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 Michelle Byerly, The Nonprofit Partnership, Long Beach
 Noel Hacegaba, Port of Long Beach
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P R O C E E D I N G S

4:00 p.m.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right. Good afternoon, everyone. And Welcome. And thank you for tuning in to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission Communities of Interest Input Meeting.

I am Commissioner Linda Akutagawa, and I will be co-chairing today's meeting with Commissioner Sara Sadhwani. Today we are offering three language lines in the following languages: Spanish, Korean, and Vietnamese, so language speakers can listen to the meeting in their native language.

Could I please have our interpreters provide our call-in numbers? I'll start with our Spanish Interpreter. Would you please feed the Spanish language line instructions?

THE SPANISH INTERPRETER: Hi, Chair. This is the Spanish Interpreter.

(In Spanish, not translated)

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Thank you. Can I next have our Korean interpreter read the Korean language line instructions?

THE KOREAN INTERPRETER: (In Korean, not translated)

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right. Thank you very much. Next, can I have our Vietnamese interpreter read the

1 Vietnamese language line instructions?

2 THE VIETNAMESE INTERPRETER: (In Vietnamese, not
3 translated) Thank you.

4 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right. Thank you very much.
5 Now, let's go to Ravi for roll call.

6 MR. SINGH: Thank you, Chair.

7 Commissioner Andersen.

8 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Here.

9 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fernández.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Presente.

11 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fornaciari.

12 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I'm here.

13 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Kennedy.

14 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.

15 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Le Mons.

16 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Here.

17 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Sadhwani.

18 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Here.

19 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Sinay.

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Here.

21 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Taylor.

22 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Present.

23 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Toledo.

24 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Here.

25 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Turner.

1 Commissioner Vázquez.

2 Commissioner Yee.

3 COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.

4 Commissioner Ahmad.

5 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Here.

6 MR. SINGH: And Commissioner Akutagawa.

7 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Here.

8 Mr. SINGH: Roll call is complete, Chair.

9 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right. Thank you very much.

10 Thank you, Ravi.

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

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

25 The fourteen-member Commission is made up of five

1 Republicans, five Democrats, and four not affiliated with
2 either of those two parties.

3 The Commission must draw the district lines in
4 conformity with strict, nonpartisan rules designed to
5 create districts of relatively equal population that will
6 provide fair representation for all Californians.

7 The census redistricting data was released the week
8 of August 9th when the official California Redistricting
9 Database is available in late September, the Commission
10 will begin drawing maps using six line-drawing criteria,
11 as outlined as outlined in the California Constitution.
12 One of these is to minimize the division of cities,
13 counties, neighborhoods, and communities of interest to
14 the extent possible.

15 We can obtain the city and county information from
16 those jurisdictions; however, we need the neighborhood
17 and communities' interest information from Californians
18 directly. That's why we've launched these Communities of
19 Interest Input Sessions to get valuable information from
20 you, Californians, directly.

21 We encourage all Californians to participate in this
22 process. If you would rather submit your communities of
23 interest input over the internet, you can do so from our
24 website, or by visiting, DrawMyCACommunity.org, again,
25 DrawMyCACommunity.org. Skip the Line. Go Online.

1 Now, I will call on all Commissioners to introduce
2 themselves and to say hello. To see the biographies for
3 all fourteen Commissioners, for additional information or
4 to sign up for our email newsletter, please, visit our
5 website at WeDrawTheLinesCA.org, again,
6 WeDrawTheLinesCA.org.

7 I'm going to go ahead, and I'll begin with my Co-
8 Chair, Commissioner Sara Sadhwani.

9 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Thanks so much, Chair.

10 My name is Sara Sadhwani. I am calling in today
11 from LA Canada, California, where I live, in LA County,
12 but I certainly enjoy spending a lot of time in Orange
13 County, and looking forward to hearing more about your
14 communities of interest. Thanks so much.

15 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right. Thank you so much,
16 Commissioner Sadhwani.

17 All right. Next, I'm going to go to Commissioner
18 Isra Ahmad.

19 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Chair. And welcome,
20 everyone, and good afternoon, to yet another Community of
21 Interest Input Meeting. I am excited to continue to
22 learn about communities in and around Orange County, and
23 from any Californian who might wish to call us today.

24 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right. Thank you very much.
25 Let's go to Commissioner Jane Andersen.

1 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Good afternoon, California.
2 Jane Andersen here, coming to you from Berkeley,
3 California, further north, where actually, thank
4 goodness, we are having clear weather today. And I can't
5 wait to hear about your communities of interest in
6 Orange, and any other Californians who call in. Thank
7 you.

8 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right. Thank you. Let's go
9 to Commissioner Alicia Fernández.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Thank you, Chair.

11 (In Spanish, not translated)

12 Hello, and good afternoon, everyone. Thank you for
13 joining us today. I'm Alicia Fernández from Yolo County,
14 and I appreciate you all sharing -- continue to share
15 your communities of interest. Thank you.

16 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right. Thank you.

17 Let's go to Commissioner Neal Fornaciari.

18 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Good afternoon,
19 California, especially Orange County. Thank you for
20 joining us today. Today, I'm coming to you from Tracy,
21 California, which is in San Joaquin County. Looking
22 forward to hearing what's important to you all. And
23 thanks for joining us.

24 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right. Thank you.

25 Let's go to Commissioner Ray Kennedy.

1 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. I'm Ray
2 Kennedy, joining the meeting from my home in Morongo
3 Valley, which is one of the rural Joshua Tree Gateway
4 communities in Southern San Bernardino County. Very much
5 looking forward to hearing what makes your Orange County
6 community special to you. Thanks so much.

7 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you. Let's go to
8 Commissioner Antonio Le Mons.

9 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Good afternoon, California.
10 Buenos tardes. Commissioner Antonio Le Mons here;
11 looking forward to hearing your community of interest
12 input this evening. And welcome all callers throughout
13 the state. Thank you.

14 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you. Let's go to
15 Commissioner Derric Taylor.

16 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Good afternoon, California. I
17 hope everyone is well. I am Commissioner Derric Taylor,
18 coming to you from Altadena, California, near the San
19 Gabriel Mountains, or the Verdugo Foothills. I am
20 anxious for your testimony. Without you, our work can't
21 be done. So keep it coming. Thank you.

22 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right. Thank you. My list
23 was a little out of alpha order. I'm going to go to
24 Commissioner Patricia Sinay.

25 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you, Chair. Thought you

1 forgot me.

2 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: No. I just realized I went out of
3 order.

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Somehow or the other Sinay
5 always ends up somewhere different with us. Okay.

6 (In Spanish, not translated)

7 Hello, California. I am Orange County's neighbor to
8 the south in San Diego. It's an honor to serve you.

9 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right. Thank you. Let's go
10 to Commissioner Pedro Toledo.

11 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Good afternoon, buenos tardes.
12 I'm Pedro Toledo. I'm coming to you from Petaluma,
13 California, up in Sonoma County and Wine Country. And
14 I'm looking forward to hearing all about your communities
15 of interest testimony, and information that you want to
16 share with us. I'm looking forward to hearing everything
17 about your communities, and having a wonderful afternoon.
18 Thank you.

19 Back to you, Chair.

20 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right. Thank you.

21 Let's go to Commissioner Trena Turner.

22 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Good afternoon, Californians.
23 My name is Trena Turner. Commissioner coming to you from
24 the San Joaquin, Central Valley, and my home is in
25 Stockton. And I'm interested in each of the testimonies

1 that you have to share with us today. Thank you.

2 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right. Thank you. Let's go
3 to Commissioner Russell Yee.

4 COMMISSIONER YEE: Good afternoon, California, and
5 especially those in Orange County. I'm Russell Yee, here
6 in my hometown of Oakland, in the Bay Area. And I think
7 this is the third time we're having a Community of
8 Interest Input Meeting for Orange County; looking forward
9 to hearing more about the amazing diversity of Orange
10 County and surrounds.

11 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right. And then, there is
12 myself, Commissioner Linda Akutagawa. And I'm coming to
13 you all from my home in Huntington Beach. So I am a
14 resident of Orange County, and just really happy to be
15 able to be a part of this process, and this Commission,
16 and to be able to hear from all of you on your
17 communities of interest.

18 And it's fascinating to me what all of the -- those
19 of you who are giving us input. It's always fascinating
20 to hear everybody's kind of perspectives on what makes up
21 a community of interest for you in Orange County. So
22 thank you very much for your participation in this very
23 important process.

24 So we are active on social media. Please follow the
25 California Citizens Redistricting Commission on any of

1 our social media channels. You can find us on Facebook,
2 Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn, and YouTube, and our
3 handles on all of these social media accounts are:
4 WeDrawTheLinesCA, so @WeDrawTheLinesCA. Following us on
5 social media is another way to get useful information
6 about redistricting and updates from the California
7 Citizens Redistricting Commission.

8 I do also want to just put a little plug in, that
9 there is some pretty cool, and interesting, and
10 informative social media posts. So if you are curious
11 about redistricting, you can visit any of those social
12 media channels.

13 Before we continue, I am going to ask each of our
14 interpreters to please provide our language line
15 telephone numbers one more time.

16 So I'm going to start with our Spanish interpreter.
17 Would you please read the Spanish language line
18 instructions?

19 THE SPANISH INTERPRETER: Hi, Chair. This is the
20 Spanish interpreter.

21 (In Spanish, not translated)

22 Thank you.

23 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you. Next, can I have the
24 Korean interpreter read the Korean language line
25 instructions?

1 THE KOREAN INTERPRETER: Hello.

2 (In Korean, not translated) Thank you.

3 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you. Next, can I have the
4 Vietnamese interpreter read the Vietnamese language line
5 instructions?

6 THE VIETNAMESE INTERPRETER: (In Vietnamese, not
7 translated) Thank you.

8 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you. Okay. This meeting is
9 primarily for communities of interest testimony focused
10 on Orange County and the surrounding areas; however,
11 anyone in California can call in to provide input on any
12 area within California. General public comment will take
13 place at the end of the meeting. Although the Commission
14 has divided up California into eleven outreach zones that
15 in no way is related to or reflective of redistricting
16 lines or boundaries. The Commission created the zones to
17 assist Commissioners and staff in their outreach efforts
18 only, not as an indication of planned boundaries.

19 Today, we are joined by our line-drawing team,
20 Haystaq DNA and Q2 Data & Research, LLC, who will be
21 displaying a map of the area that attendees will be asked
22 to describe. Please start with the area that you would
23 like to discuss, and be as specific as possible about the
24 boundaries of where your community is located. It is our
25 goal to find the area on the map that you would like to

1 discuss prior to your starting your testimony.

2 If you're within a specific neighborhood of a large
3 city, please mention it by name. Once we are able to
4 locate your area, your timer will begin. Attendees will
5 not be able to share their screen. We're also joined
6 today by our Spanish, Korean, and Vietnamese
7 interpreters; and Katy, our comment moderator, who will
8 be introducing attendees when it is their turn to speak.

9 When you join the meeting, please use the raise hand
10 button at the bottom of your Zoom screen to enter the
11 queue. If you have registered for a time slot, we
12 encourage you to call in during your appointment time
13 slot -- appointed time slot.

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

18 Registration is not required to participate in this
19 public input meeting. The public has the option of
20 calling in during the meeting to get in the queue to
21 speak. If you do not have an appointment and wish to
22 call in to provide public input, the call-in number is
23 877-853-5247. Again, the number to provide public input
24 is 877-853-5247. You will need to enter meeting ID
25 number 86509386194, again, meeting ID number 86509386194.

1 This call-in information and access code is also
2 listed on the live stream. You will need to dial this
3 number in order to give public input. Today there will
4 be Spanish, Korean, and Vietnamese interpreters available
5 to interpret non-English input at this call-in number.

6 The comment moderator will assign you a speaker
7 order number before you begin speaking, and please make a
8 note of this for future reference. You will be able to
9 use this number to identify your community of interest
10 testimony on our website, which is actually, we're very
11 excited, it is available now on the Data tab on our
12 Commission website.

13 The Commission will be enforcing a three-minute time
14 limit for English speakers, and a six-minute time limit
15 for those with an interpreter. There will be a warning
16 at thirty seconds and fifteen seconds remaining.

17 At the beginning of your input you will see a map on
18 the screen. Please remind the mapper what area you would
19 like to see on the screen and be as specific as possible
20 about the boundaries of where your community is located.
21 If at the conclusion of the meeting, there is still a
22 need to allow for members of the public in the queue to
23 speak, we will continue this Communities of Interest
24 Input Meeting at a new date and time, and will attempt to
25 schedule the remaining members of the public to speak for

1 the allotted three minutes. Please monitor the website
2 as we expect to post a continuation of this agenda within
3 24 hours.

4 So while there are no clear rules on how to define a
5 community of interest, we have identified ways for you to
6 describe your community. One, begin with your county or
7 city. Two, mention the street names and/or significant
8 locations in your neighborhood to help us identify the
9 parameters of the community that you're speaking about.
10 Three, what are your shared interests? Four, what brings
11 your community together? Five, what is important to your
12 community? Six, are there nearby areas that you want to
13 be in a district with? Seven, are there nearby areas
14 that you don't want to be in a district with? And tell
15 us why or why not? Number eight, has your community come
16 together to advocate for important services, better
17 schools, roads, or health centers in your neighborhood?

18 Also, we invite you to use the communities of
19 interest tool to draw a map and describe your community
20 by visiting, DrawMyCACommunity.org, again,
21 DrawMyCACommunity.org. This website is available in
22 sixteen different languages.

23 Again, Skip the Line. Go Online. Submit your
24 quarterly input to us today. And please encourage at
25 least three other people to do the same. As a reminder,

1 even though we are focusing on specific counties,
2 Californians, from anywhere in the state, are welcome to
3 provide input.

4 We will now begin the public input sessions, and
5 we'll start with people who are registered with an
6 appointment, and then we will open the phone lines, if
7 there is time before the next session, to those of you
8 who have called in without an appointment. If you are
9 calling in without an appointment, please do not hang up
10 as you will lose your place in line.

11 So now, I'm going to pass this over to Katy, our
12 comment moderator.

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

14 All right. Welcome to the public input session.
15 Please use the raise hand button at the bottom of your
16 screen to enter the queue. When it is your turn to
17 speak, I will identify you by your assigned unique ID
18 number from your invite. You will be reconnected to the
19 session with the ability to enable your own video and/or
20 audio.

21 You will then be assigned a speaker order number
22 before you begin speaking. Please make a note of your
23 speaker order number for future reference. The
24 Commission will be enforcing a three-minute time limit
25 for English speakers, and a six-minute time limit for

1 those with an interpreter. There will be a warning of
2 fifteen seconds and thirty seconds remaining.

3 The Commission's goal is to find the area on the map
4 you would like to discuss prior to your testimony. If
5 you are within a specific neighborhood of a large city,
6 please mention it by name. Once we are able to locate
7 your area, your three- or six-minute testimony will
8 begin. Attendees will not be able to share their screen.

9 At the end of your public input, or at the end of
10 your time, you will be reconnected in a listen- and view-
11 only mode. At the beginning of your input please remind
12 the mapper of what area you would like to see.

13 And at this time we will be starting with 011. And
14 then up next after that will be 014. 011, I will be
15 promoting you now. 011, your speaker order number will
16 be number 1, if you'll please make note of that for
17 future reference. You can now enable your audio and
18 video in the lower-left corner of your screen. If you'll
19 please let the mapper know what area you would like to
20 discuss. The floor is yours.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes. Sorry, can you hear me
22 okay?

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. Great. So I'm
25 focusing on the areas -- I'm actually looking out Los

1 Angeles County, the areas from Tujunga or Glendale to
2 Claremont, along the foothills of the San Gabriel
3 Mountains. And that looks like you've got that area
4 zeroed in on. And so I would just say that I'm very
5 interested in redistricting. I've served on -- I'm
6 currently serving on the Pasadena Unified School District
7 Redistricting Commission, previously was on the City of
8 Pasadena Redistricting Task Force in a previous cycle.

9 And so my comments are that the pandemic has really
10 reinforced the importance of access to public open space,
11 and the San Gabriel Mountains supplies seventy percent of
12 our public open space in Los Angeles County, with
13 something like 2.5 million visitors per year.

14 And so as a result of this, I would really urge that
15 you keep the foothill communities to the south of the San
16 Gabriel Mountains together as a community of interest,
17 and keep them connected to the mountains. And this, one
18 reason this is important, is a Legislator who is
19 representing this area can consider the recreational
20 needs, the management of forests, fire prevention,
21 wildlife, watersheds, all these issues that connect those
22 communities to the mountains above them, keep those in
23 mind.

24 And I would comment that I know from your
25 introductions, a couple of the members are familiar with

1 some of these communities, including La Canada and
2 Altadena, and that this community is just kind of a
3 narrow strip, generally, above the 210 Freeway, along the
4 foothills, I think really provide a strong community of
5 interest. And so I would recommend those be kept
6 together.

7 And the last thing I would say is that, in parallel,
8 I would encourage that the three Cities of Pasadena,
9 Burbank, and Glendale be kept together. These are
10 similar cities with their own water and power
11 departments, they share an airport, Burbank Airport, or
12 sometimes known as Bob Hope. And they all -- each have
13 their own police and fire departments, and they have a
14 lot of similarities as independent, good kind of medium-
15 sized cities. And so I would encourage those cities be
16 kept together as much as possible.

17 So those are my comments for your consideration.
18 And thanks for your service to our state.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
20 now we will have 014. And then up next will be 006.
21 014, I will be promoting you now. 014, your speaker
22 order number is number 2, if you would make a note of
23 that --

24 (Audio interference)

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And if you'll please let

1 the mapper know what area you would like to discuss. The
2 floor is yours.

3 MR. GOLD: Thank you so much. Hopefully you can
4 hear me. I would like to talk about Long Beach. So just
5 adjacent to Orange County, and specifically if you want
6 to get into the neighborhood, it is the Bixby Knolls
7 area, which is north of the 405, and just east of the 710
8 Freeway.

9 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead, please.

10 MR. GOLD: Thank you so much. Well, Commissioners,
11 I really appreciate the opportunity to speak today. My
12 name is Mike Gold (ph.), and I have lived in Long Beach
13 for twenty-one years. Hard to believe I've been here
14 this long. I grew up in a different part of Los Angeles
15 County, but my spouse and I have called Long Beach home
16 for twenty-one years. And we're raising our family here.

17 And I'm here to talk about Long Beach being a very
18 special and inclusive community for the LGBTQ+ community.
19 And recently, Equality California mentioned that Long
20 Beach, and identified Long Beach as a populous community,
21 one of the most populous communities in our state, with
22 the high concentration of gay culture, gay-focused
23 businesses, and of course, residents. And I have to say,
24 having lived here for so long, I have always felt very
25 welcome in the City of Long Beach, wherever I go.

1 We know that keeping communities of interest,
2 especially communities of interest such as the LGBTQ
3 community of interest, keeping them together and well
4 represented is really important. And no matter where you
5 are in Long Beach, whether you're down in the downtown
6 area, or on the Eastside, or in the Belmont Shore area,
7 or where I live, up in the Bixby Knolls neighborhood,
8 it's so important that we keep Long Beach in its own
9 district to the greatest extent possible when the lines
10 are redrawn to make sure that we are representing the
11 interests of special communities like the LGBTQ+
12 community.

13 Members of the LGBTQ+ community live in all parts of
14 this community. We are not concentrated in one area or
15 the other. My friends and colleagues live all over the
16 city, and no matter where you go, we are there.

17 Long Beach is diverse and that's really well known.
18 It's closely knit for anybody who's been here, you know
19 that Long Beach is a big city that's also a small town.
20 And that's why I love it here. That's why I've lived
21 here for so long. That's why I'm raising my family here.

22 I am grateful. I know my friends are grateful that
23 ten years ago, this Districting Commission, or your
24 colleagues, previous colleagues, drew district lines that
25 kept us mostly within one district when it came to both

1 State and Federal representation. Because a large
2 portion of Long Beach and some of our friends in North
3 Orange County were kept together in --

4 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

5 MR. GOLD: -- one contiguous district, we've been
6 empowered to serve the special needs of Long Beach,
7 whether it's special health care, or medical services for
8 the LGBTQ community, public transportation, or access to
9 service, we have benefited from being part of a single
10 district.

11 I'm here today to ask the Commission to keep Long
12 Beach mostly together, to the greatest extent possible.
13 Keeping Long Beach within a district, including our
14 neighbors in North Orange County, will help us to
15 continue the strong partnership --

16 MR. MANOFF: Time.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

18 Right now it will be 006. And then up next after
19 that will be 019. 006, I will be promoting you now.
20 006, your speaker order number will be number 3, if you
21 will please make note of that for future reference. And
22 if you'll please let the mapper know what area you would
23 like to discuss. The floor is yours.

24 MS. SCHMIDT: I'll be focusing my comments today on
25 the Orange County Coastal City of Newport Beach and

1 Inland Cities of Costa Mesa and Irvine.

2 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead, please.

3 MS. SCHMIDT: Okay. Thank you so much for having me
4 tonight, to speak on behalf of my community of interest.
5 My name is Andrea Schmidt, and I use she/her pronouns. I
6 am the public affairs project manager at Planned
7 Parenthood of Orange and San Bernardino Counties.

8 We are a reproductive health care provider that has
9 nine health centers, three in San Bernardino County, and
10 six of which are in Orange County Cities, including
11 Anaheim, Costa Mesa, Mission Viejo, Orange, Santa Ana,
12 and Westminster.

13 I'm speaking today representing our over 100,000
14 patients from all parts of the county, a staff of 400-
15 plus, 150,000 supporters, and our community partners and
16 neighbors. I'm also speaking as a former Planned
17 Parenthood patient, a UC Irvine alumna, and a current
18 Newport Beach resident.

19 As a former student, I know firsthand what it's like
20 to study, live, work, and play in this part of the
21 county. I also know what it's like to need health care.
22 As a young Latina, first of my family college student,
23 during my time at UC Irvine, I lived in Newport Beach for
24 two years. I would make the short ten-minute commute
25 every day from the Newport Beach Peninsula to the UC

1 Irvine campus, where I studied, worked, and engaged in
2 extracurricular activities.

3 The Newport Beach Peninsula has a large community of
4 UC Irvine graduate and undergraduate students. Many of
5 my former peers would make the short commute every day,
6 highlighting a key relationship between the Coastal City
7 of Newport and Inland City of Irvine. And whenever I
8 needed my health care as a student, I would turn to our
9 community's most trusted provider, Planned Parenthood in
10 Costa Mesa.

11 This location was the closest, most reliable, and
12 easiest to access place for me, and many of my peers, to
13 receive free to low-cost care. Even after I graduated at
14 UC Irvine, I stayed in Newport Beach and I continued to
15 visit this location for years to come.

16 The Planned Parenthood Costa Mesa location serves
17 many UC Irvine students and Newport Beach residents, many
18 of whom are uninsured, with not only reproductive care
19 but also primary health care. I've seen firsthand how
20 many residents of the coastal part of Orange County
21 travel regularly to the inland portion of Orange County
22 to receive the health care they need to live healthy
23 lifestyles, whether that be a Planned Parenthood Health
24 Center, or any of the other quality health care providers
25 in inland cities, including Irvine, Santa Ana, and

1 Anaheim.

2 Where we receive our health care, is how we define
3 our greater community. My experience is not unique. My
4 community feels well represented by the current
5 districts, including Congressional District 48, Assembly
6 District 74, and Senate District 37. I highly encourage
7 you to keep in mind the important relationship between
8 the coastal and nearby inland community when drawing your
9 lines. Thank you for your time.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

11 Right now we'll go to 019. And then up next after
12 that will be 007. 019, I will be promoting you now.
13 019, your speaker order number will be number 4, if
14 you'll please make note of that for future reference.
15 You can now enable your audio and video in the lower-left
16 corner of your screen. If you'll please let the mapper
17 know what area you would like to discuss. The floor is
18 yours.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you very much. I am a
20 resident of Silverado. Have been for -- yeah, there you
21 go. That's it. I have been for twenty years, and I feel
22 like a newcomer. But the main thing I want to show you
23 is that if you can make that map just a little wider so
24 that you can see that the Silverado area from -- this is
25 Irvine, Irvine Lake is on the left, in the northwest

1 corner you see a series of canyons, Silverado, Williams,
2 Modjeska, and Trabuco.

3 This greenish area that is overlapping all of that
4 is the Cleveland National Forest. And we are lucky,
5 fortunate, and it's an amazing life we can live here,
6 within the Cleveland National Forest where we get visits
7 from critters, welcome and sometimes not so welcome. But
8 it's always interesting. We live with fire hazards,
9 flood hazard, landslide hazards, earthquake hazards that
10 everybody lives with.

11 But it is a very unique community because it has
12 retained a lot of its rural environment, and there is a
13 lot of open space that is on the way to the canyons and
14 within the canyons. It's a charming, wonderful, natural
15 resource of a rural community that is in danger of being
16 lost to development. We are constantly fighting sprawl
17 and urbanization. Orange County planners don't know how
18 to plan for a rural environment. They only know how to
19 plan for urban environments.

20 So the biggest problem we have is that we get
21 chunk -- we get divided, if you will, show the dividing
22 line for the Assembly district and for the Senate
23 district, State Senate district, if you can show both of
24 those dividing lines. You will see that those lines go
25 right down the middle of Silverado Canyon Road. And it

1 is even worse than that when you take a closer look at
2 it, because the -- so that puts everybody on the northern
3 side of the canyons, and within Baker Canyon, that's the
4 area closer to Irvine Lake, that puts all those people in
5 one district --

6 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- and everybody else in
8 another one. In addition to that, the way the boundaries
9 were drawn, it kind of zigzags towards the end of the
10 canyon so that the people -- there are people who live on
11 the south side of the canyon who end up being within the
12 Northside District.

13 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And it is an ongoing problem.
15 We are a unique, unified area. We rarely agree with each
16 other, but we do have a lot of common interests --

17 MR. MANOFF: Time.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

19 At this time, we'll go to 007. And then up next
20 after that will be 008. 007, I will be promoting you
21 now. 007, your speaker order number will be number 5, if
22 you'll please make note of that for future reference.
23 You can now enable your audio and video in the lower-left
24 corner of your screen. If you'll please let the mapper
25 know what area you would like to discuss. The floor is

1 yours.

2 MS. BRICENO: Hi. I would like to discuss on North
3 and South Orange County. And I specifically live in
4 Stanton, but just the coastline of North and South Orange
5 County. Thank you.

6 My name is Ada Briceno, and I'm an immigrant from
7 Nicaragua. I'm co-president of UNITE HERE Local 11, a
8 union representing thousands of dishwashers, cooks, and
9 room attendants, in most of Southern California. I have
10 lived in North Orange County since I was sixteen.

11 I want to cut to the chase. For me, it's clear that
12 there an organized effort to persuade this Commission to
13 group the entire coastline of Orange County into one
14 district. It takes hours to drive along coast -- along
15 our coast, and if you do so you would clearly see that
16 North and South Orange County are very different
17 communities.

18 If you don't live in Orange County, it's hard to
19 know that it's challenging to drive north and south along
20 our coastline. PCH is the only highway of our coast.
21 It's narrow and with low speed limits. Most people drive
22 east and west, not north and south, due to our highway
23 structure. Because of this, there's a big difference
24 between northern communities and southern communities.
25 On the north end of our coast, the Seal Beach and Leisure

1 World, a retirement community; on the southern side of
2 our coast is Newport Beach, an affluent city that is the
3 home of one of the best libraries in the world.

4 If you drive around the northern cities where I
5 live, you'll see working-class neighborhoods, many
6 diverse communities, immigrant communities, and RV parks.
7 I've spent decades organizing here for workers' rights
8 and immigrant rights. A vast majority of hotel workers
9 live in North Orange County, where I live also. My small
10 City of Stanton borders Buena Park and Garden Grove,
11 which is very similar working-class cities with large
12 Latino immigrant communities, my city also borders
13 Westminster, which is the home to the world's largest
14 Vietnamese community outside of Vietnam, where many
15 working class immigrants also live.

16 Our communities need health care, affordable
17 housing, jobs with dignity and immigration reform. By
18 comparison, the southern coastline is the version of OC
19 that most people see on TV, with world-class surfing and
20 well-maintained streets. These are very different needs
21 than North Orange County, where working class
22 neighborhoods like mine, multigenerational families will
23 occupy a single home because of the high cost of living.

24 North Orange County immigrants and workers do not
25 make up the majority of our coastline. And perhaps

1 that's the point. I urge you to respect the unique needs
2 of North and South Orange County. We cannot
3 disenfranchise our working families, our immigrant --

4 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

5 MS. BRICENO: -- families and seniors. And North
6 Orange County and South Orange County have different
7 needs for our children and our families, and we must
8 honor these differences. Thank you very much for
9 listening to me.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

11 Right now it's 008. And up next, it'll be 013.
12 008, I will be promoting you now. 008, your speaker
13 order number will be number 6, if you'll please make note
14 of that for future reference. You can now enable your
15 audio and video in the lower-left corner of your screen.
16 If you'll please let the mapper know what area you would
17 like to discuss. The floor is yours.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello? Can you hear me?

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. I'm here representing.
21 I'm going to talk about Newport Beach, which is that pink
22 city -- yeah. Thank you. Okay. Specifically, I'm in
23 the area of Corona del Mar, but I think you can leave the
24 map, like, where it is. So can I start?

25 MR. MANOFF: Yes. Let me go ahead and reset the

1 clock for you.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

3 MR. MANOFF: Just a second.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

5 MR. MANOFF: All right. Go ahead. Go ahead,
6 please.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you, Commissioners, for
8 the very important work you are doing. I'm going to tell
9 you a little bit about life in Newport Beach today. In
10 Newport Beach, we are very family- and kid-centered; we
11 naturally share an affinity with the City of Costa Mesa
12 because of a shared school district, Newport Mesa
13 Unified.

14 Some people believe that the beach cities in Orange
15 County are monolithic. We are not. We actually have
16 very distinct identities from each other. And in my
17 experience, each beach city is a community hub that
18 brings together people from the inland cities closest to
19 it.

20 And in Newport Beach, we don't often venture into
21 other beach cities. We don't have to. And besides,
22 there's too much traffic on PCH. Our desire to avoid
23 traffic is strong. In fact, the communities that we have
24 the strongest affinities with are Irvine and Costa Mesa,
25 because both are fantastic places to work, learn, and

1 play. And both are accessible from Newport Beach without
2 a freeway or a highway.

3 Speaking of Irvine, UC Irvine is a major connector
4 between Newport Beach and Irvine. UC Irvine students and
5 faculty enjoy living in Newport Beach, and in turn,
6 Newport Beach residents spend a lot of time at UC Irvine.
7 My friends and I enjoy the many cultural and educational
8 events that are open to the public, and my teens hang out
9 at UC Irvine with their friends.

10 Another institution that connects Newport Beach with
11 both Irvine and Costa Mesa is Hoag Hospital. Since the
12 last redistricting, Hoag has expanded into the Cities of
13 Irvine and Costa Mesa, which means that patients in the
14 Hoag system see their providers regularly in any of these
15 three cities.

16 And lastly, in Newport Beach, we love to get our
17 kids into sports leagues, and if a league is full, we
18 sign our kids up for leagues in Irvine and Costa Mesa.
19 The reason, great programs, and you guessed it, less
20 traffic. If you're going to drive your kid to practice
21 three times a week, traffic is a major consideration.

22 To summarize, Newport Beach -- the Newport Beach of
23 2021 has its closest social ties with Costa Mesa and
24 Irvine because of proximity, a shared school district, UC
25 Irvine and Hoag Hospital. Finally, a note to the

1 Commissioners --

2 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- as a resident of a high-
4 income community who cares about issues of equity, I'd
5 like to express my hope that you will ensure that lower-
6 income communities won't be outvoted by higher-income
7 communities within the same district.

8 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

11 Right now, we will go to 013. And then up next
12 after that, will be 004. 013, I will be promoting you
13 now. 013, your speaker order number will be number 7, if
14 you'll please make note of that for future reference.
15 And if you'll please let the mapper know what area you
16 would like to discuss. The floor is yours.

17 MR. COHN: Yes. Thank you. I want to talk about
18 Long Beach today.

19 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead, please.

20 MR. COHN: Right. Good afternoon, Commissioners.
21 My name is Blair Cohn. I've lived in Long Beach for
22 fifty-four years, and I'm the executive director of the
23 Bixby Knolls Business Improvement Association, as well as
24 an Economic Development Commissioner. And the Bixby
25 Knolls is just north of where the 405 dissects our city.

1 I know others from Long Beach have spoken about the
2 importance of State and Federal representation for local
3 businesses in areas such as ours, but I want to echo
4 those positive impacts and strong representation that has
5 had on our business district and our neighborhoods. And
6 Long Beach is truly a city of unique neighborhoods and
7 connected by the people and those that contribute every
8 day to make it a great city.

9 But really, I'm calling to support keeping Long
10 Beach together like we currently are. It's a really a no
11 brainer for those that live and work here. It would be
12 unimaginable to be any other way. Our business corridor
13 and the businesses across the city have experienced
14 firsthand the financial hardship brought on by the COVID-
15 19 pandemic. But we've been fortunate to have a
16 proactive city council, city management, along with the
17 Economic Development Department, to help facilitate all
18 available grant opportunities, technical support, and
19 other services needed to keep the local economy alive.

20 It was through the CARES funding given to the city
21 then, that the business districts have helped many of our
22 businesses stay alive for the last eighteen, nineteen
23 months. We've been thankful for Federal, State, and
24 County grants and support to our local business community
25 through the public health orders and closures. Because

1 our truly connected community is currently together in
2 existing district lines that were drawn in the last
3 redistricting cycle, Long Beach has been able to advance
4 its economic recovery quickly and effectively.

5 Communication can be immediate and streamlined from
6 one side of the city to the other, without the systems
7 and partnerships that we have in place, many more
8 businesses would have been lost, otherwise. The city has
9 worked tirelessly on the economic recovery process.
10 Keeping Long Beach together over the past decade has been
11 essential to meet the needs of our businesses in Long
12 Beach.

13 The strength of the city grows each day by the
14 efforts within City Hall, and the organizations whose
15 missions, collectively, make the city great. We hope
16 that this Commission will take Long Beach together
17 again -- keep it together again, like we were able to do
18 on the previous redistricting process. Thank you.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

20 Right now we have 004. And then up next after that
21 will be 015. 004, I'll be promoting you now. 004, your
22 speaker order number will be number 8, if you'll please
23 make note of that for future reference. And if you'll
24 please let the mapper know what area you would like to
25 discuss -- you can now enable your audio and video in the

1 lower-left corner of your screen. And if you'll please
2 let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss.
3 The floor is yours.

4 MS. BERNAL: Yes. Thank you. If you can please
5 zoom into the foothill area --

6 MR. MANOFF: Could you please repeat that request?
7 004, can you hear me? We cannot hear you.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 004, you appear to have
9 some connectivity issues. I'm going to reconnect you and
10 then do audio only; one moment.

11 MS. BERNAL: Hello?

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: One moment.

13 MS. BERNAL: Thank you.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I don't. Okay. One
15 moment, she's going back, but Zoomland takes a second.

16 One moment, Chair, we're just waiting Zoom to catch
17 up the --

18 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you.

19 MS. BERNAL: -- the connectivity issue. There she
20 is. All right. One more time; we're going to do audio
21 only. 004?

22 MS. BERNAL: Yes.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: There we go.

24 MS. BERNAL: Thank you for that; and good afternoon,
25 Commissioners, and everyone on the call.

1 My name is Belen Bernal, I'm the executive director
2 of Nature for All. We have been working for over
3 fifteen, almost twenty years now, to protect the San
4 Gabriel Mountains. We're a nonprofit organization that
5 has worked very closely with nine other organizations to
6 ensure that everyone in the Los Angeles region,
7 especially our underserved communities, have equitable
8 access to nature and its numerous benefits.

9 We are best known as a leading community group that
10 built support for designation of the San Gabriel
11 Mountains National Monument in 2014. So for more than a
12 decade, Nature for All has provided programs which
13 connect our communities to public lands, build more
14 parks, advance policies to protect our local mountains
15 and rivers, and really grow our next generation of
16 diverse environmental leaders.

17 I am before you today to ask that you please keep
18 the foothill communities adjacent to the Angeles Forest
19 from Pacoima to Claremont, together in this process.
20 Why? For many reasons, you know, these have to be highly
21 interested in how their backyard national forest is
22 managed. If we separate the Congressional districts when
23 it comes to resources, when it comes to, you know,
24 looking at representation from the Forest Service,
25 Federal agencies who manage the Angeles from fire and

1 fuels management, that would really cause a disastrous
2 situation for, not only the residents, but for our
3 beautiful natural resources, the Angeles Forest.

4 Congressional district should continue south
5 empowering park-poor communities to have a voice in the
6 management of what is an important source of recreation
7 for them. Nature for All is working to develop Transit
8 to Trail programs that will make it easier for people
9 from these communities to reach their public lands.

10 We hope that you hear our voices and that you keep
11 the foothill communities as a community of interest and
12 together in this process. Thank you very much for your
13 time.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

15 Right now we'll have 015. And then up next after
16 that will be 016. 015, I will be promoting you now.
17 015, your speaker order number will be number 9, if
18 you'll please make note of that for future reference.
19 And if you'll please let the mapper know what area you
20 would like to discuss. The floor is yours.

21 MS. BYERLY: Thank you. I will be discussing the
22 City of Long Beach.

23 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead, please.

24 MS. BYERLY: Thank you. Good afternoon,
25 Commissioners. My name is Michelle Byerly. I'm the

1 executive director of The Nonprofit Partnership in Long
2 Beach, and I am calling in, or Zooming in today to
3 respectfully ask this Commission to keep Long Beach
4 together. I know you've heard from many of my fellow
5 community members, at other meetings and today, and I
6 want to echo what they've been saying. As a supporter
7 and advocate for the nonprofit sector, I've had the
8 opportunity to see firsthand how well nonprofit
9 organizations in Long Beach work together.

10 Long Beach is a unique city. We're in LA County, we
11 border Orange County, and we have a strong and deep
12 commitment to the city we love, Long Beach. Our
13 community consistently comes together to support one
14 another. We saw the nonprofits step up as the pandemic
15 moved in, and continue to support the community as we
16 navigate current times and strive to recover.

17 As an advocate for this sector, we spend a lot of
18 time working closely with this -- with the Long Beach
19 community, with our local, state, and federal elected
20 officials to really center nonprofits in that pandemic
21 relief and recovery, and ongoing in support of
22 communities.

23 Keeping Long Beach together will allow our advocacy
24 and that of our nonprofit partners to be more direct and
25 more effective. As we speak, there's over 200 nonprofits

1 working together for a collaborative fundraising effort
2 for Long Beach and the Long Beach efforts and impact that
3 they have, the Long Beach Gives, that's happening on
4 September 23rd. Those things and efforts like that that
5 bring resources to the nonprofits, and to the community,
6 they wouldn't be possible without the community of Long
7 Beach supporting it.

8 It's really representative of how Long Beach is one
9 united community. So as you consider redistricting
10 statewide, please keep Long Beach together, just as the
11 State Redistricting Commission did ten years ago.

12 Our shared interests across the city are strong, and
13 we want to continue to build those partnerships that we
14 have by giving Long Beach one voice, and also to better
15 support our nonprofits, who then support our communities,
16 and especially our hard-to-reach communities.

17 Thank you for your time. And thank you for your
18 service on this Commission.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

20 Right now, we will be going to 016. And then up
21 next after that will be 005. 016, I will be promoting
22 you now. 016, your speaker order number will be number
23 10, if you'll please make note of that for future
24 reference. You can now enable your audio and video in
25 the lower-left corner of your screen. If you'll please

1 let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss.

2 The floor is yours.

3 DR. HACEGABA: Yes. Good afternoon. I'm calling
4 about the City of Long Beach, and part of our current
5 Congressional district is in Orange County, which is why
6 you're hearing from us today.

7 Good afternoon, Commissioners. My name is Noel
8 Hacegaba, and I serve as deputy executive director at the
9 Port of Long Beach, and I'm here to advocate to keep Long
10 Beach together during this redistricting process, just as
11 you did ten years ago. Our port and city should stay
12 united.

13 The way Long Beach is districted now has been very
14 helpful for the port, to be able to work hand-in-hand
15 with our elected State and Federal representatives, to
16 support our city and also our port, the nation's second
17 largest seaport.

18 The specific needs of our port are vital to the
19 economic stability, and growth of our region and our
20 nation, especially now. Supply chain issues start and
21 stop at the port, and Long Beach has been very well-
22 served by our current district lines for Congress,
23 Senate, and Assembly. This is why we're grateful that
24 ten years ago the same Commission, the State Independent
25 Redistricting Commission, kept Long Beach mostly

1 together. We want to stay as intact as possible.

2 Since that time, we have had huge policy wins and
3 directed tens of millions of dollars in Federal and State
4 resources to our city. This is why we ask that you
5 support the collaboration we built, and let us continue
6 that work. For example, the City and the Port of Long
7 Beach want to continue to lead on economic growth that is
8 sustainable and more climate-resilient, and we need
9 strong Legislative representation that will continue to
10 be dedicated to these goals.

11 For this to happen, we need to keep the Port of Long
12 Beach together with the City of Long Beach. Thank you
13 for your time, and for your service on this Commission.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

15 Right now, we will have 005. And then up next after
16 that will be 021. I would like to invite 001 and 017 to
17 please use the raise hand button at the bottom of your
18 screen, as you do have an appointment during the session
19 and you will have priority. That is for 001, and 017.
20 Perfect. I see that hand, 017.

21 005, I will be promoting you now. 005, your speaker
22 order number will be number 11, if you will please make
23 note of that for future reference. You can now enable
24 your audio and video in the lower-left corner of your
25 screen. If you'll please let the mapper know what area

1 you would like to discuss. The floor is yours.

2 MR. MORALES: Yes, I would like -- can you guys hear
3 me?

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

5 MR. MORALES: Thank you. Thank you. I would like
6 to address in the areas of the 27th, the 28th, and the
7 29th Congressional Districts, foothill communities from
8 Pacoima to Claremont.

9 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead please.

10 MR. MORALES: Thank you. Good afternoon to the
11 Commissioners, and to everyone else on the call. My name
12 is Roberto Morales, and I work for the Sierra Club as a
13 senior organizing representative for the San Gabriel
14 Mountains Campaign. One of the main pieces of my work is
15 to reduce barriers and expand access for all people to
16 explore and enjoy nature and the outdoors, including the
17 San Gabriel Mountains, which also extend into the San
18 Bernardino County above Upland and Rancho Cucamonga.

19 Over the years, I've organized many hikes with youth
20 and families from low-income communities into the San
21 Gabriel Mountains, while also helping create a Transit of
22 Trust Program that would allow for all Angelinos to enjoy
23 all of the benefits increased access to nature can
24 provide.

25 I have also worked with schools and organized

1 outings with 4th graders to promote the national Every
2 Kid Outdoors Campaign, which allows every 4th grader in
3 the country, and their families, to visit a national
4 park, or any public land, at no cost.

5 The Federal public land in the Angeles National
6 Forest contains over seventy percent of the open space in
7 LA County. It is the most uniquely urban national forest
8 in the United States, with over 12 million people within
9 a ninety-minute drive of its Gateway City, and include La
10 Canada, Azusa, Claremont, Tujunga, and Sylmar.

11 Unlike most Federal public land, roughly a million
12 people live in cities close to its borders. We urge you
13 today not to underestimate how important this range is to
14 the communities adjacent to it, including those in the
15 Santa Clarita Valley, the foothill communities from
16 Pacoima to Claremont, and Upland in Rancho Cucamonga.

17 We believe that each of these three groupings
18 represent a community of interest defined in no small
19 part by their backyard mountain range that is part of
20 each of the city's DNA. These communities have the
21 highest stake in the management of the adjacent Federal
22 forest lands, and their residents are most frequent --
23 are the most frequent visitors.

24 All of these communities contain very high fire
25 hazard severity zones, which is a defining characteristic

1 with climate change. With Federal public land, you need
2 Federal public officials, typically your member of
3 Congress to go bat for you, to deal with federal agencies
4 like the Forest Service, or to address specific interface
5 issues like the wildfire prevention, fuels treatment, and
6 firebreaks, or flood control.

7 Or if you want new resources for multilingual forest
8 (indiscernible) for legislation, to expand wilderness
9 protections. Your member of Congress will only have
10 clout to speak on your behalf if with both of you, in the
11 national forests in which you have an interest, are in
12 the same Congressional districts. As to Congressional
13 district, at this time we believe that the existing 27th
14 and --

15 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

16 MR. MORALES: -- and 28th Districts, do an adequate
17 job of giving the foothill communities of interest a
18 voice, as well as giving voice to the many other
19 communities to the south that have an interest. The new
20 27th should include Azusa, the major gateway city to the
21 San Gabriel Mountains National Monument, the southwest
22 corner --

23 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

24 MR. MORALES: -- of the 28th District
25 disenfranchises the 200,000 people who live in Upland and

1 Rancho Cucamonga, which would be in the new 31st, and
2 that way you have 200,000 people in the cities will be
3 the same Congressional district. So sometimes through my
4 work, focuses on connecting people to their public lands,
5 and we ask that you do the same during the
6 redistricting --

7 MR. MANOFF: Time.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

9 Right now we will have 021. And up next after that
10 will be 002. 021, I will be promoting you now. 021,
11 your speaker order number will be number 12, if you will
12 please make note of that for future reference. You can
13 now enable your audio and video in the lower-left corner
14 of your screen. If you will please let the mapper know
15 what area you would like to discuss. The floor is yours.

16 MS. GARCIA-DAVALOS: Good afternoon, Commissioners.
17 The area I would like to discuss is Long Beach.

18 My name is Veronica Garcia Davalos. I'm the
19 executive director for the American Red Cross, serving
20 Greater Long Beach, South Bay Metro, and Southeast Los
21 Angeles. And we're headquartered in Long Beach. We
22 serve more than four million people across forty cities,
23 and fourteen unincorporated areas within LA County. I'm
24 also, vice chair for the Long Beach Citizen Police
25 Complaint Commission, and a resident of Long Beach, so

1 I've been here for over twenty-seven years.

2 I can say that Long Beach is a very special place.
3 It's diverse, it's inclusive. It is supportive of so
4 many cultures, and supports a variety of organizations
5 like ours. And I'm participating in today to support
6 keeping Long Beach together in the redistricting process.

7 As a major city on the border of LA and Orange
8 County, Long Beach has been a great neighbor to others.
9 We have traditionally been in Federal districts with our
10 Orange County neighbors, and in State districts with our
11 northern neighbors. And we love working with them.
12 There is an incredible sense of collaboration across
13 organizations and levels of government in Long Beach, and
14 with our partners.

15 And I think that's one of the main reasons why we've
16 been able to be such a leader in the region. So as
17 you're considering redistricting, I would like to urge
18 you to please keep Long Beach together as much as
19 possible.

20 Long Beach appreciates this Commission, each and
21 every one of you, very much. We want to thank you for
22 taking on this very important task. And I thank you for
23 your time and for your service on the Commission. Thank
24 you.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

1 Right now, we'll be 002. And up next after that
2 will be 023. 002, I will be promoting you now. 002,
3 your speaker order number will be number 13, if you'll
4 please make note of that for future reference. You can
5 now enable your audio and video in the lower-left corner
6 of your screen. If you'll please let the mapper know
7 what area you would like to discuss. The floor is yours.

8 MR. MUNSON: Yes, I would like the area between --
9 let's see -- the Angeles National Forest will do just
10 fine.

11 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead.

12 MR. MUNSON: Yeah. That's actually very good.
13 Well, thank you very much. My name is John Munson. And
14 today I'm speaking on behalf of Nature for All, an
15 organization that works to protect the Angeles National
16 Forest and to better connect underserved communities to
17 the opportunities of the outdoors.

18 Unlike many other national forests, the Angeles and
19 Western San Bernardino National Forests are located
20 adjacent to the second largest metropolitan area in the
21 United States, which contains many Congressional
22 districts south of the public lands.

23 I have lived most of my life as a resident of the
24 communities adjacent to the Angeles, including La Canada,
25 Glendale, Pasadena, and Tujunga. I remember the era just

1 before the Commission-led redistricting in 2012. In
2 2010, many of the foothill communities south of the
3 Angeles National Forest were excluded from the
4 Congressional district where most of the Angeles National
5 Forest was located.

6 Rather than enhancing people's ability to be heard,
7 the design of the Congressional districts suppressed it.
8 It was difficult for foothill residents like me, who
9 wanted to gain more resources for recreation, for changes
10 in forest fuels management to even get an appointment
11 with a member of Congress whose district they did not
12 live in.

13 We should never let the communities adjacent to the
14 Angeles and Western San Bernardino National Forests again
15 be excluded from the Congressional districts that include
16 our important public lands in which we have a major
17 interest.

18 The 2011 Commission made great progress with CDs 27
19 and 28, and then a little bit of CD 29.

20 In the 2021 Commission we trust can do even better.
21 We ask that the new 27th include Azusa, which is the
22 gateway city to the San Gabriel Mountains National
23 Monument. The Congressional boundary -- the Western San
24 Bernardino National Forest needs to move north of Upland
25 and Rancho Cucamonga, to the northern border of the

1 forest so that those two cities are also in the same
2 Congressional district as the national forest.

3 We believe that San Antonio Heights, Upland, and
4 Rancho Cucamonga form a community of interest based on
5 their powerful relationship with the national forest
6 immediately to their north.

7 The same holds true for the community of interest
8 from Pacoima to Claremont. The cities in this community
9 of interest share long contiguous sections of high-
10 severity fire zones that cross city boundaries. They
11 share common geographic orientation of the mountains,
12 steepening slopes, flood risk, homes built right up to
13 the national forest boundaries, trails that run --

14 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

15 MR. MUNSON: -- right into the national forest. And
16 historic social and economic interests, as well as
17 community identities tied to their background -- their
18 backyard national forest. So we ask that, again, that
19 the communities of interest be united with the object of
20 that interest --

21 MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

22 MR. MUNSON: -- so that the foothill communities are
23 in the same districts as the Angeles National Forest and
24 Western San Bernardino. Thank you.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

1 Right now will be 023. And then up next after that,
2 will be 017. 023, I will be promoting you now. 023,
3 your speaker order number will be number 14, if you'll
4 please make note of that future reference. And if you'll
5 please let the mapper know what area you would like to
6 discuss. The floor is yours.

7 MR. FOLEY: Hi. I'll be focusing my comment on the
8 Orange County foothills and mountains area, specifically
9 Anaheim Hills, Orange Park Acres, North Tustin, Orchard
10 Hills, and Northern Irvine, and also Rancho Santa
11 Margarita, and Lake Forest.

12 My name is Jim Foley, and I manage a mountain
13 biking, riding, and advocacy group here in Orange County,
14 called Orange County Mountain Biking. This is a very
15 diverse group, we're approximately fifty percent Latino
16 and Asian, many younger families have parents and kids
17 that mountain bike. We have over 4,000 members on our
18 various social media and activity platforms here in
19 Orange County.

20 Mountain biking is an important part of our lives.
21 Many of our members and their families also hike, camp,
22 trail, run, and more. Those of us in Orange County, who
23 live closest to the mountains, look to them for
24 recreation, while those who live near the coast,
25 naturally towards the beach.

1 Having a representative who understands the
2 importance of the hills and mountains, and the
3 recreational opportunities that they provide is important
4 to me and many others. They can work with state, local,
5 and federal governments to ensure the parks are safe,
6 that parking is available, that those who're driving to
7 or park in the trails don't cause problems in nearby
8 communities, and that we protect this beautiful land from
9 wildfires, which has done severe damage in the past.

10 So I hope that you look to these communities that
11 share common recreational opportunities and common use
12 sheds that we need to protect and preserve. Thank you
13 for your time and consideration.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

15 Right now we will have 017. And then up next after
16 that will be 001. 017, I will be promoting you now.
17 017, your speaker order number will be number 15, if
18 you'll please make note of that for future reference.
19 And if you'll please let the mapper know what area you
20 would like to discuss. The floor is yours. Oh. You are
21 still on mute. You can now enable your audio and video
22 in the lower-left corner of your screen.

23 MS. SAN: Can you hear me now?

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

25 MS. SAN: Hello?

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We can hear you.

2 MS. SAN: Okay. Good afternoon, Commissioner. For
3 the last ten years Long Beach has been districted with
4 many bordering Orange County cities in our Congressional
5 district which we have enjoyed. Our Orange County
6 neighbor has been a grid (ph.) of our community.

7 My name is Sithea San. I am the chairman of
8 Cambodia Town, Inc. We are a nonprofit organization that
9 spearheads the campaign that designated a 1.2-mile
10 stretch in Long Beach, as Cambodia Town business and
11 cultural district. And since that time, we have worked
12 energetically to revitalize the neighborhood by
13 attracting more businesses, visitors, and tourists to the
14 area.

15 We host parade and cultural festival, neighborhood
16 events, and outreach to our community in English and
17 Khmer. Cambodia Town business and cultural district is
18 located along the business corridor of Anaheim Street
19 between Atlantic and Junipero Avenue in Long Beach.

20 We are one of the largest concentrations of
21 Cambodians outside of Southeast Asia. I can tell you
22 Long Beach is a special place for our community. The
23 city is very diverse and inclusive. It is supportive of
24 so many culture and variety of organizations. I am
25 calling today to support keeping Long Beach together in

1 this redistricting process.

2 Cambodia Town business and cultural district is the
3 heart of our city. Please, don't break us apart. Thank
4 you for your time and service on this Commission.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

6 Right now will be 001. And then up next after that
7 will be 028. 001, you you've not raise your hand at this
8 time. There's your hand. I see. I know I saw it
9 earlier. 001, I will be promoting you now. And then up
10 next after that will be 028. 001, here we go. 001, your
11 speaker order number will be number 16, if you'll please
12 make note of that for future reference. You can now
13 enable your audio and video in the lower-left corner of
14 your screen. If you'll please let the mapper know what
15 area you would like to discuss. The floor is yours.

16 MS. TORRES: Hi. Good afternoon. Thank you so
17 much. I will be referencing the San Gabriel Mountains,
18 or also known as the Angeles National Forest, from the
19 Northeast San Fernando Valley, kind of across to Rancho
20 Cucamonga area. Perfect. Thank you.

21 Good afternoon. My name is Wanda Torres (ph.). I
22 am from the San Fernando Valley. I work for a local
23 nonprofit in Van Nuys, and I'm a long-time volunteer with
24 a Los Angeles Catholic Archdiocese. One of the things
25 that I do as a volunteer is that I take youth groups from

1 various parishes and churches in both the San Fernando
2 and San Gabriel Valleys, and take them up to the local
3 San Gabriel Mountains for spiritual hikes, meditative
4 hikes, mini retreats, et cetera.

5 My purpose is to inspire the Catholic youth to value
6 the nature and the outdoors. I've been doing this for
7 over a decade and I've seen the tremendous value there is
8 to connecting young people to their local public lands.

9 And that is why I'm here today. I am here today to
10 ask you, Commissioners, to please take into account how
11 important this mountain range is to the nearby
12 communities and neighborhoods. In my experience leading
13 hikes, I realize that the Santa Clarita Valley, the
14 foothill communities from, like, Sylmar, Pacoima area,
15 all the way across down to Claremont, Upland, and Rancho
16 Cucamonga, each of these areas represents a community of
17 interest that should remain in the same district as their
18 backyard mountain range, the San Gabriel's.

19 I urge you to please keep these communities united
20 to the (audio interference) because their residents are
21 frequent users, most of the community I just mentioned
22 have clearly defined access points to the mountain. For
23 example, most people who live in, like, the Northeast San
24 Fernando Valley, they know that the easiest way to get up
25 into the Big Tujunga Creek on a hot summer day is to go

1 up Big Tujunga Canyon.

2 The residents of La Canada, they know they can go up
3 Angeles Crest Highway, the people of Pasadena know you
4 can go to the top of Lake Avenue, the people in Adelanto
5 know to take San Anita Avenue north. They're examples of
6 how the people kind of identify to the mountains and
7 know -- are very well aware of the local access points
8 that are found nearby in their own neighborhoods.

9 So I strongly believe that by keeping these
10 communities united to the mountains, you will be ensuring
11 that the representing member of Congress, whoever it may
12 be, will have both the community of interest and the
13 national forest in the same district. And that will
14 allow the representative to be able to advocate properly
15 in front of the Forest Service, who's the federal agency
16 who manages these local mountains.

17 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

18 MS. TORRES: This could make a huge difference, if
19 you have a representative who has both interests in mind,
20 it can make a great difference in the type of
21 recreational opportunities that become available for the
22 people, management --

23 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

24 MS. TORRES: -- fire management, et cetera. So
25 thank you for your time and for your consideration of my

1 request.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

3 Right now will be 028. And then up next after that
4 we will do caller 1541. 028, I will be promoting you
5 now. 028, your speaker order number is number 17, if
6 you'll please make note of that for future reference.
7 You can enable your audio and video in the lower-left
8 corner of your screen. If you'll please let the mapper
9 know what area you would like to discuss. The floor is
10 yours.

11 MR. FLORES: Good afternoon. I will be discussing
12 the Orange County area, and specifically Santa Ana and
13 Anaheim.

14 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead, please.

15 MR. FLORES: Greetings. My name is Ely Flores. I'm
16 writing you on behalf of Orange County Communities
17 Organized for Responsible Development, OCCORD. We were
18 founded in 2005 as a community labor alliance. OCCORDS'
19 mission is to bring workers, families, and community
20 partners together to organize and navigate for good jobs,
21 strong neighborhoods, and an inclusive democracy in
22 Orange County.

23 In addition, we are a member of the People's
24 Redistricting Alliance, a coalition of fifteen community-
25 based organizations, established to promote a greater

1 community voice in statewide and local redistricting
2 processes here in Orange County.

3 Our communities of interest in Orange County are the
4 Latino, Pacific Islander, and Asian-American populations,
5 working class, low- to medium-income families, noncitizen
6 renters, and undocumented populations in Santa Ana and
7 Anaheim.

8 These communities have been hit the hardest by the
9 pandemic. Many residents don't have the option to work
10 from home, and reside in overcrowded housing, making it
11 easier for the virus to spread. Still, our communities
12 continue to be resilient. Close to forty percent of
13 Anaheim residents are non-U.S. citizens, which include
14 legal permanent residents, international students,
15 temporary workers, humanitarian migrants, and
16 undocumented immigrants. Roughly forty-six percent of
17 Santa Ana residents are non-U.S. citizens.

18 Anaheim's poverty rate is at a little over fourteen
19 percent, while the people of -- with people of color
20 being the most likely to be at or below the poverty
21 level, while Santa Ana is close to sixteen percent. The
22 issues our communities face include a lack of economic
23 development, resources, opportunities, inadequate
24 housing, a lack of affordable housing, the lack of health
25 programs, including mental health services.

1 Our communities need public policies that provide
2 greater educational and economic opportunities for adults
3 and youth, larger investment in affordable housing,
4 including low-income homeownership programs, and stronger
5 protections for renters, local health services, and a
6 stronger stance at supporting and defending our local
7 immigrant population.

8 We ask that the Commission place an interest --
9 place the interests of Latino, Pacific Islander, and the
10 Asian-American communities in Orange County, in
11 particular Santa Ana and Anaheim, at the center of this
12 redistricting process as you move forward with drawing
13 the lines.

14 I want to thank you for taking this opportunity to
15 hear our communities. And I ask for your support to
16 ensure that we have fair political representation for the
17 next ten years. Thank you.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

19 And right now we will have caller with the last four
20 1541, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute at
21 this time by pressing star 6. One more time, caller with
22 the last four 1541, if you'll please press star 6 on your
23 telephone keypad this will unmute you at this time.
24 Caller 1541, your speaker order number will be number 18,
25 if you'll please make note of that for future reference.

1 And if you'll please let the mapper know --

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- what area you would
4 like to discuss. The floor is yours.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes. Ocean and coastline
6 preservation is the highest priority for those of us who
7 live on the coast in Orange County. And it's important
8 to all of us because of the economic result, the
9 environment, and the energy benefits. And I would like
10 to specifically address the fact that our coastline the
11 engine that drives our economy. And I would like to know
12 if the district -- redistricting could also include San
13 Juan Capistrano, San Clemente, and Dana Point. That way,
14 our representative in District 48 will have the whole
15 coastline to concentrate on.

16 And we need some help right now because we're
17 depleting -- our sand is eroding and we need more sand.
18 And the Federal Government usually gives us funds for
19 that every five to seven years. But we haven't had any
20 of that since 2010. So we really, really need the Feds
21 to give us money so that we can resand our beaches,
22 because as you know, sanding our beaches will help, just
23 help with our tourism, and help with the people living
24 here.

25 I mean, right now we have at least four -- over \$4

1 billion in spending just from people who come to see our
2 beautiful beaches. And we employ almost 30,000 people.
3 So we need to be united, and we need to have our
4 beautiful coastline. So I would ask that you include
5 those three cities in the coastline so that we could have
6 the whole city, and that way the whole coastline. And
7 that way if there are any ocean spills, or anything, we
8 have one representative who can see to it that our waters
9 are kept as clean as possible, and our sand is where it
10 should be.

11 All right. I want to thank you very much for
12 considering us, and for having this meeting for input.
13 And we just want to -- please keep our beaches clean for
14 tourism and for our jobs. It really drives our economy
15 in Orange County. Thank you very much.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

17 And Chair, we are up against a break at this time.

18 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right. So let's go ahead,
19 let's adjourn now for our break. And when we reconvene,
20 we will reconvene at 5:45 p.m., and at that time, I will
21 be handing over this meeting to Commissioner Sadhwani,
22 who will be chairing the second half.

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

24 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Welcome back to the California
25 Citizens Redistricting Commission COI Input Meeting.

1 We also encourage you to visit the communities of
2 interest tool to draw a map and describe your community
3 by visiting DrawMyCACommunity.org. For anyone who has
4 joined us recently, we are offering language lines for
5 Spanish, Korean, and Vietnamese language speakers to
6 listen to the meeting in their native language. And a
7 separate line for those who wish to provide public
8 comment or public input.

9 Could I please have each of our interpreters provide
10 our language line numbers and the information to provide
11 public input? We can start with Spanish. Please read
12 the site translation of full call-in Instructions.

13 THE SPANISH INTERPRETER: Hi, Chair. This is the
14 Spanish interpreter.

15 (In Spanish, not translated)

16 THE SPANISH INTERPRETER: Thank you.

17 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Perfect. Gracias. Now, to
18 Korean, could the Korean language interpreter please read
19 the translation of the full call-in instructions?

20 THE KOREAN INTERPRETER: (In Korean, not translated)

21 Thank you.

22 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you. (In Korean, not
23 translated)

24 And now on to Vietnamese; could the Vietnamese
25 interpreter please read the site translation of full

1 call-in instructions?

2 THE VIETNAMESE INTERPRETER: (In Vietnamese, not
3 translated) Thank you.

4 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Beautiful. Thank you so much.
5 As a reminder to everyone, even though we're focusing
6 specifically on Orange County this evening, Californians
7 from anywhere in the state are welcome to provide input.

8 I'm going to pass this over to Katy, our comment
9 moderator, at this time, to continue with public input.
10 We'll start with people who are registered, and then
11 we'll open the phone lines if there's time before the
12 next session. We're planned to take a break at 7:15.
13 Thanks so much. Katy.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, Chair.

15 Welcome to the public input session. Please use the
16 raise hand button at the bottom of your screen to enter
17 the comment queue. When it is your turn to speak, I will
18 identify you by your assigned unique ID number from your
19 invite. You will be reconnected to the session with the
20 ability to enable your own video and/or audio.

21 You will then be assigned a speaker order number
22 before you begin speaking. Please make a note of your
23 speaker order number for future reference.

24 The Commission will be enforcing a three-minute time
25 limit for English speakers, and a six-minute time limit

1 for those with an interpreter. There will be a warning
2 at thirty seconds and fifteen seconds remaining.

3 The Commission's goal is to find the area on the map
4 you would like to discuss prior to your testimony. If
5 you are within a specific neighborhood of a large city,
6 please mention it by name. Once we are able to locate
7 your area, your three- or six-minute testimony will
8 begin. Attendees will not be able to share their screen.

9 At the end of your public input, or at the end of
10 your time, you will be reconnected and they listen- and
11 view-only mode. At the beginning of your input, please
12 remind the mapper of what area you would like to see on
13 the screen.

14 At this time we will begin with 024. And then up
15 next after that will be 045. 024, I will be promoting
16 you now. 024, your speaker order number is number 19, if
17 you'll please make note of that for future reference.
18 You can now enable your audio and video in the lower-left
19 corner of your screen. If you'll please let the mapper
20 know what area you would like to discuss. The floor is
21 yours.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi, Commissioners. Thanks so
23 much. I will be talking about Aliso Viejo, which is
24 where I live, and the beach cities.

25 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead, please.

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. Thank you. So my
2 family moved to Aliso Viejo because of its reputation as
3 a family-friendly city. Since moving here, we interact
4 most frequently with children and families that attend
5 the same schools, sports and extracurriculars as my kids.

6 One of my children attends a language immersion
7 program within the Capistrano School District, and many
8 of his friends live outside of our district in more
9 inland cities, such as Lake Forest and Mission Viejo.
10 This is a multiyear program that -- where the students
11 stay together at least until the 8th grade. I also
12 communicate regularly with parents in Irvine, and other
13 parts of Orange County, who care about diversity, equity,
14 and inclusion issues within our schools and our school
15 districts.

16 I'm the daughter immigrants, and married to a
17 refugee, and educating our children about our ethnic
18 culture is a priority for us, and it's one of the reasons
19 we moved to Orange County from the East Coast a few years
20 ago.

21 We frequently travel together to other ethnic
22 communities in Orange County to purchase Asian groceries,
23 to attend family gatherings, and pre-pandemic, attend
24 cultural festivities in Irvine, Garden Grove, and
25 Fountain Valley. For us and families like us we have

1 more social, educational, and economic connections with
2 communities in Irvine and other parts of Orange County,
3 than we do with the adjacent beach cities.

4 I'm also a health policy advocate by profession, and
5 work for a nonprofit organization that advocates for the
6 health and health care rights of low-income individuals.
7 I know that there are many immigrants and limited English
8 proficient individuals in our community who travel to
9 parts of Orange County that provide in language, and
10 culturally appropriate care, such as community health
11 centers that serve, primarily, Asian and Latino
12 populations, and Planned Parenthood clinics. These
13 health centers are not located in beach cities, but
14 rather in more inland communities.

15 To close, I ask the Commission to draw districts
16 that connect families and communities like mine with
17 shared social, educational, and health care interests,
18 particularly among those that are underserved and
19 underrepresented. Thank you.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

21 At this time, we will go to 045. And then up next
22 after that will be 040. 045, I will be promoting you
23 now. 045, your speaker order number will be number 20,
24 if you'll please make note of that for future reference.
25 And if you'll please let the mapper know what area you

1 would like to discuss. The floor is yours.

2 MR. KERR: Yes, I'm in Northern California,
3 Congressional Districts 17 and 18, in the southern part
4 of the San Francisco Bay. Perfect.

5 My name is Tim Kerr (ph.). I'm a twenty-seven-year
6 resident of Northern Sunnyvale. Our Congressional
7 District 17 currently contains a majority of the Silicon
8 Valley, with cities such as Sunnyvale, Santa Clara,
9 Cupertino, Milpitas, large parts of Fremont, Newark, and
10 a small part of San Jose. And we are also a very diverse
11 group of people and communities that do share a lot of
12 common concerns and interests of affordable housing.

13 In a community -- I currently live in a community of
14 interest in District 6 of Sunnyvale, which is sometimes
15 referred to as the "Mobile Home District", which is
16 composed of a lot of retired people, and others on fixed
17 incomes, and low-wage earners.

18 The 2020 Sunnyvale Housing Strategy shows there are
19 3,862 mobile homes in Sunnyvale, with a median income of
20 62,900, as compared to the rest -- the median income in
21 Sunnyvale which was 109,800. Our current District 17,
22 has its fair share of affordable housing. The emphasis
23 on affordable housing results from many of the
24 constituents in District 17 being people in the working
25 middle class and retirees.

1 District 17 cities have a median income between
2 116,000 and 140,000, except for Cupertino which is
3 171,000; in contrast, incomes in District 18 cities are
4 much higher, between 235,000 and 250,000. These extreme
5 variances are obviously not dealing with the same
6 economic concerns.

7 So in conclusion, please leave Santa Clara,
8 Sunnyvale, and Cupertino in District 17. Thank you.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

10 Right now we'll be going to 040. And then up next
11 after that will be 042. 040, I will be promoting you
12 now. 040, your speaker order number will be number 21,
13 if you will please make note of that for future
14 reference. And if you'll please let the mapper know what
15 area you would like to discuss. The floor is yours.

16 MS. CASPER: I will be talking about Garden Grove.
17 Aloha. My name is Charlene Casper (ph.). I am a native
18 Hawaiian, and have been a resident of Garden Grove for
19 forty-three years. I am here on behalf of Pacific
20 Islander Health Partnership, which is based in Garden
21 Grove.

22 It serves the Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders
23 and HPI in Orange County advocating for good health and
24 well-being. As part of that work, we are involved in
25 statewide and local redistricting as a member of the

1 People's Redistricting Alliance.

2 The cities neighboring Garden Grove include Anaheim
3 to the north, Costa Mesa and Newport Beach to the south,
4 Long Beach to the west, and Santa Anna to the east.

5 Garden Grove is similar to the Cities of Westminster and
6 Fountain Valley. Our cultures and socioeconomics are
7 similar. We share immigration issues and language
8 barriers.

9 More than sixty percent of households speak a
10 language other than English, and many live in
11 multigenerational households. Many earn minimum wage and
12 hold two or more jobs to make ends meet. Because of
13 family demands, many are forced to work right out of high
14 school instead of going to college.

15 The Cities of Orange and Newport Beach differ from
16 Garden Grove. English is spoken in the majority of
17 households, and the median household income and high
18 school attainment are much higher, and foreign-born
19 lower. We are often overlooked because our population is
20 small. Our needs are masked when combined with the
21 larger Asian American population; therefore, data
22 disaggregation must be a priority to identify our
23 specific needs so we can champion more meaningful and
24 accurate data.

25 NHPis experienced some of the highest COVID-19 cases

1 and death rates of all racial and ethnic groups in the
2 U.S. So we advocate for programs that fund our
3 communities to combat the pandemic. We have built a
4 strong partnership with Asian Americans and other
5 communities in Garden Grove, Westminster, and Fountain
6 Valley. We continue to work with them on many projects,
7 working in solidarity for the benefit of all. NHPs are
8 often overlooked because our population is small. So it
9 is important to keep us together so we have a strong,
10 unified voice.

11 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

12 MS. CASPER: (Foreign language, not translated).

13 Thank you very much.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we'll have 038.
15 And then up next after that will be 039. 038, I will be
16 promoting you now. 038, your speaker order number will
17 be number 22, if you'll please make note of that for
18 future reference. You can now enable your audio and
19 video in the lower-left corner of your screen. If you
20 will please let the mapper know what area you would like
21 to discuss. The floor is yours.

22 MR. CASTILLO: So hello, everybody. I will be
23 speaking on behalf of Santa Ana. So yeah, around there,
24 one sec, there -- exit full screen, there we go.

25 So real quick. Hola, everybody. Well, hola,

1 Commissioners. My name is Jose Castillo (ph.), and I
2 would like to speak to you in regards to -- like, I am a
3 member of CHIRLA, and I am a resident of Santa Ana. I've
4 lived in the community for over twenty-nine years. In
5 addition, we are a member of the People's Redistricting
6 Alliance, a coalition of fifteen base organizations
7 established to promote a greater community voice, in
8 statewide and local redistributing process in Orange
9 County.

10 Today, I am going to speak about my community of
11 Santa Ana with an immigrant background. My community is
12 made up mostly of poor and working-class immigrants.
13 Everywhere you go in the community you hear people speak
14 Spanish majorly because it facilitates. Another thing
15 that helps the jobs available in a community, are very
16 hard labor, such as gardeners, construction workers,
17 stockroom workers at the grocery store.

18 These employees earn minimum wages, at least, and
19 for the folks that might make more money in construction
20 working jobs, they're very hand -- like, labor intensive.
21 So for that reason -- there we go -- the housing
22 situation is difficult for people in my community because
23 of the pandemic in Santa Ana.

24 Many of us renters living in apartments are single-
25 family homes. In order to make payments more affordable

1 some individuals live in crowded spaces. Although many
2 of the local residents were fortunate enough to not be
3 evicted, many of them had to relocate to other areas,
4 such as Ventura, or Rancho Cucamonga for access to health
5 care. My neighbors have access to SOS, which stands for
6 Share Our Selves, and they consist of a clinic for really
7 low-income individuals that need primary health care.

8 Let's see. If by any reason they need urgent care,
9 individuals have to travel to a clinic in Costa Mesa,
10 their clinic is still called SOS, but this one actually
11 deals with more urgent care. And there is insurance that
12 is very easily allocated to individuals, called Ultima.
13 I for one use it, and I think it's great. But for
14 individuals that are afraid to release their information
15 for any reason, the main reason is because of their
16 immigration status.

17 Now, to speak on the subject of higher education,
18 many students in Santa Ana attend local community college
19 called Santa Ana College, or you can even, like, commute
20 to Costa Mesa and go to Orange Coast College, OCC, as
21 it's called. These colleges have transfer programs that
22 support you in ways to reach higher education. But they
23 usually help you get into either Cal State Fullerton,
24 which, I am an alum, or Cal State Long Beach, or Cal
25 State -- Cal Poly.

1 And real quickly, I just want to say that, they
2 offer a lot of resources that pretty much are not
3 offered, like, you are not granted those resources at
4 that community college. At Cal State, the least you are
5 given into the atmosphere that pretty much has resources,
6 like their DREAM Center, the Latinx Center, the LGBTQ
7 Center, the Southwest Asian North American Center (ph.),
8 and the African-American Research Center (sic). And
9 those are located at DIRC, which stands for Diversity
10 Initiatives and Research Center. And lastly, I want to
11 speak about the --

12 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

13 MR. CASTILLO: -- I want to speak about the streets,
14 like, here in Santa Ana, the major streets are a problem,
15 because I, for one, I'm an individual in a wheelchair, so
16 I really want to --

17 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

18 MR. CASTILLO: -- like, get this across that it's
19 hard, and sometimes I have to maneuver a different way,
20 because the streets are so -- they're very hard to get
21 by. And the best way to do it is to --

22 MR. MANOFF: Time.

23 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you so much, Mr.
24 Castillo.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

1 If I could please ask for a Spanish interpreter to
2 please do the instructions to raise your hand for those
3 that have joined via Zoom; for those that have
4 appointments.

5 THE SPANISH INTERPRETER: (In Spanish, not
6 translated)

7 I'm sorry. And do the star 9, right?

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: No. It's the raise your
9 hand at the bottom --

10 THE SPANISH INTERPRETER: Oh, the raise your hand
11 button?

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The raise your hand at
13 the bottom of the screen.

14 THE SPANISH INTERPRETER: (In Spanish, not
15 translated)

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Perfect. Thank you.

17 THE SPANISH INTERPRETER: Okay. Uh-huh.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will have
19 042. And then up next after that will be 039. 042, I
20 will be promoting you now. 042, your speaker order
21 number -- one moment. Your speaker order number will be
22 number 23, if you will please make note of that for
23 future reference. And if you'll please let the mapper
24 know what area you would like to discuss. The floor is
25 yours.

1 MR. AL-DABBAGH: Hi. I would like to discuss
2 Anaheim. Hi. My name is Rashad Al-Dabbagh. I am here
3 on behalf of the Arab American Civic Council. Our
4 organization empowers Arab Americans by facilitating
5 their civic participation in Orange County. In addition,
6 we are members of the People's Redistricting Alliance, a
7 coalition of community-based organizations, established
8 to promote greater community voice in statewide and local
9 redistricting processes in Orange County.

10 Our community of interest is the Arab community.
11 Arab Americans in Orange County are diverse in culture
12 and faith, and originates from more than a dozen
13 countries in the Middle East and North Africa regions.
14 The Arab community is also diverse in its socioeconomic
15 status, education level, and immigration status. Some
16 came as refugees or asylum seekers, others for better
17 opportunity.

18 The Arab community in Orange County is bound
19 together by a shared history, language, and geography.
20 While our community is scattered around Orange County,
21 there is a significant number of residents in West
22 Anaheim, as well as businesses around what is
23 unofficially known as, "Little Arabia", which is on and
24 around Brookhurst Street, primarily between Crescent and
25 Katella Avenues.

1 Little Arabia is home to more than one hundred small
2 businesses, including ethnic grocery stores, cafes,
3 restaurants, hair salons, professional services, as well
4 as religious institutions, such as mosques, the West
5 Coast Islamic Society, and some nonprofit organizations
6 and social service organizations that serve everybody in
7 the community in various capacities.

8 Anaheim's Little Arabia is a welcoming cultural
9 destination and a safe space for Arabic-speaking
10 immigrants, as well as other immigrants and refugees from
11 the Greater Middle Eastern region. It is important that
12 the Arab community be taken into consideration in the new
13 district maps. It is important that Little Arabia is
14 kept whole in the Legislative districts you draw because
15 of the shared social needs of the community, and the
16 needs of the small business owners in the area. Thank
17 you so much.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

19 Right now we will have 039. And then up next after
20 that will be 029. 039, I will be promoting you now.
21 039, your speaker order number will be number 24, if
22 you'll please make note of that for future reference.
23 You can now enable your audio and video in the lower-left
24 corner of your screen. If you'll please let the mapper
25 know what area you would like to discuss. The floor is

1 yours.

2 MR. KASPER: Hi. Did I catch my speaker order as
3 24?

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, you did.

5 MR. KASPER: Order number, okay, 24. And I will be
6 focusing on North Orange County in between Santa Ana,
7 Buena Park, Fullerton area. Awesome. Thank you. All
8 right.

9 Good evening, everybody. My name is Toby Kasper
10 (ph.). I am a resident of the City of Garden Grove, and
11 I am speaking to you today as a lifetime resident of
12 Orange County, as well as a representative of United
13 Domestic Workers, the UDW, the union that represents In-
14 Home Supportive Service providers.

15 UDW is a member the People's Redistricting Alliance
16 in order to promote a greater community voice during this
17 redistricting process. In-Home Supportive Service, or
18 IHSS providers are essential to our county because they
19 allow people with disabilities to live in their own homes
20 and communities, with dignity.

21 There are around 27,000 IHSS providers in Orange
22 County. That number is only going up as our population
23 ages and will need extra assistance and support. UDW
24 asks that during this redistricting process we keep the
25 large community of IHSS providers and the people who they

1 care for in mind. It is admittedly difficult to pinpoint
2 a specific community or neighborhood where IHSS providers
3 live because they live in all parts of the county.

4 IHSS providers care for a wide range of people, from
5 children with developmental complications, friends who
6 have been disabled, to the elderly with failing health.
7 Most IHSS providers take care of their family members and
8 live together with them, because there are thousands of
9 such family homecare providers scattered across the
10 county, it is very likely that you have one that is in
11 your neighborhood.

12 IHSS providers who do not live with their clients,
13 commute all over the county to work. I want to recognize
14 and emphasize that IHSS providers can come from all
15 ethnic backgrounds, income levels, and community groups.
16 IHSS providers tend to be from middle- and low-income
17 families, but that is not a hard set of rule.

18 On top of that, a significant number of IHSS
19 providers belong to the Latinx community in Santa Ana and
20 Anaheim, and Vietnamese communities in Garden Grove and
21 Westminster, and Korean communities in Buena Park and
22 Cypress. For his reason, I want you to consider the
23 middle- and low-income families who live in these
24 respective communities during redistricting.

25 It is imperative that the new district maps reflect

1 fair and equitable demographics. We highly encourage you
2 to create districts that uplift these communities instead
3 of disenfranchising them. We would like to see Latinx
4 communities in Santa Ana used to create Voting Rights Act
5 districts at all levels of government. Latinx
6 communities in West Anaheim, west of the 55 Freeway
7 should be kept together, and drawn into a different
8 district than from Anaheim Hills. We also ask that the
9 Vietnamese communities of --

10 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

11 MR. KASPER: -- Garden Grove and Westminster should
12 be kept together in your maps. We also ask to keep the
13 Korean community in Buena Park and Cypress together.
14 Respecting these Voting Rights Act requirements in
15 communities of interest will make it more likely for
16 elected officials to better represent our members.

17 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

18 MR. KASPER: Having elected officials who listens to
19 IHSS community is crucial because the IHSS's program is
20 funded partly by the county and partly by the state, when
21 elected officials do not support the IHSS's system, and
22 threaten cuts to the program; IHSS's providers and the
23 loved ones they care for suffer.

24 MR. MANOFF: Time.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

1 Right now, we will have a 029. And then up next
2 after that will be 026. 029, I will be promoting you
3 now. 029, your speaker order number will be number 25,
4 if you'll please make note of that for future reference.
5 And if you'll please let the mapper know what area you
6 would like to discuss. The floor is yours.

7 MR. TINAJERO: I would like to speak about the
8 Congressional District Number 46.

9 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead, please.

10 MR. TINAJERO: There you go. Good afternoon,
11 everybody. My name is Arturo Danilo Ferraras Tinajero
12 (ph.). I'm a Filipino but my name is in Spanish. It
13 represents, I speak Tagalog, and I speak also English,
14 and Spanish.

15 I think I'm a personification of the majority of the
16 immigrants that are living in this area. And I live in a
17 single-family residence home, and we are surrounded by
18 some apartments, and also a lot of working people, and
19 some retired people in my neighborhood, who have lived
20 their lives in Anaheim, and dedicated their service to
21 the City of Anaheim, and they stayed here for some
22 reason. And for the last eighteen years that I've been
23 here as an immigrant, we share an affinity to the
24 communities of Santa Ana, Anaheim, Garden Grove,
25 especially in terms of redistricting.

1 I participated in the Measures of L and M, to be
2 able to redistrict in the City of Anaheim for good
3 representation in the entire city. And so we shared also
4 with the City of Santa Ana in their effort to redistrict
5 their city like (Indiscernible), and at the same time
6 with a Garden Grove. And these people have been
7 struggling with community participation and inclusion,
8 especially the working class and the minority groups.
9 And I would like, in the new redistricting, that they
10 consider the City of Anaheim, Garden Grove, and Santa Ana
11 together.

12 And by the way, I've been a volunteer leader to the
13 Orange County Communities Organized for Responsible
14 Development, OCCORD. We're in partnership with NALEO
15 Education Program, and we've been trying to reach out to
16 the less fortunate, giving them voice. And we share this
17 affinity with these three different cities that I've just
18 mentioned.

19 As a matter of fact, the local leaders that we have
20 came from representation from our organization in the
21 community. So I would want those three cities with,
22 community struggle, affinities be considered also in the
23 redistricting of the region.

24 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

25 MR. TINAJERO: They can be put together. Thank you.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

2 If I could ask for the assistance of our Spanish
3 interpreters.

4 We will be going to 026. And then up next after
5 that will be 027. And 026, I will be promoting you now.
6 026, your speaker order number will be number 26, if you
7 will please make note of that for future reference. And
8 we have an interpreter here for you. And I see you have
9 already unmuted yourself, and your audio, and everything.
10 So the floor is yours.

11 THE SPANISH INTERPRETER: (In Spanish, not
12 translated)

13 MS. KERIJERO: (In Spanish, not translated)

14 THE SPANISH INTERPRETER: This is the Spanish
15 interpreter. The caller has mentioned that they do not
16 need an interpreter. She doesn't know why she had added
17 that in the request, but she won't be needing one. Thank
18 you.

19 MS. KERIJERO: Thank you.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

21 MS. KERIJERO: Okay. The area of Anaheim, Garden
22 Grove, and Santa Ana, please?

23 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead, please.

24 MS. KERIJERO: Good evening. I'm Kaleen Kerijero.

25 I live at 1677 West Palais Road, Anaheim, California, ZIP

1 code 92802. Thank you for letting me speak to you. Our
2 main cross street reference are, Ball Road, Euclid
3 Street, and Cerritos Avenue. A few blocks from the
4 Freeway 5.

5 I live behind the Euclid Library, public library,
6 and the Euclid Fire Department station. I am part of the
7 organization of OCCORD, Orange County Communities
8 Organized for Responsible Development, in partnership
9 with NALEO Educational Fund.

10 I have lived in the City of Anaheim, in the County
11 of Orange, California, for more than fifteen years. I
12 live in an urban city neighborhood, single-family
13 residential homes, and also, I am a volunteer leader for
14 community organizations around our neighborhood. I work
15 part-time as an assistant front desk administrator at a
16 local church, Catholic Church in the City of Orange.

17 I would like to request that the boundaries of the
18 new districting can include the Cities of Santa Ana,
19 Garden Grove, and Anaheim together, that you keep those
20 three cities together, as we share similar community
21 experiences as immigrant workers in these cities.

22 I appreciate the work you are doing for our state,
23 and I hope this is the best work that you're doing for
24 our communities, that work so hard to raise their
25 families. Thank you very much.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

2 All right. Now, we will have a 027. And then up
3 next after that will be 031.

4 And if I could ask for the Spanish interpreter
5 again, we do have another request with 027.

6 I will be promoting you now. 027, your speaker
7 order number will be number 27, if you'll please make
8 note of that for future reference. You can now enable
9 your audio and video in the lower-left corner of your
10 screen. And if you'll please let the mapper know what
11 you would like to discuss today, and also speak with the
12 interpreter, the floor will be yours.

13 THE SPANISH INTERPRETER: (In Spanish, not
14 translated)

15 MS. ANGELUS: (In Spanish, not translated)

16 THE SPANISH INTERPRETER: (In Spanish, not
17 translated)

18 MS. ANGELUS: Anaheim.

19 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Please go ahead.

20 MS. ANGELUS: Commissioners, thank you for the
21 opportunity to allow me to testify today. My name is
22 Mariana Angelus (ph.), and I am here on behalf of OCCORD,
23 in alliance with NALEO. I have lived in the City of
24 Anaheim for twenty years. I have three children who are
25 now grown, and they have all attended the schools in the

1 neighborhood.

2 A lot of the families that I live around are
3 essential workers, and they have been impacted by the
4 pandemic. And today they still continue suffering the
5 impacts on their health. As far as the economy, I was
6 really impacted, economically, by not being able to go
7 out and work. The same as many of them, we had issues
8 with our basic needs. A lot of my neighbors lost their
9 jobs, and they've had to find other ways to put food on
10 the table and to be able to pay for rent.

11 Our community is surrounded by the 5 Freeway on the
12 east side, Disneyland to the west, with Chapman Street on
13 the south, and Disney Way Street on the north.

14 After the pandemic, I've had several meetings with
15 the community members via Zoom with people from the City
16 of Anaheim, such as traffic engineers, the neighborhood,
17 and the police. We talk about topics such as work,
18 traffic, the schools, and parks, et cetera.

19 When you trace the new districts, I would like the
20 Commission to maintain my community together, with other
21 community -- with other communities that share the same
22 interests that we do so that we can continue advocating
23 for the issues that we face.

24 These communities are Santa Ana, Garden Grove,
25 Stanton, and communities like Huntington Beach, Newport

1 Beach, Costa Mesa, and Irvine, I would like those to be
2 separate from us, since these communities have a higher
3 income, and their members were able to work from home,
4 plus we don't share the same needs. Thank you.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

6 And right now we'll have 031. And then up next will
7 be unique ID 043. Irma Mendoza (ph.). 031, I will be
8 promoting you now. 031, your speaker order number will
9 be number 28, if you'll please make note of that for
10 future reference. You can now enable your audio and
11 video in the lower-left corner of your screen. And you
12 do have a request for an interpreter, and she is here.

13 THE SPANISH INTERPRETER: (In Spanish, not
14 translated)

15 MS. LOPEZ: (In Spanish, not translated)

16 THE SPANISH INTERPRETER: (In Spanish, not
17 translated.) This is the interpreter. It looks like the
18 caller does not need an interpreter.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

20 MS. LOPEZ: Commissioners, thank you for giving me
21 the opportunity to testify today. My name is Lucero
22 Lopez (ph.), and I am a resident of the City of Anaheim,
23 and a community organizer with OCCORD working in
24 conjunction with NALEO Educational Fund.

25 I have worked in the City of Anaheim for over 20

1 years (audio interference) the urban area and most of the
2 people are Hispanic or Latino. Many of the families in
3 our community are essential workers who have been
4 affected by the pandemic, and continue to have health
5 problems due to it.

6 Many leaders in my community have struggled to find
7 a local job, and they have had to make several changes to
8 family hours, and their responsibilities. Some of our
9 neighbors lost their jobs and have had to figure out ways
10 to support their families.

11 Our community is surrounded by Fullerton, Buena
12 Park, Stanton, and Garden Grove. With the recovery from
13 the pandemic we now find ourselves in heavy traffic when
14 we go to work. As the new districts are drawn, I would
15 like the Commission to hold my community of common
16 interests together so that we can continue to advocate
17 for the issues we face.

18 We are different from the communities of Fullerton
19 to the north of us, and so that -- as that community does
20 not have (audio interference) workers in many of its
21 members are single households without children, where
22 most of its members can work from home during the
23 pandemic. That's it. Thank you so much.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
25 now we will have 043. Irma Mendoza. I'll be promoting

1 you. I do have a request for an interpreter at this
2 time. Ms. Irma Mendoza, unique and 043, your speaker
3 order number will be number 29, if you'll please make
4 note of that for future reference. And will you be
5 needing your interpreter this evening?

6 THE SPANISH INTERPRETER: (In Spanish, not
7 translated.) 29 you said, right?

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes.

9 THE SPANISH INTERPRETER: (In Spanish, not
10 translated)

11 MS. MENDOZA: Thank you. This is for the City of
12 Anaheim.

13 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead.

14 MS. MENDOZA: Okay. Commissioners, thank you for
15 giving me the opportunity to be able to give my testimony
16 today. My name is Irma Mendoza, and I'm a volunteer for
17 OCCORD. I am together with the NALEO Educational Fund,
18 and I've been living in Anaheim for more than twenty-
19 seven years.

20 My neighborhood is an urban area and the majority of
21 the residents here are of Hispanic heritage. And my
22 family and the community most of us -- or all of us or
23 most of us were affected by the pandemic. A lot of the
24 families in my community are essential workers, as I
25 mentioned before, and have been affected by the pandemic,

1 and have also been affected as far as their health. Like
2 other families -- like many other families in my
3 community, I have been affected as far as work goes
4 because of the pandemic. And we have had to change our
5 family hours in order to accommodate for this.

6 Some of my neighbors, including myself, have lost
7 our employment and we have had to be able to manage in
8 order to support our families; our community is
9 surrounded by the street Greenway -- Greenleaf towards
10 the north, and Euclid towards the east, and Crescent
11 Street towards the south, and Chitgawa (ph.) towards the
12 west.

13 With the recovery of the pandemic coming on, I have
14 found a lot of traffic going to work now, and because of
15 the pandemic, I started having a lot of virtual meetings
16 via Zoom, along with other community members, in order to
17 be able to support -- to have parent support groups to
18 help our children, to be able to discuss employment and
19 training for employment.

20 When you draw the new districts, I would like for
21 you to keep my community of interest together, so that we
22 can continue advocating for the problems that we face,
23 the problems that we are facing. We are different to the
24 community of Fullerton, which is located north of us.

25 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

1 MS. MENDOZA: Since that community is not really
2 made up of essential workers, they are single adults
3 without children.

4 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

5 MS. MENDOZA: And most of their workers are able to
6 work from home during the pandemic. Thank you.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

8 Right now we will be going to 033. And then up next
9 after that will be 046. 033, I will be promoting you
10 now. 033, your speaker order number will be number 30,
11 if you'll please make note of that for future reference.
12 And if you'll please let the mapper know what area you
13 would like to discuss. The floor is yours.

14 MS. MERCADO: You can keep it at Orange County. But
15 I'm sorry. Can you repeat one more time what my number
16 was?

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 30.

18 MS. MERCADO: Okay, 30. Well, good evening,
19 Commissioners and Redistricting Staff. My name is
20 Jasmine Mercado, last name spelled M-E-R-C-A-D-O. I was
21 born and raised in Anaheim and currently I'm a resident
22 of Westminster.

23 I'm also the campaign manager of the Orange County
24 Civic Engagement Table, or OCCET, a nonpartisan Asian-
25 American Pacific Islander, Latinx Labor (ph.), and

1 Environmental Justice Alliance based in Garden Grove, who
2 is dedicated to engaging residents year-round to build an
3 Orange County that serves everyone equitably and with
4 justice.

5 Over the past few weeks, you have heard from members
6 of the People's Redistricting Alliance, a coalition of
7 over sixteen community-based organizations and residents
8 whose goal is to center low-income communities of color
9 and working families in Orange County, both in statewide
10 and local redistricting processes.

11 Our members have shared numerous communities of
12 interest whose integrity the Commission should respect as
13 it works to draw the lines: Arab, Middle Eastern, Muslim
14 and South Asian communities in Buena Park and Cypress
15 that cross county lines into Cerritos and Artesia,
16 limited English proficient Asian-Americans and Pacific
17 Islanders in Garden Grove and Westminster, low-income
18 Latinx folks in Santa Ana, West Anaheim and South
19 Fullerton, and booming immigrant populations in Irvine
20 and Costa Mesa with roots all over the world.

21 As we move forward in this process, our members are
22 not only working to draft maps that best reflect Orange
23 County's diverse communities of interest, but also
24 engaging stakeholders in Los Angeles, San Bernardino,
25 Riverside, and San Diego Counties to ensure that those

1 Congressional, State Senate, and State Assembly districts
2 can be drawn in alignment with important committees of
3 interest and surrounding areas.

4 We recognize that our lines cannot be drawn in
5 isolation, so following release of social -- of the
6 official data from the Statewide Database, please keep an
7 eye out for our maps drafted together with numerous
8 regional and statewide partners.

9 Again, thank you for organizing this, and other
10 opportunities for our communities to have a real say in
11 how these lines are drawn. We appreciate all your hard
12 work to make this a fair and transparent process, and we
13 look forward to continuing to work with you in the coming
14 months. Thank you.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

16 Right now, I will be going to 046. And I would
17 also, at this time, like to invite all of those that have
18 called in to please press star 9 on your telephone
19 keypads if you wish to give comment this evening. This
20 will raise your hand indicating you wish to give comment.

21 But at this time, 046, I will be promoting you now,
22 as the callers raise their hands. And again, those who
23 called in, please press star 9, this will raise your
24 hand. 046, I will be promoting you now.

25 And if I could ask for the support of an

1 interpreter; I see you, Margarita.

2 046, your speaker order number will be number 31, if
3 you will please make note of that for future reference.

4 And you can now enable your audio and video in the lower-
5 left corner of your screen. And Margarita is here for
6 you.

7 THE SPANISH INTERPRETER: (In Spanish, not
8 translated)

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good afternoon. Can you hear
10 me?

11 MR. MANOFF: Could you speak closer to the
12 microphone, please?

13 THE SPANISH INTERPRETER: (In Spanish, not
14 translated)

15 MR. MANOFF: It looks like she was disconnected,
16 Chair.

17 THE SPANISH INTERPRETER: (In Spanish, not
18 translated)

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I will keep an eye out
20 for her.

21 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: As soon as she comes
23 back, we will put her right in.

24 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: That sounds great. Before we
25 go to the additional callers, is it possible to have the

1 interpreters read the instructions to raise their hand?

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Sure.

3 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: I don't know what those are
4 called, but.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Sure.

6 THE SPANISH INTERPRETER: Would you like Spanish to
7 go first?

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes. Sure.

9 THE SPANISH INTERPRETER: (In Spanish, not
10 translated)

11 And this is for the callers, right, is that?

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, just for the
13 callers. Yeah.

14 THE SPANISH INTERPRETER: Okay. Okay.

15 (In Spanish, not translated)

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

17 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Could we also have the Korean
18 interpreter read those instructions?

19 THE KOREAN INTERPRETER: (In Korean, not translated)

20 Thank you.

21 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Perfect. Thank you. And
22 finally, the Vietnamese interpreter, please?

23 THE VIETNAMESE INTERPRETER: (In Vietnamese, not
24 translated.) Thank you.

25 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Very good. It looks like we

1 have a number of callers in the queue.

2 Katy, I will pass it back to you.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, Chair.

4 Right now, 009 joined us from the earlier session.

5 I will be promoting you as you had an appointment. 009,
6 your speaker order number will be number 32, if you'll
7 please make note of that for future reference. You can
8 now enable your audio and video in the lower-left corner
9 of your screen. If you'll please let the mapper know
10 what area you would like to discuss. The floor is yours.
11 009, the floor is yours. And 009 has decided to leave us
12 this evening, maybe --

13 MS. HANSEL: Hello?

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh. There you are.

15 MS. HANSEL: Hi. My name is Patricia Hansel (ph.),
16 and I live here in Fullerton. So if we're looking at the
17 map, it would be the northern part of the county, of
18 Orange County. And there are communities that advocate
19 for that interchange of the 57 and the 60 Freeway, and we
20 also advocate for green space around Chino Hills State
21 Park.

22 So today, I'd like to speak about the areas that
23 include Hacienda Heights, Walnut, Diamond Bar, Chino
24 Hills, Brea, and Fullerton. So I pretty much feel that
25 the areas on the west side and the east side of the 57

1 Freeway need to remain together. Travel from these three
2 counties, that section of LA, Chino Hills, Brea, and
3 Fullerton, La Habra, that area is an area that's very
4 important, gets a lot of funding at the State level and
5 Congressional level. And so I would like for that to
6 remain together.

7 The exchange of that freeway benefits the community.
8 And we, you know, rely on state measures, county dollars,
9 and driving through there you will see the mountains and
10 hills on both the west and east sides. All three
11 counties are stakeholders for this space, for this
12 freeway space, for the green space. And so we have a
13 shared interest.

14 So I would like to ask the Commission to consider
15 this during the redrawing of the new maps. Many local
16 residents, like myself, come together to advocate for
17 solutions to the bottlenecks, congestion, and traffic.
18 We also care about air quality, we care about air traffic
19 control measures, wanting to improve the transportation
20 there, and keeping that area well maintained.

21 For another denominator that's common in this area
22 is the green space. It includes various parks: Chino
23 Hills State Park, Tonner Canyon, Powder Canyon, Schabarum
24 Regional Park (sic), the Firestone Boy Scouts
25 Reservation, and Carbon Canyon Regional Park. So these

1 hills and these regional parks are benefiting the
2 community. We go hiking there. We go walking. We're
3 trying to protect that area from overdevelopment. So as
4 a community, that is an area that we advocate for, and it
5 needs protection.

6 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

7 MS. HANSEL: So issues like land use, green space,
8 housing development, air quality, and funding are often
9 something that families, residents, hikers, walkers care
10 about. So thank you for your time --

11 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

12 MS. HANSEL: -- and considering my suggestions.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

14 Right now, we will go to caller with the last four,
15 7635. And then up next after that will be caller 1433.
16 Caller 7635, if you'll please follow the prompts to
17 unmute at this time by pressing star 6; caller --

18 MS. SILVER: Hello?

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hello. Your speaker
20 order number will be number 33, if you'll please make
21 note of that for future reference. And if you'll please
22 let the mapper know what area --

23 MS. SILVER: Okay.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- you would like to
25 discuss. The floor is yours.

1 MS. SILVER: Yes. My name is Connie Silver (ph.).
2 I'm a native Californian and have lived in Orange County
3 most of my life, and in Huntington Beach for over forty
4 years, specifically Huntington Harbor, that's the north
5 part of Orange County. I'm pleased to be able to address
6 this Redistricting Committee today regarding our coastal
7 cities. I feel strongly that my new Congressional
8 district should represent those communities of similar
9 interests so as not to divide my representative's time
10 and energy with too many issues, too many boards and
11 commissions, and split cities and counties.

12 Our coastal cities have many similar interests and
13 concerns from keeping our oceans clean and safe, sand
14 replenishment, prevention of oil spills, maintaining safe
15 and clean harbors and beaches, and water conservation.

16 My representative must coordinate efforts of the
17 Coastal Commission, Army Corps of Engineers, Water and
18 Sanitation districts, as well as communicate with local
19 city-elected, and state and federal officials in solving
20 the unique problems of coastal cities.

21 We have travel and tourism issues unique to Orange
22 County and coastal communities, which impacts the economy
23 of our residents. Folks from Los Angeles, the Inland
24 Empire, and Inland Orange County visit our beaches and
25 coastal communities. Our airport, John Wayne, as well as

1 the FBOs, located at the airport, requires specialized
2 knowledge and coordination.

3 Many residents don't know the names of our elected
4 officials, from city council members, school board
5 trustees, water and sanitation district members, to
6 members of state and federal offices. I think it's
7 because the previous districts have split communities of
8 common interests as well as cities and counties.

9 People need to know their elected, and be able to
10 reach out to the appropriate person to deal with their
11 concerns and know that their representative has knowledge
12 and expertise, as well as the staff who are well-schooled
13 in the issues facing the community. I asked for coastal
14 districts, from Seal Beach to San Clemente, connected
15 along PCH, where our common interests can best be served.
16 Thank you for listening.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

18 Right now, we will have caller 1433. And then up
19 next after that will be caller 0725. Caller 1433, if you
20 will please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by
21 pressing star 6 on your telephone keypad; caller 1433,
22 your speaker order number will be number 34, if you will
23 please make note of that for future reference. And if
24 you'll please let the mapper know what area you would
25 like to discuss. The floor is yours.

1 MS. DAMIKOLAS: Thank you, Commissioners. My name
2 is Alison Damikolas, D-A-M-I-K-O-L-A-S. I currently live
3 in unincorporated Santa Ana, which is in the North Tustin
4 area. I've lived in this area for almost eleven years.
5 I also represent parts of Tustin, unincorporated Santa
6 Ana, and as a trustee for Tuscan Unified School Board.
7 We have many schools; we have twenty-six schools, some of
8 them located in unincorporated Santa Ana, some
9 incorporated in Santa Ana, some incorporated in City of
10 Tustin, and then others in the City of Irvine.

11 We draw from a diverse group of students coming from
12 all parts of the northern part of Tustin, Irvine,
13 unincorporated Santa Ana, and Santa Ana. This has
14 allowed us to have a very diverse population, but also to
15 have been able to provide for our students the
16 opportunities that they would not normally be given, I
17 believe because -- if they were separated.

18 I would like us to keep Tustin and Irvine connected
19 together as one community because we do share the
20 development and growth of our community. They're both
21 demographically similar and also geographically adjacent,
22 because of this I hope that you do keep us together. And
23 thank you for your time.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

25 Right now we will have caller 0725. If you will,

1 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time. Caller
2 0725, your speaker order number will be number 35, if you
3 will please make note of that for future reference. And
4 if you'll please let the mapper know what area you would
5 like to discuss. The floor is yours.

6 MS. APPLEBY: Good evening, Commissioners. My name
7 is Candice Appleby, and I am calling to discuss the
8 redistricting, the boundaries for Districts 48 and 49
9 that are next to each other. I am a San Clemente
10 resident. I am also a professional ocean athlete. I
11 compete on Team USA, and represent my city, our county,
12 and our country traveling internationally. And I'm also
13 a business owner in San Clemente. I have an Ocean
14 Academy that I serve clients in surfing and paddle
15 boarding. And I serve clients in Dana Point and in San
16 Clemente.

17 And my request is that in the rezoning, currently,
18 Dana Point, San Juan Capistrano, and San Clemente are
19 connected with District 49. But what I, as a citizen and
20 as a small business owner, I recognize that our cities,
21 our other South Beach cities have a lot of familiarity
22 with the other South County coastal towns that are
23 currently in District 48.

24 You know, things like: our ocean and beach tourism,
25 beach erosion, homelessness, ocean conservation, all of

1 which are issues that are really close to my heart, and
2 also a big part of our local economy. And so my request,
3 because of these, you know, similarities with other
4 coastal towns in District 48, my request is that Dana
5 Point, San Clemente, and San Juan Capistrano would be
6 added to District 48 so that we could have a more
7 cohesive representation of our South Orange County beach
8 cities, rather than being separated, you know, by a
9 district that's partially in San Diego as well.

10 So I appreciate your time. And I appreciate you
11 taking -- listening to my request. And that was it.
12 Thank you.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

14 Right now we have caller 8628; if you'll please
15 follow the prompts to unmute at this time by pressing
16 star 6; caller with the last four, 8628, if you'll please
17 press star 6 at this time to unmute. Caller 8628, your
18 speaker order number --

19 MR. O'NEIL: Hi.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hi.

21 MR. O'NEIL: Yes, I'm here. Hi. My name is Trevor
22 O'Neil.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Perfect.

24 MR. O'NEIL: I'm here to talk about the City of
25 Anaheim.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Wonderful.

2 MR. O'NEIL: I've lived in --

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: May I just give you one
4 instruction real quick. Your speaker order --

5 MR. O'NEIL: Absolutely.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- number will be number
7 36, if you will please make note of that. And now please
8 go ahead.

9 MR. O'NEIL: Thank you. I've lived in Anaheim for
10 twenty-five years, and I'm a member of the City Council
11 serving since 2018. I represent District 6, which is the
12 Anaheim Hills area. I'm the City's representative on the
13 Regional Council of the Southern California Association
14 of Governments, and I'm the chairman of OCCOG, the Orange
15 County Council of Governments. So I have a broad
16 understanding of not only my city, but those in the
17 Southern California region as well.

18 Anaheim is a large city. We are not a monolithic
19 community, though. We're proud of our diversity. But
20 different parts of Anaheim have distinctly different
21 concerns. In particular, Central and West Anaheim differ
22 dramatically from East Anaheim in the areas of
23 demographics, ethnicity, income, education and home
24 ownership. Precisely, because of this diversity,
25 different parts of Anaheim should be served by different

1 districts.

2 A significant portion of my work on the City Council
3 has been focused on wildfire protection for Anaheim
4 Hills, which is also a concern that's shared by many
5 other nearby cities that lie currently in other
6 districts. Currently, the 29th Senate District includes
7 Yorba Linda, Chino Hills, and Diamond Bar, and other
8 communities that are threatened by, often, the same
9 wildfires, while Anaheim Hills is included in the 37th.

10 While we do work closely with those other
11 communities on wildfire prevention and suppression,
12 including Anaheim in the 29th Senate District, would
13 allow us to work with a singular representative who can
14 help protect our collective communities.

15 Additionally, those central and west portions of
16 Anaheim that are currently in the 29th District, more
17 closely align with communities that are in the 34th
18 District, like Santa Ana, these areas have high
19 percentages of Latinos, Spanish speakers, and immigrants.
20 Both cities were hit harder by COVID, than other parts of
21 Anaheim and Orange County, health care and COVID is a
22 huge concern for those communities, as many essential
23 workers live there. And there are many service workers
24 who are employed in Anaheim's resort and hospitality
25 industries.

1 So I ask that you serve our city well, and draw the
2 lines so our representatives can work effectively to
3 improve lives by focusing on those issues which matter
4 most to the people of each distinct area of Anaheim.
5 Thank you.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

7 Right now we'll have caller 8312. If you'll please
8 follow the prompts to unmute at this time by pressing
9 star 6. Caller 8312, your speaker order number will be
10 number 37, if you'll please make note of that. And if
11 you'll please let the mapper know what area you would
12 like to discuss. The floor is yours.

13 MS. WONG: Hello. Thank you. My name is Courtney
14 Wong (ph.), and I live in Tustin, California area, which
15 is in Orange County and very close to the City of Irvine.
16 I'm calling because I want to make very clear that Tustin
17 and Irvine are a community of interest, and it's very
18 important that they stay together in the future.

19 I'm going to tell a little story that is going to
20 demonstrate, I think, how we not only have economic but
21 also social and educational interests that tie us
22 together. I lived in Tustin for a little over a year.
23 My boyfriend at the time lived here -- and he's now my
24 husband -- and in 2019 we participated in something
25 called the Dino Dash, which was a race and also a run

1 that was in support of the Tustin Unified School
2 District. And the Tuscan Unified School District happens
3 to have schools located in both Tustin and the City of
4 Irvine, which is very close by.

5 When we showed -- when I showed up for the Dino Dash
6 to run, I did what I tried to do always, which is park as
7 close as I can to the starting place of the race, because
8 I don't have to walk -- want to have to walk any further
9 than I have to run. And I was very pleased because the
10 starting place was at the Tustin Market Place, and my
11 parking situation was perfect.

12 It happened to be right across the street in, and
13 you guessed it, the City of Irvine, very, very close by.
14 And I would also like to add that at that time my now
15 husband was on the bike tour of it, which took him
16 through both Tustin and Irvine.

17 So as you can see, we have educational concerns that
18 are meshed together and intertwined, and our economic
19 interests are also very close together with the Irvine
20 Market Place and the Tustin Market Place very close by,
21 literally, across the street from each other. Often, I
22 will shop at both areas in the same day.

23 I'd also like to add that my now husband and I also
24 do a lot of bicycling. And one thing that we like to do
25 is take the bicycle trail. And the Peters Canyon Trail

1 runs right through the north end of Peters Canyon Park.
2 And that includes both hiking and paved bike trails, and
3 Irvine and Tustin both worked on completing that final
4 construction project together so that the trail goes all
5 the way through both cities.

6 So I'm hoping that you keep this in mind as you
7 proceed, and that you ensure that Tustin and Irvine are
8 kept together for both fair and effective representation,
9 given the fact that we have shared --

10 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

11 MS. WONG: -- we have shared community interests
12 that are, education, economic, and other things. I'm
13 sorry. Thank you very much for your time.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

15 And Chair, we are up against the break.

16 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: That is right. So we will
17 take a fifteen-minute break, this is a mandatory break
18 for us. And we will come back. When we come back,
19 Commissioner Akutagawa will take over as Chair.

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

21 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right. Thank you. Welcome
22 back to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission
23 Communities of Interest Input Meeting.

24 For anyone who has joined us recently, we are
25 offering language lines for Spanish, Korean, and

1 Vietnamese language speakers to listen to the meeting in
2 their native language, and a separate line for those who
3 wish to provide public comment or public input.

4 Could I please have each of our interpreters provide
5 our language line numbers and the information to provide
6 public input? Let's start with Spanish.

7 THE SPANISH INTERPRETER: Hi, Chair. This is the
8 Spanish interpreter.

9 (In Spanish, not translated) Thank you.

10 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right. Thank you. Let's now
11 go on to the Korean interpreter.

12 THE KOREAN INTERPRETER: (In Korean, not translated)
13 Thank you.

14 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you. Let's now go on to the
15 Vietnamese interpreter.

16 THE VIETNAMESE INTERPRETER: Thank you.

17 (In Vietnamese, not translated) Thank you.

18 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Thank you very much. This
19 session is specifically dedicated to those who did not
20 have an appointment. However, if you had an appointment
21 and were unable to call in during your time block we do
22 encourage you to call in now.

23 As a reminder, even though we are focusing on
24 specific counties; in this particular case, Orange
25 County, Californians from anywhere in the State are

1 welcome to provide input. We will continue to take
2 public input at this time and also invite public comment
3 at this time. The phone line for public input and public
4 comment will close at 8 p.m. We will get to all callers
5 who are in the queue at that time, too, including going
6 beyond 8 p.m. if needed.

7 All right. So with that, I'm going to turn this
8 back over to Katy.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, Chair.

10 In order to maximize transparency and public
11 participation in our process, the Commissioners will be
12 taking community of interest input and general public
13 comment by phone. To call in dial the telephone number
14 provided on the live stream feed, it is: 877-853-5247.
15 When prompted, enter the meeting ID number provided on
16 the live stream feed, it is 86509386194, for this
17 meeting.

18 When prompted to enter a participant ID, simply
19 press the pound key. Once you have dialed in, you will
20 be placed in a queue. To indicate you wish to comment
21 please press star 9, this will raise your hand for the
22 moderator. When it is your turn to speak, you will hear
23 a message that says: The host would like you to talk, and
24 to press Star 6 to speak. If you would like to give your
25 name, please stay and spell it for the record. You are

1 not required to provide your name to give public comment.

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

7 And right now we will begin with the caller with the
8 last four, 2342. And then up next after that will be
9 caller 3939. Caller 2342, if you will please follow the
10 prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star 6; caller
11 2342, your speaker order number will be number 38, if you
12 will please make note of that for future reference. And
13 if you'll please let the mapper know what area you would
14 like to discuss. The floor is yours.

15 MS. KENNY: All right. My name is Susan Kenny. I
16 would like to discuss the area of Newport Beach, please.

17 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead, please.

18 MS. KENNY: Hello?

19 MR. MANOFF: Yes, we can hear you. Go ahead.

20 MS. KENNY: Yes. My name is -- yeah, I speak from a
21 couple perspectives. I'm an immigrant. My family and I
22 moved here from Korea, grew up in Mission Viejo, and ever
23 since I went to law school and took my first
24 environmental law class, the environment has always been
25 an important part of my life, and keeping the

1 environment. And I'm a retired prosecutor. I was there
2 for twenty-five years. And at the Orange County DA's
3 Office, we prosecuted ORCO for polluting our groundwater.
4 And in fact, in 2018, I organized the Dirty Heads and the
5 Orange County DA's Office, to pick up trash with the
6 Coastkeepers. So keeping the Orange County environment
7 and our ocean clean is very important to me. I'm a
8 resident of the Corona del Mar.

9 And back to my background as a Korean immigrant. It
10 was my dream, growing up in San Diego, to someday, to be
11 able to live in Newport Beach, work hard, and I'm really
12 happy that I was able to achieve that. And I hope that
13 the Commission takes an interest in keeping the Orange
14 County coastal community together from Seal Beach down to
15 San Clemente to -- so that we can have an advocate both
16 in Washington and in Sacramento who can represent us in
17 being able to keep our coastline clean.

18 And if there's an issue with getting more sand, or
19 if there's an issue with pollution, we have an advocate
20 that we can work with at the at the Prosecutor's Office,
21 or if there's an advocate that we could go to, and he or
22 she will be able to represent our interests.

23 So I hope the Coastal Commission -- I'm sorry. I
24 hope the Redistricting Commission keeps that in mind.
25 And I thank you for this opportunity to speak. (In

1 foreign language, not translated.) And thank you very
2 much. And that's it. Thank you.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

4 Right now we have caller 3939. And then up next
5 after that we call her 3117. Caller 3939, if you'll
6 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by
7 pressing star 6; caller 3939, your speaker order number
8 will be number 39, if you will please make note of that
9 for future reference. And if you'll please let the
10 mapper know what area you would like to discuss. The
11 floor is yours.

12 MS. HERNANDEZ: Okay. I am Silvia Hernandez (ph.),
13 and I live on Chestnut Avenue in the Eastside -- I'm
14 sorry -- in the Eastside -- I'm sorry -- in the Eastside
15 neighborhood in the City of Santa Ana in Orange County.
16 More than 17,000 people live in my neighborhood, and most
17 of us rent apartments, and a few rent a small house. We
18 live as two- and even three-family homes to be able to
19 afford the housing payments. And when so many people
20 live together but the space is not enough, other problems
21 arise, domestic violence, abuse, and physical, and
22 mental, public health problems.

23 As hard-working families, all of these make us more
24 vulnerable. And so lives in our community become
25 complicated. I share with my neighbors the concern of

1 having a decent and safe home for our families. Since
2 most of us are low-income workers who have two or more
3 jobs to ensure a roof for our family because the minimum
4 wage is not enough. We also share the desire to have
5 more parks and green areas so that our children have
6 healthy fun, instead of having to be alone indoors.

7 And I share the hope that affordable housing will be
8 built in my neighborhood so that our grown children can
9 have their own space. I came to request that when
10 redefining the district, consider our current needs so
11 that we can have a representation that brings better
12 schools and streets -- and streets in good condition, and
13 health clinics that serve our neighborhood.

14 But above all, that we are allowed to truly
15 participate in the improvements for our community, so we
16 do not lose hope of living more and more prosperously.
17 As you consider drawing the boundaries, remember, that
18 it's hard-working families in all the essential workers'
19 industries. We are an asset, and rich resources that
20 must be developed, as well as other cities like Garden
21 Grove and Anaheim since we have similar needs.

22 We can get together, and we can develop better
23 together. Please consider put the limits -- all of those
24 cities together. Thank you, Commissioners, for
25 listening.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

2 And right now we have caller 3117. And then up next
3 after that will be caller 7231.

4 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Actually, Katy, is she still
5 available? I just saw that the line drawers wanted to
6 clarify something.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely. Caller
8 3117 --

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You mean 3939?

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh. I'm sorry, 3939; my
11 bad. Yes, if you'll please press star 6 at this time,
12 caller 3939. The Commissioners had some clarifying
13 questions. Caller with the last four, 3939 that was just
14 speaking with us, if you could please press star 6 to
15 unmute yourself at this time?

16 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Maybe asking -- having it
17 interpreted into Spanish may help?

18 MR. MANOFF: She gave her testimony in English, and
19 I think she followed the prompt before. So just as --

20 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Okay.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Maybe ask the question?

22 MR. MANOFF: Thank you.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh. There she is, okay.

24 MR. MANOFF: Caller 3939, welcome back. The Chair
25 had some additional questions for you, please.

1 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you for --

2 MS. HERNANDEZ: Okay.

3 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: We just had a clarification that
4 we wanted to ask you. I was asked to clarify with you; I
5 believe you said -- you mentioned Eastside, but did you
6 mean Westside?

7 MS. HERNANDEZ: No, Eastside of -- it's called
8 Eastside neighborhood in Santa Ana.

9 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Oh. I see. Okay. And could you
10 give us the boundaries of the Eastside neighborhood?
11 Like, what are the cross streets?

12 MS. HERNANDEZ: Yeah, of course. It's the First
13 Street, Standard on the east, and Main on the other side,
14 and the south of the Edinger (ph.), I think.

15 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Great. Okay. Okay, let me just
16 check and make sure. Yes. Perfect. That is exactly
17 what they wanted. Thank you very much for your input.

18 MS. HERNANDEZ: Thank you. Thank you for listening.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All righty. And at this
20 time we will be going to caller 3117. And then up next
21 after that will be caller 7231. Caller 3117, if you will
22 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by
23 pressing star 6.

24 MS. MOLINA: Hello?

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hi.

1 MS. MOLINA: Hello?

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hello. Will you be
3 needing an interpreter this evening?

4 MS. MOLINA: Yes. (In Spanish, not translated)

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: (In Spanish, not
6 translated).

7 MS. MOLINA: Okay.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Ah, Margarita.

9 THE SPANISH INTERPRETER: Uh-huh.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Your speaker order number
11 is 40.

12 THE SPANISH INTERPRETER: Okay. (In Spanish, not
13 translated) Okay.

14 MS. MOLINA: Can you please focus the map on the
15 area of Santa Ana and Orange?

16 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead.

17 MS. MOLINA: Okay. Hello. My name is Esperanza
18 Molina (ph.), and I'm part of CHIRLA, I've been living in
19 Santa Ana for over eighteen years. I am an immigrant,
20 and CHIRLA has been in existence since 1986 in order to
21 promote human -- and civil human rights for immigrants
22 and refugees. And I am also part of an alliance for the
23 redistricting with the acronym, PRA, which is part of --
24 which fifteen organizations comprise of this alliance in
25 the community in order to promote the voice in the

1 redistricting of the local and state districts.

2 My community is comprised of Hispanics who are
3 Spanish-speaking, and low number of English speakers. We
4 also have community members who are -- who speak Korean,
5 Vietnamese, and are of the low-resource or low-income
6 level, compared to Irvine, which is more of a middle-
7 income and higher-income level.

8 The employments that are available here in my area
9 or community are factories that make bread, Maruchan, and
10 supplements as well as airplane factories. And we also
11 have the restaurant industry, people work in housekeeping
12 and also childcare.

13 The people in my community live in houses where
14 there are four to five family members and there are
15 garages that have been converted into housing, and there
16 are also many lots that are empty. The rent is very high
17 in our area and there isn't rent control available.
18 There are homes -- there are houses that are
19 uninhabitable because they have lead, which pose a health
20 risk to people.

21 There are also field workers that are exposed to
22 pesticides and they live in my community and they work in
23 fields in Tustin, Irvine, and Fountain Valley. There
24 isn't health care for -- available as far as insurance,
25 health care insurance available for immigrants or field

1 workers. And when they get sick from being exposed to
2 chemicals or pesticides, they suffer physical as well as
3 stress-related illnesses.

4 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

5 MS. MOLINA: In my community, there is also
6 (indiscernible) from abuse, and they try to take away the
7 resources from the community in order to give those
8 resources to the police. There are hospitals available
9 that provide health care; however, there is
10 discrimination --

11 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

12 MS. MOLINA: -- in those hospitals, also due to the
13 type of insurance that you might have.

14 THE SPANISH INTERPRETER: (In Spanish, not
15 translated)

16 MR. MANOFF: She's reached time.

17 THE SPANISH INTERPRETER: I'm sorry.

18 MR. MANOFF: But just a moment. I can do reach her
19 now.

20 THE SPANISH INTERPRETER: Okay. Thank you.

21 MR. MANOFF: Just a moment, Margarita.

22 THE SPANISH INTERPRETER: Uh-huh.

23 MR. MANOFF: The Spanish Interpreter --

24 MS. MOLINA: Hello? So the streets that are the
25 boundaries for my communities are, Fairview, Main, the 5

1 Freeway, the 22, the 55, the 73, the 57, and the 405,
2 which are in the County of Orange in Anaheim. And then
3 also which differ to the Tustin area, which is bordered
4 by the 5 and 55 Freeway.

5 MS. MOLINA: (In Spanish, not translated)

6 MR. MANOFF: Chair, did you have any additional
7 questions for the caller?

8 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: No.

9 MR. MANOFF: Just a moment.

10 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Ho. Yeah -- no, we're good.

11 We're good.

12 MR. MANOFF: Okay. We've reached time.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

14 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you. I do need to make a
15 quick announcement. It is 3 minutes to 8. I just want
16 to just announce that we will be closing the phone lines
17 at 8 p.m., so in another two minutes now.

18 Please get in the queue as soon as possible so that
19 we can listen to your input before we adjourn for the
20 day. You must be in the queue by 8 p.m., otherwise you
21 will not be able to enter the queue after 8 p.m.

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

23 Right now we have caller 7231. And then up next
24 after that will be caller 7681 -- no, 7618. Caller 7231,
25 if you will please follow the prompts to unmute at this

1 time by pressing star 6; caller 7231 your speaker --

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes. Oh, sorry.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh, no. That's okay.

4 Your speaker order number will be number 41, if you'll
5 please make note of that. And if you'll let the mapper
6 know what area you would like to discuss. The floor is
7 yours.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And yes,
9 the area I'd like to discuss would be Newport Beach,
10 Huntington Beach, Fountain Valley, Westminster, and Seal
11 Beach. Thank you.

12 It is critical that Orange County have districts
13 that maximize the importance of the coastal communities.
14 The areas of Newport Beach, Huntington Beach, Fountain
15 Valley, Westminster, and Seal Beach should be considered
16 a community of interest. All of these areas rely on the
17 coast for tourism, commerce, small and large recreation,
18 and other vital coastal issues, including sea level rise,
19 coastal erosion, and ocean pollution.

20 Keeping the beaches clean is vital for tourism and
21 jobs. If the beaches aren't maintained and kept open to
22 a level where tourists want to visit them, thousands of
23 people will lose their jobs and livelihoods, which is why
24 it is critical to have a representative fighting for
25 these Orange County communities.

1 Elected officials must prioritize measures that keep
2 the beaches clean and beautiful for people to continue to
3 visit the coast from all across the world. Orange
4 County's economy depends on its ability to attract
5 tourists. Seventy-seven percent of Californians say the
6 condition of the ocean and beaches is very important to
7 California's future economy and quality of life.

8 Orange County deserves a representative who will
9 prioritize the cleanliness and quality of its beaches.
10 Coastal Orange County cities face unique issues that
11 their inland counterparts do not. They require important
12 working relationships with the California Coastal
13 Commission and the Army Corps of Engineers. The climate
14 is changing, and we need a representative to represent
15 all of our coastal interests to protect our beach fronts'
16 beauty, tourism, and business interests.

17 The California coast is the nation's largest green
18 energy producing economy. California leads the nation in
19 solar, geothermal, wind, and solar energy production. We
20 need a representative that can fight for modern green
21 energy for these communities.

22 The rising sea levels are a serious threat to Orange
23 County. Without a unified effort from a representative
24 of the area to ensure the Federal Government is taking
25 appropriate action on climate change and the

1 environmental impacts that accompany it, these increases
2 threaten every aspect of life in the region.

3 Furthermore, many of these cities have overlapping
4 school districts. The Westminster School District ties
5 together with the Cities of Garden Grove to Huntington
6 Beach, for example. The Westminster School District
7 employs more than 1,000 employees; the district includes
8 thirteen elementary schools, three middle schools, and
9 one early childhood --

10 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- and special education
12 school that serves more than 8,500 preschool to 8th grade
13 students in Westminster, as well as sections of the
14 surrounding and encompassing cities of Huntington Beach,
15 Garden Grove, and Midway City. This is direct from --

16 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- the Westminster School
18 District's website. So in conclusion, areas of Newport
19 Beach, Huntington Beach, Fountain Valley, Westminster,
20 and Seal Beach should be considered a community of
21 interest. And I thank you so very much for listening.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

23 And right now we have caller 7618. And then up next
24 after that will be caller 6659. Caller 7618, if you will
25 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by

1 pressing star 6. Caller 7618, will you be needing an
2 interpreter this evening?

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No, I won't.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Perfect. Your speaker
5 order number will be number 42, if you'll please make
6 note of that for future reference. And if you'll please
7 let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss.
8 The floor is yours.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. I'd like to talk about
10 Westminster, Fountain Valley, and Huntington Beach
11 together.

12 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead, please.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. Hi. I'm calling to
14 urge the Commission to stop dividing our Vietnamese
15 community into multiple Congressional districts. Since
16 the 2010 Redistricting process, our community has been
17 successful at electing a County Supervisor, a State
18 Assembly Member, and a State Senator. This happens all
19 because of Little Saigon is nested into one County
20 district, one Assembly district, and one State Senate
21 district. Yet, when it comes to our federal
22 representation, we are divided into three Congressional
23 districts.

24 The mistake of ten years ago may have prevented a
25 Vietnamese candidate from being elected to Congress. I'm

1 urging you to empower communities by consolidating us
2 into one, or at least two Congressional districts. It
3 would be very appropriate to keep Westminster, Fountain
4 Valley, and Huntington Beach together. Thank you.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

6 And right now we have caller 6659. And then up next
7 after that will be caller 4044. Caller 6659, if you will
8 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by
9 pressing star 6; caller 6659, your speaker order number
10 will be number 43, if you'll please make note of that for
11 future reference. And if you'll please let the mapper
12 know what area you would like to discuss. The floor is
13 yours.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. I would like to talk
15 about Little Saigon, so it'll be Fountain Valley,
16 Westminster, and Garden Grove.

17 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So I'm calling tonight to
19 urge you to protect the political voice of the
20 Vietnamese-American community in Orange County. Under
21 the current district lines, the Vietnamese population is
22 divided into three Congressional districts. This
23 division disempowers our closely knit community and our
24 leaders from defending our many unique interests.

25 The Redistricting Commission should consolidate the

1 Vietnamese populations from three Congressional districts
2 into two. In doing so they will ensure that the
3 Vietnamese population will have their interests properly
4 represented in Congress. That'd be all. Thank you.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

6 And right now we have caller 4044. And then up next
7 after that will be caller 5763. Caller 4044, if you'll
8 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by
9 pressing star 6; caller 4044, your speaker order number
10 44, if you'll please make note of that for future
11 reference. And if you'll please --

12 MS. SHEA: Yes.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- let the mapper know
14 what area you would like to discuss. The floor is yours.

15 MS. SHEA: Thank you so very much. Yes, I would
16 like to discuss Irvine.

17 Good evening, California Redistricting Committee. I
18 am Christina Shea. I'm the former mayor of the City of
19 Irvine, and I would like to address the Committee to
20 speak briefly to you about our community.

21 Our southern border is contiguous to the John Wayne
22 Airport and Jamboree Boulevard, and our most southern
23 portion of the city, Irvine hosts the University of
24 California, Irvine Campus, with our older community,
25 Turtle Rock community, a neighborhood community located

1 just nearby. Our Irvine business complex is a business
2 park with hotels and higher density housing.

3 Our residents in the southern area of our city are
4 close to Newport Beach, Costa Mesa, and even Laguna Beach
5 as it is close -- it is a close drive to Coast Highway.
6 The 405 Freeway close to our southern border aligns with
7 the cities such as Costa Mesa, Fountain Valley,
8 Huntington Beach, and up to Westminster, and beyond.

9 We have two major retail business centers in Irvine,
10 the Irvine Spectrum and the Irvine Business Complex
11 serving our city. In the north portion of our city, our
12 Portola region, is a major residential area. This area
13 is north of I-5 and contiguous to Lake Forest. Our
14 Portola community aligns with Lake Forest and other
15 northern cities along the 241 Toll Road.

16 The toll roads were suggested by the state at one
17 time to eventually be transferred to the state in the
18 future, and understanding that suggestion, the toll roads
19 do relieve traffic for many of our contiguous communities
20 along the northern route. Irvine is a diverse master-
21 planned community. I hope you will take the time to
22 study, and I know you will, the multiple proposals and
23 draw lines that make sense for Orange County and the City
24 of Irvine.

25 And I want to thank you for taking the time and your

1 due diligence to hear me this evening. Thank you.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

3 Right now we have caller 5763, and then up next
4 after that will be caller 1224. Caller 5763, if you will
5 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by
6 pressing star 6; caller 5763, your speaker order number
7 will be number 45, if you'll please make note of that for
8 future reference. And if you'll please let the mapper
9 know what area you would like to discuss. The floor is
10 yours.

11 MR. HEFT: Yes. Hi. Thank you very much. I would
12 like to discuss the South Orange County area.

13 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead.

14 MR. HEFT: Thank you. Good evening. My name is
15 Karl Heft, I'm the president of the Laguna Hills Chamber
16 of Commerce, and I also serve on the Advocacy Committee
17 of the South Orange County Economic Coalition,
18 representing hundreds of companies and tens of thousands
19 of jobs.

20 I wanted to bring to your attention a big problem
21 that we currently have here in South Orange County, and
22 that is the lack of Congressional representation for what
23 is almost a third of the entire County of Orange. Right
24 now we have three members of Congress representing each a
25 piece of our community, making it impossible to have a

1 voice in Washington, with all the important decisions
2 that are being made in Congress, from infrastructure
3 spending, to health care, to the environment, it is
4 hugely important that we have a representative that is
5 actually from our community.

6 Instead, our current members of Congress; one is
7 from San Diego County, one is from Northern Orange
8 County, and one is from Irvine. All great people, but
9 none of them are from South Orange County, so we have no
10 representative of our own.

11 Now, South County, for those who are not familiar
12 with us, we are a true community of interest. We are
13 mostly residential area made up of small- to medium-sized
14 cities. We do not have urban or industrial areas, or any
15 large cities, so we're very different from Northern and
16 Central Orange County.

17 As president of the Laguna Hills Chamber, I can tell
18 you that all our community and business relationships are
19 with chambers from other South Orange County cities, and
20 we have virtually no contact with, say, San Diego County
21 or Northern Orange County, chambers, community
22 organizations, yet, we have been put in the same district
23 with them instead of the city right around us that we
24 actually have deep ties with.

25 Just to give you an idea how bad these lines are

1 currently drawn, my City of Laguna Hills is in Katy
2 Porter's district, across from my street, which is
3 Michelle Steel's district in Aliso Viejo. And then
4 walking distance is Mike Levin's district, in Laguna
5 Niguel.

6 Now, these three cities were, literally, carved out
7 of the same original Moulton Ranch. We all have the same
8 histories, same demographics, we go eat and shop in each
9 other's cities, yet, we are represented by three
10 different Congress members from two different parties
11 from far-away cities.

12 I would say that South County is universally
13 recognized as a community of its own. When we speak of
14 ourselves, we refer to us as South County residents.
15 When Northern and Central Orange County residents speak
16 about us, they refer to as the South County residents.
17 The County of Orange has always recognized that, and the
18 importance of South Orange County having the Fifth
19 Supervisorial District to represent us. And that has
20 been very helpful for us to have a voice in the decision
21 affecting us at the county level. Now, at the State
22 level --

23 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

24 MR. HEFT: -- we have the 73rd -- I'm sorry --
25 Assembly District, which represents a large part of South

1 Orange County, and it has been a real blessing to have
2 our own voice in Sacramento. So we urge you to keep the
3 73rd AD the way it is, and same thing for the 36th Senate
4 District. However, but for --

5 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

6 MR. HEFT: -- but for some strange reason, the only
7 place we do not have a representation is at the
8 Congressional level, when ten years ago a decision was
9 made to split us into the current three Congressional
10 districts that range from Sunset Beach at the LA County
11 border, all the way to Oceanside in San Diego. So we're
12 very --

13 MR. MANOFF: Time.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

15 And right now we have caller 1224 --

16 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Actually, can you bring him back?
17 I'm sorry. I just saw, I saw the note now.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Not a problem.

19 Caller 5763, if you could please unmute at this
20 time, the chair has some clarifying questions?

21 MR. HEFT: Hi. I'm back.

22 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Hi there. Can you confirm for us
23 the -- what would you consider the outer boundaries of
24 South County? You mentioned that you're from Laguna
25 Hills, what would be, you know, maybe like the northern

1 boundary of South County that you would consider northern
2 boundary? And then what's your -- I guess -- is it east?
3 I'm not sure. I'm not really good at this. What's the
4 eastern boundary? The ocean is the west, I was going to
5 say.

6 MR. HEFT: Sure. No, absolutely. I'd be more than
7 happy to go over it real quick. On the north side the
8 boundary would be anything south from the city lines of
9 Newport Beach and Irvine, going all the way across -- you
10 know, along the ocean, all the way to the San Diego
11 County line, and east to the Riverside County line. So
12 essentially, and then going back all the way to, if you
13 draw a straight line, from Irvine up.

14 So essentially, anything south from the Cities of
15 Irvine and Newport Beach to the County level, to the two
16 San Diego and Riverside County lines, that would probably
17 make it easier. I mean, I can, of course, tell you all
18 the cities that are in it, but that would be the, I
19 guess, universally recognized of what South County is.
20 All the way up to Silverado we have some more rural
21 areas, if you go way up to the Riverside County line, and
22 all the way to the Ortega Highway.

23 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Perfect. So you're also --
24 so you are including Silverado and Williams Canyon in
25 your definition of South County then?

1 MR. HEFT: Absolutely. Absolutely. And even areas
2 like north of Irvine, which are, you know, mostly rural,
3 but people refer themselves as South County residents.
4 And yes, so that that would be correct.

5 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Thank you. This is
6 perfect. This was very, very helpful. And I appreciate
7 your specificity.

8 MR. HEFT: Oh. Thank you very much. And thank you,
9 Commissioners, to listen to us South County residents.
10 This is very special for us, and we hope we can count on
11 your support. Thank you very much.

12 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

14 And right now, we have caller 1224. And then up
15 next after that will be caller 5763. Caller 1224, if
16 you'll please follow the prompts to unmute at this time
17 by pressing star 6; caller 1224, your speaker order
18 number will be number 46, if you'll please make note of
19 that. And if you'll please let the mapper know what area
20 you would like to discuss. The floor is yours.

21 MR. BLAKE: I would like to discuss the coastal
22 communities of South Orange County. My name is Peter
23 Blake. I live in Laguna Beach, and have for over thirty
24 years. I'm an art dealer, and have been for twenty-eight
25 years. And also, I'm a city councilman for the City of

1 Laguna Beach. I'm requesting that you consider adding
2 San Clemente and Dana point to the redistricting plans
3 that you may have, because I view all of our communities
4 as a vital group together.

5 And we really need one voice that will deal with all
6 of the issues that we have to deal with. From a cultural
7 level, for example, I curated a show in Huntington Beach
8 a year ago, and it was incredible to go down there and
9 see how much we had in common in terms of the arts. And
10 my wife -- I was involved in a show that took place with
11 a curator in San Clemente at John Wayne Airport, and I've
12 had a chance to just see how these beach communities can
13 really get together and engage in culture.

14 On another note, we are the stewards of the ocean
15 and it's extremely important that we maintain a singular
16 voice when it comes to, not only making sure that our
17 beaches remain clean, and they also are welcoming to all
18 people that come to our community. And that's going to
19 take one voice, not two different voices that could be
20 potentially at odds, politically. And we are the losers
21 when that happens.

22 So those are, those are basically the issues that
23 that I have. It's obvious how much tourism comes in from
24 the beaches, and how important it is that we do our job.
25 And it just doesn't seem to make sense to fracture those

1 communities and have them represented from -- you know,
2 from a Congressman down in San Diego to here. We really
3 need one voice that's going to tie Seal Beach all the way
4 down to San Clemente, where all of us can be, you know,
5 one voice and not political, but actually get the job
6 done, which again, is to engage all of us, culturally,
7 together.

8 And also, work together as stewards for the ocean,
9 for the "blue belt", and also make sure that we ensure
10 access for all people that want to come to the beaches,
11 and work with the Coastal Commission to make sure that
12 anyone who wants to come to the beach can always come to
13 the beaches. And that's pretty much it. Thank you for
14 listening to me tonight.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

16 And right now we will have caller 5763. And up next
17 will be caller 1548. Caller 5763, if you will, please
18 follow the prompts to unmute at this time; once again
19 with the last four, caller 5763, if you will, please
20 press star 6 to unmute if you wish to give comment.
21 Caller 5763, your speaker order number will be number 47,
22 if you'll please make note of that for future reference.
23 And if you'll please let the mapper know what area you
24 would like to discuss. The floor is yours.

25 Hello? Can you hear me? You are unmuted. Hello?

1 Can you hear me? You are unmuted. We lost them. All
2 right. Are they gone?

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah. I think so.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay. We'll go to caller
5 1548. And up next after that will be caller 6487.
6 Caller 1548, if you will please follow the prompts to
7 unmute at this time; caller 1548, your speaker order
8 number will be number 48, if you will please make note of
9 that for future reference. And if you'll please let the
10 mapper know what area you would like to discuss. The
11 floor is yours.

12 MR. FINK: Yes. My name is Lee Fink (ph.). I'm
13 from the City of Tustin. And I would like to discuss the
14 areas of Tustin and Irvine. I'm calling to advocate for
15 ensuring that Tustin and Irvine are considered together,
16 because they can consist of a community of interest.
17 There're several reasons why the economic and social
18 interest bind Tustin and Irvine together.

19 First of all, of course, schools are critical in
20 both cities, and both cities are well renowned for their
21 excellent schools. The Tustin Unified School District
22 goes into significant parts of Irvine in north part of
23 the city, while the Irvine Unified School District goes
24 into the City of Tustin in the south part of the city.

25 The Market Place, which is a massive shopping and

1 business complex sited along Jamboree Boulevard between
2 the northern limits of both cities, and the 5 Freeway,
3 closely binds the two cities. It runs along Jamboree
4 Boulevard. And there's the Market Place, Tustin, and the
5 Market Place, Irvine, on either sides of the city --
6 either sides of the street, which are indecipherable from
7 each other.

8 Similarly, in South Tustin, there is The District of
9 Tustin Legacy where, again, not only do you have a -- you
10 have close connection between the cities, and while the
11 district is located entirely within Tustin, the
12 businesses on Barranca rely on that, and residents from
13 Irvine, of course, shop frequently at the Costco in
14 Tustin, which is the largest nearby Costco.

15 The cities have a long history of being bound
16 together. I live at the Smith House in Old Town Tustin,
17 which was built for Harry Smith, who was a foreman on the
18 Irvine Ranch, and there maintains a strong historical
19 connection in the development of the cities.

20 They were both a rural development initially. They
21 became postwar, mid-century, and later development into
22 modern suburbs. And they continue to develop now and
23 face similar developmental issues including, most
24 notably, the disposition and use of former Marine Corps
25 air stations that have now become the legacy in Tustin,

1 and the Great Park and Great Park neighborhoods in
2 Irvine.

3 Those neighborhoods have developed together for
4 the last twenty years now, and both neighborhoods need
5 significant resources from both the State and Federal
6 Governments as they continue to develop. They are two of
7 the largest untapped and growing developments in Central
8 Orange County.

9 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

10 MR. FINK: Both cities have similar demographics.
11 While they are heavily Caucasian, they have substantial
12 minority populations, both Asian-American and Hispanic
13 Latinx, and they face similar --

14 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

15 MR. FINK: -- issues in terms of transit, as Red
16 Hill, Irvine Boulevard/Irvine Center Drive, Tustin Ranch
17 Road/Von Karman, and Jamboree Boulevard, and the 5
18 Freeway are the major arterials that run through both
19 cities. I hope that you consider them together as the --

20 MR. MANOFF: Time.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

22 And right now we'll go to caller 6487. And then up
23 next after that will be caller 8174. Caller 6487, if you
24 will please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by
25 pressing star 6; caller 6487, your speaker order number

1 will be number 49, if you will please make note of that
2 for future reference. And if you'll please let the
3 mapper know what area you would like to discuss. The
4 floor is yours.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. I'm here to talk about
6 Westminster, Garden Grove, and Fullerton Valley please.

7 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead, please.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. Hello. Thank you for
9 the opportunity to share my concern about Little Saigon.
10 As a Vietnamese-American, I feel like my community's
11 voice is fractured in Congress. Instead of having one
12 effective representative in Washington, our community is
13 partially represented by three members of Congress.

14 I get the impression these members of Congress may
15 listen to our concerns, but may not act upon it, since
16 Little Saigon is such a small portion of their district.
17 I believe that if Little Saigon is consolidated from
18 three to two Congressional districts, then we will be --
19 have a better representation in Washington. That's all.
20 Okay.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

22 And right now we will have caller 8174. And up next
23 after that will be caller 9733. Caller 8174, if you will
24 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by
25 pressing star 6 if you wish to give comment this evening.

1 Caller 8174, will you be needing an interpreter this
2 evening?

3 MS. RODRIQUEZ: No.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Your speaker
5 order number is number 50, if you'll please make note of
6 that for future reference. And if you'll please let the
7 mapper know what area you would like to discuss. The
8 floor is yours.

9 MS. RODRIQUEZ: I'll be talking about all of Orange
10 County. So my name Soila Rodriguez, I am the call center
11 and data manager for the Coalition for Humane Immigrant
12 Rights. In addition, we are a member of the People's
13 Redistricting Alliance, in coalition, a fifteen
14 community-based organizations established to promote a
15 greater community voice in statewide and local
16 redistricting process here in Orange County.

17 For thirty-five years, it's been CHIRLA's mission of
18 achieving a just society for inclusive immigrants, CHIRLA
19 organizes individuals, communities, and coalitions in
20 order to build power, transfer of public opinion, and
21 change policies.

22 CHIRLA has been deeply engaged in Orange County
23 since 1997. Starting with (Indiscernible), and alongside
24 Asian American Advancing Justice, Orange County Asian &
25 Pacific Islander Community Alliance, American Civil

1 Liberties Union, and the Mexican Consulate in Santa Ana,
2 to win state level protections for safety net programs,
3 and ensure that undocumented workers are protected from
4 worker pay rates, deportation, and massive workforce
5 violations.

6 In the last decade CHIRLA has had Orange County
7 community education, workers, and organizing --
8 organizations working in the region. In 2009, CHIRLA
9 formerly established our San Juan Capistrano Office with
10 community education, civic engagement, and Legal
11 Services.

12 Most recently, in 2020, during the pandemic, CHIRLA
13 and the Catholic charities served (Indiscernible), two of
14 the service providers in South Orange County who offered
15 the Coronavirus Disaster Relief Assistance for
16 Immigrants. CHIRLA provided services to 10,976
17 undocumented families and individuals to receive a one-
18 time state-funded assistance who were eligible for -- who
19 are uneligible for other forms of economic assistance
20 because of their immigration status.

21 CHIRLA has three primary communities of interest in
22 Orange County. The first is immigrant families, and low-
23 wage workers in North Orange County that reside in Santa
24 Ana, Anaheim, Buena Park, Fullerton, Northeast Orange.

25 The second is immigrant families and low-wage

1 workers in South Orange County that reside in San Juan
2 Capistrano, Lake Forest, Mission Viejo, Laguna Niguel,
3 along the south side of the 5 Freeway. And lastly,
4 immigrant and first-generation college students in Santa
5 Ana College -- at Santa Ana College, UC Irvine, Fullerton
6 College, CSU Fullerton.

7 In August, CHIRLA launched a COI survey to gain a
8 better understanding of the communities that will be
9 impacted by a redistricting process. The survey
10 collected over 1,000 narratives from residents in
11 impacted areas across Southern California. An
12 overwhelming majority are immigrants who are employed at
13 some level, and speak Spanish at home. Some other
14 languages are reported as native, including English --

15 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

16 MS. RODRIQUEZ: -- Tagalong, and Miya. Over half of
17 them reported income of 5,000, and less than 75,000 in
18 2020. Sixty percent of respondents reported having
19 attained at least high school diplomas, and forty (ph.)
20 percent have earned an associate's degree. It's
21 important that immigrant communities across --

22 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

23 MS. RODRIQUEZ: -- Orange County are kept together.
24 We look forward to continuing CHIRLA's vision to deepen
25 our roots in the region, and work alongside immigrants to

1 educate them about their rights, increase access to
2 services, and engage them as active participants in
3 decisions that impact them. Thank you for your attention
4 and the opportunity to --

5 MR. MANOFF: Time.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

7 And up next is -- end of our lovely evening here --
8 is caller 9733, if you will please follow the prompts to
9 unmute at this time by pressing star 6. Caller with the
10 last four, 9733, as you are our last caller this evening,
11 if you wish to give comment, please press star 6 on your
12 telephone keypad. Caller 9733, if you wish to give
13 comment please press star 6 on your telephone keypad.

14 Oh. I'm apparently talking to myself now. They are
15 no longer here. Have a wonderful evening.

16 MR. MANOFF: They hung up, Chair.

17 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Well, then, first off, I
18 just want to say thank you to everyone who called in. If
19 you're still listening and hanging in with us, we do
20 appreciate all of your inputs.

21 Let's see, we do have some final Communities of
22 Interest Input Meetings coming up. There's one tomorrow,
23 September 2nd at 3 p.m. We will be focusing on Imperial,
24 San Diego Counties and their surrounding areas.

25 Next week we will have three Communities of Interest

1 Input Meetings. The first one will be September 8th at 3
2 p.m., focusing on Southern California and their
3 surrounding areas. For that one we will have Spanish,
4 Cantonese, Chinese, Mandarin Chinese, and Japanese
5 listening lines and interpreters available.

6 In addition, we will have two Statewide Meetings
7 coming up on Thursday and Friday, September 9th and 10th.
8 Both of those meetings will be starting at 3 p.m., and
9 we'll have a Spanish listening line, and Spanish
10 interpreters available.

11 Registration for each of those meetings closes two
12 calendar days before the meeting is scheduled. So for
13 example, next week, September 8th Meeting, will close on
14 September 6th at 5 p.m.

15 The next Commission Business Meeting will be held on
16 September 7th at 4 p.m.

17 Callers who call in to the communities of interest
18 meetings are not limited to the specifically mentioned
19 counties. You can visit the Meetings page at our website
20 to see the list of additional upcoming COI Input Meetings
21 at: www.WeDrawTheLinesCA.org/meetings. So you could pick
22 a date and time that is convenient for you.

23 I do also want to make just a last thank you to all
24 of the Commissioners, our team at the Commission, our
25 video services team; Kristian and Katy, thank you, as

1 always, for all that you do to support us; and of course,
2 I also want to make sure that I do not forget our line
3 drawers, Haystaq DNA -- Commissioner Fornaciari knows, he
4 wants to make sure that we include them. Haystaq DNA and
5 Q2 for their line drawing help.

6 Again, thank you everybody for hanging in there with
7 us. We are now officially adjourned.

8 (Whereupon, the COI Zone 1 - Public Input
9 Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.)

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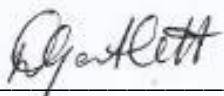
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