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### Public Comment

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Jeremy Payne, Equality California  
Hannah Gbeh, San Diego County Farm Bureau  
Malcolme Morgan, Pillars of the Community  
Eryn Wilson Nieves, Alliance San Diego  
Jeanine Erikat, PANA  
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Georgette Gomez, San Diego City Council  
Teresa De Sasso  
Zachary Gomez, National City Commission  
Rahmo Abdi, PANA  
Jim Stone, La Mesa area  
Josephine Talamontez, Southeast San Diego area  
Jessica, Southeast San Diego area  
Whitney Benzian, Coronado area  
Grace Martinez, ACCE  
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Allison, Environmental Health Coalition  
Eileen, South San Diego  
Zack, Barrio Logan area  
Jose Rodriguez, National City Council Member  
Alicia Garcia, Barrio Logan area  
Brittany Dunsek, Barrio Logan area  
Nancy Cruz, Logan Heights area  
Amanda Solomon Amorao, UCSD  
Jason Jackson, El Centro City Council  
José Franco Garcia, Environmental Health Coalition  
Cezar Fernandez, South Bay Area  
Nora Vargas, San Diego County Board of Supervisors  
José Velasquez, San Diego County region  
Caitlin Tiffany, La Mesa and San Diego region  
Rami Ibrahim, Majdal Center  
Joyce Temporal, Silayan Filipina National Org.  
Various Unidentified Speakers

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P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 July 10, 2021 10:00 a.m.

3 CHAIR SINAY: Buenos dias, everyone. Welcome and  
4 thank you for tuning in to the California Redistricting  
5 Commission's Communities of Interest Input Meeting. I'm  
6 Commissioner Sinay, and I'll be chairing your meeting  
7 today.

8 Can you please take the roll, Executive Director  
9 Hernandez?

10 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Yes, Chair.

11 Commissioner Ahmad.

12 Commissioner Akutagawa.

13 Commissioner Andersen.

14 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Here.

15 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner  
16 Fernández.

17 Commissioner Fornaciari.

18 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Here.

19 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Kennedy.

20 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.

21 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Le Mons.

22 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Here.

23 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sadhwani.  
24 Commissioner Sinay.

25 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Here.

1 Commissioner Taylor.

2 Commissioner Toledo.

3 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Here.

4 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Turner.

5 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Here.

6 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Vázquez.

7 And Commissioner Yee.

8 COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.

9 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: The roll is complete,  
10 Chair.

11 CHAIR SINAY: Thank you so much, Executive Director  
12 Hernandez.

13 I will start by sharing a little bit about the  
14 Commission. Every ten years after the Federal Government  
15 publishes updated census information, California must  
16 redraw the boundaries of its Congressional, State Senate,  
17 State Assembly, State Board of Equalization districts, so  
18 that districts correctly reflect the state's population.

19 In 2008, California voters authorized the creation  
20 of the Commission when they passed the Voters FIRST Act.  
21 It authorized the Commission to draw the new district  
22 lines for the State Senate, State Assembly, and State  
23 Board of Equalization districts. In 2010, the  
24 Congressional Voters FIRST Act added the responsibility  
25 of drawing Congressional districts to the Commission.

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

8           When we receive census data, the Commission begins  
9 drawing maps using six line-drawing criteria as outlined  
10 in the California Constitution. One of these is  
11 minimizing the divisions of counties, cities,  
12 neighborhoods, and communities of interest, to the extent  
13 possible.

14           We can obtain the city and county information from  
15 those jurisdictions, but we need the neighborhood and  
16 communities of interest information from Californians  
17 directly. That's why we have launched these communities  
18 of interest input sessions to get the valuable  
19 information from you directly. We encourage all  
20 Californians to participate in this process.

21           If you would rather submit a community of interest  
22 input over the internet, you can do so on our website by  
23 visiting -- or by visiting, [DrawMyCACommunity.org](http://DrawMyCACommunity.org); again,  
24 [DrawMyCACommunity.org](http://DrawMyCACommunity.org). Skip the line and Go Online.

25           Now, I will call on all Commissioners to introduce

1 themselves and to say hello. To see the biographies of  
2 all fourteen Commissioners for additional information, or  
3 to sign up for our emails, please visit our website at  
4 WeDrawTheLinesCA.org.

5 Please also follow the Community Citizens  
6 Redistricting Commission on social media. You can find  
7 us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn, and  
8 YouTube, and our handle is @WeDrawTheLinesCA; again  
9 WeDrawTheLinesCA, and CA is California. And there you  
10 will find a lot of useful information about redistricting  
11 and updates on the California Commission.

12 We will begin, but with my neighbor to the north,  
13 Linda Akutagawa.

14 I'm sorry. We will begin with Jane Andersen.

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Good morning, California.  
16 And particularly the Californians are going to tell us  
17 about Imperial and San Diego Counties. My name is Jane  
18 Andersen. I'm actually further north, coming to you from  
19 Berkeley, California, this morning, the San Francisco Bay  
20 area. And I'm looking very forward to hearing from you.  
21 Thank you.

22 CHAIR SINAY: Thank you so much. Next, Alicia  
23 Fernández.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: (In Spanish, not  
25 translated).



1 Good morning, California. I'm Alicia Fernández from  
2 Yolo County, and a special welcome to those from San  
3 Diego-Imperial. And I'm calling from Yolo County. That  
4 was a whopping 104 yesterday. It's going to be 108  
5 today. So we're going to stay inside. But I'm very  
6 excited to hear about your communities.

7 CHAIR SINAY: Great. Thank you, Commissioner Neal  
8 Fornaciari.

9 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Good morning -- excuse  
10 me -- good morning, California, especially San Diego and  
11 Imperial Counties, looking forward to hearing from you  
12 and your communities of interest. I'm coming to you from  
13 Tracy, California, which is in San Joaquin County. My  
14 forecast says it should be 112 here today, so for anybody  
15 that has to be outside, wear a hat and drink a lot of  
16 water.

17 CHAIR SINAY: Commissioner Kennedy.

18 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: (In Spanish, not translated)  
19 Good morning, everyone. I'm Ray Kennedy. I live in  
20 Morongo Valley, just up the road in San Bernardino  
21 County. We're one of the rural Joshua Tree Gateway  
22 communities. I lived in Palm Springs for fifteen years  
23 before moving up here last year, so a bit of a neighbor,  
24 and looking forward to hearing about San Diego and  
25 Imperial counties. Thank you.

1 CHAIR SINAY: Thank you so much. Commissioner Le  
2 Mons.

3 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Buenos dias. Good morning,  
4 California. I am Commissioner Le Mons, and I share my  
5 time between Los Angeles County and Riverside County.  
6 I'm coming to you today from Los Angeles, the Arts  
7 District downtown. And I'm looking forward to hearing  
8 all about the communities of interest in both San Diego  
9 and Imperial, and anyone else who decides to call in and  
10 share their perspective on California. Welcome.

11 CHAIR SINAY: Thank you. Commissioner Sadhwani.

12 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Good morning to my  
13 colleagues, and to California, and to all of our friends  
14 calling in today. My name is Sara Sadhwani. I live in  
15 La Canada, California, and I'm calling in today from  
16 Pasadena. Looking forward to hearing all of our great  
17 testimony and input today for San Diego and Imperial  
18 counties.

19 CHAIR SINAY: Thank you. Commissioner Toledo.

20 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Good morning, California. My  
21 name is Commissioner Pedro Toledo, and I'm coming to you  
22 from Petaluma, California, in Wine Country. And it's  
23 going to be a hot day. I look forward to hearing all  
24 about your -- all of your community of interest testimony  
25 and input, and learning all about San Diego and Imperial

1 counties and anywhere else you may call from. Thank you.  
2 And welcome.

3 CHAIR SINAY: Thank you. And Commissioner Turner.

4 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Good morning, California. I'm  
5 Trena Turner, and looking forward to hearing from all of  
6 you on today. Again, in the San Joaquin Central Valley,  
7 Stockton, 109 today, so we have a heat wave going on in  
8 California. And I'm hoping you will warm up the lines  
9 and call us today and let us know about your communities  
10 of interest. Thank you.

11 CHAIR SINAY: Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioner  
12 Yee.

13 COMMISSIONER YEE: Good morning, California. I'm  
14 Russell Yee. And here in my hometown of Oakland in  
15 California, looking forward to hearing from our two  
16 counties on the southern border of California. I've long  
17 known about the Mexican City of Mexicali, and I've just  
18 learned there's actually a U.S. City of Calexico. How  
19 cool is that? So maybe we'll get some callers from  
20 Calexico today, and elsewhere in Imperial and certainly  
21 San Diego Counties. Looking forward to that. Thank you.

22 CHAIR SINAY: And I am Patricia Sinay. And you  
23 know, I'm proud to call San Diego my home. This is my  
24 fifth home, and the fifth city that I call -- or  
25 community that I call my home in California. I've lived

1 in Irvine, South Bay, and Los Angeles, at UCLA, San  
2 Francisco, and in San Diego. I've been here for over  
3 twenty years. I love living on the Frontera, on the  
4 border in the Cali-Baja region.

5 (In Spanish, not translated.)

6 Some housekeeping rules; this meeting is primarily  
7 for communities of interest focused on Imperial Valley  
8 and San Diego County and the surrounding areas. However,  
9 anyone in California can call in to provide input.  
10 General public comments will take place at the end of the  
11 meeting.

12 Today, we are joined by our line-drawing team,  
13 Haystaq DNA and Q2 Data & Research, who will be  
14 displaying maps of the areas that attendees describe.  
15 Please start, when you call in and you're given -- we  
16 tell you to start, please start with the area you would  
17 like to discuss, and be as specific as possible about the  
18 boundaries of where your community is located.

19 It is our goal to find the area on the map you would  
20 like to discuss prior to your testimony. If you are  
21 within a specific neighborhood of a larger city, please  
22 mention its name, once we are able to locate your area,  
23 your three-minute testimony will begin. Attendees will  
24 not be able to share their screen.

25 We are also joined by Katy, our comment moderator,

1 who will be introducing attendees when it's their turn to  
2 speak. When you join the meeting please use the raised  
3 hand button at the bottom of your screen to enter the  
4 queue. If you have registered for a time slot, we  
5 encourage you to call in during your appointment time  
6 slot. When it is your time to speak, Katy, our comment  
7 moderator, will be identifying you by your assigned  
8 unique ID number. You'll be reconnected to the session  
9 with the ability to enable your own video and/or audio.

10       The comment moderator will assign you a speaker  
11 order number before you begin to speak, please make a  
12 note of this for future references. You'll be able to  
13 use this number to identify your COI testimony on our  
14 website on a future date.

15       The Commission will be enforcing a three-minute time  
16 limit with a warning at thirty seconds and fifteen  
17 seconds remaining. At the beginning of your input you  
18 will see a map on the screen, please remind the mapper  
19 what area you would like to see on the screen and be as  
20 specific as possible about the boundaries where your  
21 community is located.

22       Registration is not required to participate in  
23 today's public meeting. The public has the option of  
24 calling in during this meeting and to get in the queue to  
25 speak. The call-in information and access code is listed

1 on the live stream which you can see on our website,  
2 WeDrawTheLinesCA.org.

3 While there are no clear rules on how to define your  
4 community of interest. We've identified ways for you to  
5 describe your community of interest, some guidelines.  
6 Begin with your county or city. Mention the street and  
7 significant locations in your neighborhood to help us  
8 identify the parameters of your community.

9 What are your shared interests? What brings your  
10 community together? What is important to your community?  
11 Are there nearby areas you want to be in a district with?  
12 Are there nearby areas you don't want to be in a district  
13 with? Why or why not? Has the community come together  
14 to advocate for important services, better schools,  
15 roads, or health care, the environment in your community,  
16 in your neighborhood?

17 Also, we invite you to use the communities of  
18 interest tool to draw a map and describe your community  
19 by visiting, DrawMyCACommunity.org. The tool is in  
20 fourteen different languages. Skip the line go online to  
21 make to commit your COI input today.

22 (In Spanish, not translated)

23 We will now begin the public input session. And I  
24 will pass this over to Katy, our comment moderator, who  
25 will start with the people who are registered and then

1 open the phone lines, if there's time, for the next  
2 session.

3 Katy.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Good morning. Welcome to  
5 the public input session. Please use the raise your hand  
6 button at the bottom of your screen to enter the queue.  
7 When it is your turn to speak, you will be identified by  
8 your assigned unique I.D. number. You'll be reconnected  
9 to the session with the ability to enable your own video  
10 and/or audio. You will then be assigned a speaker order  
11 number before you begin speaking. Please make a note of  
12 your speaker order number for future reference.

13 The Commission will be enforcing a three-minute time  
14 limit with a warning at thirty seconds and fifteen  
15 seconds remaining.

16 At the end of your public input or at the end of  
17 your time, you'll be reconnected in a listen- and view-  
18 only mode. At the beginning of your input please remind  
19 the mapper of what area you would like to see on the  
20 screen. I would also like to remind those calling in,  
21 that also have appointments, that pressing star 9 will  
22 raise your hand for those calling in.

23 Up first in the queue we have 013. And then up next  
24 in the queue will be 014. So right now will be 013. And  
25 then up next will be 014. 013 -- the Zoom I'd best say,

1 disappeared to. 013, you are speaker order number 1, if  
2 you will please make note of that for future reference,  
3 you can now enable your audio and video in the lower-left  
4 of your screen. Please remind the mapper of what area  
5 you would like to see. And with that the floor is yours.

6 MS. DELANEY: Good morning, Commissioners.

7 Mapper, I am speaking regarding the Northern San  
8 Diego County communities of Fallbrook, Bonsall, Valley  
9 Center, Pauma Valley, and Pala.

10 And I don't want to brag or anything, but we're only  
11 going to be 84 degrees today. So I'll be thinking of you  
12 guys.

13 So my name is Eileen Delaney, and I've been a member  
14 of the Fallbrook Planning Group for twenty-one years, but  
15 I'm speaking to you today as an individual. I support  
16 keeping Bonsall, Fallbrook, Valley Center, Pauma Valley,  
17 and Pala in the same district. These are all  
18 unincorporated communities with rural community  
19 character. We share many unique concerns and needs, many  
20 of those unlike some of the urban areas. And one of  
21 those concerns is wildfires. That is actually a very  
22 grave concern.

23 My role in the Planning Group, and as a Fallbrook  
24 resident for over twenty-six years, I've been very aware  
25 of the threat of wildfires and the need for appropriate



1 brush clearance along with mitigation strategies. This  
2 is of particular concern to these rural communities and  
3 this cannot be overstated. So just for this reason  
4 alone, it's important that we all maintain it in the same  
5 district so that we have a strong voice to represent us  
6 and somebody that understands us. And I appreciate your  
7 time and thank you very much.

8 CHAIR SINAY: Thank you.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have  
10 014. And then up next in the queue will be 004. Right  
11 now will be 014. And then up next will be 004. 014,  
12 your speaker order number will be number 2, if you will  
13 please make note of that for future reference. You can  
14 now enable your audio and video in the lower-left of your  
15 screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what area  
16 you would like to discuss today. And with that, the  
17 floor is yours.

18 MR. PAYNE: Thank you. Hello, Commissioners and  
19 mappers. My name is Jerry Payne, and I'm calling from  
20 Equality California, the state's largest LGBTQ+ civil  
21 rights organization with hundreds of thousands of members  
22 across California. I am calling today regarding the City  
23 of San Diego neighborhoods of Mission Hills, Hillcrest,  
24 North Park, South Park, Normal Heights, University  
25 Heights, and Kensington.

1           And before I get started, I want to thank you for  
2 taking an interest in our community, when you held a  
3 panel discussion on how redistricting impacts policy  
4 goals that are specific to our struggle for equality and  
5 how that can be impacted by fair representation for our  
6 LGBTQ plus community. As we mentioned during that  
7 discussion, we plan to actively engage in the  
8 redistricting process to ensure fair representation for  
9 the LGBTQ+ community.

10           And I'm calling today because Equality California  
11 has identified a very significant, geographically  
12 specific LGBTQ+ community of interest in San Diego County  
13 in those neighborhoods that I mentioned earlier. And we  
14 wanted to bring it to your attention as we hear from  
15 others in Zone K at today's hearing.

16           Again, the city neighborhoods of Mission Hills,  
17 Hillcrest, North Park, South Park, Normal Heights,  
18 University Heights, and Kensington, have all served as  
19 major building blocks of this local LGBTQ+ community and  
20 have a history of voting cohesively to elect candidates  
21 of choice. In fact, this collection of neighborhoods  
22 over the past three redistricting cycles have almost all  
23 been part of the 3rd City Council's District in the City  
24 of San Diego.

25           And that's where the past five City Council members

1 elected have all been out LGBTQ+ individuals, and they've  
2 been responsive to the LGBTQ community of interest and  
3 its needs. The four council members who previously  
4 occupied the seat have gone on to serve as members and  
5 leaders of the California Legislature and as Mayor of the  
6 City of San Diego, which is a huge milestone.

7       Again, reinforcing the fact that when the local  
8 LGBTQ+ community of interest is empowered to elect  
9 candidates of choice they are able to elect officials who  
10 are responsive to the community's needs at all levels of  
11 government.

12       Currently, Equality California, as I shared in other  
13 panel discussion is developing a dataset and maps with  
14 831,000 data points and growing that can be used as a  
15 guide for work to understand where our community  
16 strengths lie in a state. We know at this time that our  
17 LGBTQ+ dataset will demonstrate the strength of our  
18 community in these neighborhoods, and you can expect that  
19 several members of our community, not just in San Diego,  
20 but throughout the State, will be participating in this  
21 process as well, and even called in during the feature.

22       And so I want to quickly wrap up and say thank you  
23 so much for taking the time today. And we look forward  
24 to continuing our conversation with you about the  
25 importance of the representation that can be achieved

1 through this process. And we'll continue to call in once  
2 we identify other locations of LGBTQ+ communities  
3 throughout California. Thank you so much and have a  
4 great day.

5 CHAIR SINAY: Mr. Payne, before you leave.

6 MR. PAYNE: Yes.

7 CHAIR SINAY: Can you specify what are the street  
8 boundary -- are the boundaries of those communities?

9 MR. PAYNE: My internet is a little unstable, but I  
10 think you're talking about the boundaries of the  
11 neighborhoods that were mentioned.

12 CHAIR SINAY: Exactly.

13 MR. PAYNE: Yes. So starting with -- let me just  
14 kind of zoom out thinking about Mission Hills and  
15 Hillcrest. So we have Hillcrest to our west, and then  
16 we're going to North Park on our east, and including  
17 South Park and Normal Heights. So in terms of the actual  
18 street boundaries they're pretty much the existing  
19 neighborhoods that are already there.

20 And so I'm trying to see the map, but again, my  
21 internet connection is a little unstable, so I'm trying  
22 to see where this lines up right now. So if you're  
23 looking at Hillcrest on this map, I'm trying to see where  
24 we're at right now, could we move over to Balboa Park?  
25 Maybe that's probably the easiest thing to geographically

1 locate. All right. And then looking over to the west of  
2 Balboa Park or northwest, we should be able to locate the  
3 Hillcrest neighborhood. And I apologize. I'm seeing  
4 this on the screen as it's actively working.

5 And so the big green patch here would be, or about  
6 Balboa Park area, and then right on the top where we see  
7 that thick grey line and the Cabrillo Freeway, the 163,  
8 would be our Hillcrest neighborhood. And then we go east  
9 from Hillcrest following some of these kind of major  
10 roadways, we get into our North Park and our South Park,  
11 as well as trying to make sure that we include our  
12 University Heights and Kensington neighborhoods.

13 And so yes, so they are already existing  
14 neighborhoods that have their own boundaries, and so I  
15 just wanted to kind of bring attention to those existing  
16 boundaries --

17 CHAIR SINAY: Okay.

18 MR. PAYNE: --because the community is very tight  
19 and unified already.

20 CHAIR SINAY: Right. Well, thank you so much.

21 MR. PAYNE: Oh, you're welcome. Thank you so much  
22 for having us.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now will be 004.

24 And up next in the queue will be caller 9858. Right now  
25 it's 004. 004, your speaker order number will be number

1 three, if you will please make note of that for future  
2 reference. You can now enable your audio and video in  
3 the lower-left corner of your screen. Please remind the  
4 mapper of what area you would like to discuss today. And  
5 with that, the floor is yours.

6 MS. GBEH: Good morning. Can you hear me?

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can. Go ahead.

8 MS. GBEH: Okay. Thank you. My name is Hannah  
9 Gbeh. I am the executive director of the San Diego  
10 County Farm Bureau. And I am speaking today in an effort  
11 to help lift the raise -- lift the voice of local  
12 agriculture, probably one of the most complex communities  
13 for you to figure out in this process.

14 San Diego Agriculture, we are the twelfth largest  
15 farm economy in the state. We are the nineteenth largest  
16 farm economy in the nation. We have over 5,700 farms in  
17 our county, and at 1.8 billion dollar industry. We have  
18 historically been underrepresented in our elected  
19 offices, and part of that has to do with this is a very  
20 difficult stakeholder group to engage.

21 I, personally, am standing on my two-acre farm  
22 today, taking a break out of my inventory of harvest  
23 season to come and speak today on behalf of agriculture,  
24 and the importance of ensuring rural voices are  
25 represented properly in the political realm.

1           So you know, in terms of communities of agriculture,  
2 the heart and soul of agriculture primarily occurs in  
3 North County, San Diego, possibly two areas you can  
4 parcel it into. We have East County North, and that  
5 would be Pala, Pauma, Fallbrook, Bonsall, Rainbow, Olema,  
6 goes all the way out to Warner Springs. And then we have  
7 very strong urban agriculture in the coastal areas,  
8 Oceanside, Carlsbad, Escondido.

9           And then we have our East County areas, all the way  
10 down to Jamul, and Boulevard. We have agriculture that  
11 occurs in every jurisdiction in the City of San Diego.  
12 And so I am here today to request that additional effort  
13 is given by the Commission to really do a deep dive and  
14 ensure the voice of your local farmers is represented  
15 accurately during this process. Because I can say very  
16 confidently, this stakeholder group is not able to engage  
17 in this process as robustly as many others, and it has to  
18 do with the logistics of our business, and the time of  
19 the year, and we don't even have broadband connection in  
20 many of our rural communities to tune in and connect to  
21 this.

22           So again, I thank you for the opportunity to speak  
23 here today on behalf of our farming community in San  
24 Diego County, and to flag the need for additional  
25 representation in an accurate manner of our stakeholder

1 group, which is very strong, and robust, and large, and  
2 diverse, and spread geographically throughout the county.  
3 Thank you.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right  
5 now we will have caller 9858. And then up next in the  
6 queue will be 001. Right now we have caller 9858, and up  
7 next in the queue will be 001. Caller 9858, if you'll  
8 please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6.  
9 Caller 9858, you are currently unmuted. I have a couple  
10 of brief instructions. Your speaker order number will be  
11 number 4, if you'll make note of that for future  
12 reference. And then if you'll let the mapper know what  
13 area you would like to discuss today. With that, the  
14 floor is yours.

15 MR. MORGAN: Hello. My name is Malcolme Morgan. I  
16 represent an organization called Pillars of the  
17 Community, which is based in Encanto, San Diego. We  
18 represent people, for the most part, who have been  
19 negatively affected by law enforcement, which  
20 predominantly are Black and Brown people.

21 The boundaries that I would like to discuss are  
22 what's basically usually referred to as Southeast San  
23 Diego, but we're including a greater area, a little bit  
24 greater that goes, extends to the university to the  
25 north, to Mt. Hope Cemetery to the west, to Grand Avenue



1 and Spring Valley to the east, and to Division Street in  
2 the south. And the reason we would like to include  
3 Spring Valley is because with the gentrification of San  
4 Diego, a lot of poor Black and Brown people are migrating  
5 more east. And we're seeing that trend. The numbers are  
6 rising in the area of Spring Valley.

7       Essentially, what I want to talk about is the fact  
8 that in San Diego, we're actually, in world history, one  
9 of the greatest colonization strategies of the non-White  
10 world has been divide and conquer. And in America, we've  
11 seen that through many different means, you know, war on  
12 drugs, so on and so forth. But that has included even  
13 gerrymandering and redistricting.

14       For example, the southeast was split into two  
15 districts. At one point in time we shared a common  
16 council member. Now, we're split up. And this has split  
17 up the voting power of the already small, minute Black  
18 population in San Diego. So I think it may be anywhere  
19 between six to twelve percent of the population, now  
20 being split in half, we really don't have that voting  
21 power.

22       So the only way that we can -- we can improve the  
23 marginalization in San Diego, which we know that Black  
24 people, according to two reports, Campaign 0, a San Diego  
25 State University report, Black people are stopped ten

1 times more by the police, and ten times less likely to be  
2 found with contraband. We also make up one of the  
3 largest homeless populations in San Diego. So in order  
4 to get some representation that's going to really  
5 represent our issues, and vouch for our issues, we need  
6 to be able to vote together.

7 I mean, it's as simple as that. And if we -- and if  
8 we are not in the same district, we can't vote together  
9 to put somebody in a position that's going to really  
10 advocate for the issues that are plaguing us.

11 So we ask if you would please consider keeping these  
12 areas in the same district. Once again, that's north to  
13 University, to the west Mount Hope Cemetery, to the east,  
14 Grand Avenue and Spring Valley, and to the south,  
15 Division. And we're asking that you please keep us  
16 together so we can -- so we can keep our political power  
17 together. Thank you very much.

18 CHAIR SINAY: Thank you.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now in the queue,  
20 we will have 007. And up next, we will have 006. Right  
21 now it's 007. And up next will be 006. 007, your  
22 speaker order number will be number 5, if you will,  
23 please make note of that for future reference. You can  
24 now enable your audio and video in the lower-left corner  
25 of your screen. And if you will, please remind the

1 mapper of what area you would like to see today. With  
2 that, the floor is yours.

3 MS. WILSON NIEVES: Good morning, Commissioners.  
4 Thank you for having me here today. My name is Eryn  
5 Wilson Nieves, and I'm with Alliance San Diego. We are a  
6 grassroots community empowerment organization that works  
7 across the County of San Diego.

8 So when specifically speaking about which  
9 communities we're talking about, we do most of our work  
10 within the City of San Diego, in the communities of  
11 Encanto, Logan Heights, Barrio Logan, Paradise Hills, Oak  
12 Park, and City Heights. And we also expand our work in  
13 different cities in San Diego, El Cajon, La Mesa, Lemon  
14 Grove, and we have recently started doing work in Chula  
15 Vista and National City. So we're everywhere. So I  
16 don't know if the mappers are going to be able to make it  
17 super specific.

18 But our focus is to ensure communities of color,  
19 low-income communities, and the immigrant communities can  
20 live out their fullest potential locally, statewide, and  
21 nationally. And over the past two years, we've engaged  
22 San Diego County residents to participate in the census  
23 and now redistricting. We've completed a couple of COI  
24 sessions expressing the importance of community  
25 engagement in this process, and we're planning to do

1 several more over the summer.

2       During our sessions, community members express  
3 concerns about local and state-wide lines being drawn to  
4 separate communities with historically shared interest  
5 and values, such as family, education, culture,  
6 respect -- and many more. And this can specifically be  
7 seen in the 78th and 79th State Assembly District, which  
8 split up Encanto, also known as Southeast San Diego,  
9 which is a very well-known Black community in two  
10 separate districts.

11       We also have to consider our unique makeup as a  
12 border city and how our community is impacted by  
13 militarized local and federal law enforcement agencies.  
14 It is necessary for our communities to stay together to  
15 ensure true representation in order to address the  
16 concerns and needs of our community members. Excuse me.  
17 It's crucial to impact -- it's crucial to prioritize  
18 these impacted voices and redistricting, to ensure  
19 resources are evaluated and distributed in equitable  
20 manner.

21       And this process really, truly can create  
22 everlasting change, but only if we highlight the voices  
23 and experience of community members. Thank you so much  
24 for having me here today.

25       CHAIR SINAY: Thank you.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we have 006.  
2 And up next in the queue will be 011. Right now it'll be  
3 006. And up next in the queue will be 011. 006, your  
4 speaker order number will be number 6, if you'll please  
5 make note of that for future reference. If you'll please  
6 remind the mapper of what area you would like to see.  
7 With that, the floor is yours.

8 MS. ERIKAT: Good morning, Commissioners. My name  
9 is Jeanine Erikat. I'm here today with PANA, the  
10 Partnership for Advancement of New Americans. And I'm  
11 here to talk about the neighborhoods of City Heights  
12 starting on University Avenue, and La Mesa, and El Cajon.  
13 Led by the communities it serves, PANA works at the  
14 intersection of African, Middle Eastern Muslims, South  
15 Asian refugee communities, PANA is a research public  
16 policy and community organizing hub dedicated to  
17 advancing the full economic, social, and civic inclusion  
18 of refugees.

19 We serve hundreds of immigrant and refugee families  
20 across San Diego, and we presented to you in November on  
21 the diversity of African languages and best practices for  
22 community engagement. Over the past three months, we  
23 hosted ten COI sessions with 200 residents, both  
24 virtually and in person at parks, local mosques, and  
25 community centers, in English, Somali, Oromo, Swahili,

1 Arabic, Dari, Pashto, with youth and elders, our  
2 community members could effectively engage in the process  
3 in their preferred language, specifically in City  
4 Heights, which is known as a rich refugee hub, El Cajon,  
5 known by its residents as Little Baghdad. And we still  
6 have scheduled sessions for the rest of this month.

7       During our sessions we've been using your COI tool,  
8 which has been extremely user friendly, and it's been a  
9 really amazing experience, people are excited to share  
10 with you, but it's a little daunting right now, so we're  
11 getting ready and excited for you to come back in town in  
12 August and September.

13       The demographics of El Cajon have changed in the  
14 last ten years as we've seen an influx of Syrian and  
15 Afghan refugees. At the same time, we've had a large  
16 East African community in City Heights for the past  
17 thirty years have been historically shut out of the  
18 process for various reasons.

19       Additionally, our Arab, Middle Eastern, North  
20 African community members are often hidden in the data  
21 because we're forced to mark White in the census and as a  
22 result, have never been engaged in the process. We  
23 recognize the importance of COI sessions and have been  
24 working hard to have these conversations with community  
25 members. We're really excited, and see this as an

1 opportunity to have representation in office and bring  
2 back resources in the community.

3 Many of our community members have shared similar  
4 concerns around language, access, housing, and many lost  
5 their jobs during the pandemic, and were  
6 disproportionately affected by COVID, and were some of  
7 the last to receive vaccines.

8 Historically, our community has been impacted by  
9 surveillance in our neighborhood, schools, and mosques;  
10 and were devastated by the Muslim ban, which separated  
11 many from their loved ones. And so the community has  
12 come together to draw maps that accurately represent us  
13 to ensure voting power, to elect representatives who look  
14 like us and have our interest in mind. Thank you for the  
15 time and opportunity to speak. We're really looking  
16 forward to seeing you, those who can come in person in  
17 August and September. We hope to come out in the  
18 hundreds. Have a wonderful day.

19 CHAIR SINAY: Before you leave. Can you  
20 specifically give us the boundaries for City Heights?

21 MS. ERIKAT: Yeah. So we want to start on  
22 University Avenue up to 40th and 50th. And we have here,  
23 if you come down to the Street, it's a very diverse area  
24 of refugees from all over the world, Somalia Ethiopia,  
25 Eritrea, South Sudan, Burma, and it's a really robust and

1 rich place.

2 CHAIR SINAY: Thank you so much.

3 MS. ERIKAT: Thank you for the opportunity today.

4 Have a wonderful day.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we have 011.

6 And up next will be 017. So right now it'll be 011. And  
7 up next in the queue will be 017. 011, your speaker  
8 order number will be number 7, if you'll please make note  
9 of that for future reference. You can now enable your  
10 audio and video in the lower-left of your screen. If  
11 you'll please remind the mapper what area you would like  
12 to discuss today. With that, the floor is yours. You  
13 are unmuted. Go ahead.

14 MR. RUIZ: Hi. Hi, everyone. Yes, my name is Frank  
15 Ruiz, and I live in the City of Indio, California, and I  
16 work in Conservation as a director for the Salton Sea  
17 Program. And I would like to discuss the Salton Sea  
18 program crisis, especially referring to the Imperial  
19 County and Coachella Valley coming together as one  
20 region.

21 And I want to underscore three points with you all  
22 this morning, and why I believe the Imperial County  
23 should be together with the Coachella Valley. One, the  
24 Salton Sea region is facing perhaps one of the worst  
25 environmental, economic, and public health crisis in



1 modern history that requires undivided attention from all  
2 the communities surrounding the Salton Sea, from the  
3 Coachella Valley and the Imperial County together. The  
4 Salton Sea is in a region also called the Salton Sink  
5 that connects the whole region geographically,  
6 hydrologically, and politically.

7       Second, the Coachella Valley and Imperial County are  
8 both united by similar interests beyond the cultural  
9 connections, including a robust agricultural industry.  
10 We also share the same air quality issues, similar  
11 economic, and overall a public health issue that should  
12 be addressed together as a whole. The polluted elements  
13 do not know county lines or boundaries, as a region,  
14 including the Coachella and Imperial County. We have one  
15 of the worst or probably highest asthma rate in the State  
16 of California.

17       The Salton Sea is a major crisis affecting both  
18 sides of the lake, both in the north, the Coachella  
19 Valley, and the south, the Imperial County. The  
20 Coachella Valley, I mean, it makes no sense for these two  
21 counties to address those issues from separate matters;  
22 if the crisis affects both sides, why not to face it all  
23 together as well.

24       And lastly, it is in the benefit of the underserved  
25 communities on both sides, the whole region, as a whole,

1 in recognizing the makeup of these communities, and the  
2 social economic challenges, and the benefits that they  
3 could potentially improve and attain if these area come  
4 together. Thank you very much.

5 CHAIR SINAY: Thank you so much.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have  
7 017. And up next in the queue will be 001. And I'd like  
8 to invite 015 and 018 to please use the raise your hand  
9 button at the bottom of your screen. Again, that was 015  
10 and 018, if you'll please use the raise your hand button  
11 at the bottom of your screen, it will enter you into the  
12 comment queue line. Thank you so much. I do see your  
13 hands 015. So right now we will have 017. Up next will  
14 be 001.

15 017, your speaker order number will be number 8, if  
16 you'll please make note of that for future reference.  
17 You can now enable your audio and video in the lower-left  
18 of your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of  
19 what area you would like to discuss today. With that,  
20 the floor is yours.

21 MR. CALDERON: Hello. I don't know if you can see  
22 me, but I tried to make it so you can see me.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We can.

24 MR. CALDERON: Okay. Hi. My name is Alor Calderon,  
25 I'm the -- my name is Calderon, and I'm to talk about

1 City Heights. Some of the people before in organizations  
2 that we work with, you know, like PANA, and others talked  
3 about City Heights. And I really appreciate the  
4 opportunity to speak with you today. And I like I said,  
5 my name is Alor Calderon. I'm the director of the  
6 Employee Rights Center, which has been an organization,  
7 which has been located in City Heights since 1999. I  
8 myself have been working at the Employee Rights Center  
9 for over fifteen years, and go into that community  
10 basically every day for the last fifteen years.

11 We are a nonprofit that works with community, works  
12 with many organizations that have given testimony,  
13 Alliance, PANA, and others, in this community. We  
14 provide, you know, legal services, and educational  
15 services, and we do outreach in this community.

16 Just in the last few months we have done vaccination  
17 clinics, we have a weekly food distribution in City  
18 Heights, which brings between 160 and 200 families every  
19 week. We really want to urge, you know, here that City  
20 Heights, where the (indiscernible) is located, to be  
21 connected to the communities where many of our clients  
22 live.

23 You know, many of the people that work here are from  
24 the food industry, janitorial, trucking, taxicab, there  
25 for many, many part of the of the working-class

1 neighborhoods. And many of them suffer from wage theft,  
2 for discrimination, for injuries. And the communities  
3 that I'm referring to that should be connected, we're  
4 talking Logan Heights, Sherman Heights, National City,  
5 Western Chula Vista, Lemon Grove, Southwest, but clearly  
6 I'm talking from the point of view of City Heights and  
7 connecting these communities.

8 Many of our clients meet and rely on our lawmakers  
9 to be able to get higher minimum wage, and stronger laws  
10 to protect the workplace, something that is especially  
11 needed. Now, given what happened in the pandemic. Many  
12 of them are independent contractors, even though they  
13 shouldn't; many of them have jobs that really don't want  
14 to provide health care. And so we need to keep having a  
15 strong voice for the immigrant population, for the  
16 working class population.

17 So we urge today that we keep City Heights together  
18 with these other communities, Logan, Sherman, National  
19 City, the southern -- south of City Heights, together, in  
20 order to have strong voices for these communities. Thank  
21 you so much.

22 CHAIR SINAY: Thank you.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have  
24 001. And up next in the queue will be 015. Right now  
25 it'll be 001. And up next in the queue will be 015 --

1 oh, wait, hold on one second. 001, you'll be right now.  
2 001, your speaker order number will be number 9, if  
3 you'll please make note of that for future reference.  
4 You can now enable your audio and video in the lower-left  
5 of your screen. If you'll please remind the Mapper what  
6 area you would like to discuss today. With that, the  
7 floor is yours.

8 MS. GOMEZ: Thank you. Can you hear me?

9 CHAIR SINAY: Yes.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can. Go ahead.

11 MS. GOMEZ: Okay. Sorry, I can't enable my video,  
12 I'm using my phone. But my name is -- hello  
13 Commissioners. My name is Georgette Gomez. And today I  
14 would like to talk to you about City Heights  
15 neighborhoods in the City of San Diego. In terms of the  
16 boundaries, City Heights can be generally described as  
17 including the interchange between the 15 -- Highway 15,  
18 Highway 805, freeways up to El Cajon Boulevard on its  
19 north -- northern boundaries, State Route 94, in Chollas  
20 Creek to its southern boundaries as far east to 54th  
21 Street. That is the City Heights community.

22 Hello, Commissioners. My name is Georgette Gomez.  
23 And I'm calling today to talk to you about City Heights  
24 neighborhood, which is the heart of the 9th City Council  
25 District that I had the pleasure and the great honor of

1 representing as the San Diego City Council from 2016 to  
2 2020, because City Heights has a pretty high population  
3 of over 100,000 residents, if not more.

4       And these are folks that are -- that have made this  
5 community a very vibrant, a very rich community, because  
6 of the makeup of the population here. This community has  
7 been the home to our refugee community, to our immigrant  
8 community, and it really does -- has created this melting  
9 pot of a community that has been brought together.

10       Now, with that, it also has some unique challenges,  
11 such as languages, such as income inequality, such as  
12 housing inequality, and many other issues that have been  
13 faced in this community. So it's really, really critical  
14 that this community stays together, because of the unique  
15 challenges that it brings, and also the unique  
16 opportunities that it brings to really lift up our  
17 migrant community, our refugee community.

18       It's been like this since very early on, in the  
19 history of the City of San Diego. From the '70s it was  
20 the refugee to the Vietnamese, Cambodian, Thailand  
21 settlement, were here and City Heights. Now, we're  
22 seeing the East Africa community, our Somali community,  
23 our Eritrea community, our community from the south, our  
24 neighboring south communities from Mexico, so we  
25 really -- it's I can't stress that enough, as somebody

1 that used to represent this community, that was really  
2 committed and making sure that we were lifting the  
3 community and the quality of life. It is really critical  
4 that it's been -- that the representation is by one  
5 state-elected, a city-elected, and it's not divided  
6 between multiple jurisdictions. So I really urge you to  
7 please consider keeping this community together as you  
8 make your decisions. And I appreciate the work that you  
9 are all set to do. Thank you so much.

10 CHAIR SINAY: Thank you, Ms. Gomez.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have  
12 015. And up next in the queue will be 009. Right now we  
13 will have 015. 015, your speaker order number will be  
14 number 10, if you'll please make note of that for future  
15 reference. You can now enable your audio and video in  
16 the lower-left of your screen. And if you'll please  
17 remind the mapper of what area you would like to discuss  
18 today. With that, the floor is yours.

19 MS. DE SASSO: Hi there. My name is Teresa de Sasso  
20 (ph.). I am from Encinitas in North San Diego County,  
21 and I am a member of Indivisible 49. We represent  
22 progressive voters in the CA-49 District, and have worked  
23 diligently to encourage voter registration, voter  
24 engagement, and get out the vote efforts, and to raise  
25 the voices of our community members.

1 CA-49 includes the towns of Encinitas, Carlsbad,  
2 Solana Beach, Del Mar, Rancho Santa Fe, as well as Vista,  
3 Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, and San Juan Capistrano, and  
4 San Clemente, and Southern Orange County, and some other  
5 smaller towns I will not get into.

6 Our district is diverse in ages, and cultures, and  
7 incomes, and in backgrounds. We share an interest in  
8 preserving our coastal communities and protecting the  
9 coastal environment. Local parks, beaches, and shopping  
10 hubs all add vibrancy to our district.

11 I believe it is important to retain as much of the  
12 District as we can, including UCSD to the south, and Camp  
13 Pendleton and Southern Orange County to the north. I  
14 believe this gives us a unique mix of voters, and we are  
15 currently considered a purple district politically. If  
16 we could grow our district, I would like to include San  
17 Marcos. San Marcos includes a state university that  
18 draws students from Carlsbad, Oceanside, Vista, and other  
19 towns in our districts -- in our district.

20 If we -- I would prefer not to lose any portion of  
21 our district, but if we were to lose either our  
22 southernmost sector, which is UCSD, then Cal State San  
23 Marcos would be a good addition to balance that loss.  
24 And if we were to lose any of our northern sector in  
25 Orange County, then again, San Marcos would be a good



1 addition to make our district more geographically  
2 compact. I thank you for your time and your work on this  
3 Commission.

4 CHAIR SINAY: Thank you.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have  
6 009. And I'd like to invite 018 to use your raise your  
7 hand button at the bottom of your screen. 018, if you'll  
8 use the raise your hand button at the bottom of your  
9 screen to enter the comment queue.

10 But right now we have 009. 009, your speaker order  
11 number will be number 11, if you will please make note of  
12 that for future reference. You can now enable your audio  
13 and video in the lower-left of your screen. And with  
14 that the floor is yours. Oh. And if you'll remind the  
15 mapper of what area you would like to discuss today. I  
16 apologize. With that, the floor is yours. 009, you are  
17 unmuted. You can speak. Can you hear me, 009? 009, it  
18 looks like you're connecting to audio according to my  
19 Zoom prompts.

20 009, it looks like you may be having some  
21 connectivity issues. I invite you to call in. It looks  
22 like your connectivity of your internet connection is  
23 preventing you from connecting fully to the meeting via  
24 Zoom. I invite you to use the telephone number in your  
25 Zoom invite to call in.

1           With that, I move to 018. I invite you to use the  
2 raise your hand button at the bottom of your screen to  
3 enter the comment queue. And then I invite the callers  
4 in the queue to please press star 9 to raise your hand  
5 indicating you wish to comment. The callers in the  
6 queue; please press star 9 to raise your hand indicating  
7 you wish to comment.

8           At this time, 018, I will be promoting you to  
9 panelist. 018, you can now enable your audio and video  
10 in the lower-left of your screen, your speaker order  
11 number will be 11. If you'll please remind the mapper of  
12 what area you would like to discuss today. The floor is  
13 yours.

14           MR. GOMEZ: Hi. Can everybody hear me?

15           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can. Thank you.

16           MR. GOMEZ: All right. Good morning, everybody.  
17 I'm from beautiful, sunny National City, California,  
18 91950. As you can see, we have a very interesting map  
19 there. So we're about seven square miles, very dense  
20 community, with about 60,000 population, and about, as of  
21 June 2021, 27,932 registered voters. We are County  
22 Supervisor District 1, State Assembly District 79 and  
23 80th. So this is split, which is very interesting  
24 because we have a large majority population of Latinx and  
25 Filipino in our city. And those two districts kind of

1 split us -- split us up on the East Bay.

2 With State Senate District 40, which takes into  
3 Imperial County, where we don't really share much of the  
4 same geography and interests as Imperial County. Then  
5 where Congressional District 51, which I believe goes  
6 right up to the border, so that is pretty good, we're  
7 just -- I know folks in San Diego and California are  
8 concerned about losing some Congressional districts. I  
9 hope we don't lose our representation, especially with  
10 the large, again, large Latino, Filipino, Black community  
11 in our region.

12 Because we're so close to the ocean here for some  
13 reason we have -- I mean, there is a reason about, we  
14 have poor air quality, food desert, that we don't really  
15 see across the bay in Coronado and we have -- we share  
16 some of the same representation, I believe, on the  
17 county.

18 So thank you so much for this opportunity. I'm a  
19 fourth-generation resident of National City, Zachary  
20 Gomez, and also a Commissioner for the City. And we need  
21 fair and proper representation for our city. We're one  
22 of the second oldest in San Diego County, right behind  
23 San Diego. So there's so much history.

24 And lastly, I would like to recognize that we  
25 stand --

1 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

2 MR. GOMEZ: -- are all on Kumeyaay Nation land.

3 Thank you for your time. And thank you for including us.

4 CHAIR SINAY: Thank you so much. And thank you for  
5 the reminder that we're on Kumeyaay land.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have  
7 caller 3422, that's caller 3422. And then up next will  
8 be caller 8495. Right now it'll be caller 3422. And up  
9 next will be caller 8495. Caller 3422, please follow the  
10 prompts to unmute. Caller 3422, if you'll please follow  
11 the prompts to unmute, by pressing star 6; caller with  
12 the last four, 3422, if you'll please press --

13 Caller 3422, you are currently unmuted. I have a  
14 couple of brief instructions. Your speaker order number  
15 will be number 12, if you will please make note of that  
16 for future reference. And if you'll please let the  
17 mapper know what area you would like to discuss today.  
18 With that, the floor is yours.

19 Can you hear me?

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Go ahead. The floor is  
22 yours.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good morning. Please pull up  
24 Imperial County map Region of East Coachella and East San  
25 Diego. I'll speak to that area on the map. I'm calling

1 today to talk about Imperial County and its relationship,  
2 both Coachella and East San Diego.

3 As a lifelong resident of Imperial County, a  
4 graduate of San Diego State University in San Diego, and  
5 a current resident of the Coachella Valley, I want to  
6 share why I think it's important for Imperial County to  
7 be linked with Coachella Valley.

8 Anyone who knows Imperial County or has lived there  
9 their whole life can tell you that Coachella and Imperial  
10 Valley not only share agriculture as its farmworkers  
11 feeding the state and country, we also share the Salton  
12 Sea, California's largest body of water.

13 This so-called sea is shared by Imperial and  
14 Riverside County. Our legislators -- I'm sorry -- have  
15 been working on improving our quality of life, economic  
16 impact, high unemployment rates, and devastating health  
17 disparities caused by this contaminated body of water.  
18 I've heard it described as the second -- the second-most  
19 polluted body of water in the State of California, the  
20 first being just south by the border called the New  
21 River.

22 We need to continue sharing representatives that  
23 will be able to advocate on behalf of our communities,  
24 especially the Salton Sea. It is for these reasons why I  
25 believe that Imperial County and East Coachella should

1 share state representatives. I also wanted to highlight  
2 that our border community has benefited from having a  
3 shared Federal representative. Everything from border  
4 infrastructure, education, economic development, and  
5 health districts are shared. Not only do we share  
6 binational -- excuse me. Not only do we share binational  
7 communities, we share labor councils and nonprofit  
8 affiliates serving both San Diego and Imperial counties.

9 Lastly, I want to thank the Commissioners for the  
10 work they volunteered to do for our communities and trust  
11 that the wishes of Imperial County residents, as well as  
12 San Diego and Coachella Valley are respected. Thank you.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right  
14 now we will have caller 8495. I invite those who have  
15 called in to please press star 9 to raise your hands  
16 indicating you wish to comment. Please press star 9 on  
17 your telephone keypad. This will raise your hand  
18 indicating you wish to comment. Right now we have caller  
19 8495. And then up next, we will have caller with the  
20 last four, 7688. Right now is 8495. Up next will be  
21 7688.

22 Caller 8495, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
23 unmute by pressing star 6; you are currently unmuted. .  
24 Your speaker order number will be number 13, if you'll  
25 please make note of that for future reference. And if

1 you'll please let the mapper know what area you would  
2 like to discuss today. With that, the floor is yours.

3 MS. ABDI: Good morning, Commissioner. My name is  
4 Rahmo Abdi, I'm a community organizer with PANA. I'm  
5 calling from the neighborhood of City Heights, which is a  
6 rich refugee hub and has been coined as Little Somalia.

7 PANA serves hundreds of immigrant refugee families  
8 across San Diego County. We hosted ten sessions, COI  
9 sessions with 200 residents both virtual and in-person at  
10 a local community park over the past three months, in  
11 multiple language; English, Somali, Oromo, Swahili,  
12 Arabic. Also our youth and older community members  
13 effectively engaged in the process of their preferred --  
14 in their preferred language, to learn about more -- about  
15 redistricting.

16 And we are so grateful for the COI tool that which  
17 we have been using within the community, and then during  
18 our mapping sessions, and saving as a draft while we  
19 continue meeting with the community members. Our  
20 community has been certainly shut out of the process. We  
21 have been -- we have been here over thirty years and this  
22 is our first time our community has participated in  
23 mapping and we are very excited to be part of this  
24 redistricting cycle.

25 It is very important for our voice to be heard and

1 unified to have representation in politics, someone who  
2 has our community best interests in mind. This is our  
3 first opportunity for us to share our narrative as an  
4 African immigrant refugee community. We live in the  
5 underserved community in San Diego. We are shut out of  
6 all decision-making process, and want to bring change in  
7 our community by unifying the voting bloc.

8       The refugee community in City Heights experience  
9 high rate of hidden homelessness, with family doubling up  
10 in the same home to afford rent, and having no -- having  
11 the kids navigating a new environment without language  
12 access. This makes simple tasks, like apply for a job,  
13 visiting doctor appointment, enrolling your kids in  
14 school, or going to DMV, very difficult for our community  
15 due to the language barrier, which is why it's so  
16 important for us to stay together in one community and  
17 draw and map that actually represents us.

18       And thank you for the time to speak today. And the  
19 community's very excited to turnout for the in-person  
20 August and September meetings. Have a great day.

21       CHAIR SINAY: Thank you.

22       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have  
23 caller 7688. Right now we have caller 7688. If you will  
24 please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6.  
25 Caller 7668, you are currently unmuted. Your speaker



1 order number will be number 14, if you'll please make  
2 note of that for future reference. And if you'll please  
3 let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss  
4 today. With that, the floor is yours.

5 MR. STONE: Good morning. The area I'd like to  
6 discuss today is the City of La Mesa, which shares a  
7 boundary on the -- to the east -- excuse me, to the west  
8 of the City of San Diego, along the area of Lake Murray,  
9 the southern boundary is the 94 Highway, and to our east  
10 is the City of El Cajon.

11 My name is Jim Stone, and as a La Mesa resident, I  
12 urge you to keep the City of La Mesa as part of the  
13 larger San Diego Metro area ecosystem. For seven years,  
14 I served as the executive director of a nonprofit  
15 organization that was dedicated to public transit, safe  
16 streets, and sustainable growth. In that work, I was  
17 pleased to see La Mesa support the growth of our region  
18 by embracing transit-oriented development.

19 After the City of San Diego, La Mesa has the second-  
20 most trolley stations in the Metropolitan Transit System,  
21 and the MTS bus routes that run through La Mesa travel  
22 along thoroughfares that are shared with the City of San  
23 Diego. These include University Avenue, Al Cajon  
24 Boulevard, and 70th Street.

25 Success for our region depends on cities in the

1 urban landscape, like La Mesa, to pull their weight on  
2 housing production, and accommodating public transit, and  
3 following through with environmental sustainability  
4 measures found in the City of La Mesa's Climate Action  
5 Plan.

6 And on that last point about sustainability, I  
7 should add that La Mesa is the only city east of  
8 Interstate 15 to have adopted a Climate Action Plan. And  
9 in fact, the Climate Action Campaign's 2020 report card  
10 only gave three cities in the County scores higher than  
11 80, and those were San Diego, Encinitas, and La Mesa.

12 And that is the company that La Mesa wants and  
13 should keep when it comes to addressing our challenges as  
14 a region. So again, please keep La Mesa in the districts  
15 that include the City of San Diego. Thank you for your  
16 time.

17 CHAIR SINAY: Thank you.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Up  
19 next, we will have unique ID 032. 032, you can now  
20 enable your audio and video in the lower-left of your  
21 screen. Your speaker order number will be number 15.  
22 You can now -- if you'll please remind the mapper of what  
23 area you would like to discuss today. With that, the  
24 floor is yours.

25 032, you can now enable your audio and video in the

1 lower-left of your screen. You have been promoted to  
2 panelist. 032, we did assign this, your -- all right.  
3 032 -- oh, you are currently unmuted. If you'll please  
4 remind the mapper of what area -- oh, wait. No. What?  
5 I apologize. Zoom is acting out. 032, you can now  
6 unmute yourself by using the lower-left corner of your  
7 screen.

8 MS. TALAMONTEZ: Yes. Can you hear me?

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can. Please  
10 remind the mapper of what area you would like to discuss  
11 today. And with that, the floor is yours.

12 MS. TALAMONTEZ: Yes. My name is Josephine  
13 Talamontez. And I would like to discuss Barrio Logan,  
14 Logan Heights neighborhood beginning at 10th Avenue,  
15 Marine Terminal on the San Diego Bay, and then moves  
16 along the waterfront to National City border, east to  
17 Interstate 15, and then north to Imperial Avenue.

18 So I'm here to talk about, there are two different  
19 parts in our community, Logan Heights and Barrio Logan  
20 that have been, unfortunately, divided for decades as the  
21 Government built freeways right between us. They rezoned  
22 the waterfront that allowed businesses to tear down  
23 houses to locate heavy industry polluters and junkyards.

24 In 1970, the community bound together to demand a  
25 Parkland, and we created Chicano Park, and the Chicano

1 Park monumental murals that are listed on the National  
2 Register and are now recognized as a national landmark,  
3 which includes amazing commemorations of our community  
4 and our culture, despite the freeway where cars rush  
5 overhead. Logan deserves to be kept whole. Past  
6 district maps have not allowed that because they use the  
7 bridge to connect Coronado to the rest of San Diego,  
8 which divided the community along Highway 75 elevated  
9 freeway.

10 We should not be automatically included in Coronado  
11 in our district. Our community is very, very, very  
12 different. If we need to be connected to other  
13 communities, please consider the cultural connections,  
14 the working class connections that we have built with  
15 Sherman Heights, National City, and Southcrest.

16 The City of San Diego has grouped these  
17 neighborhoods into Barrio Logan Community Plan, of which  
18 I am a member, and the Southeast San Diego Community  
19 Plan. Those make sense for a district, but not Coronado,  
20 and not Downtown. I have learned that the last  
21 Commission connected Coronado to Downtown San Diego  
22 because of the ferry route. I think that makes a lot  
23 more sense than trying to force Coronado into Logan or  
24 Barrio Logan.

25 Please keep Barrio Logan and Logan whole again.

1 Please keep us connected. We have no connection to  
2 Coronado and we do not want the district representation  
3 to include Coronado, it makes no sense in our community.  
4 I'm a member of the Barrio Logan Planning Group, I am a  
5 member of the Air Pollution Control District, I'm also a  
6 member of the Barrio Logan Association Maintenance  
7 Assessment District, and I'm recently appointed as the  
8 Mayor's Advisory to the Latinx Advisory Committee.

9       Again, my name is Josephine Talamontez. I'm calling  
10 in from Barrio Logan in Logan Heights, San Diego,  
11 California. Thank you very much. And please, please  
12 consider that we --

13       MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

14       MS. TALAMONTEZ: -- we need fair and proper  
15 representation for our community, and our community does  
16 not reflect Coronado. Thank you very much.

17       CHAIR SINAY: Thank you so much.

18       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have  
19 caller 0684. And I invite those that have called in to  
20 please press star 9 to raise your hand indicating you  
21 wish to comment. Please press star 9 to raise your hand  
22 indicating you wish to comment. So right now we will  
23 have caller 0684. And then up next, we will have caller  
24 5374. Right now it'll be caller 0684, and up next caller  
25 5374.

1           Caller 0684, if you could, please follow the prompts  
2 to unmute yourself. You are currently unmuted. Your  
3 speaker order number will be number 17, if you'll please  
4 make note of that for future reference. If you'll please  
5 remind the mapper of what area you would like to discuss  
6 today. With that, the floor is yours.

7           JESSICA: Please pull up Southeast San Diego,  
8 including Chula Vista, and Pine Valley, as well as  
9 Imperial County, please.

10           Hi. My name is Jessica (ph.). I'm calling today to  
11 ask the Commission to place Southeast San Diego and  
12 Imperial County together in a Legislative district. I am  
13 a resident of Chula Vista. My home is ten minutes away  
14 from the Cross Border Bridge between San Diego and  
15 Tijuana, Mexico. I know firsthand experience, and from  
16 my friends living in Imperial County, that traffic coming  
17 back and forth over the border has serious short- and  
18 long-term impacts on the border communities like ours.

19           These issues include air and environmental  
20 pollution, border security, and provision of goods and  
21 services. It is only together that border communities  
22 can address these issues and improve our quality of life.  
23 Also, as a youth advocate, I see youth from low-income  
24 communities of Southeast San Diego share the same  
25 struggles as those in Imperial County.

1           These communities also share demographic  
2 similarities, share community college districts, share  
3 nonprofit organizations, labor unions and shared --  
4 shared organizations and labor unions, shared hospital  
5 and health agencies. These people and their families  
6 rely on the health and education collaboratives that span  
7 both regions, including California Health Advocates for  
8 Alliance (sic) -- Health Care Foundation (sic), and  
9 South -- San Diego Health Connect. Thank you for your  
10 time.

11           CHAIR SINAY: Thank you so much.

12           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have  
13 caller 5374. And up next will be caller 6872. Right now  
14 it'll be caller 5374. And up next will be caller 6872.  
15 And I invite those other callers to please press star 9  
16 to raise your hands indicating you wish to comment.  
17 Please press star 9 to raise your hand, indicating you  
18 wish to comment.

19           Caller 5374, if you could please follow the prompts  
20 to unmute yourself by pressing star 6; caller 5374, you  
21 are currently unmuted. I have a couple of brief  
22 instructions.

23           MR. BENZIAN: Hi.

24           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Your speaker order  
25 number --

1 MR. BENZIAN: Okay.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- will be number 18, if  
3 you could please just make note of that, and remind the  
4 mapper of what area you would like to see. With that,  
5 the floor is yours.

6 MR. BENZIAN: Hello. I would like to speak about  
7 Coronado. Good morning, or good afternoon -- I guess  
8 it's still morning. Good morning, Commissioners. My  
9 name is Whitney Benzian, and I'm a former city council  
10 member in Coronado, and a business owner, and a father on  
11 the island as well. I also, incidentally, used to live  
12 in Logan Heights as well, for about ten years, and owned  
13 a home there, but I'm a Coronado resident for the most  
14 part.

15 Thank you very much for taking the time to hear from  
16 the public today. I wanted to share my perspective on  
17 Coronado's place on the Legislative map. The main issue  
18 related to Coronado is how our island is connected to the  
19 rest of San Diego County. And I think the 2011  
20 Commission got it just right by connecting Coronado in  
21 the Senate, Assembly, and House maps to Downtown San  
22 Diego. It allowed our community to be paired with  
23 neighborhoods like Downtown Point Loma, Pacific Beach,  
24 and La Jolla.

25 These neighborhoods all really have a lot in common



1 with Coronado, such as our ties to the tourism and  
2 hospitality industry, our household incomes, and the  
3 coastal issues like water quality, sea level rise, marine  
4 life, and short-term vacation rentals. Coronado also  
5 features a large, retired military community, which is  
6 very significant in Point Loma and Pacific Beach.

7       The current maps respective community of interest.  
8 We share with these parts of San Diego by connecting us  
9 through the ferry route to Downtown San Diego. I think  
10 the ferry route is the preferable -- let me start over.  
11 I think it's preferable to do it that way as it avoids  
12 splitting the historic Barrio Logan neighborhood, which  
13 would happen if we were connected by the Coronado Bridge.  
14 I just don't see that being a positive, and a good thing  
15 for either area.

16       And finally, instead, I think the ferry route allows  
17 for an appropriate break that allows similar communities  
18 to be connected together in the same districts, seems to  
19 make the most sense to me. Thank you, again, for  
20 listening to the public. And good luck with this  
21 process. Thank you very much.

22       CHAIR SINAY: Thank you.

23       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we have caller  
24 6872. And I invite those who have called in to please  
25 press star 9 to raise your hand indicating you wish to

1 comment. And that is for caller with the last four 8095.  
2 If you wish to comment, please press star 9 on your  
3 keypad to raise your hand. Right now we have caller  
4 6872, if you could please follow the prompts to unmute.  
5 Caller 8095, I do see your hand, and you will be next.  
6 Right now we will have caller 6872. And up next will be  
7 caller 8095.

8 Caller 6872, if you could please follow the prompts  
9 to unmute by pressing star 6; caller --

10 MS. MARTINEZ: Hello?

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hello. I have a couple  
12 of brief instructions.

13 MS. MARTINEZ: Okay.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Your speaker order number  
15 will be number 19, if you'll please make note of that for  
16 future reference. And if you'll please let the mapper  
17 know what area you would like to discuss today. And with  
18 that, the floor is yours.

19 MS. MARTINEZ: Thanks. Hello. And so I'm calling  
20 in reference to the South Bay of San Diego County as a  
21 community of interest. My name is Grace Martinez. I'm  
22 with the Alliance of Californians for Community  
23 Empowerment, also known as known as ACCE, the director of  
24 the San Diego Chapter. The South Bay has a high Latino  
25 population with a combination of monolingual Spanish, and

1 bilingual residents. We are working -- we are renters  
2 and low-income working class homeowners.

3 Our proximity to the border has developed a unique  
4 Mexican-American culture that is concerned about  
5 immigration, like the presence of border patrol and  
6 constant -- border patrol presence and its concentration,  
7 language access, equal access to education, and economic  
8 stability. Many constituents have strong ties to  
9 Tijuana, either having a family that currently reside --  
10 currently resides there, or where they rely on cheaper  
11 services, like health care and goods.

12 Many Latino families have mixed-status families, and  
13 this has influenced several generations about how to  
14 interact with government, voting, and access to services  
15 that they may qualify for. Undocumented immigrants are  
16 integral to the economy in the South Bay, and  
17 residents -- regardless of residency status, provide  
18 services to the Greater South Bay community as well as to  
19 the county as a whole. But also represent a significant  
20 renter population.

21 There are smaller concentrations of other minority  
22 groups, like Black and Filipina that are integral -- that  
23 are integrated into the larger Mexican-American, culture,  
24 but are more closely connected to socioeconomic and  
25 racial justice issues.

1           The South Bay area includes San Pedro, central and  
2 west side of Chula Vista, the eastern section of Imperial  
3 Beach, Western and Central National City, Barrio Logan,  
4 Shelltown, and Logan Heights. These communities are all  
5 west of the 805, the neighborhood east of 805 include  
6 higher income brackets, and higher concentration of  
7 homeowners. Our community does not include Coronado.  
8 The South Bay region, like many similar communities, have  
9 been historically marginalized and disenfranchised from  
10 the voting and civic engagement process.

11           This community of interest needs to be preserved and  
12 empowered to ensure that the constituents are able to  
13 physically engage, not only to influence and voice their  
14 needs and concerns, but that this be done equitably to  
15 repair years of damage that has been done to this  
16 district and to the communities within. Please respect  
17 our community by keeping us together. Thank you for your  
18 time.

19           CHAIR SINAY: Before you -- what is your northern  
20 boundary for South Bay?

21           MS. MARTINEZ: It would be Barrio -- Logan Heights.

22           CHAIR SINAY: All right. Thank you so much.

23           MS. MARTINEZ: Thank you.

24           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we have caller  
25 8095. If you could please follow the prompts to unmute

1 by pressing star 6. Caller 095, your speaker order  
2 number will be number 20, if you'll please make note of  
3 that for future reference. If you'll please let the  
4 mapper know what area you would like to discuss today.  
5 With that, the floor is yours.

6 ALLISON: Hello? Can you hear me?

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can. Go ahead.

8 ALLISON: Oh. Great. Hi. My name is Allison (ph.),  
9 and I'm a City of San Diego resident. I wanted to  
10 comment about the Barrio Logan area, which I think as  
11 Josie Talamontez referenced, it starts at the 10th Avenue  
12 Marine Terminal, goes south along the water to the  
13 National City border, east to the I-5, and north to  
14 Imperial Avenue.

15 Yeah. And I'm a community organizer with  
16 Environmental Health Coalition, and our organization has  
17 been fighting for environmental justice in the  
18 neighborhood for about forty years now. So just want to  
19 give some historical context to this area of Logan  
20 Heights and Barrio Logan used to be one neighborhood  
21 before the Government demolished a bunch of homes and  
22 built a freeway through the center of it. But still to  
23 this day, the community considers itself to be unified.

24 And because of that, Barrio Logan should be kept in  
25 the same district with the same representation as Logan

1 and Sherman Heights. It definitely should not be in the  
2 same district as Coronado and Downtown. Logan deserves  
3 to be kept whole. The community members there share deep  
4 similarities in their cultures, demographics, and  
5 concerns. So I hope that you'll keep them together so  
6 that they can have the same representation. Thank you so  
7 much.

8 CHAIR SINAY: Thank you so much.

9 We have time for one last caller before our required  
10 break.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I invite caller 4569 to  
12 press star 9 to raise your hand indicating you wish to  
13 comment. I invite caller with the last four, 4569, to  
14 please press star 9 to raise your hand indicating you  
15 wish to comment.

16 Chair, it looks like we do not have a raised hand at  
17 this time.

18 CHAIR SINAY: Okay. With that, why don't we take  
19 our fifteen-minute break now? But before we leave, do  
20 you want to give the -- Katy, the instructions just so  
21 people can get in the queue for the next session?

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: For the next session?

23 CHAIR SINAY: I mean, just so that people can get  
24 into -- you know, get in the queue. Sorry. Do you want  
25 to just read the instructions? Let me keep it simple.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Chair, the next session  
2 has appointments that will be joining.

3 CHAIR SINAY: Okay.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And been given the  
5 instructions.

6 CHAIR SINAY: And they have the instructions?

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yeah. Yes.

8 CHAIR SINAY: Okay. So that sounds great.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yeah.

10 CHAIR SINAY: So why don't we just take our fifteen-  
11 minute break now, and that means we'll be back at 11:45.  
12 Enjoy your break.

13 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 11:30 a.m.  
14 until 11:45 a.m.)

15 CHAIR SINAY: Hi. Welcome back to the California  
16 Citizen Redistricting Commission Community of Interest  
17 Input Meeting. We also encourage you to visit our  
18 community of interest tool to draw a map and describe  
19 your community by visiting [DrawMyCACommunity.org](http://DrawMyCACommunity.org), again,  
20 [DrawMyCACommunity.org](http://DrawMyCACommunity.org).

21 I'll pass this over to Katy, our comment moderator,  
22 to continue with the public input. We will start with  
23 people who are registered, and then open the phone line  
24 if there is time before the next session. Thank you.

25 Katy.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, Chair.

2 Welcome to the public input session. Please use the  
3 raise your hand button at the bottom of your screen to  
4 enter the queue. When it is your turn to speak, you will  
5 be identified by your assigned unique ID number. You'll  
6 be reconnected to the session with the ability to enable  
7 your own video and/or audio. You will then be assigned a  
8 speaker order number before you begin speaking. Please  
9 make note of your speaker order number for future  
10 reference.

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

18 I invite 024 and 026 at this time, to please use the  
19 raise your hand button at the bottom of your screen. 024  
20 and 026, if you could please use the raise your hand  
21 button at the bottom of your screen indicating you are  
22 ready at this time to comment, as you have appointments  
23 in this block. 026, I see your hand. And 024, again, if  
24 you could use the raise your hand button at the bottom of  
25 your screen indicating you are ready at this time to



1 comment.

2 026, we will promote you at this time. 026, your  
3 speaker order number will be number 21, if you'll please  
4 make note of that for future reference. You can now  
5 enable audio and video in the lower-left corner of your  
6 screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what area  
7 you would like to discuss today. With that, the floor is  
8 yours.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello, everyone. So the area  
10 that I would be talking about is generally Paradise Hills  
11 or Alta Vista area. Okay. And so -- should I just start  
12 talking? Sorry. Okay, got it.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Go ahead.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: All right. So generally,  
15 just going over the questions that were provided from the  
16 website, I think some things that I would want to just,  
17 like, bring up to attention is, so as someone that has  
18 just recently moved from the Bay Area back to San Diego,  
19 and have been living in San Diego for the last six  
20 months, I would just like to say that there has been a  
21 lot of interesting changes in the area.

22 However, I think just bringing up the idea of like  
23 progress of area. So generally where I live at, the main  
24 roads that I can highlight would be Paradise Valley Road  
25 and South Woodman Street -- excuse me. However, that

1 doesn't necessarily extend just generally in that area or  
2 neighborhood. I definitely have commuted around in San  
3 Diego since my time being, and growing up in this area,  
4 that I've seen a lot in the National City area being very  
5 much developed in a way where I've seen a lot of -- for  
6 lack of a better word, interesting changes. I think  
7 there's something that I could bring as of interest, is  
8 just being able to recognize what those changes and  
9 effects of those changes can be on the neighborhoods.

10       So when it comes down to San Diego and National City  
11 area, I feel like when it comes to the responsiveness of  
12 retention of those that have lived in that area for a  
13 long time, as well as being able to recognize that that  
14 area has been changed in the benefit of progression,  
15 right. But I think also understanding the definition of  
16 progression being that housing is very much an affordable  
17 but nonaffordable experience, right.

18       When things change, I wonder what could be seen as  
19 the -- pretty much the idea of like, what can be changed  
20 that would be reflective of the people that can stay, if  
21 not live in that area? So I don't know if that generally  
22 made sense. I think what I would want to say is, is  
23 being able to see what pushes people in, and what leaves  
24 people left behind based off of just progress in general.

25       There have been good things such as being able to

1 renovate certain roads; however, that also comes with,  
2 like, nonaffordable housing that --

3 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- as seen in the area, that  
5 I've seen in National City, specifically, based off of  
6 the trends of what can be looked at when it comes to  
7 affordable housing.

8 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I think when it comes down to  
10 it, services that have benefited as things that I've been  
11 able to do in the past, which is working with community  
12 organizations to help speak on the behalf of the  
13 communities that I've been --

14 MR. MANOFF: Time.

15 CHAIR SINAY: Thank you so much, and welcome back,  
16 since you've made it back.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have a  
18 024. And then I would invite the people who have called  
19 in to please press star 9 to raise your hands indicating  
20 you wish to comment. But right now we will go to 024.  
21 024 your speaker order number will be number 22, if you  
22 will please make note of that for future reference. You  
23 can now enable your audio and video in the lower-left  
24 corner of your screen. Please remind the mapper of what  
25 area you would like to discuss today. And with that, the

1 floor is yours.

2 EILEEN: Hi. Yes, I want to recognize South San  
3 Diego, Chula Vista, Pine Valley, and Imperial County.  
4 Can you hear me?

5 MR. MANOFF: Yes, we can. Go ahead.

6 EILEEN: Okay then. Hi. My name is Eileen (ph.),  
7 and I'm a resident of Chula Vista. So basically I think  
8 that South San Diego and Imperial County are bordering  
9 cities. We experience the same issues and concerns and  
10 impacts of being linked with five major bordering  
11 crossings, which I live like fifteen minutes from one.  
12 This includes issues around -- this also includes issues  
13 around our air and environmental pollution stemming from  
14 our constant movement of goods and services coming  
15 from -- back and forth from over the border.

16 I should know about this due to my parents used to  
17 have a factory out in Tijuana. So and along with the  
18 constant movement of the commerce across the border --

19 (Background noise)

20 EILEEN: Oh. Excuse me. I'm sorry about that.  
21 Sorry about that. Sorry. Okay. So along with the  
22 constant movement of commerce across the border in South  
23 San Diego, Imperial County, the dependence on each  
24 other's, when it comes to our own local economy --  
25 economies. For example, San Diego's biotech and

1 cleantech corridors rely on Imperial County for its  
2 algae, biodiesel, and ethanol, and biomass products, as  
3 well as its geothermal energy products. And these -- it  
4 is for these reasons and others that I am -- I'm asking  
5 the Commission to consider keeping Imperial with South  
6 San Diego.

7 And so basically, sorry about all the noise in the  
8 background, my son started crying so -- and thank you for  
9 your time.

10 CHAIR SINAY: Thank you. And we all understand how  
11 difficult it is to be a parent, and be civically engaged.  
12 So thank you for calling in.

13 EILEEN: Yeah. Sorry. I just wanted to, like, get  
14 my words out there, but my son just came over here and  
15 got me all rattled.

16 CHAIR SINAY: No worries. And no need to apologize.

17 EILEEN: Okay.

18 CHAIR SINAY: Thank you.

19 EILEEN: All right. Thank you.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. So  
21 right now we will have caller 6243. And then up next  
22 will be caller 6620. So right now we will have caller  
23 with the last four digits 6243. And then it will be  
24 caller 6620. And I do invite the other callers in the  
25 queue to press star 9 indicating they wish to comment. I

1 do see your hands. We will be coming to you shortly.

2 Right now, caller 6243, if you could please follow  
3 the prompts to unmute; caller 6243, you are unmuted. I  
4 have a couple of brief instructions. Your speaker order  
5 number will be number 23, if you'll please make note of  
6 that for future reference. If you'll please let the  
7 mapper know what area you would like to discuss today.  
8 And with that, the floor is yours.

9 ZACK: Hi. My name is Zack (ph.), and I want to  
10 comment about the Barrio Logan area in the City of San  
11 Diego. It starts at the 10th Avenue Marine Terminal,  
12 goes south along the water to the National City border,  
13 east to the I-5, and then north to Imperial Avenue.

14 I just wanted to comment on how Logan Heights and  
15 Barrio Logan historically have been one neighborhood  
16 before many homes down the -- between them were  
17 demolished to make a highway. However, to this day, the  
18 community considers itself to be unified, and because of  
19 this Barrio Logan should be kept in the same district  
20 with the same representatives as Logan and Sherman  
21 Heights. It should not be in the same district as  
22 Coronado and downtown.

23 Logan deserves to be kept whole, and the community  
24 members share deep similarities in their cultures,  
25 demographics, and concerns. Thank you.

1 CHAIR SINAY: Thank you.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have  
3 caller 6620. And then up next we will have caller 3381.  
4 So right now will be caller 6620. And up next will be  
5 caller 3381. Caller 6620, if you will, please follow the  
6 prompts to unmute? Caller 6620, you are unmuted. I have  
7 a couple of brief instructions. Your speaker order  
8 number will be number 24, if you will please make note of  
9 that for future reference. If you'll please let the  
10 mapper know what area you would like to discuss today.  
11 And with that, the floor is yours.

12 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Hi. Good morning/afternoon. I  
13 would like to discuss the National City neighborhood, as  
14 well as the border region as a whole.

15 And so my name is Jose Rodriguez. I am the vice  
16 mayor of National City. That's Jose, J-O-S-E, Rodriguez,  
17 R-O-D-R-I-G-U-E-Z. And I wanted to thank you for your  
18 time and effort in putting this together. I am calling  
19 on behalf of National City.

20 Just to give folks an idea. National City's  
21 demographics are eighty percent people of color, that is  
22 fifty percent Latino, twenty percent Filipino, and then a  
23 mix of every other ethnicity. We have one of the lowest  
24 income rates in the county. We have one of the most  
25 polluted ports in all of the West Coast. We have a very

1 low homeownership rate of thirty percent. And so that  
2 gives you, I think, a good idea of the many societal  
3 issues and economic issues that our neighborhood faces.

4 And so the ask that I am making is to assure that  
5 National City stays together as one voting bloc, seeing  
6 as our interests are aligned. So hopefully we stay  
7 together in Senate district, in Assembly district, in a  
8 county, and in the same Congressional district. Most  
9 notably, recently we had a Assembly district, a special  
10 election in the 79th, just a couple of months ago.

11 Thirty percent of National City residents were in that  
12 79th Assembly District. The other seventy percent were  
13 in the 80th Assembly District.

14 And so just giving you the context of National  
15 City's needs and our community, I feel is better served  
16 that we stay within one particular district. And on that  
17 same note, you know, I believe we need one Congressional  
18 district representative to represent the entire border  
19 region. The border region is very complex. There's a  
20 wide range of issues in dealing with a lot of cities. So  
21 I believe we should keep that Congressional district  
22 representing, you know, our entire border area here in  
23 Southern California.

24 And then I also had questions regarding the  
25 timeline. I know that everybody is in a time crunch.



1 I'm hoping that you all, as a group, would take actions  
2 rather quickly. We do know it's an election year next  
3 year, and it would be good to provide adequate time for  
4 candidates to run for office in the new districts coming  
5 up. So thank you so much again for your time. Jose  
6 Rodriguez, vice mayor of National City.

7 CHAIR SINAY: Thank you, sir, for calling in. And  
8 we are aware of the timeline, and we are working to  
9 solidify our timeline. Thank you.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have  
11 caller 3381. And then up next will be caller 8509.  
12 Right now it'll be caller 3381. Up next, will be caller  
13 8509. Caller 3381, if you could, please follow the  
14 prompts to unmute? Caller 3381, you are unmuted. I have  
15 a couple of brief instructions. Your speaker order  
16 number will be number 25, if you'll please make note of  
17 that for future reference. If you'll please let the  
18 mapper know what area you would like to discuss today.  
19 With that, the floor is yours.

20 MS. GARCIA: Hello. My name is Alicia Garcia (ph.),  
21 and I want to comment on the Barrio Logan area, in the  
22 City of San Diego. It has come to my attention that  
23 Barrio Logan is going to be changed in the same district  
24 as Coronado and Downtown, and that is just absurd to me.  
25 I have lived here in Logan my whole life and although

1 there are technically two neighborhoods, Barrio Logan and  
2 Logan Heights, the members of this community see it as  
3 only one Logan. The I-5 freeway that was built right in  
4 the middle of our community forced us to become separate,  
5 but that was not our choice. And most of our families  
6 still remember a time when there was no division.

7 That is why it is important to keep Barrio Logan in  
8 the same district as Sherman Heights and Logan Heights.  
9 We all share the same culture, values and struggles, and  
10 it can be properly advocated for by the same  
11 representative. This will not happen if we get grouped  
12 with Coronado and Downtown, because those neighborhoods  
13 do not deal with our same issues.

14 I urge you to reconsider the change and continue to  
15 group Logan Heights, Sherman Heights, and Barrio Logan  
16 together. I thank you for your time and have a great  
17 day.

18 CHAIR SINAY: Thank you so much for calling.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will have  
20 caller 8509. And I invite those who have called in and  
21 are still waiting in the queue to please press star 9 to  
22 indicate you wish to comment. But right now, we have  
23 caller 8509, if you will please follow the prompts to  
24 unmute. Caller 8509 you are unmuted. I have a couple of  
25 brief instructions. Your speaker order number will be

1 number 26, if you'll please make note of that for future  
2 reference. If you will please at the mapper know what  
3 area you would like to discuss today. With that, the  
4 floor is yours.

5 BRITNEY: Thank you. Hello. I would like to  
6 address the Barrio Logan area.

7 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead.

8 MS. DUNSEK: All right. Hello. My name is Brittany  
9 Dunsek (ph.). And I just wanted to speak briefly and  
10 comment on the Barrio Logan area in the City of San  
11 Diego. I think it's imperative that Barrio Logan should  
12 be kept in the same district as Sherman Heights rather  
13 than being grouped with Downtown and Coronado.

14 I think that it's apparent, especially with  
15 everything that has been happening in Coronado recently,  
16 well, actually, I'll say that everything that's been  
17 brought to light by some of the actions of Coronado  
18 residents in regards to the tortilla-throwing incident  
19 that was predominantly done to a Latino basketball team.  
20 I think that this alone shows that the values and belief  
21 of Coronado residents may not necessarily line up with  
22 the values and beliefs of those in the Barrio Logan  
23 community, which is a community that is predominantly  
24 Latino, Latinx community.

25 Barrio Logan has a rich culture and history, and it

1 should be recognized as such by being kept in the same  
2 district with the same representatives as Logan Heights  
3 and Sherman Heights. Logan Heights and Barrio Logan, I  
4 will remind you all once again, was hysterically --  
5 historically one neighborhood before the Government  
6 demolished a bunch of homes and built a freeway through  
7 the center of it.

8 To this day, the community considers itself to be  
9 unified. And I've seen that. I've attended multiple  
10 Walk The Block in Barrio Logan, which is really -- which  
11 was really a community effort put on by women that were  
12 entrepreneurs and own businesses in the city -- I mean,  
13 not the city, but the community of Barrio Logan that  
14 wanted to come together and really help each other  
15 throughout the pandemic because the city didn't -- I  
16 mean, the City of San Diego really didn't do much to help  
17 Barrio Logan, so they decided to do something themselves.  
18 And that speaks on the power, and the independence, and  
19 the resilience of residents in Barrio Logan.

20 And like I said, to this day the community considers  
21 itself to be unified, and I'm a witness of that. Because  
22 of this Barrio Logan should be kept in the same district,  
23 with the same representatives as Logan and Sherman  
24 Heights. Reiterate this point, Barrio Logan should be  
25 kept in the same district with the same representatives

1 as Logan in Sherman Heights. It should not be in the  
2 same district as Coronado and Downtown. Logan deserves  
3 to be kept whole. The community members share deep  
4 similarities in their cultures, demographics, and  
5 concerns. Thank you.

6 CHAIR SINAY: Thank you so much.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I invite caller with the  
8 last four, 4569, to press star 9 indicating they wish to  
9 comment. Caller with the last four, 4569, please press  
10 star 9 to raise your hand if you wish to give public  
11 comment today -- if you wish to give community of  
12 interest input today.

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

14 CHAIR SINAY: I'm still getting used to that I'm the  
15 chair. Sorry about that.

16 Can you read the instructions?

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair.

18 In order to maximize transparency and public  
19 participation in our process, the Commissioners will be  
20 taking community of interest input by phone. To call in,  
21 dial the telephone number provided on the live stream  
22 feed. It is 877-853-5247. When prompted to enter the  
23 meeting ID number provided on the live stream feed, it is  
24 97214777038 for this meeting. When prompted to enter a  
25 participant ID simply press the pound key.

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

9           Please make sure to mute your computer or live  
10 stream audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during  
11 your call. Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert  
12 for when it is your turn to speak. And again, please  
13 turn down the live stream volume. And again, I invite  
14 those that have called in to please press star 9  
15 indicating they wish to comment.

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

18           CHAIR SINAY: All right. Let's just wait two  
19 minutes.

20                   (Pause)

21           CHAIR SINAY: Okay. It looks like we don't have  
22 anyone in the queue. Why don't we take a five-minute  
23 break and go to five-minute video.

24                   (Whereupon, a five-minute recess was held)

25           CHAIR SINAY: Thank you. And welcome back

1 everybody.

2 Katy, can you read the instructions, please?

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair.

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5 participation in our process, the Commissioners will be  
6 taking community of interest input by phone. To call in,  
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17 star 6 to speak. If you would like to give your name,  
18 please state and spell it for the record. You are not  
19 required to provide your name to give public comment.

20 Please make sure to mute your computer or live  
21 stream audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during  
22 your call. Once you're waiting in the queue, be alert  
23 for when it is your turn to speak. And again, please  
24 turn down the live stream volume.

25 And at this time we do have a caller. It's caller

1 8638. If you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by  
2 pressing star 6. Caller 8368, you are unmuted. I have a  
3 couple of brief instructions. Your speaker order number  
4 will be number 27, if you'll please make note of that for  
5 future reference. And then if you'll please let the  
6 mapper know what area you will be discussing today. With  
7 that, the floor is yours.

8 MS. CRUZ: Hello. Good afternoon. My name is Nancy  
9 Cruz, N-A-N-C-Y C-R-U-Z. And I would like to comment  
10 about the Barrio Logan area in the City of San Diego.  
11 And I'm just calling in because I was made aware that  
12 there's an idea to remove Barrio Logan from Logan Heights  
13 District. And I think that these two communities,  
14 historically, were one. And so it should remain -- they  
15 both should remain in the same district.

16 So as I'm calling in to comment and show my support.  
17 I'm a support -- I'm a resident of Logan Heights. And I  
18 don't think that we should be separated from Barrio  
19 Logan. We're just a couple of streets next to each  
20 other, and I have family and friends that live in the  
21 same district, and share the same interests. And there's  
22 a lot of similarities in terms of the culture,  
23 demographics. And I appreciate you keeping these two  
24 communities together. Thank you.

25 CHAIR SINAY: Thank you. Can you, before you go,



1 can you clarify what the -- the western boundary I'm  
2 guessing is the waterfront. But what is the eastern  
3 boundary and northern and southern boundaries of Barrio  
4 Logan, Logan Heights?

5 MS. CRUZ: Yeah. So it starts on 10th Avenue,  
6 Marine Terminal, goes south along the water to National  
7 City border, and east to the 1-5, and north to Imperial.

8 CHAIR SINAY: Great. Thank you so much.

9 MS. CRUZ: Uh-huh.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I'd like to remind those  
11 calling in to please press star 9 to raise your hand  
12 indicating you wish to comment, please press star 9.  
13 Caller 6418, I do see your hand. If you'll please follow  
14 the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6; caller 6418, if  
15 you will, press star 6 to unmute yourself? You are  
16 currently unmuted. I have a couple of brief  
17 instructions. Your speaker order number will be number  
18 28, if you'll please make note of that for future  
19 reference. And if you'll please let the mapper know what  
20 area you would like to discuss today. With that, the  
21 floor is yours.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. I'm calling in  
23 because -- on the item in keeping Barrio Logan within the  
24 same voting district, Sherman Heights and Logan Heights.  
25 I'm a resident of Barrio Logan, and I definitely see

1 that, you know, these communities are one, and I'm  
2 opposed to being in the same voting district as the  
3 Coronado District, and so -- and Downtown, because these  
4 areas have different needs, not just historically, but  
5 currently, there are different communities. And I'm  
6 opposed to moving the Barrio Logan Voting District to  
7 Coronado and Downtown.

8 CHAIR SINAY: Thank you. Can you let us know what  
9 the boundaries are for Sherman Heights?

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Let me see. I don't have a  
11 map in front of me. But the boundaries are the same, or  
12 similar to the previous speaker.

13 CHAIR SINAY: Okay.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Previous public speaker. Uh-  
15 huh.

16 CHAIR SINAY: Okay. We just want to make sure  
17 that -- which one was Logan Heights and which one was  
18 Sherman Heights. That was helpful. Thank you.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And with that, we do not  
20 have any callers at this time.

21 CHAIR SINAY: I just want to remind everybody that  
22 you can visit our website [WeDrawTheLinesCA.org](http://WeDrawTheLinesCA.org), and there  
23 you can sign up for our email to learn more about the  
24 Commission, our meetings, update, and announcements.  
25 Please connect with us on social media, on Facebook,

1 Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn, YouTube. Our handle is  
2 @WeDrawTheLinesCA, we'd love you to join us and.

3 And also there are numerous other ways that you  
4 could provide input to the Commission as well. You can  
5 attend one of these meetings, and there will be others in  
6 San Diego and throughout the State of California. You  
7 can visit WeDrawTheLinesCA.org for more information. You  
8 can use our communities of interest mapping tool, which  
9 can be found at DrawMyCACommunity.org. And that tool is  
10 in various languages including English, Spanish,  
11 simplified Chinese, traditional Chinese, Vietnamese,  
12 Tagalog, Korean, Armenian, Farsi, Arabic, Russian,  
13 Japanese, Punjabi, Khmer, Hmong, and Thai. Tutorials are  
14 also available in all those languages.

15 You can go to our website, WeDrawTheLinesCA.org and  
16 click on Draw My CA Community icon, to get to the tool.  
17 You can also email us at VotersFIRSTAct@CRC.CA.gov, or  
18 you can send us your comments, your maps, and your  
19 narratives by mail, snail mail to: California Citizen  
20 Redistricting Commission, 721 Capitol Mall, Suite 260,  
21 Sacramento, California 95814.

22 We have started a tradition during our quieter  
23 times, while we're waiting for callers -- we've got one  
24 right now.

25 Katy, do you want to give instructions on how to

1 raise your hand?

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes. I'd like to remind  
3 those calling in to please press star 9 to raise your  
4 hand indicating you wish to comment. And this is caller  
5 with the last four, 6418. If you'll please press star 9  
6 indicating you wish to comment.

7 At this time, Chair, we do not have any raised  
8 hands.

9 CHAIR SINAY: All right. Well, we've started a  
10 tradition among us, the Commissioners, of sharing stories  
11 about the regions that we are visiting, virtually, at the  
12 time. Since we can't be there physically, it's a nice  
13 way for us to connect with each other as Commissioners,  
14 because we've yet to all be in the same room, all  
15 fourteen of us together, so it allows us that opportunity  
16 to connect, as well as connect to the regions that we are  
17 visiting.

18 Does anybody have any stories that they would like  
19 to share; any of the Commissioners from San Diego and the  
20 Imperial Valley?

21 Okay. Commissioner Fernández?

22 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Yes. Thank you. We have  
23 family in San Diego County in the Chula Vista and  
24 National City. And so what we would do is we would  
25 alternate Thanksgivings, either here in Yolo County or in

1 San Diego. So I always loved going -- or we don't go  
2 down there anymore because those relatives moved up here,  
3 which is kind of a bummer. Although they're closer,  
4 which is great, but what I always loved was coming back  
5 home and telling people that I got to spend Thanksgiving  
6 on the beach because it was so beautiful.

7 But just the area, the environment, We've gone to  
8 Coronado, La Jolla, Imperial Beach, and Mission Beach,  
9 and I mean, just all of the beaches. Everybody is nice.  
10 And then Downtown San Diego, I mean, we -- I just miss  
11 it. So I think we really need to open up so I can go  
12 back to some of those wonderful places. Thank you for  
13 allowing me to share.

14 CHAIR SINAY: Of course. Anyone else? No one else  
15 has a memory from San Diego?

16 Okay. Commissioner Andersen.

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. Well, the engineer in  
18 me probably started way back when, with blocks and LEGO.  
19 So I have many times I've been to Carlsbad, and as an  
20 adult, LEGOLAND is still absolutely wonderful and  
21 fantastic. So hats off to that entire area. And the San  
22 Diego Zoo and the Wild Animal Park is, other than being  
23 in Africa out in the plains, never ever any other place  
24 in the world, other than San Diego Wild Animal Park  
25 (sic), have I seen it look like the African Savannah. So

1 it's truly, truly wonderful to have that. It's a  
2 national treasure right there.

3 CHAIR SINAY: And when we were talking about -- when  
4 we were in Orange County, we brought up Lion Country  
5 Safari. And what we didn't explain was that that was one  
6 that was like Wild Animal Park (sic), but you drove  
7 through it in your car. And so the lions, and the  
8 elephants, and everything were all around you. And you  
9 were supposed to sign a waiver before you went in to make  
10 sure that if someone were to jump on your car, whatever,  
11 you wouldn't hold them liable.

12 I mean, I love living in, you know we call it the  
13 CaliBaja (ph.) area because it's so connected  
14 economically to Baja, California. And to me, this region  
15 is one of the most diverse regions that people don't  
16 realize is diverse. And so I've really enjoyed making  
17 this my home and raising my children. Everyone thinks  
18 about the beaches, but it's so much more than the  
19 beaches. You can go from the beach to the mountains, to  
20 the desert and back all in one day and experience  
21 different weathers, all in less than twelve hours, which  
22 is only twelve hours, that includes meals, and playing in  
23 the snow and all that, which is just, it's just a great  
24 experience.

25 Anyone else? Well, why don't we do take twenty-

1 minute recess --

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I think, Commissioner  
3 Kennedy.

4 CHAIR SINAY: Oh. I'm so sorry. Go ahead,  
5 Commissioner Kennedy.

6 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I discovered the Gliderport  
7 at Torrey Pines, but I was also hungry. And so I had a  
8 meal. And then I saw what was happening with people who  
9 went up too soon after they had their meal. So I decided  
10 not to go on.

11 CHAIR SINAY: That was a perfect description. Am I  
12 missing anyone? Oh, a lot of hands just went up. Okay.  
13 Commissioner Akutagawa.

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I guess I'll share that I  
15 actually lived in San Diego for two years. Shortly after  
16 I graduated from college I worked in San Diego for two  
17 years. But you know, being just newly out of college,  
18 and most of my friends being up in L.A. County where I  
19 grew up, I made the drive. So I didn't spend a lot of  
20 time on the weekends in San Diego. But Monday through  
21 Friday I was there.

22 I lived over near the Fashion Valley, Mission Valley  
23 Mall area, and then I later moved to -- over near  
24 Miramar, TOPGUN School. So I heard the jets a lot. A  
25 different kind of place, and so it's interesting to me

1 though, every time I made the drive then how much it's  
2 changed from when I used to make the drive up and down  
3 the 5 -- and I will, yes, I will confess that I probably  
4 broke a few laws in terms of how, how quickly I tried to  
5 get up from San Diego back to L.A.

6 But it's definitely one of my favorite memories.  
7 And so being able to explore around much of San Diego,  
8 but also -- you know when you live somewhere, you don't  
9 do as much exploring because you're not so much a  
10 tourist. You just kind of take for granted. I've done  
11 most of my exploring probably after I left, and I went  
12 back down to just visit and you know, shop, and eat, and  
13 all kinds of stuff in San Diego.

14 CHAIR SINAY: Sounds great.

15 I think, Commissioner Sadhwani, did you have your  
16 hand up?

17 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Sure. So in my younger  
18 days, I used to definitely enjoy the nightlife of the  
19 Gaslamp District in Downtown San Diego. But more  
20 recently, pre-COVID, had the opportunity to take my kids  
21 down for a Padres game, which their stadium is also right  
22 in the heart of San Diego. And afterwards we enjoyed a  
23 nice walk and even an evening -- what do you call,  
24 rickshaw ride around the downtown area. So it's very fun  
25 and really a good time.



1 CHAIR SINAY: It sounds like a perfect evening with  
2 kids. I was thinking, Commissioner Akutagawa, when you  
3 were saying, you don't explore much of community. I  
4 found that I did explore more with kids, because you  
5 wanted to get out of the house and have them run around  
6 and stuff. But now that they're older, I'm like, okay,  
7 now let's explore things that aren't just parks. Anyone  
8 else? Okay. Commissioner Vázquez.

9 COMMISSIONER VÁZQUEZ: Yeah, it's funny you mention  
10 that Commissioner Sinay. Actually, most of my San Diego  
11 memories are from day trips that my parents took us down  
12 to San Diego from Fontana and Redlands. My parents met  
13 as first-generation college students at San Diego State.  
14 So after they got married and had kids that was where  
15 they wanted to spend their free time on the weekends.

16 So most of -- most of my, like, fun trips, we didn't  
17 have enough money to go on actual vacations, so we spent  
18 a lot of -- a lot of weekends at San Diego. If we were  
19 lucky, once in a while we got to go to SeaWorld. But  
20 mostly we just spent time outside walking around, like,  
21 the Botanic Gardens, and being outside in the fresh air.

22 CHAIR SINAY: We're very blessed to have Balboa  
23 Park, which there's so much to do within Balboa Park,  
24 even if you just walk around or go to the museums. And  
25 that's where the San Diego Zoo is located.

1 Yes, Commissioner Kennedy.

2 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Just following up on  
3 Commissioner Yee's recent discovery of Calexico. I have  
4 to say that for me, Calexico has been a very handy  
5 jumping off point. Some of my travel to Mexico City I've  
6 just found it easier to drive from Palm Springs, park in  
7 Calexico, walk across the border, grab a taxi and take a  
8 domestic flight from Mexicali, rather than fighting LAX  
9 traffic. So I've enjoyed any number of drives all the  
10 way down through Imperial Valley.

11 CHAIR SINAY: Yeah. And a lot of people don't  
12 realize that when you drive from the east to the west  
13 into San Diego on the 8, you're driving through Imperial  
14 County. So Imperial Valley is really our gateway to  
15 California, and that will take you straight to -- if it's  
16 on 8, it will take you straight to Ocean Beach into the  
17 water. My old boss used to always say that he drove the  
18 8 across the whole country and ended in the water there.

19 The other thing, my first time I went to Imperial, I  
20 was working on a project with five counties, and everyone  
21 kept saying it's going to be hot, going to be hot. And I  
22 was in my car with the air conditioning on. I'm like, I  
23 don't know why everyone keeps saying it's going to be  
24 hot. And when I opened the door, I was like, oh, I get  
25 it now. It was about 115. And I was like, okay. And I

1 couldn't -- and The People I was supposed to meet with  
2 weren't in their office. I was like, what do I do now?  
3 I'm knocking on the door, and like -- but it gets warm.  
4 On that note, I do want to share that we've been at 76  
5 all day on the coast in San Diego.

6 So why don't we go to the twenty-minute video. Can  
7 we do the one in Spanish?

8 MR. MANOFF: Yes, we can.

9 CHAIR SINAY: Thank you so much. So we'll take a  
10 break for 20 minutes.

11 (Whereupon, video played, and twenty-minute  
12 recess was held)

13 CHAIR SINAY: Welcome back, everybody. I hope you  
14 enjoyed the video.

15 Katy, do we have any callers?

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We do, Chair. We have  
17 016.

18 016, I see your hand and I will be promoting you at  
19 this time. 016, your speaker order number -- one moment;  
20 if I can get to the correct page. Your speaker order  
21 number will be 29, if you could please make note of that  
22 for future reference. You can now enable the audio and  
23 video in the lower-left corner of your screen. If you'll  
24 please remind the mapper of what area you would like to  
25 discuss today. With that, the floor is yours.

1 DR. SOLOMON AMORAO: Thank you very much. I'd like  
2 to talk about UC San Diego. The main campus is located  
3 in La Jolla, right where the 5 and 52. Okay. Thank you.

4 So my name is Dr. Amanda Solomon Amorao. I am an  
5 assistant teaching professor, my research focuses on  
6 Asian American studies, and I'm currently the director of  
7 the Dimensions and Culture Program at UCSD. And I just  
8 wanted to call today to make some comments regarding the  
9 UCSD community.

10 So before the pandemic, about 40,000 people worked  
11 and studied on the UCSD main campus in La Jolla. About  
12 10,000 undergraduate and graduate students, pre-pandemic,  
13 lived on campus. According to the most recent  
14 institutional research, the UCSD undergraduate population  
15 is predominantly young and diverse. 41.4 percent are  
16 between the ages of 19 and 20, with 37.1 percent self-  
17 identifying as Asian-American, 20.8 percent as Latino,  
18 Latina, and Latinx, and three percent as Black, with  
19 seventeen percent as international students.

20 So these campus statistics are in stark contrast to  
21 the demographics of the La Jolla neighborhood surrounding  
22 the campus. The median home price in La Jolla is just  
23 under two million. And the predominant whiteness of the  
24 surrounding area is a result of long-standing structural  
25 housing policies that prohibited home sales to people of

1 color and the Jewish community.

2 This is reflected to this day. One example is a  
3 twelve-year and ongoing lawsuit blocking the construction  
4 of the UCSD Hillel Center over concerns about the, quote,  
5 "responsible" quote/unquote, "use of the land".

6 In short, the UCSD community of interest is very  
7 different from the rest of the neighborhoods and  
8 communities it tends to be grouped with, i.e. more  
9 affluent coastal communities such as Del Mar and Solana  
10 Beach.

11 I'm asking the Commission to consider placing the  
12 UCSD community in a district that includes Miramar  
13 College towards the east in Mira mesa, and/or CSU San  
14 Marcos in the northeast. This is not to say that the UC  
15 students are the exact same as Miramar or San Marcos  
16 students, but it is a recognition that these student  
17 groups, these student communities, will likely have more  
18 shared interests as a younger and more diverse community.

19 Thank you for your time, and thank you for listening  
20 to all of the comments that are being made today.

21 CHAIR SINAY: All right. Thank you so much for  
22 calling.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: That was all of our  
24 callers at this time, Chair.

25 CHAIR SINAY: Okay. Does anybody have a story

1 they'd like to share about San Diego.

2 Yes, Commissioner Fernández.

3 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: It's not a vacation story.  
4 And I keep forgetting that for my prior jobs I used to  
5 travel. So I've got one for Imperial County, so Imperial  
6 County, I did go to Blythe. So I'm going to have to do a  
7 little shout out to -- and the reason I was there was for  
8 my prior job, so Calipatria State Prison, and Ironwood  
9 State Prison. I just want to say that I was I was there  
10 when it was activated, I was part of the activation team.  
11 But I do want to say we stayed in Blythe and everyone  
12 there was very nice, very sweet, made you feel welcome,  
13 which I truly appreciated.

14 And then in my prior job, I went to Ramona Unified  
15 School District in Ramona. And that's just -- I don't  
16 know if you're familiar with that Commissioner Sinay, but  
17 it's just, I think is at east of San Diego, like thirty  
18 miles. And it's just a -- it's just a wonderful  
19 community, city, it's kind of like have home -- that  
20 small-town feeling to it, where, you know maybe it has a  
21 couple of hotels, but it just, again, very sweet people,  
22 very welcoming. At that point, I was an auditor, so they  
23 were welcoming to an auditor. Imagine that.

24 And but just everywhere I went, everyone would be  
25 asking if I was fine, everything going well, curious to

1 where I was. Because, of course, you know, they knew I  
2 wasn't from there because I wasn't there every day. So  
3 anyway, just a little shout out to those communities that  
4 have been very welcoming on my travels on my -- when I'm  
5 on my -- have my business suit on. So thank you so much.

6 CHAIR SINAY: Thank you for sharing. Now I have a  
7 question. How many of you have had fish tacos from San  
8 Diego?

9 I remember the first time I heard fish tacos. I was  
10 like, that sounds weird. And now I can't imagine living  
11 without fish tacos. We make them at home once a week.

12 And I mean, sorry, Commissioner Vázquez, do you want  
13 to share about your fish tacos experience?

14 COMMISSIONER VÁZQUEZ: I didn't like fish growing  
15 up. So actually my fish taco story is, we have now a  
16 bunch of college friends who live in San Diego. So  
17 that's also continuing on the Vázquez family trend of  
18 weekend and day trips down to San Diego. We often, my  
19 husband and I go down to San Diego and usually it's first  
20 the burrito with fries, because that's like a very San  
21 Diego thing, which I only discovered as an adult, which  
22 is amazing. And then, yes, fish tacos. And of course,  
23 the beer in San Diego is like what I think of when I  
24 think of San Diego food.

25 CHAIR SINAY: I see Commissioner Fornaciari is

1 shaking -- nodding along with you and smiling.

2 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: The Beer, yeah, great  
3 beer. I'll just share my favorite San Diego story. I  
4 had this weeklong conference scheduled during the summer  
5 of my son's third grade summer. And so the whole family  
6 was going to go down, and the week before the conference  
7 got canceled. But we decided to go anyway. And we had a  
8 great -- a great time traveling around San Diego, going  
9 to the zoo, going to different places. And we went --  
10 because he was going into fourth grade, we went to the  
11 Mission, and took a tour of the Mission, and he ended up  
12 doing his Mission report on Mission San Diego. But we  
13 had a really, really nice week down there and I had a  
14 great time. And fish taco.

15 CHAIR SINAY: And San Diego actually has two  
16 Missions, one at the South, which would be the first  
17 Mission, and then one in the far north of the county.

18 And I wanted to just let everybody know that we have  
19 a really busy week coming up, an exciting week. We have  
20 three Community of Interest Public Input meetings, with  
21 this one. On Monday, July 12th, at 10 a.m., we'll be  
22 focused on Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madeira, Merced, San  
23 Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Tulare counties, and the  
24 surrounding areas.

25 And it will be followed by another Community of



1 Interest Meeting on Thursday, July 15th, at 4 p.m.,  
2 focused on Los Angeles County, so it'll be our second one  
3 in Los Angeles, and the surrounding areas. Registration  
4 for the Thursday meeting closes on Tuesday at 5 p.m.

5 And the final Community of Interest Meeting this  
6 week, is this coming Saturday, July 17th, at 10 a.m.,  
7 with a focus of the Bay Area counties of Alameda, Contra  
8 Costa, Marin, San Francisco, Somersville, Santa Clara,  
9 and Solano, and surrounding areas. Registration for the  
10 Saturday meeting closes at 5 p.m. on Thursday.

11 Our next business meeting is on Tuesday, July 13th  
12 at 4 p.m. For all our communities of interest, you're  
13 not required to make appointments to be able to provide  
14 input, but we do encourage it. And you can go on our  
15 website, WeDrawTheLinesCA.org to get details on how to  
16 register, and more information about the meetings, as  
17 well as watching any of our meetings.

18 And with that, let's see. Do we have any callers?  
19 I don't think we do.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: No, Chair. We do not  
21 have any callers at this time.

22 CHAIR SINAY: Okay. Well, why don't we take our  
23 lunch break now? It's 1:00, and why don't we take our  
24 break from until 2:00. So we can see everyone at 2:00.

25 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 1:00 p.m.

1           until 2:00 p.m.)

2           CHAIR SINAY: Welcome back to the California Citizen  
3 Redistricting Community of Interest Input Meeting. I'm  
4 Patricia Sinay, one of the fourteen Commissioners.

5           We encourage you all to visit the community of  
6 interest tool at -- oh, I'm sorry. We encourage you all  
7 to visit our community of interest tool to draw a map and  
8 describe your community. You can do that by visiting  
9 DrawMyCACommunity.org.

10          As we noted at the start of the meeting, every ten  
11 years after the Federal Government publishes updated  
12 census information, California must redraw the boundaries  
13 of Congressional, State Senate, State Assembly, and State  
14 Board of Equalization districts so that the districts  
15 correctly reflect the state's population.

16          Our fourteen-member independent Commission was  
17 authorized by California voters to draw these new  
18 district line. We are here today to obtain community of  
19 interest information from Californians directly. We  
20 encourage all Californians to participate in this  
21 process. While there are no clear rules on how to define  
22 a community of interest, there's no wrong answers, we  
23 have identified some ways that you can use to describe  
24 your community.

25          First, begin with your county or your city. Mention

1 the street names and significant locations in your  
2 neighborhood to help us identify the parameters of your  
3 community. Then tell us, what are the shared interests,  
4 what brings you together, what is important to your  
5 community. Personal stories are very -- are strong, so  
6 feel free to use those. What is important to your  
7 community? Tell us that with data and statistics. Are  
8 there nearby areas you want to be in a district with?  
9 Are there nearby areas you don't want to be in a district  
10 with? Why or why not? Has your community come together  
11 to advocate for important services? Better schools,  
12 roads, health centers, the environment?

13 If you would rather submit community of interest  
14 input over the internet, you can do so from our website,  
15 or by visiting [DrawMyCACommunity.org](http://DrawMyCACommunity.org). Skip the line, and  
16 go online. And our website is [WeDrawTheLinesCA.org](http://WeDrawTheLinesCA.org)

17 With this, I'll pass it over to Katy, our comment  
18 moderator to continue with the public input. We'll start  
19 with people who are registered, and then open the phone  
20 lines, if there is time, before the next session.

21 Hi, Katy.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hello, Chair.

23 All right. Welcome to the public input session.  
24 Please use the raise your hand button at the bottom of  
25 your screen to enter the queue. When it is your turn to

1 speak, you'll be identified by your assigned unique ID  
2 number. You'll be reconnected to the session with the  
3 ability to enable your own video and/or audio. You will  
4 then be assigned a speaker order number before you begin  
5 speaking. Please make a note of your speaker order  
6 number for future reference.

7       The Commission will be enforcing a three-minute time  
8 limit with a warning at thirty seconds and fifteen  
9 seconds remaining. At the end of your public input or at  
10 the end of your time, you'll be reconnected in the  
11 lesson- and view-only mode. At the beginning of your  
12 input, please remind the mapper of what area you would  
13 like to see on the screen.

14       At this time, Chair, we do not have anyone in the  
15 queue.

16       CHAIR SINAY: Okay. Well, we'll wait for folks who  
17 signed up for this session to call in. In the meantime,  
18 just as a reminder, if you want to request an interpreter  
19 for any of our meetings, please submit it five days prior  
20 to the meeting. You can submit your request via email  
21 to, [interpreter.request@CRC.CA.gov](mailto:interpreter.request@CRC.CA.gov), and on the COI  
22 Meeting Appointment form, or call our offices at 916-323-  
23 0323.

24       (In Spanish, not translated.)

25       CHAIR SINAY: Gracias. Thank you. While we're

1 waiting I was thinking about all the different times I  
2 came to San Diego before I lived here. Ironically, I  
3 came down with my grandparents who were visiting us from  
4 Korea when I was young. And it was -- we ended up  
5 staying at the round hotel. If you've been downtown --  
6 it was a Holiday Inn until recently, I think. But I  
7 remember staying there and then we went down to the Star  
8 of India.

9 And ironically, when I first moved to San Diego, I  
10 worked at the San Diego Foundation across the street from  
11 the Star of India. So every time I looked out at the  
12 Star of India, I remembered my trek as a child there.  
13 And San Diego was kind of like that where a lot of --  
14 I've come to visit many times, and looked and said, wow,  
15 what would it be like to live here? And then I am.

16 Katy, there's someone here.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: There is. I would like  
18 to remind those calling in to please press star 9 to  
19 raise your hand indicating you wish to comment. Please  
20 press star 9 indicating you are ready to comment.

21 Perfect. Caller 1285, if you will, please follow  
22 the prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star 6?  
23 Caller 1285, I have a couple of brief instructions for  
24 you. You are unmuted. Your --

25 MR. JACKSON: Okay. Good afternoon.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Good afternoon. Your  
2 speaker order number will be number 30, if you please  
3 make note of that for future reference. And if you'll  
4 please let the mapper know what area you would like to  
5 discuss today. With that, the floor is yours.

6 MR. JACKSON: Great. Thank you very much. Good  
7 afternoon. My name is Jason Jackson. I'm a former  
8 council member and mayor of the City of El Centro of  
9 Imperial County, and a long-time member of the Imperial  
10 County Workforce Board (sic), serving as chairman for  
11 that board seven terms.

12 My comments today will focus on Imperial County in  
13 the Coachella Valley of East Riverside County. I believe  
14 that the Coachella Valley and Imperial County will have  
15 the most to gain by sharing the same state  
16 representation. Currently, the Imperial County shares  
17 different Assembly and Senate representatives as we are  
18 in the 56th Assembly District that puts East Coachella  
19 Valley and Imperial County together, and the 43rd  
20 District that puts Imperial County with South San Diego.

21 Now, I've heard some public members making the  
22 argument that the Senate district makes sense because  
23 Imperial County shares the border issue with South San  
24 Diego. But I'm here to dispel that argument as a border  
25 issue, as a federal issue, and not a state one. As such,

1 keeping the Congressional seat the same is fine because  
2 the Congressional representative should be advocating on  
3 this district's needs as it pertains to the border  
4 issues.

5 But the issues that face Imperial County and  
6 Coachella Valley are state issues. The Salton Sea,  
7 arguably the greatest environmental disaster facing this  
8 state; high unemployment, the City of El Centro finished  
9 2020 with the highest unemployment rate in the country,  
10 yes, the country, not the state, at 17.7 percent. Cities  
11 within the Coachella Valley were not far behind, with the  
12 City of Coachella at 12.4, Mecca at 11.3, and Desert Hot  
13 Springs at 10.3 percent.

14 Other statistics that favor Coachella Valley and  
15 Imperial County sharing the same representation is our  
16 economic similarities. According to data pulled from  
17 Data U.S.A., Imperial County's poverty rate is 24.2  
18 percent, and Coachella Valley is 21.9, whereas South San  
19 Diego is at 17.5. The median income of Imperial County  
20 is 45,834, Coachella Valley is 42,328, as opposed to  
21 South San Diego which is 49,282.

22 The median property values in Imperial County are  
23 177,000, Coachella Valley 231,700, but South San Diego is  
24 a whopping 383,500, more than double that of Imperial  
25 County.

1           So let's talk about Commerce. Imperial County and  
2 Coachella Valley share a common commerce, and that's  
3 agriculture, according to one of the great -- arguably  
4 the greatest economic drivers in both areas, but South  
5 San Diego has little to none in the way of agriculture.

6           Now, I'll leave you with one last comparison because  
7 it's probably one that'll stick out most in your memory  
8 after hearing. The high temperature today in Imperial  
9 County cities, El Centro 115, and Brawley 118, Coachella  
10 Valley, Indio 117, Palm Springs 117. Finally, South San  
11 Diego, Chula Vista 82, Imperial Beach 79.

12           So in closing, I want to thank the Commission for  
13 your dedication, your work that you'll spend in making  
14 some tough decisions that will affect thousands of  
15 residents in each of these districts. But please  
16 remember when you ultimately make those decisions,  
17 people's lives --

18           MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

19           MR. JACKSON: -- and livelihoods will be affected by  
20 your decisions. Keeping people together that share the  
21 same struggles and challenges that will ultimately look  
22 to their state representatives for help; shouldn't have  
23 to explain why they need help in the first place. Give  
24 us representatives that live in those same struggles --

25           MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.



1 MR. JACKSON: -- and face the same challenges as us.  
2 And yes, maybe even the same weather. Thank you very  
3 much for your time.

4 CHAIR SINAY: Thank you so much for your call,  
5 (audio interference).

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And that was all of our  
7 comments at this time, Chair.

8 CHAIR SINAY: Great. Thank you. Does anyone have  
9 anything they would like to share about the border  
10 region?

11 Yes, Commissioner Andersen.

12 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I'll jump in. Actually, I  
13 was going to talk about combined -- Commissioner  
14 Fernández spoke of going there on work. And I was going  
15 to talk about El Centro and the Imperial Valley, that  
16 whole area, the Salton Sea is very, very tectonically  
17 active. In 1940, the El Centro earthquake was the very  
18 first earthquakes in the United States to be heavily  
19 instrumented and with seismographs, modern day  
20 seismographs, there were ones previous, but they didn't  
21 register the way we do them today.

22 And then in '79, the big earthquake there, which  
23 radically changed building code design, particularly  
24 anything with high rise with concrete, all through Los  
25 Angeles, that entire area is another big one.

1           And just 2011, there was another big earthquake  
2 right around El Centro -- I mean, 2020, just a year ago.  
3 And that whole area is very, very active. And it goes  
4 all the way through the Salton Sea, up through the  
5 Coachella Valley. So geographically, that's very, very  
6 similar.

7           And I also had an experience, I was actually working  
8 in Yuma, which is right on the border, and the Colorado  
9 River flows through Yuma. So I had the chance to go and  
10 see the desalinization plants, trying to bring water back  
11 to the area where it's been pumped out of. And the  
12 environmental issues through the entire area there are  
13 very dramatic.

14           And the firefighters in Yuma were telling me all  
15 about from El Centro, or people going through Yuma, and  
16 that entire area has huge pollution issues that were --  
17 that affect, you know, everyday life, and who --just how  
18 people cope in that entire area. So it's a very, very  
19 interesting area. I appreciate all the comments from the  
20 people in Imperial Valley.

21           CHAIR SINAY: I agree.

22           And Katy, we have a few callers?

23           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes. I'd like to remind  
24 those calling in to please press star 9 to raise your  
25 hand indicating you wish to comment. And caller 5694, if

1 you will, please follow the prompts to unmute? And again  
2 for those calling in, please press star 9 to raise your  
3 hand indicating you wish to comment.

4 But at this time we have a raised hand with caller  
5 5694. If you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by  
6 pressing star 6. Caller 5694, you are unmuted. I have a  
7 couple of brief instructions. Your speaker order number  
8 will be number 31, if you'll please make note of that for  
9 future reference. Please remind the mapper or what area  
10 you would like to discuss today. And with that, the  
11 floor is yours.

12 MR. GARCIA: Hi. My name is José Franco Garcia. I  
13 was discussing South San Diego, kind of near the --  
14 basically all the way from Barrio Logan, and that whole  
15 area down to the border. You know, I -- my name is Jose  
16 Franco Garcia, I'm the policy director with Environmental  
17 Health Coalition. And I've grown up in the neighborhood  
18 of South San Diego, working in Barrio Logan, and West  
19 National City.

20 Living in West Chula Vista, our neighborhoods have a  
21 lot of similar issues going on, whether that's things  
22 from environmental injustices, polluters in the area, to  
23 a large Latino community base, a lot of cultural centers  
24 that are focused around the Latino community, and other  
25 ethnic communities. Based on that, we do really have a

1 community of interest to make connection between our  
2 neighborhoods.

3       And for that reason, you know, it's been very  
4 helpful in the past that we are located, you know,  
5 sometimes in the same City Council district, I mean, of  
6 course across cities, but also in Supervisorial  
7 districts, and definitely like in the Congressional  
8 districts, State Senate districts, and State Assembly  
9 districts, because we can have a big impact as a united  
10 bloc, in who gets elected to those positions, impacts  
11 their decisions at the State Legislature, also impacts  
12 decisions regionally.

13       I'll just give the example of the air pollution  
14 control district and without -- and the air quality  
15 issues that impact those neighborhoods. Without that  
16 united voice, we wouldn't have Assembly members and  
17 states -- that respond to our needs, and you know,  
18 respond to the things that we are concerned about as a  
19 community.

20       So with that, I definitely ask if you can keep the  
21 neighborhoods of the Barrio Logan, and Logan Heights,  
22 Sherman Heights, and everything there. Just keep it  
23 disconnected as you did it in the past. Disconnected  
24 from Coronado, and disconnected from Downtown San Diego.  
25 But keep it connected to everything ranging down to the

1 border with the West Chula Vista, National City, all the  
2 way down to (Indiscernible), and beyond down towards the  
3 border.

4 I think that is the best decision to keep our  
5 community of interest together, and allow us to be well  
6 represented when it comes to decision makers and the work  
7 it's doing. Thank you for your time.

8 CHAIR SINAY: Thanks. Before you hang up, can you  
9 clarify what is the border for Sherman Heights, between  
10 Sherman Heights and Logan Heights?

11 MR. GARCIA: That'd probably be Commercial Street,  
12 will probably be what's most recognized there. Yeah.

13 CHAIR SINAY: Okay.

14 MR. GARCIA: Keeping that together. Uh-huh. Yeah.  
15 But basically --

16 CHAIR SINAY: And then -- go ahead.

17 MR. GARCIA: -- everything that's not in downtown --  
18 I mean, you know, keep everything that's not in Downtown  
19 San Diego in that area. Keep it together. Yeah.

20 CHAIR SINAY: Okay. And what about, when you say  
21 West and East Chula Vista, what would be the --

22 MR. GARCIA: Oh.

23 CHAIR SINAY: -- the boundaries there?

24 MR. GARCIA: Well, no I mean, most of those --  
25 actually I mean, West Chula Vista definitely should stay

1 in that district, kind of what's currently in Assembly  
2 District 80. You know, I know that there's a split. I  
3 mean, you know, definitely everything west of the 805. I  
4 know that the current split goes a little bit further.  
5 But you know, I think that that is the general area that  
6 should be kept in that community of interest when it  
7 comes to Assembly District 80, and State Senate District  
8 40, and beyond. Uh-huh.

9 CHAIR SINAY: Thank you so much for those  
10 clarifications, and for calling in.

11 MR. GARCIA: All right. Thank you for your time.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. I would  
13 like -- oh. Oh. And that was all of our callers at this  
14 time.

15 CHAIR SINAY: Thank you, Katy. And we are eager to  
16 hear from San Diegans and Imperial Valleyians. I don't  
17 know if you call yourselves that, but I apologize. Those  
18 of you from Imperial Valley and San Diego, please do call  
19 in. And when we say San Diego, I mean the entire county,  
20 not just the City of San Diego. And you can also call  
21 from any part of California and give us your community of  
22 interest. Let us know how you want to be represented.

23 There are other ways to participate besides these  
24 meetings. We have scheduled these meetings throughout  
25 the whole summer. And you can visit [WeDrawTheLinesCA.org](http://WeDrawTheLinesCA.org)

1 to get the full schedule, and it'll be on the tabs under  
2 "Meeting". You will also see for each of the meetings we  
3 have flyers, both individual meetings as well as flyers  
4 for all the meetings combined. And we ask you that you  
5 please share those with your neighbors, your friends,  
6 your community, in general, because the more we hear from  
7 you, the more -- the better the maps will be.

8       So the communities of interest, you can also use our  
9 community of interest mapping tool which is found at  
10 DrawMyCACommunity.org. That tool is available in  
11 multiple languages, including English, Spanish,  
12 simplified Chinese, traditional Chinese, Vietnamese,  
13 Tagalog, Korean, Armenian, Farsi, Arabic, Russian,  
14 Japanese, Punjabi, Khmer, Hmong, Thai. The tutorials are  
15 also in those languages.

16       With that, I think we have someone in the queue.

17       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We do. I'd like to ask  
18 those calling in to please press star 9 to raise your  
19 hand indicating you wish to comment. That's for those  
20 calling in. Caller 9285, I do see your hand raised. If  
21 you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing  
22 star 6. Caller 9285, you are unmuted. I have a couple  
23 of brief instructions. Your speaker order number will be  
24 number 32, if you will please make a note of that for  
25 future reference. And if you'll please let the mapper

1 know what area you would like to discuss today. And with  
2 that, the floor is yours.

3 MR. FERNANDEZ: Hi there. My name's Cesar  
4 Fernandez. And the area that I would like to discuss is  
5 the South Bay of San Diego. I believe that California  
6 Senator Ben Hueso, and then Assemblywoman Laurie  
7 Gonzalez -- Lorena Gonzalez, area.

8 I am an educator of over twenty-five years. I've  
9 been teaching in the South Bay for twenty-two of those.  
10 I'm also the tax chair for my teachers' union. And my  
11 concerns are mostly to keep the South Bay whole as one  
12 area, mostly because of our issues in education. While  
13 there are differences in socioeconomic status when you go  
14 from east to west, and from south to north, largely, we  
15 are a very Latino population.

16 There are a lot of English language learners at our  
17 schools, and our five elementary neighboring school  
18 districts feed into the high school district that I work  
19 in, which is Sweetwater. And so that's the areas of  
20 National City, Chula Vista, some of Benito, San Ysidro,  
21 and ID. And so at any rate, as I was saying, there's a  
22 large English language learner population that needs to  
23 be served. And it would be very convenient to keep it  
24 all one -- all one district to make it easier for us to  
25 call on our elected officials to support us.



1 Like I said, we have those (indiscernible)  
2 districts, we have some special education issues that I  
3 would really like for our elected officials to look at.  
4 And again, keeping it one district would make this so  
5 much easier. And so that's really my main concern. And  
6 if you all had any questions for me, I'd be happy to  
7 entertain those. If not, I'm done.

8 CHAIR SINAY: Thank you. I have one question for  
9 you. How would you define South Bay? What would be the  
10 boundaries?

11 MR. FERNANDEZ: Well, it would definitely be  
12 National City, it would be Benito, it would be -- I would  
13 throw Paradise Hills in there because we do get a lot of  
14 students from that area. And then, of course, Chula  
15 Vista, IV, and San Ysidro, a much rather large area, but  
16 that's how I would define the South Bay.

17 CHAIR SINAY: Okay. Thank you so much.

18 MR. FERNANDEZ: All right. I appreciate you all  
19 listening to me. Thank you for your time.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. And with  
21 that, that's all our callers at this time.

22 You're on mute, Chair.

23 CHAIR SINAY: Thank you. Other ways that you can  
24 submit your communities of interest you can -- as I said,  
25 you can go on your website -- on our website, sorry, on

1 our website WeDrawTheLinesCA.org. You could use our  
2 tool, which you can find on our website, or you can go to  
3 directly, which is DrawMyCACommunity.org. And using that  
4 tool is great because it will walk you through the  
5 narrative so you can fill in -- you know, just answer the  
6 questions. It has like a Google map so you can draw your  
7 map. And when you submit it to us, it's already in the  
8 format that we need.

9 The other ways is you can email us at  
10 VotersFIRSTAct@CRC.CA.gov, or by mail, California Citizen  
11 Redistricting Commission, 721 Capitol Mall, Suite 260,  
12 Sacramento, California 95814.

13 All right; it's all yours, Katy.

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

15 Caller 4631, if you will, follow the prompts to  
16 unmute by pressing star 6? Caller 4631, I have a couple  
17 of brief instructions. Your speaker order number will be  
18 number 33, if you'll please make note of that for future  
19 reference. If you'll please let the mapper know what  
20 area you would like to discuss today. And with that, the  
21 floor is yours.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes. I'd like to talk about  
23 the communities of Barrio Logan, and Logan Heights, and  
24 the 80th District. As a constituent of that District, I  
25 live in Golden Hill, I feel that separating that

1 community would be a -- would do harm to a community  
2 that's already been split once before with the 5 Freeway.  
3 I feel that the constituents of that area have much more  
4 in common with each other than the constituents of  
5 Coronado and Downtown San Diego.

6       And I would like to see that that area stay, that  
7 Assembly district stay and not split those districts.  
8 And I think -- I feel that it's disenfranchising to some  
9 of those -- those folks in those areas. So I'd like to  
10 see that culture and that community stay together. It's  
11 a strong community that's been around for a long time and  
12 hasn't always had a -- been given a fair representation  
13 by our larger community. So that's just my two cents on  
14 that. Thank you.

15       CHAIR SINAY: Thank you so much.

16       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And that is all our  
17 callers at this time, Chair.

18       CHAIR SINAY: Thank you. Anybody would like to  
19 share their favorite meal in Imperial Valley or San Diego  
20 County, of the Commissioners, not the public.

21       Yes, Commissioner Yee.

22       COMMISSIONER YEE: Just some product placement. At  
23 my cousin's wedding in San Diego, the best wedding cake I  
24 have ever had in my whole entire life was the triple  
25 chocolate mousse cake from Extraordinary Desserts. It

1 was so, so, so good. And I mentioned it to my cousin  
2 years later on a separate visit. And later in that  
3 visit, he actually came up with another serving of it.  
4 He ordered a special just for our family get together.  
5 Ooh, I've never forgotten that cake and --

6 CHAIR SINAY: (Indiscernible, simultaneous  
7 speech) --

8 COMMISSIONER YEE: I hope to have some more of it  
9 someday.

10 CHAIR SINAY: Well, (indiscernible, simultaneous  
11 speech) --

12 COMMISSIONER YEE: And on a separate note, a  
13 cultural contrast, I think, is in the Bay area where I  
14 am, the San Francisco Bay Area, and the San Diego area.  
15 So I grew up in the San Francisco Bay Area where there  
16 used to be many large military bases, they're all gone  
17 now after base realignment. But growing up around all  
18 these large military bases, I rarely ever saw military  
19 personnel in uniform. You know, just downtown or  
20 wherever. I think they would change into civilian  
21 clothes, usually, when they were off base.

22 But then visiting San Diego as a child, and even  
23 more recently, I've see lots of military personnel in  
24 uniform, and it's a very different culture there. And I  
25 appreciated and admired that about the culture there in

1 San Diego. So I just wanted to note that contrast  
2 between these two parts of the state.

3 CHAIR SINAY: Well, San Diego has some of the most  
4 military, active military members and their families in  
5 the State of California, actually in the country, as well  
6 as one of the largest communities of veterans. And I  
7 just know that from working with those communities. I  
8 was going to say on Extraordinary Dessert, they have two  
9 places that you can go, and they've got -- and there's  
10 always a line, and it's only dessert, and they have two  
11 locations. So when we have our live meeting, you can go  
12 get yourself a slice of that cake.

13 Anybody else had a good meal in San Diego, or  
14 Imperial, besides burritos with French fries? And  
15 speaking of beer, I was trying to figure out how to  
16 get -- a lot of regions you have your focus areas. So in  
17 San Diego, a lot of times it's the City of San Diego, and  
18 I was trying to get my -- I was working with the San  
19 Diego grant makers, and we're trying to entice grant  
20 makers to come up to the north part of the county,  
21 because there was a lot going on there.

22 And on the 78 corridor, that's where you'll find a  
23 lot of the new microbreweries. And so I organized a  
24 microbrewery tour, and at each stop, nonprofits met us  
25 and shared their -- the work that they were doing, and we

1 had we rented a bus, and I would say it was very well  
2 attended. We had local pizza place, and I ordered  
3 cupcakes that ended up being from the winner of the  
4 Cupcake Wars twice. It's a bakery up in Vista. It was  
5 a -- it was a really fun and memorable event.

6       Okay. I wanted to just remind the public that we  
7 have a really busy week coming up. We have three  
8 Community of Interest Public Input Meetings with --  
9 including, and we have this one. So on Monday, July 12th  
10 at 10 a.m., we have one focused on Fresno, Kern, Kings,  
11 Madera, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Tulare counties,  
12 and the surrounding areas, with the registration closing  
13 today at 5 p.m.

14       And then we have, it will be followed by another  
15 Community of Interest on Thursday, July 15th, at 4 p.m.  
16 And this will be our first one that is a shorter meeting,  
17 focused on Los Angeles County and its surrounding areas.  
18 Registration for the Thursday meeting closes this Tuesday  
19 at 5 p.m.

20       And finally, our final Community of Interest Meeting  
21 this week, will be on Saturday, July 17th, at 10 a.m.,  
22 with a focus of the Bay Area counties of Alameda, Contra  
23 Costa, Marin, San Francisco, Somersville, Santa Clara,  
24 and Solano, and the surrounding areas. Registration for  
25 the Saturday's meeting closes at 5 p.m. on Thursday.

1 Our next business meeting is on Tuesday, July 13th,  
2 at 4 p.m.

3 You're not required to make appointments for any of  
4 those meetings, including the one today. You can call in  
5 the day of the meeting and the numbers -- you will find  
6 the numbers on the live feed, which is on our website.

7 At this time, our meetings are still held virtually,  
8 so anyone in California can provide input at any of these  
9 meetings. Again, please go to our website,  
10 WeDrawTheLinesCA.org for meeting information.

11 All right. Katy, it doesn't look like there's  
12 anyone right now. Could we go to our five minute video?

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair.

14 CHAIR SINAY: Thank you.

15 (Video played, five minutes)

16 CHAIR SINAY: Hi. Welcome back.

17 Katy. Would you like to take over?

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Sure, Chair.

19 We do have a caller. Caller with the last four,  
20 3634, if you will, please follow the prompts to unmute by  
21 pressing star 6. Caller 3634, you are unmuted. I have a  
22 couple of brief instructions. Your speaker order number  
23 will be number 34, if you will please make note of that  
24 for future reference. If you please let the mapper know  
25 what area you would like to discuss today. And with

1 that, the floor is yours.

2 MS. VARGAS: Thank you very much. This is Vice  
3 Chair Nora Vargas, from the San Diego County Board of  
4 Supervisors, proudly representing District 1 and the  
5 residents of South County. And I am interested in  
6 talking specifically about the communities in South  
7 County and South Bay. And so the National City, Imperial  
8 Beach, Barrio Logan, Sherman, Shelltown, South , and City  
9 Heights.

10 So I will go ahead and start with my comments. So I  
11 want to thank the Commissioners for taking the time to  
12 listen to the community about their representation in the  
13 elected office. I am the first immigrant and Latina to  
14 ever be elected to the San Diego County Board of  
15 Supervisors. And I can tell you firsthand, how important  
16 fair representation is to our community.

17 I currently represent a district on the Board of  
18 Supervisors, which was drawn by incumbent supervisors in  
19 2011 before I was elected to the board. And I'm very  
20 proud to share that our residents will be benefiting from  
21 a redistricting process for the County Board, conducted  
22 by independent commissioners, just like you.

23 As a local elected official, I thought it was  
24 important to talk about how important it is for our  
25 Latino community in San Diego, South Bay, to be able to



1 elect the candidate of their choice. The communities  
2 along the U.S.-Mexico border and traveling up I-5 and  
3 I-805 represent a compact community of interest, we're  
4 not just the population, but the proportion of voting-age  
5 citizens constitute a majority of the community.

6 In fact, page 17 of the 2011 Commission's Final  
7 Report states that the current 80th Assembly District was  
8 one of five Assembly districts where there was  
9 significant evidence of racially polarized voting between  
10 Latinos and non-Latinos. The report concluded that  
11 failing to draw the 80th District is a majority-minority  
12 district will likely be a violation of Section 2 of the  
13 Voting Rights Act. I suspect that the same will be true  
14 once you dig into the data as well.

15 Our South Bay and Mid-City Latino communities  
16 include Chula Vista, National City, Imperial Beach, and  
17 the City of San Diego, neighborhoods of Otay Mesa, San  
18 Ysidro, Highlands, Palm City in the south, and Logan,  
19 Sherman, Shelltown, Southcrest and City Heights at the  
20 north end. These communities have shared needs that are  
21 unique to the Latino community. Our children are more  
22 likely to be English language learners in our schools,  
23 and depend on the free and reduced free lunch programs.

24 As a long-time public health advocate, as I used to  
25 be an advocate with Planned Parenthood, before I became a

1 supervisor, I know firsthand that these communities often  
2 have had challenges accessing our health care system, and  
3 are reliance on medical coverage for their care. Any  
4 addition -- and additionally, the families in this area  
5 depend on policies that protect immigrant rights, access  
6 to public transit, and an efficient and safe border  
7 crossing.

8       These are just some of the examples of why we're  
9 asking you to maintain a Latino community of interest.  
10 Thank you for taking the time to listen to our opinions.  
11 And I wish you the best of luck in the process. Thank  
12 you for having me.

13       CHAIR SINAY: Ms. Vargas? Are you still there?

14       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: She is, Chair; one  
15 moment.

16       CHAIR SINAY: Okay.

17       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Please press Star 6.

18       MS. VARGAS: I'm still here.

19       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: There you are.

20       CHAIR SINAY: Hi. Ms. Vargas, or Nora?

21       MS. VARGAS: Yes, ma'am. Yes.

22       CHAIR SINAY: When you're saying Chula Vista, is it  
23 all of Chula Vista, or a part of Chula Vista? We've  
24 heard both descriptions for the South Bay.

25       MS. VARGAS: All of Chula Vista.

1 CHAIR SINAY: Okay. Thank you so much.

2 MS. VARGAS: You're welcome.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And that was all of our  
4 public comment at this time, Chair.

5 CHAIR SINAY: Thank you. And I just -- I said  
6 "Nora", because Nora and I have been friends, in full  
7 disclosure, for a long time. Please -- sorry.

8 Just a reminder, that if you do need interpretation  
9 for any of our meetings to please call with at least five  
10 business days prior to the meeting. You can submit your  
11 request via email to [interpreter.request@CRCCA.gov](mailto:interpreter.request@CRCCA.gov) (sic),  
12 as well as on COI Meeting Appointment Form, or call our  
13 office at 916-323-0323. And also please follow us on  
14 social media. It's the best way to know what we're doing  
15 almost on a daily basis. You can follow us on Facebook,  
16 Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn, and YouTube, our handle is  
17 @WeDrawTheLinesCA. And you can also sign up to receive  
18 updates on our website, which is [WeDrawTheLinesCA.org](http://WeDrawTheLinesCA.org),  
19 and that's a good way to know where -- what we're doing.

20 Back to my colleagues on the Commission, does  
21 anybody else have a story of a good meal?

22 Yes, Commissioner Toledo.

23 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Not a good meal necessarily,  
24 I've always had good food in San Diego, but I just was  
25 reminded that I was at a conference in San Diego and it

1 was at -- it was at a hotel in San Diego, the Hyatt,  
2 Manchester; where I actually wrote my application to the  
3 California Citizens Redistricting Commission.

4 I was there for a conference and the due date was  
5 coming. And so I just stayed an extra day and did it  
6 from the lounge overlooking the Bay, and it was just a  
7 beautiful place to write the application so; and also I  
8 have family that lives in El Centro, and Mexicali.

9 And I have memories of either driving down, and  
10 crossing the border, but also just flying into San Diego  
11 and then going in -- going down to those areas. It just  
12 occurred to me though, that San Diego is where I wrote my  
13 application for the Commission.

14 CHAIR SINAY: And Katy, it looks like we have a  
15 caller, and they even have their hands up, and all ready  
16 to go.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: They do, Chair. Thank  
18 you so much.

19 Caller 7928, if you will, please follow the prompts  
20 to unmute by pressing star 6? Caller 7928 you are  
21 unmuted. I have a couple of brief instructions for you.  
22 Your speaker order number will be number 35, if you'll  
23 please make note of that for future reference. If you'll  
24 please let the mapper know what area you would like to  
25 discuss today. And with that, the floor is yours.

1 MR. VELASQUEZ: Well, thank you, and good afternoon.  
2 And once again, thank you for taking my call. My name is  
3 Jose Velasquez (ph.). And I'm so happy that I was able  
4 to make it onto this call. I'd like to speak about the  
5 communities of Temecula, Fallbrook, Bonsall, Valley  
6 Center, and Escondido. I actually spent the morning  
7 flying in from a business trip from Pennsylvania where I  
8 spent the week working. But I also had the opportunity  
9 to drive from Pennsylvania to Washington, D.C., last  
10 weekend, to enjoy a great 4th of July fireworks show  
11 there in our nation's great Capitol. And the experience  
12 was just absolutely phenomenal.

13 I manage a network of large distribution centers as  
14 my day job, where I manage hundreds of people. But my  
15 volunteer time is spent on what is really my first  
16 passion and calling as a licensed minister. I have the  
17 honor of being a pastor at one of the great churches in  
18 the heart of the City of Temecula. And as such, I  
19 represent hundreds of parishioners that span the  
20 communities of Temecula, Fallbrook, Bonsall, Valley  
21 Center, and even out into Escondido. And I want to take  
22 a few moments and talk about the importance of -- in my  
23 mind, of keeping those cities together in the same  
24 district.

25 As the pastor of a thriving and diverse church, we



1 have many families that currently drive in, especially  
2 from the Cities of Fallbrook and Bonsall, those families  
3 use our main corridor, the I-15, that joins our local  
4 communities really as a lifeline through each of our  
5 cities. If you live in the area, you know how important  
6 that I-15 is to all of us. This is really one of the  
7 first reasons that I believe that Temecula should remain  
8 in the same district as those other communities.

9       Secondly, a large percentage of our current  
10 congregants use the I-15 daily to travel to and from work  
11 in the San Diego area and through Temecula.

12       And then thirdly, many of us travel between our  
13 cities to shop and dine. I find myself often shopping in  
14 Escondido, even though I live in Temecula. And I know  
15 that most in the Fallbrook and Bonsall area rely heavily  
16 on the Temecula area to take care of their shopping, and  
17 all of their dining needs.

18       Actually, as I mentioned before, in my day job I  
19 manage hundreds of people, and from my experience I can  
20 tell you that each of our cities relies heavily on each  
21 other for skilled labor. Our cities, Temecula,  
22 Fallbrook, Bonsall, Valley Center, and Escondido, have  
23 many, many shared interests.

24       And once again, thank you for your time. I  
25 appreciate the opportunity that the Committee has

1 provided for me to weigh in on the subject. So have a  
2 blessed day. And know, please, that I am praying for you  
3 as you go throughout this process.

4 CHAIR SINAY: Thank you. May I have a quick  
5 question?

6 MR. VELASQUEZ: Absolutely.

7 CHAIR SINAY: In between those cities, there's a lot  
8 of unincorporated area, and would you include those in  
9 your description?

10 MR. VELASQUEZ: Yes.

11 CHAIR SINAY: Okay. Great. Thank you so much.

12 MR. VELASQUEZ: You bet. Thank you.

13 CHAIR SINAY: Katy, do you want to give  
14 instructions?

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely, Chair.

16 In order to maximize transparency and public  
17 participation in our process, the Commissioners will be  
18 taking community of interest input by phone. To call in  
19 dial the telephone number provided on the live stream  
20 feed. It is 877-853-5247. When prompted, enter the  
21 meeting ID number provided on the live stream feed, it is  
22 97214777038 for this meeting.

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24 the pound key. Once you have dialed in, you'll be placed  
25 in a queue. To indicate you wish to comment please press

1 star 9, this will raise your hand for the moderator.  
2 When it is your turn to speak, you will hear a message  
3 that says: The host would like you to talk, and to press  
4 star 6 to speak. If you would like to give your name,  
5 please state and spell it for the record. You are not  
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8 stream audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during  
9 your call. Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert  
10 for when it is your turn to speak. And again, please  
11 turn down the live stream volume.

12 And at this time, Chair, we do not have any callers  
13 in the queue.

14 CHAIR SINAY: Thank you, Kate. I wanted to  
15 reiterate something that's important to all of us, and  
16 that this is one civic activity that all Californians are  
17 eligible to participate in, and that includes military  
18 families who, they may not vote in California, but they  
19 are represented in California when the census is taken,  
20 you're counted here, and we do consider you part of our  
21 community.

22 So please feel free to give us a call and tell us  
23 about your community, and how you would like to be  
24 represented here in San Diego and Imperial County. Also,  
25 there is no age limit. So students can call in, and you



1 don't have to be registered to vote. So just, you know,  
2 just emphasizing that all Californians are eligible and  
3 encouraged to participate in this redistricting process.

4 Currently we don't have any one in queue. So I'm  
5 going to ask -- let's see; if you could play the twenty-  
6 minute video, please?

7 (Whereupon, a twenty-minute video was played)

8 CHAIR SINAY: Thank you. Welcome back, everybody.  
9 As we discussed earlier, there's different ways that one  
10 can participate? You can call in, you can use our  
11 community of interest tool, which is at  
12 DrawMyCACommunity.org, you can email us -- you can email,  
13 and then you can also mail us your comment. And I bring  
14 that up because it's important to understand that we will  
15 weigh all community inputs submitted whichever way,  
16 equally. And so if you have submitted a community of  
17 interest at any time, you can feel comfortable knowing,  
18 assured that we have received it and that we will use it  
19 the same as we will use any of the other ones we receive.

20 Also, you can have more than one community of  
21 interest. We have different identities, and so you may  
22 want to submit more than one community of interest. I  
23 also -- sorry not Commissioner -- Supervisor Vargas  
24 reminded us that the County of San Diego was the first  
25 county to have an Independent Redistricting Commission,

1 and in the San Diego County region there are several  
2 independent redistricting efforts taking place right now.  
3 The City of San Diego, The City of Escondido, Chula  
4 Vista, and Carlsbad, along with the county, are all  
5 having redistricting efforts.

6 And the League of Women Voters of San Diego did a  
7 webinar with me and the Commissioner from the county, and  
8 in that we explained the difference between the two  
9 processes. We do encourage everyone to participate in as  
10 many of the redistricting processes as they can. Your  
11 voice is important to all of -- to all of our success.

12 Katy, can you read the instruction?

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8 for when it is your turn to speak. And again, please  
9 turn down the live stream volume.

10 And we do not have any callers at this time, Chair.

11 CHAIR SINAY: Thank you, Katy. Earlier,  
12 Commissioner Akutagawa had mentioned Miramar, which used  
13 to be the TOPGUN -- where TOPGUN took place. It's no  
14 longer the TOPGUN area, Miramar is now Marine. But you  
15 still have planes and you still -- jets, sorry, we still  
16 have jets, we still have helicopters that fly in and out.  
17 And there's also the Top Gun Barbecue place downtown that  
18 was across the street from the hotel that Commissioner  
19 Toledo just mentioned.

20 And unfortunately, that burned down but they have  
21 rebuilt it. And then there's the Top Gun House where the  
22 woman lived up at Oceanside, and they moved it, and it's  
23 considered now a historical house in Oceanside. But the  
24 military culture, as Commissioner Yee said, is very  
25 strong here in San Diego. And one thing that many people

1 don't know is that military families, now more military  
2 families live off base than on base. So your neighbors  
3 can be -- is more likely to be from military families  
4 than in the past.

5 Anybody who wants to share any thoughts on -- any on  
6 Imperial County on how -- what draws you to these  
7 counties for vacation? We talked a little bit about  
8 that, but what about for business or environment -- not  
9 environment, recreational.

10 Go ahead, Commissioner Akutagawa.

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Mine isn't really  
12 necessarily -- well, I guess I have sort -- I mean, I do  
13 come down for just kind of like recreation or just  
14 vacation. I was just thinking -- I was thinking about  
15 Imperial County and my first time driving through it,  
16 probably my first and really only time driving through  
17 it. I forgot why, but when I was living in San Diego, I  
18 had always known of El Centro. I had never driven out  
19 that way.

20 And then there was a reason for me to drive out  
21 there. So I drove down to El Centro, and coming back,  
22 and I don't know if it's still the same, but one of the  
23 things that struck me, is driving from El Centro going  
24 north back towards the L.A. County area, and driving past  
25 the Salton Sea, and that was pretty interesting driving

1 past there, too. One of the things that struck me is  
2 that I was the only person that was driving for literally  
3 miles, and miles, and miles.

4       And I will also admit, you could probably get a  
5 theme here, I was driving pretty fast because I was just  
6 thinking, I am the only one out here on this road. I do  
7 not want to get stuck somehow. So I figure if I drive  
8 faster, I'll get farther, and hopefully I'll be -- I'll  
9 be closer to somebody if something should happen.  
10 Fortunately, nothing did happen, but it was just really  
11 interesting that for probably a good period of time, I  
12 was the only one driving out there on the I-15 at the  
13 time. And you know, or that main highway there.

14       And you know, just driving through past the Salton  
15 Sea, going through the Coachella Valley, and then getting  
16 in, I think at that time I -- if I recall correctly, I  
17 think I drove through Palm Springs and into L.A. County.  
18 And it was it was quite interesting in seeing how remote,  
19 in some ways, it was a number of years ago. And I'm not  
20 sure if it's still that way. I know that there's been a  
21 lot of development in a lot of parts of California, but  
22 I've not had a chance to go back down that way. But that  
23 was one of the things that just struck me about the  
24 region, and you know just, yeah, interesting in my time  
25 there.

1 CHAIR SINAY: Yeah. The drive from San Diego to  
2 Imperial is long. It's not just ten minutes.

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: No.

4 CHAIR SINAY: I was talking to Commissioner Ahmad,  
5 and she's like, it's right there, right? I said, no;  
6 it's a long, but it's a beautiful drive. You have to go  
7 up the mountains, and down the mountains, but you do see  
8 a lot of stopped cars, and you also see a lot of water  
9 stops to fill your car tank, and stuff.

10 We spoke about the military culture, and  
11 Commissioner Toledo spoke a little bit, but this is the  
12 border, the border community. This is the border with  
13 Mexico. And for many families and many individuals, it's  
14 a porous border. Families live on both sides of it.

15 Commissioner Toledo, you were talking a little bit  
16 about your experience visiting your family. Do you want  
17 to share anymore?

18 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I mean, I have quite a few  
19 family members who live out in the Imperial Valley, and  
20 in Mexicali area, and El Centro, and Brawley, and I mean,  
21 it's a farm-worker community. It's a large farm-worker  
22 community, disproportionately impacted by COVID I think.  
23 One of the -- I believe one of the worst hit, at least in  
24 much of -- for much of the year, it was one of the most  
25 worst-hit areas in California; mostly because of the low-

1 income nature of the community, and social distancing  
2 being so difficult to be able to achieve when you have  
3 multi -- well, families living in close quarters.

4       And one of the reasons I don't visit as much as I  
5 probably would want to, is just because it's so hot in  
6 the summers. And that's probably that's why but -- so I  
7 try to schedule my visits when it's colder, or cold in  
8 the winter. And it's just incredibly hot in the  
9 Mexicali, and Centro and Raleigh area this time of year.  
10 Just being outside is almost impossible.

11       You kind of have to be inside with air conditioning  
12 and a warm -- I mean, a cold drink. But yeah, lots of  
13 family. They live down there. I don't know how they can  
14 manage. I like humidity and I like -- I like weather  
15 like Mazatlán, and Acapulco where it's hot but it's  
16 humid, and I'm wet, but the dry heat is hard for me. But  
17 I like the different weather, so just that --

18       CHAIR SINAY: And just, yeah; there's a lot of folks  
19 who just cross the border just to -- their doctor may be  
20 in Tijuana, or it's cheaper to get their medicine in  
21 Tijuana, as well as veterinarian. That's become the new  
22 one, vets are so expensive in the United States.

23       So Linda, you may want to come down with your -- so  
24 we've been exploring how to get vet care for our three  
25 dogs, because it's just a lot more accessible. But it

1 is, yeah, for people who don't know the La Frontera area,  
2 or that border region, it is surprising for them how  
3 often people cross, and how regularly.

4       Someone recently said to me, "The border is closed,  
5 right?" And I said, well, in theory it is, but  
6 exactly -- Commissioner Kennedy, in theory it is, but a  
7 lot of my friends who have -- yeah, they're still going,  
8 and visiting, and doing their work.

9       Did you want to add anything, Mr. Kennedy?

10       COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Well, for those who aren't  
11 accustomed to it, we kind of call it "mexistan". It's  
12 neither here nor there. It's neither U.S. nor Mexico,  
13 seemingly, for about fifty miles on either side of the  
14 border. San Diego is almost a special case. But if  
15 you're driving up from Mexicali to the Coachella Valley,  
16 you know, you think you're in the U.S., and then all of a  
17 sudden you're at an inspection point and they're asking  
18 you for your passport.

19       And it's, like, the border is fifty miles that way.  
20 What are you doing asking me for my passport? But that's  
21 you know, there's a there's a checkpoint on Highway 86 or  
22 78. I forget which one. Or maybe it's at the junction  
23 of 86 and 78. But you know, the first time it comes as a  
24 surprise because you're thinking, I'm well inside the  
25 border, and there's an inspection station, and you're



1 being asked to identify yourself.

2 CHAIR SINAY: Yes. We've got, there's a big one on  
3 the 5 as well, in Camp Pendleton. And Commissioner  
4 Akutagawa, I was stopped there once, and I'm just letting  
5 you, since you've been talking about speeding, they  
6 stopped me there once because their helicopter clocked me  
7 going too fast, and they asked me to slow down. This was  
8 when I was in college. So there are helicopters  
9 patrolling.

10 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: That's good to know. Yeah,  
11 because I am surprised that I have not been caught yet so  
12 oh; that is good to remember. Also, you know I might  
13 share, when I was living down there, one of the things  
14 that did strike me as interesting in terms of the  
15 difference between San Diego County, and I would call it  
16 north of Camp Pendleton, L.A., and Orange County is the  
17 weather.

18 What I found is that when it was raining in L.A. or  
19 Orange County, it was beautiful weather in San Diego. It  
20 was like almost the rain clouds didn't make it past  
21 probably Camp Pendleton or Oceanside. It was always nice  
22 weather.

23 CHAIR SINAY: Well, even in San Diego the weather  
24 changes so drastically. Yeah, it's kind of like San  
25 Francisco where you've got the fog rolls in only on parts

1 of it. And so I always feel bad when people come from  
2 Inland San Diego to the coast, because they're all  
3 excited to go to the beach, and it's all foggy and cold.  
4 But they did escape the heat, they just didn't get any  
5 sun.

6 All right. Well, we're coming onto a break. We  
7 have a fifteen-minute break coming up. And why don't we  
8 take it now; if no one has any complaints? And I keep  
9 wishing that we were all together here in San Diego and  
10 Imperial -- and Imperial County, just because there's so  
11 much to see, and do, and talk right now. I'm like, oh,  
12 yeah, let's go grab a beer afterwards, and grab some fish  
13 tacos.

14 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: And it's not 107 degrees.

15 CHAIR SINAY: Exactly. And we can also pick up a  
16 slice of cake at Extraordinary Desserts. Commissioner  
17 Yee.

18 All right. So we'll see everybody in fifteen  
19 minutes.

20 (Whereupon, a fifteen-minute recess was held)

21 CHAIR SINAY: Hi. Welcome back, everybody. We are  
22 in our last stretch of the day. And so I just want to  
23 welcome everyone to the California Redistricting  
24 Commission Community of Interest Input Meeting, and  
25 sometimes we are called Communities of Interest, COI.

1 We also encourage you to visit our communities of  
2 interest tool on our website, which allows you to draw  
3 the map as well as describe your community. You can find  
4 the tool at DrawMyCACommunity.org, and we are now at the  
5 place where we can take both public input from any part  
6 of the state as well as public comment.

7 So anyone who wants to -- has any comments on any  
8 items that are not on our agenda today, which our agenda  
9 is taking community of interest input, please do call in.

10 Katy, I am going to pass it over to you, and ask you  
11 to please read the instructions.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Will do, Chair.

13 In order to maximize transparency and public  
14 participation in our process, the Commissioners will be  
15 taking community of interest input by phone, and public  
16 comment by phone. To call in, dial the telephone number  
17 provided on the live stream feed, it is 877-853-5247.  
18 When prompted enter the meeting ID number provided on the  
19 live stream feed, it is 97214777038 for this meeting.  
20 When prompted to enter a participant ID simply press the  
21 pound key.

22 Once you have dialed in, you will be placed in a  
23 queue. To indicate you wish to comment, please press  
24 star 9. This will raise your hand for the moderator.  
25 When it is your turn to speak, you will hear a message

1 that says: The host would like you to talk, and to press  
2 star 6 to speak. If you would like to give your name,  
3 please state and spell it for the record. You are not  
4 required to provide your name to give public comment.

5 Please make sure to mute your computer or live  
6 stream audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during  
7 your call. Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert  
8 for when it is your turn to speak. And again, please  
9 turn down the live stream volume. And again, the  
10 Commission is taking community of interest input and  
11 public comment by phone at this time.

12 And we do not have anyone in the queue, Chair.

13 CHAIR SINAY: Thank you. So I guess I'm going to  
14 live vicariously through all of you, and ask you, what do  
15 you have planned for tomorrow, for a nice Sunday?

16 No one has any plans? Well, I can understand why  
17 you don't have any plans, we've been doing Commission  
18 work for five days straight. Can everyone promise not to  
19 open up their Commission emails, or look at their  
20 Commission phone tomorrow?

21 Commissioner Toledo. You look like you were ready  
22 to say something.

23 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: No. No plans for tomorrow.  
24 And I like it that way. It's going to be hot tomorrow,  
25 too. I just want to stay in the house and keep it dark

1 inside.

2 CHAIR SINAY: I hear you. Every time there's a  
3 break, I go down -- only my son is home right now, and  
4 I'll go downstairs, and he's just doing nothing. And I'm  
5 like, oh, what a life. And the three dogs are taking a  
6 nap. So it's better to stay in my office with you all.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Chair, we do have a  
8 couple of collars.

9 CHAIR SINAY: Great.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Caller 7044. And then up  
11 next, will be callers 7682. So right now we have caller  
12 7044, if you could please follow the prompts to unmute by  
13 pressing star 6. Caller 7044, you are unmuted. I have a  
14 couple of brief instructions for you. Your speaker order  
15 number will be -- it's on the wrong page -- number 36, if  
16 you could please make note of that for future reference.

17 And if you could please let the mapper know what  
18 area you would like to discuss today. And with that, the  
19 floor is yours.

20 MS. TIFFANY: Hello, my name is Caitlin Tiffany. I  
21 am a resident of the City of La Mesa in San Diego County.  
22 La Mesa is bordered by the City of San Diego on the  
23 western and northern sides, and it's really hard to tell  
24 where La Mesa ends and San Diego begins. Our area is  
25 part of the San Diego State University College District.

1 Many of my neighbors either attend or work at San Diego  
2 State University. So let me say really feels like it's  
3 part of the Greater San Diego City area. I also work in  
4 the City of San Diego at San Diego Mesa College.

5 And I am on the La Mesa Community Police Oversight  
6 Board. This is one of only three oversight boards in the  
7 County of San Diego, and one of those is also the City of  
8 San Diego has one. When we receive public comments, many  
9 of our public comments from the La Mesans, say that, you  
10 know, we all feel that we are on the forefront of  
11 improving police community relationships.

12 And that is something we share with the City of San  
13 Diego, which is very different from some of the cities  
14 that are further east in San Diego County. So I'm hoping  
15 that La Mesa will be part of the Greater San Diego City  
16 area.

17 I would really like to thank you, Commissioners, for  
18 your time, and for your service in this, very much.  
19 Thank you.

20 CHAIR SINAY: Thank you.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And I'd like to remind  
22 those calling in to please press star 9 to raise your  
23 hand, indicating you wish to comment. And at this time  
24 we do have a raised hand with caller 7682. If you'll  
25 please follow the prompts to unmute yourself by pressing

1 star 6. Caller 7682, you are currently unmuted. I have  
2 a couple of brief instructions. Your speaker order  
3 number will be number 37, if you will, please make note  
4 of that for future reference. And if you'll please let  
5 the mapper know what area you would like to discuss  
6 today. With that, the floor is yours.

7 MR. IBRAHIM: Hi. Thank you so much. Good  
8 afternoon, Commissioner. My name is Rami Ibrahim and our  
9 community area is Al Cajon. I'm calling in today on  
10 behalf of the Majdal Center. And we're an Arab community  
11 and resource center located in El Cajon, for Arab  
12 refugees, immigrants, and residents of San Diego.

13 We seek to empower and uplift all members of the  
14 Arab community in San Diego with a community network of  
15 over 140 families and a base of largely Syrian, Iraqi,  
16 and Palestinian refugees, and new immigrants. We support  
17 our community through youth education and leadership.  
18 Community health and well-being, primarily through our  
19 COVID-19 response and rental assistance referrals,  
20 newcomers' support through case management and U.S.  
21 citizen applications, and advocacy and policy, with our  
22 census work and currently our redistricting focus.

23 Just yesterday we held a youth social where over  
24 thirty Arab youths showed up and participated in a  
25 community mapping activity at the park. And we also hold

1 community mapping opportunities at local mosques in East  
2 County and our upcoming aid celebration. We prioritize  
3 the translation of all resources to Arabic to break down  
4 accessibility barriers, so our community members are able  
5 to be very involved in this process.

6 We are translating all materials and info sessions  
7 into Arabic for all COI sessions, and we actually found  
8 your COI tool, which is translated to Arabic, to be very  
9 helpful for our community.

10 We're currently working on community outreach for  
11 our first public hearing for redistricting on the 14th,  
12 in the City of El Cajon. And our community has been very  
13 involved in this process. We're planning on having a lot  
14 of community members testify, and we've been preparing  
15 for that, which is why there aren't many community  
16 members here today.

17 However, our community members are very excited to  
18 be involved in the upcoming statewide public hearings in  
19 August and September. Because our Arab community is  
20 often ignored and overlooked as we're invisible on the  
21 census, it has made us harder to be recognized as a  
22 community, and heard in regards to bringing back vital  
23 resources for our community.

24 We've seen a lot of growth in Al Cajon, and the  
25 majority of Arab refugees and immigrant communities have



1 actually resettled in El Cajon in the past ten years, and  
2 were not included in the 2010 census data. So  
3 consequently, the Congressional districts of El Cajon are  
4 currently split right down the middle in two. Being  
5 involved in this process is very, very important to us,  
6 as unity of our Arab community will help bring back  
7 necessary resources to our community and give us an  
8 opportunity --

9 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

10 MR. IBRAHIM: -- for political representation. We  
11 are using this redistricting process as an opportunity to  
12 fully engage with our community and create a space for  
13 them to draw their own community boundaries as they  
14 understand them. Currently, many community members --

15 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

16 MR. IBRAHIM: -- are struggling to pay rent. There  
17 is a lack of affordable housing. Many members became  
18 unemployed for the pandemic. Many of our school children  
19 are facing Islamophobia and bullying. Many community  
20 members are coming up on taking their citizenship --

21 MR. MANOFF: Time.

22 MR. IBRAHIM: -- test, and struggling to find  
23 resources. Additionally --

24 CHAIR SINAY: Is the caller still there?

25 MR. MANOFF: Yes.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair.

2 CHAIR SINAY: I just wanted to thank you, first of  
3 all. And also reiterate that we're really excited to  
4 have community members here with us, and to note that we  
5 are taking the community input, the tool, input through  
6 the tool is equal to input and in meetings. And so we're  
7 excited that you all are using the tool, and that you  
8 found it beneficial. So thank you so much.

9 MR. IBRAHIM: Thank you so much. I really  
10 appreciate it.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And we do have one other  
12 caller. Caller 1738 -- I apologize, there was a little  
13 confusion there on our end.

14 Caller 1738, if you will, please follow the prompts  
15 to unmute? Caller 1738, I do have a couple of brief  
16 instructions for you. Your speaker order number will be  
17 number 38, if you'll please make note of that for future  
18 reference. And if you'll please let the mapper know what  
19 area you would like to discuss. With that, the floor is  
20 yours.

21 MS. TEMPORAL: Hi. Good afternoon, Commissioners.  
22 I would like to discuss where I reside over in Ocean View  
23 Hills. My name is Joyce Temporal, a community member,  
24 and I serve as the vice president of the Silayan Filipina  
25 National Organization, a nonprofit organization, a women-

1 led organization whose mission is to advocate for equity,  
2 provide professional and personal development, promote  
3 Filipino culture, engage civically, and develop youth  
4 leadership. Like many Filipinos in San Diego, I'm a Navy  
5 brat, born to Filipino immigrant parents whose father  
6 served in the U.S. Navy and emigrated to the U.S.  
7 primarily in the 1950s. My father's sister emigrated to  
8 the U.S. in the 1970s.

9       Also, like many other Filipinos, as a skilled labor  
10 in the health industry where during the corona virus  
11 pandemic, Filipino nurses in their duty and sacrifice  
12 represent four percent of the hospital nurses, but  
13 disproportionately represent thirty percent of the  
14 nurses' deaths.

15       I live here in Ocean View Hills in the South Bay,  
16 not far from the only San Diego City Park named after a  
17 Filipino-American and former assistant chief of police,  
18 Cesar Solis Park. The Filipino-American population is  
19 the largest of the Asian-Pacific Islander population, and  
20 second only to the Latinos in the population of  
21 communities of color.

22       While sometimes mentioned jokingly, one can wander  
23 the aisles of naval commissaries, walk the wards of  
24 hospitals, or sit in the pews of Catholic churches, and  
25 clearly notice the many Filipino faces. You can drive

1 through San Diego County's communities of the South Bay,  
2 Eastlake, Otay Ranch, Ocean View Hills, National City,  
3 Paradise Hills, or North County communities of Mira Mesa,  
4 and Rancho Penasquitos, and see Filipinos everywhere.

5 But if one were to wander the halls of the State  
6 Capitol and witness a Legislative session, one would find  
7 it nearly impossible to find a Filipino face in the seat  
8 of an Assembly member or a State senator, other than  
9 attorney General Rob Bonta, and previously State  
10 Assemblyman Todd Gloria, who is now mayor of San Diego.

11 The same is true in our nation's Capitol in  
12 Congress, where you will also find it hard pressed to  
13 find a Filipino-American in an elected position of power.  
14 Although our community can boast of being the largest  
15 AAPI population in San Diego and California, the sad  
16 reality is that we have close to no representation in our  
17 State and Federal bodies. Yet our elected officials can  
18 attend community events and praise the Filipino-American  
19 community for our contribution to society.

20 But where is our power in representation of Filipino  
21 elected officials? Redistricting and reapportionment is  
22 about power and representation. Our Filipino American  
23 community has neither. While we can be empowered --

24 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

25 MS. TEMPORAL: -- by those who control power, we

1 need the opportunities to lead --

2 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

3 MS. TEMPORAL: -- and you have the opportunity to  
4 put our community in that position. The question you and  
5 decision makers need to ask yourself is, will I truly  
6 provide a real opportunity to maximize communities of  
7 interest in order to achieve elective representation of  
8 Filipino-Americans?

9 MR. MANOFF: Time.

10 MS. TEMPORAL: That would be an honorable feat which  
11 will be remembered --

12 CHAIR SINAY: Ma'am. Could you give us the  
13 boundaries, the specific boundaries? It sounds like you  
14 brought up two different Filipino communities of  
15 interest, one in the South Bay and one in North County;  
16 can you -- or North San Diego. Can you tell us the  
17 boundaries?

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Please press Star 6 to  
19 unmute yourself; caller 1738, if you will press star 6 to  
20 unmute yourself. There she is.

21 CHAIR SINAY: Welcome back.

22 MS. TEMPORAL: Hi.

23 CHAIR SINAY: We're just hoping you could give us  
24 more concrete boundaries for the Filipino community in  
25 the South Bay, and in North San Diego.

1 MS. TEMPORAL: Oh, I just mentioned about in the  
2 South Bay, there's predominantly, you know, a lot of the  
3 Filipino-American community, like in east of Paradise  
4 Hills in the South Bay area, which is -- consists of on  
5 east side of the 805 Freeway, which is East Chula Vista,  
6 Otay, Mesa is more south.

7 CHAIR SINAY: Uh-huh.

8 MS. TEMPORAL: Paradise Hills is also east, and you  
9 have all of the Eastlake area, Otay Ranch, and you do  
10 have also in National City, which is in between the 805  
11 and the 5. And the northern sector would be, of course,  
12 Rancho Penasquitos, Mira Mesa, that's like a very high  
13 propensity of Filipino Americans there.

14 CHAIR SINAY: Right.

15 MS. TEMPORAL: And also you have towards the east of  
16 the -- of course you do have the other AAPI community,  
17 which is the convoy district, and also of the southern  
18 part of the northern part by Mission Valley, you have  
19 other AAPI community, which are like over in Linda Vista,  
20 et cetera. And also in El Cajon, I know that there is a  
21 lot of the Laos community out there, too. And that's  
22 pretty much, you know, we have a high propensity of  
23 Filipino-Americans in all of those areas.

24 CHAIR SINAY: And would you connect the Linda Vista  
25 to the Convoy Corridor?

1 MS. TEMPORAL: Yes.

2 CHAIR SINAY: Okay. All right. Thank you for your  
3 detailed -- being so detailed. Have a great day.

4 MS. TEMPORAL: Okay. Thank you so much.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: That was all of our  
6 callers at this time, Chair.

7 CHAIR SINAY: As we said, we are taking both  
8 community input currently, as well as public comment on  
9 any topics that aren't necessarily on the agenda.

10 So do you want to read the instructions again?

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair. Would you  
12 like the full injections or the abbreviated at this  
13 point?

14 CHAIR SINAY: We haven't done -- do the abbreviated  
15 please.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Sure. The Commission is  
17 now taking community of interest input and public comment  
18 input at this time. To give comment please call 877-853-  
19 5247, enter the meeting ID number 97214777038 for this  
20 meeting. Once you have dialed in, please press star 9 to  
21 enter the comment queue. The full call-in instructions  
22 have been read previously in this session, and are  
23 provided in full on the live stream landing page. And  
24 again, we are collecting public input and community of  
25 interest input at this time.

1 And we do not have any callers at this time, Chair.

2 CHAIR SINAY: All righty. I do want to remind  
3 everyone that we do have a busy week this week. We're  
4 excited because on Monday, July 12th at 10 a.m., we will  
5 be focused on Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, San  
6 Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Tulare County, and any  
7 surrounding areas as well. And that's again, on Monday,  
8 July 12th.

9 On Thursday, July 15th at 4 p.m., we will be focused  
10 on Los Angeles. This is our first session that we have  
11 shortened it a bit. So we'll start at 4 p.m., focus on  
12 Los Angeles County and its surrounding areas.

13 And finally, this coming Saturday, a week from  
14 today, on July 17th at 10 a.m., we will be focused on the  
15 Bay Area County, so Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San  
16 Francisco, Somersville, Santa Clara, and Solano, and the  
17 surrounding areas again.

18 If you are if you are interested in watching our  
19 business meetings and hearing us discuss other things  
20 besides communities of interest, please join us on  
21 Tuesday, July 13th at 4 p.m. As callers at the community  
22 of interest meetings are not limited to just those  
23 specific communities, we like to focus as it helps with  
24 our outreach, but anybody is welcome to call and submit  
25 their communities of interest.



1           You can visit our meeting page on our website, which  
2 is WeDrawTheLinesCA.org, and click on the Meetings tab  
3 and it'll show you all the different meetings we have.  
4 How to register for any of -- if you want to get public  
5 input, as well as that you'll find flyers there that you  
6 can share with the folks in your community.

7           If you have already submitted a community of input  
8 (sic), we ask that you tell a friend or ten. We want to  
9 hear from a lot of folks. So please do, do submit your  
10 communities of interest and tell others.

11           Commissioners, what other advice do you have for  
12 those who might be watching, still not sure about how to  
13 participate? I know Commissioner Kennedy has advice.

14           COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Well, I would almost say, you  
15 know, it's almost like speaking a foreign language. You  
16 are often very shy to do it. But the best way is to just  
17 break down, and do it. And you know, it's not going to  
18 be perfect. But at this point, we really are looking for  
19 people to tell us about their neighborhoods, about their  
20 community around them.

21           I think one of the most helpful things that has been  
22 shared is, you know, just pretend you're telling someone  
23 from out of state about your community. So just what is  
24 it that makes your community a community? What makes it  
25 a place where you want to live? And what are the things

1 that you want to work with other neighbors to improve?

2 And those are the types of stories that I, personally, am  
3 really eager to hear from Californians.

4 CHAIR SINAY: Sounds great. Great advice. Anybody  
5 else, what do you tell people when they ask you: What do  
6 you want me to do when I call in?

7 Commissioner Fernández?

8 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: I don't sure if I'm the  
9 best one, because I sent -- I think I'd shared last time  
10 that I sent like an email to my contacts, and my friends  
11 told me it was too long. So I had to summarize it for  
12 them.

13 But I think, I think the most important thing is  
14 that you actually don't have to know who how your  
15 district lines are drawn. I mean, there's you don't have  
16 to feel like there's this pressure to have this knowledge  
17 of, you know, who your Assembly person is or a  
18 Congressional person is. As Commissioner Kennedy said,  
19 just tell us what your current neighborhood is, where you  
20 go, where you can sit -- what your boundaries of your  
21 neighborhood are.

22 You don't even have to tell us verbally because we  
23 have so many other options and ways for you to  
24 participate, and each one of them equal as important. We  
25 have community of interest tool. You can email us. You

1 can actually phone us and give us your input, or email  
2 us. So it's just very low key. And we have documents  
3 that kind of guide you through the type of information  
4 that we would like. But you know, you don't have to  
5 stick to that. And the most important thing is just tell  
6 us what the boundaries are.

7 Is it streets? I guess in Southern California, it's  
8 called the, "whatever freeway name it is", which is  
9 great. But really, it doesn't have to be something  
10 elaborate. Just tell us what your community is. Thank  
11 you.

12 CHAIR SINAY: Right. Anyone else have some further  
13 advice?

14 Yes, Commissioner Andersen.

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: One thing I would say is if  
16 you -- think about where you live and where you work, and  
17 those are often not in the same city, in which case would  
18 you would you like to have those both be represented in  
19 the same district? Also, if you have areas that your  
20 community, like, you have a business community, it  
21 crosses city lines, it's extremely important, county  
22 lines. Those are very important to get in to us, because  
23 the criteria is, city lines, county lines, and  
24 communities of interest, and they're all equally  
25 important.

1           But we don't know if your communities cross those  
2 boundaries. So it's just, that's something I always  
3 bring up. And I do like the idea of, you don't have to  
4 tell us in person, if that's quite scary. You can go to  
5 that community interest tool and it can -- it'll walk you  
6 through it step-by-step. And there's a help -- if you  
7 don't know a lot about this, there's a little help  
8 button, and they're more than happy to help you. And you  
9 can try it several times. It's not like, oh, I blew it  
10 the first time. Try it again. And of course, you can  
11 call into any of our meetings also. It doesn't have to  
12 be just your area. So those are a few things, if that  
13 helps.

14           CHAIR SINAY: Thank you, Mr. Andersen.

15           Commissioner Vázquez.

16           COMMISSIONER VÁZQUEZ: I was just going to say one  
17 of the ways to warm up to giving public input is to  
18 listen to others' public input. And as soon as we get  
19 public input on the website, you'll also be able to see  
20 and read what others have said about their community.  
21 And so I think that's a great way, to hear what others  
22 are saying.

23           You can even use what others are saying and think  
24 about whether you agree or disagree. And we would love  
25 to hear as many viewpoints as possible about different

1 communities, because that is that is how we understand  
2 and get the 360 view.

3 So definitely step one, if you're if contemplating  
4 giving public input, a good way to get your feet wet is  
5 to listen, to call in and listen to others give input.  
6 And that should, hopefully, give you the confidence you  
7 need to tell us about your community.

8 CHAIR SINAY: Thank you, Commissioner Vázquez.

9 Commissioner Akutagawa.

10 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I would definitely  
11 agree with what Commissioner Vázquez said. I've been  
12 telling some people, you know, if you have time, or if  
13 you're curious, you know, just even if it's just a  
14 snippet of some of the previous public input meetings,  
15 listen in on some of those, you know, just to get kind of  
16 a feel of what people are saying.

17 One of the things that I've been recommending to  
18 some people, you know, sometimes it's hard if you -- if  
19 you're not fully aware, like, what does this all mean?  
20 What I've been telling people is, think about where you  
21 live or where you work. Think about, maybe not only  
22 about what do you have in common with other cities or  
23 regions, but also think about what you don't think you  
24 have in common with another city and region. Sometimes  
25 it's easier for people to think about that than to think

1 about: What do I have in common?

2 So if you think about what do I not have in common,  
3 then it might help someone to then pinpoint -- well, I  
4 actually feel like we have more in common with this city  
5 or region, and so that might also help some of the folks  
6 who might be listening in.

7 It looks like we have a caller.

8 CHAIR SINAY: Great. I think you all inspired them.

9 Katy, would you like to take over?

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair.

11 Caller 2829, if you will, please follow the prompts  
12 to unmute my pressing star 6? Caller 2829 you are  
13 currently unmuted. I have a couple of brief instructions  
14 for you. Your speaker order number will be number 39, if  
15 you'll please make note of that for future reference.  
16 And if you'll please let the mapper know what area you  
17 would like to discuss today. And with that, the floor is  
18 yours.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I thought this was public  
20 comment time.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: You can also make public  
22 comment, Miss.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oh, okay. I don't wish to do  
24 any map drawing today.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: That's fine.

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: My question -- my question  
2 is, I hear you discussing about how to describe where  
3 your community is. And I'm in a situation where I have  
4 people that want to give testimony, but the problem is  
5 they are having difficulty describing where -- to the  
6 line drawer what they want to discuss because it's a  
7 small area, small town that's remote, and it's mainly in  
8 a rural county. And basically their community of  
9 interest is mostly what they're -- with most of the  
10 county that they're with, and it's kind of hard to  
11 describe.

12 So what instructions should they give to the line  
13 drawer when you're trying to describe a remote community  
14 that's in a rural county?

15 CHAIR SINAY: Well, a good first place is to start  
16 with the county, so the line drawer knows where to start.  
17 And then from there, you know, if there are roads, or  
18 freeways or -- in San Diego, a lot of times we use  
19 geographic boundaries. I was talking to the line drawers  
20 ahead of time that, yeah, people may tell you it's this  
21 canyon or this bay, it's like Commissioner Kennedy said,  
22 it's best to start with the county, and then if there is  
23 a city, to connect with that city, and then just start  
24 describing what's important.

25 It might be a library, it might be a corner store,

1 or it might be roads. And just describe it from there  
2 and build from there. Draw us a picture, a verbal  
3 picture, and a written one. If they feel more  
4 comfortable, they can also draw it themselves on a map  
5 and send it to us, if it's easier than telling a line  
6 drawer, or using our community of interest tool. Does  
7 that help?

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes. I just have one other  
9 thing. Can they refer to the current district; either  
10 Assembly, Senate, or like --

11 CHAIR SINAY: Yes.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: The number, I'm talking about  
13 the number of the district, so that then they would get  
14 the -- the line drawer would know the geographic lines of  
15 the current district they're talking about?

16 CHAIR SINAY: Exactly. They can give us -- they can  
17 give us their district, or they can even give us an  
18 address. And the mapper can look on it from there. And  
19 as we said, you know, you can use the online tool, in a  
20 lot of rural areas the internet is hard to connect. So  
21 you can draw it on your own, and mail it to us, or email  
22 it to us. And we are working on a paper tool as well.  
23 So individuals can do it that way.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. All right. Thank you.

25 CHAIR SINAY: Thank you so much.



1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And that was all of our  
2 public comment at this time.

3 CHAIR SINAY: Great. Commissioner Fernández?

4 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Yes. I just wanted to  
5 respond to the caller. I'm also in a very rural area. I  
6 think our population might be 1,000, but when I was  
7 checking the maps, when they're bringing them up, that it  
8 shows up. So my little town of 1,000 did show up.

9 And like you said, Commissioner Sinay, if you have  
10 an address, if you have streets, we'll be able to map it,  
11 and we'll be able to submit their communities of  
12 interest. So thank you. It's very important for  
13 everyone to participate. And we will -- we'll find it,  
14 we'll draw it for you. If you give us enough boundaries,  
15 we'll make it happen. So thank you.

16 CHAIR SINAY: Thank you. And Commissioner  
17 Akutagawa.

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I wanted to also  
19 share some advice from our session that we had in the  
20 further north of California. We had callers who did  
21 speak about the town that they came from, but they also  
22 referred to the county that they were in. And within  
23 those counties, depending on the numbers within your  
24 counties, it could be that your district could be  
25 attached to other counties.

1           So I recall that during that particular public input  
2 session, we had callers who said, I live in this county,  
3 in this city, in this county, and I believe that our  
4 district should include this, this, and this county. And  
5 then we also had others that had called and said, I  
6 believe -- I live in this city, I live in this county,  
7 but I believe that my county should be with these other  
8 counties.

9           And so that's also another way in which callers can  
10 also call. It doesn't necessarily have to be just  
11 specific to their city, especially if they're in a rural  
12 area. There's ultimately no wrong or right way to  
13 describe your community. As Commissioner Fernández had  
14 just said, I think we really want to hear. And even  
15 having that input around which counties do you want to be  
16 affiliated with, could be just as helpful as what cities  
17 do you want to be affiliated with?

18           CHAIR SINAY: Thank you.

19           Katy, can you read the instructions one last time?  
20 And it's both for public and community input.

21           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair. The long or  
22 short version?

23           CHAIR SINAY: Short.

24           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The Commission is now  
25 taking public comment and community of interest input by

1 phone. To give comment, please call 877-853-5247, and  
2 enter the meeting ID number 97214777038 for this meeting.  
3 Once you have dialed in, please press star 9 to enter the  
4 comment queue. The full call-in instructions have been  
5 read previously in this session and are provided in full  
6 on the live stream landing page.

7 And we do not have any callers at this time, Chair.

8 CHAIR SINAY: I just wanted to check if Commissioner  
9 Toledo or Commissioner Fornaciari had any advice for  
10 folks who are thinking about communities of interest and  
11 how to participate? You don't have to say anything if  
12 you don't want to.

13 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: No just, the advice I give  
14 is, I give examples of what we've heard. That I thought  
15 were effective examples. And I try to contextualize it  
16 in areas -- give examples from areas that people would  
17 understand the feedback we're getting. So I think that  
18 that helps folks sort of think a little bit about how  
19 they might want to -- might want to give input.

20 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I've also been just sharing  
21 with folks that are listening, and will have joined our  
22 meetings, and who have felt -- who said they felt  
23 intimidated giving public comment because they're not  
24 connected with an organization, or an advocacy group,  
25 they're not, you know they're not particularly involved

1 in politics. And my advice is not to be intimidated by  
2 that. That I'll advise, there is no wrong answer to  
3 this, right. It's giving us information about their  
4 community, and what they want to see. And they may not  
5 know what the boundary is, but if something is not  
6 working for them, they should let us know, politically,  
7 you know, in terms of their geographical boundaries. If  
8 something is working, we also want to know that.

9 And so there's really no wrong answer. And if they  
10 have difficulties with the telephone line, because folks  
11 have also said they've had difficulty with the telephone  
12 line, I'll also just asked them to call our main number,  
13 and someone will be able to help.

14 CHAIR SINAY: That's great advice. I usually  
15 explain to folks that we have the data, we're going to  
16 have the numbers, the data, but we need to put faces to  
17 the numbers, and that that's what the community of  
18 interest does. And a lot of times it's starting with  
19 what is a community. Yeah, they wanted -- that part  
20 confused them. So I say, think about who it is that you  
21 live, work, play, learn, celebrate and protest with.

22 And when you think about those groups of people,  
23 those will probably start answering your questions of who  
24 it is that you want to be represented with and how you  
25 want to be represented. And you can build from there.

1 And that seems to have worked but you're -- but a lot of  
2 times it's that fear that you have to give a whole  
3 district map, and explaining that you're giving us a  
4 snapshot of your community and that that snapshot, we're  
5 going to put all those snapshots together. And I like  
6 the paint idea, there're paint strokes. And then when we  
7 sit down to draw the lines, that's going to be more with  
8 pencil, a little darker, and then at some point, we'll do  
9 it with ink, so all those things to help.

10 Yes, Commissioner Akutagawa.

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, that it's me  
12 thinking. I think, for anybody who's listening in, and I  
13 think what we're trying to do is to hopefully alleviate  
14 any anxiety or kind of a sense of, I don't know if I  
15 really have anything substantive to say. It may be  
16 because you're not involved with an organization. I  
17 think as Commissioner Toledo said, I don't think it's  
18 about being involved with another organization.

19 Part of what we really want to do, and part of the  
20 reason why we're called the Citizens -- Independent  
21 Citizens Redistricting Commission, is because we are all  
22 individual citizens.

23 But one of the other things that I think I realize  
24 has helped it, and I'll use the example like Commissioner  
25 Fornaciari said, I'll use the example of some of what

1 we've heard. One example was when we had the public  
2 input meeting for the L.A. County area, and there were  
3 callers that were calling in around San Fernando Valley,  
4 and it was interesting because there was a lot of people  
5 who called in saying, keep San Fernando whole. However,  
6 we did also have, I recall, a caller that said, I'm from  
7 the East San Fernando Valley, I believe our community  
8 should be, instead, with these other communities, we're  
9 very different from the West San Fernando Valley area.

10 And so I think we all have opinions about who we are  
11 actually best aligned with, in terms of what other cities  
12 are like our cities that are around us. And that's also  
13 really important, I think, in terms of communities of  
14 interest input, and telling us those kind of nuances.  
15 Because I think the more we can understand and the more  
16 we can hear from a wide array of people, that will enable  
17 us, I think, to be able to have clearer understandings of  
18 the real community lines, and hopefully draw not only --  
19 and I'm going to say "better" is a little bit subjective,  
20 but fairer maps that ensure fair representation.

21 CHAIR SINAY: Thank you. We're getting close to  
22 wrapping up.

23 But I would like it, Katy, if you could just say the  
24 instructions one last time. So if someone's still out  
25 there, they know that this is the last time we're asking

1 for people to call in. And it can be public comment or  
2 community input. And if you called earlier and you  
3 missed your time, you're welcome to call in now as well.  
4 Anyone can call now.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The Commission is now  
6 taking general public comment by phone, and community of  
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13 stream landing page.

14 There is no one in the queue at this time, Chair.

15 CHAIR SINAY: All right. Let's just relax for two  
16 minutes. I know, San Diego is a military culture, so I  
17 should feel comfortable saying, stand at ease, but relax  
18 sounds better.

19 The one thing that's changed in San Diego, you know  
20 the East Bay, that morning meeting, breakfast meeting  
21 started at 7:30 or 7:00 because of the military culture.  
22 And I'm hoping now with the pandemic, when we do come  
23 back into in-person, that that's no longer the case.

24 (Pause)

25 MR. MANOFF: The instructions are complete on the

1 stream, Chair,

2 CHAIR SINAY: Okay. Sorry, I think we're ready to  
3 close for today. I want to thank all those who did call,  
4 all those who listened, and all those who will call,  
5 yeah, in the future, based on those who did call today.  
6 It was a lot of good information.

7 As I was telling some of my colleagues, it's a  
8 beautiful day in San Diego, and it's a Saturday in the  
9 summer. So it is a hard -- hard to compete against that.  
10 So we doubly appreciate those who did call in today. We  
11 will continue to do outreach in San Diego, Imperial  
12 County, and the whole rest of the State of California and  
13 continue to collect communities of interest. This is our  
14 first of our Public Community of Interest Meeting for San  
15 Diego. There will be two more. And you can always call  
16 in to any of the other ones.

17 Please have a great weekend. And especially to my  
18 colleagues, try to stay cool and enjoy tomorrow. Don't  
19 answer any emails, text or -- just relax and enjoy your  
20 home, and your family, and your friends. Thank you so  
21 much for spending your Saturday with me. Take care.

22 (Whereupon, the Public Input Meeting adjourned  
23 at 6:00 p.m.)

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