
12 see you all back here at 2:45.

13 (Whereupon, a recess was held)

14 CHAIR AHMAD: Welcome back to the California
15 Citizens Redistricting Commission Communities of Interest
16 input meeting.

17 I will pass this over to Katy, our common moderator,
18 to continue with public input.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much, Chair.

20 We will begin this part of the session with the
21 public comment instructions by phone. In order to
22 maximize transparency and public participation in our
23 process, the Commissioners will be taking public comment
24 by phone. To call in, dial the telephone number provided
25 on the livestream feed. It is (878) 853-5247. When

1 prompted to enter the meeting ID number provided on the
2 livestream feed, it is 92599682165 for this meeting.
3 When prompted to enter a participant ID, simply press the
4 pound key.

5 Once you have dialed in, you will be placed in a
6 queue. To indicate you wish to comment, please press
7 star nine. This will raise your hand for the moderator.
8 When it is your turn to speak, you will hear a message
9 that says, the host would like you to talk and to press
10 star six to speak. If you would like to give your name,
11 please state and spell it for the record. You are not
12 required to provide your name to give public comment.

13 Please make sure to mute your computer or livestream
14 audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during your
15 call. Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for
16 when it is your turn to speak. And again, please turn
17 down the livestream volume.

18 And right now we have Caller 7456. And up next in
19 the queue will be Caller 6 -- I'm sorry -- 0691. So
20 right now we have caller 7456, and up next, we will have
21 Caller 0691.

22 Hi, Caller 7456. You are unmuted, and I have a
23 couple instructions for you. Your current -- your
24 speaker order number will be number 24, if you will
25 please make note of that for future reference. And

1 please remind the mapper of what area you would like to
2 be talking about today. And with that, the floor is
3 yours.

4 SPEAKER 24: Hi, I live in Glendora and I'm in Los
5 Angeles County. I'm north of the 210 freeway, up along
6 Grand Avenue. And the city of Glendora, currently not in
7 the same district as San Dimas and La Verne. but we're
8 all Foothill cities. We share that same east-west travel
9 corridors, such as Foothill and Sierra Madre, and we
10 share our same fire concerns, the same local junior
11 college, and we have the same local sports leagues
12 together.

13 And all of us Foothill communities have historic
14 homes, we go to church in each other's communities, and
15 we have a very similar mix of retirees and families. Our
16 Foothill communities share trails and mountains, as we go
17 back and forth. And all of these are important to us,
18 and I'd really like you to include Glendora into Assembly
19 District 41, please. Thank you for your time.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And thank you so much for
21 your comment.

22 All right. So right now we have Caller 0691. And
23 up next in the queue will be Caller 2526. And again, I'd
24 like to remind the other callers in the queue to please
25 press star nine to raise your hand, indicating your wish

1 to comment. Right now we have Caller 0691.

2 Hi, Caller 0691. You are unmuted, and I have a
3 couple of instructions for you. Your speaker order
4 number is number 25, if you will please make note of that
5 for future reference. And if you will, please remind us
6 of what the mapper -- of what you would like the mapper
7 to bring up. And with that, the floor is yours.

8 MR. SENNEFF: Yes, ma'am. Thanks very much. My
9 name is Ryan Senneff, also Glendora, LA County, north of
10 the 210 freeway and Grand Avenue. City of Glendora is
11 currently not in the same district as San Dimas and
12 Laverne, even though we share a lot of the same
13 resources, concerns, values, families, churches,
14 community colleges, sports leagues.

15 There's a certain kinship that comes from being in a
16 Foothill community. And I think putting Glendora into
17 Assembly District 41 would do more than not only solidify
18 those values, but I think also make our concerns as a
19 Foothill community, especially in regards to fire, a lot
20 more, louder and more prevalent. So I would respectfully
21 ask that this distinguished body please put Glendora into
22 Assembly District 41. Thank you very much.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

24 And with that, up next we have Caller 2526. And
25 again, those in the queue, please press star nine to

1 raise your hand, indicating you wish to comment. But
2 right now, we have Caller 2526.

3 Yes, hello, Caller 2526. You are currently unmuted.
4 I do have a couple of instructions for you. Your speaker
5 order number will be number 26, if you will please make
6 note of that for future reference. And if you will
7 please let our mappers know what you would like brought
8 up on the map for your Community of Interest. And with
9 that, the floor is yours.

10 MS. ZURCHER: Hi, my name is Carol Zurcher. I'm a
11 Simi Valley resident in Ventura County. I want to talk
12 about District number 25, the remapping of it. It makes
13 no sense to divide Simi Valley up. We really would like
14 to keep it united, keep Simi Valley intact.

15 And the growth population added should roughly be
16 the size of Moorpark. We would like to add Moorpark to
17 District 25. It makes the most sense. It's a natural
18 fit. We share the same geography. The wildfire zones
19 and water resources are the same. We share a lot of
20 hiking trails. Moorpark College is home to a lot of the
21 Simi Valley college students. And it just makes the most
22 sense. Thank you very much.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

24 And with that I would like to -- one moment, Chair.

25 And Chair, we do not have any other further comment

1 at this time. Would you -- I will defer to you.

2 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Katy. Thank you.

3 And at this time, I would also like to call for
4 general public comment. So now the line is open for
5 anyone who would like to provide Community of Interest
6 input, as well as general public comment.

7 Katy, if we can read the instructions, the full
8 instructions for general public comment?

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair.

10 In order to maximize transparency and public
11 participation in our process, the Commissioners will be
12 taking public comment by phone. To call in, dial the
13 telephone number provided on the livestream feed. It is
14 (877) 853-5247. When prompted, enter the meeting ID
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19 queue. To indicate you wish to comment, please press
20 star nine. This will raise your hand for the moderator.
21 When it is your turn to speak you'll hear a message that
22 says, the host would like you to talk and to press star
23 six to speak. If you would like to give your name,
24 please state and spell it for the record. You're not
25 required to provide your name to give public comment.

1 And please make sure to mute your computer or livestream
2 audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during your
3 call.

4 Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for when
5 it is your turn to speak. And again, please turn down
6 the livestream volume. And with that, I would like to
7 remind those calling in to please press star nine to
8 raise your hand, indicating you wish to comment. Again,
9 that is star nine.

10 All right. And we do have a raised hand, and that
11 is Caller 3359.

12 Caller 3359, I'll be opening the line. Caller 3359,
13 you are currently unmuted. I do have a couple of
14 instructions for you if you could just give me one
15 moment. Your speaker I -- your speaker order number --
16 uh-oh. Hold on a second. Your speaker order number will
17 be number 27. And if you could please remind the mappers
18 if you would like to give a public input on a Community
19 of Interest, what you would like brought up. And if you
20 just have general public comment, that is allowed too.
21 The floor is yours.

22 MS. KNIGHT: Hi. Good afternoon. My name is Nancy
23 Knight, K-N-I-G-H-T, and I live in Duarte in Los Angeles
24 County. Duarte. I live south of Royal Oaks Drive, east
25 of Buena Vista. My house is literally on the border of

1 Duarte and Bradbury. The city of Duarte is currently not
2 in the same Assembly District as the other Foothills
3 cities, which are in District 41.

4 As a long, long-term resident, I feel that Duarte is
5 left out from the other Foothills cities, as we are in
6 Assembly District 48. The Foothills cities are special,
7 as we all have historic homes, we have shared faith
8 communities, and we share the same east-west travel
9 corridors. We have the same fire concerns, because of
10 the hills, and our kids go to the same local junior
11 college. Our Foothill communities share the same
12 Foothill Mountains and hiking/walking trails.

13 These are important to us. I myself am an avid
14 walker of the Royal Oaks Bike Equestrian Trail. And many
15 of the walkers note on a regular basis how important this
16 trail is. We don't walk north-south, we walk east-west.
17 Duarte doesn't have ties to the cities south of us in
18 District 48. We do have ties in Duarte to the east,
19 Azusa, Glendora, San Dimas, and La Verne. My medical
20 care is all in that area, along with most of my retail,
21 entertainment, and other personal business.

22 By including Duarte into Assembly District 41 will
23 keep this special Foothill communities' character, which
24 is basically pastoral rather than urban. Thank you very
25 much for your time.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

2 And with that, I would like to ask anyone in the
3 queue if they would like to comment to please press star
4 nine to raise your hand.

5 And Chair, I will defer to you. We currently do not
6 have any raised hands in the queue.

7 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Katy.

8 And just a friendly reminder to everyone to please
9 visit our website at WeDrawTheLinesCA.org. You can also
10 sign up for our emails on our website to learn more about
11 Commission meetings, updates, and announcements. Please
12 also connect with us on social media. We are on
13 Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn, and YouTube at
14 WeDrawTheLinesCA.

15 The phone lines are currently open for Community of
16 Interest input, as well as general public comment. So
17 please feel free to call in to provide either of those
18 pieces of information.

19 Let's stand at ease for a few minutes.

20 (Pause)

21 CHAIR AHMAD: While we wait for callers to line up
22 in the queue, Kristian, can we play the five-minute COI
23 tool video?

24 MR. MANOFF: We sure can, Chair.

25 (Whereupon, a recess was held)

1 CHAIR AHMAD: Welcome back from break.

2 I will pass it over to Katy, our comment moderator,
3 to continue with public input or public comment at this
4 point.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much, Chair.

6 I would like to remind those in the queue to please
7 press star nine to raise their hand.

8 We do have a hand raised. Caller 9656 has their
9 hand raised. And we will open the line.

10 Caller 9656, if you'll follow the prompts that you
11 hear from Zoom currently over your phone line. Star six
12 will unmute you. And Caller 9656, if you'll follow the
13 prompts from Zoom. Star six will unmute you. Again,
14 Caller 9656, star six will unmute you. Please press star
15 six. There you go. There we are.

16 SPEAKER 28: All right. I have it.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Caller 9656, here you
18 are. You are currently unmuted. I do have a couple of
19 instructions for you. Your speaker order number will be
20 number 28, if you could make note of that for future
21 reference.

22 SPEAKER 28: Okay.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And if you do have an
24 area you would like brought up on the map, please at the
25 mapper know. And with that, the floor is yours.

1 SPEAKER 28: Okay. Hi, my name is Dan Ho. I grew
2 up in the Fullerton area. I've since left, but my
3 parents are actually still there. And I want -- I just
4 kind of want to speak to the community around the
5 Fullerton area, which I believe extends up the 57 to the
6 60. You know, when I was growing up, and it's still like
7 that today, I actually often visit my parents and go
8 spend the night there from where I live now, which is Los
9 Angeles. And I would often, while visiting them, you
10 know, have dinner with them somewhere in the Hacienda
11 Heights, Rowland Heights area.

12 And, you know, I think there's a, kind of, an area
13 there that really is a community. And also, you know, I
14 actually went to school at Troy High School. And because
15 Troy's, like, a very popular magnet school, there's also
16 a lot of commuting that goes on between the Rowland
17 Heights, La Habra, that area, down to Troy. So I highly
18 suggest that we try to keep that community together. And
19 so, yeah, I mean, that's pretty much my comment there.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Thank you so
21 much.

22 And with that, please, those in the queue, you can
23 hit -- please hit star nine to raise your hand.

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

1 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Katy.

2 Let's stand at ease for a few minutes to allow folks
3 time to dial in for Community of Interest input or
4 general public comment at this point.

5 (Pause)

6 CHAIR AHMAD: All right. With that, I just wanted
7 to provide a few reminders to everyone listening to
8 please remember to visit our website at
9 WeDrawTheLinesCA.org. You can also sign up for our email
10 list to learn more about Commission meetings, updates and
11 announcements. Please connect with us on social media.
12 We are on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn, and
13 YouTube at WeDrawTheLinesCA.

14 And again, there are numerous ways to provide public
15 input to the Commission. These COI input meetings are
16 just one of many avenues that the Commission has
17 established to gather Community of Interest input. You
18 can also submit your community of interests input via our
19 mapping tool, which can be found at
20 DrawMyCACommunity.org.

21 The online tool is available in 16 languages. There
22 are also tutorials available in those languages as well.
23 You can also submit your input by email at
24 VotersFirstAct@crc.ca.gov. You can give us a call at
25 (916) 323-0323, or you can even send us mail to our

1 headquarters at 721 Capitol Mall, Suite 260, Sacramento,
2 California 95814.

3 Thank you everyone for joining our statewide
4 Community of Interest input meeting today. Our next
5 Community of Interest input meeting will be on Monday
6 June 21st at 10:00 a.m. and will be focused on the
7 following counties: El Dorado, Nevada, Placer,
8 Sacramento, Sierra, Sutter, Yolo, Yuba, and surrounding
9 areas.

10 Callers are not limited to those counties to call
11 in. You can visit the meetings page at our website to
12 see a list of additional callers -- I'm sorry --
13 additional upcoming input meetings at
14 WeDrawTheLinesCA.org/meetings. I'm going to do one last
15 call for public comments for COI, Community of Interest
16 input.

17 Katy, do we have any remaining callers in the queue?

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We do, Chair.

19 And I would also like to remind those calling in to
20 please press star nine to raise your hand, indicating you
21 wish to comment.

22 We do have a raised hand at this time. It is Caller
23 6828. And I would like to open the line for them. And
24 again, the others, star nine will raise your hand.

25 Caller 6828, I have a couple of instructions for

1 you. Your speaker order number will be number 29. If
2 you would like to speak about a specific area, please let
3 the mapper know where that area is. And with that, the
4 floor is yours.

5 SPEAKER 29: I wanted to credit your outreach team
6 for their early and frequent outreach. And I have
7 noticed you haven't gotten a lot of callers today. And I
8 just want to say that we submitted many COI submissions
9 via your online tool. And from today, it appears just
10 with Commissioner Sadhwani's tweets, that you're giving
11 preferential treatment to those people who are calling
12 in, because I've never seen a tweet about anything that's
13 been submitted.

14 And the fact that you've never posted it, we're not
15 really quite sure if you even received it, if you've read
16 it, if you've acknowledged it, if you've discussed it.
17 And so we just really want to encourage you to show us
18 you're listening by putting this online in a way that
19 people can follow. We can't sit here and listen to what
20 people in our community are saying. And so we really
21 encourage you to translate this into a way that people
22 can really read into what people are calling in, and also
23 what people are submitting online.

24 I also want to say that a lot of times your screens
25 are off. And so it just feels like a very impersonal way

1 of engaging with you. And so I really hope that you take
2 these callers and all of our submissions into
3 consideration and really show us you're listening and not
4 sort of picking and choosing who you tweet about.

5 It really does send the wrong signal to all of us
6 and shows us that maybe we need to call in and submit
7 online. And you're telling us to skip the line and
8 submit online, which we've done. And we're trying to
9 respect your process, but it doesn't seem like you're
10 respecting our time. So I just hope you really hear us
11 and that you actually take action and translate it into
12 showing us you're listening, because right now you ask us
13 for public input, but you don't do anything with it.
14 Thank you.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

16 And up next, we have Caller 3065. And in line
17 behind them will be Caller 2875. Right now we have
18 Caller 3065. And up next, we will have Caller 2875. And
19 with that, we will open the lines.

20 And Caller 3065, you are currently unmuted. Your
21 speaker order number will be number 30. And if you would
22 like an area brought up on the map, please remind the
23 mappers of what that area is. And with that, the floor
24 is yours.

25 SPEAKER 30: Hi. I'm unable to view anything

1 because I'm calling from my cell phone. For some reason,
2 I got stuck in your tutorial. But I am not even sure
3 you're taking discussions on Congressional districts,
4 because most of the callers before me, were focused on
5 Assembly districts. But I'm going -- and there was --
6 you keep reminding us of numbers to call in, but you're
7 not remind -- remind -- it might have helped if you could
8 have reminded us of the parameters of the meeting,
9 Congressional districts, if it also includes Council
10 districts locally.

11 But I'm calling from Los Angeles, and I live in
12 Congressional District 37, and that accompanies --
13 encompasses West LA, all the way to downtown LA and South
14 Central. Might I suggest that the 37th districts should
15 possibly end at either Robertson or La Cienega Boulevard.
16 And the areas west of that should be added to this 33rd
17 Congressional district.

18 Areas west of Robertson or Las Cienega share more in
19 common with the 33rd Congressional district, west --
20 westside and beach communities than we do with downtown
21 in LA and South-Central communities. The needs of
22 Downtown LA and South Central are great and urgent, while
23 less urgent, West Side needs get pushed down the list of
24 priorities. So we would be better served being a part of
25 the 33rd Congressional district than the 37th.

1 And I look -- I also followed this up with an email,
2 and I'll look forward to hearing from someone regarding
3 this comment. Aloha.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And thank you so much.

5 And right now we have a Caller 2875. That is Caller
6 2875. Caller 2875, I have a couple of instructions for
7 you. You are currently unmuted. Your speaker order
8 number will be number 31. If you would like something
9 brought up on the map, please remind the mapper of the
10 area that you would like brought up, otherwise the floor
11 is yours.

12 TEDDY: Hi. My name's Teddy, and I grew up in
13 Hacienda Heights in southeast San Gabriel Valley. And I
14 currently reside in the city of San Gabriel, which is in
15 the West San Gabriel Valley. I'd like to speak today to
16 the two distinct Communities of Interest that I resided
17 in. The cities of San Gabriel, Arcadia, San Marino,
18 Alhambra, Monterey Park, and Pasadena are really one
19 Community of Interest united by common businesses,
20 languages, and cultures.

21 You know, our main thoroughfare, Valley Boulevard,
22 Huntington Drive, Atlantic-Del Mar. These are just a few
23 of the busy thoroughfares that link the Asian American
24 communities in this area together. You know, one of the
25 annual events that have really unified this area is the

1 626 Night Market held at the Santa Anita Racetrack in
2 Arcadia. It's a food festival that brings together
3 various kinds of Asian foods and cultures that the 626
4 area has been known for in one location.

5 And while I live here now, I grew up in another part
6 of the 626 area, which is Hacienda Heights in the
7 southeast San Gabriel Valley. The west and southeast San
8 Gabriel valleys are both known for having large Asian
9 communities. But they really are distinct geographic
10 areas divided by the 605 freeway. The 605, being a large
11 freeway, runs along the San Gabriel River, and as a
12 result, there's very little commercial residential
13 presence around it. It creates a natural boundary to the
14 East and West San Gabriel Valley.

15 And when I lived in Hacienda Heights, I would
16 frequent the neighboring communities of Roland, Walnut,
17 Diamond Bar for my shopping and restaurant needs. These
18 communities are linked by Colima Road and Gale Avenue.
19 I'd venture out to the West San Gabriel Valley
20 infrequently, because all of my needs were met in this
21 area. Now living out in San Gabriel, it's exactly the
22 opposite. I rarely cross the 605 to shop in the
23 southeast San Gabriel Valley, because all of my needs are
24 already met in the neighboring cities of West San Gabriel
25 Valley.

1 So thank you for your time today. You know, I
2 really like to recognize that distinctness of these two
3 communities. Appreciate your time.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

5 And with that, Chair, there is no one else in the
6 queue. I will defer to you.

7 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Katy.

8 Given that we did get a few callers trailing in,
9 let's stand at ease for a few more moments.

10 (Pause)

11 CHAIR AHMAD: All right. With that, I just want to
12 remind everyone that we do have another COI input meeting
13 to be held on Monday, January 21st. And COI is short for
14 Communities of Interests.

15 We will have another meeting focused around
16 Communities of Interests input on Thursday, June 24th. I
17 also encourage folks to tune in to our Commission
18 business meetings. Our next business meeting will be
19 held on Friday, June 25th. And with that, I would like
20 to call this meeting adjourned. Thank you, everyone.

21 (Whereupon, the Public Input Meeting adjourned
22 at 5:00 p.m.)

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