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P R O C E E D I N G S

1:00 p.m.

1 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Good afternoon, California. I'm
2 Neal Fornaciari along with my fellow Commissioner, Sarah
3 Sadhwani. We will be co-chairing this September 23rd
4 business meeting of the California Citizens Redistricting
5 Commission. We call this meeting to order and ask Ravi
6 to call the roll, please.

7 MR. SINGH: Thank you, Chair.

8 Commissioner Kennedy?

9 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.

10 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Le Mons.

11 Commissioner Sadhwani?

12 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Here.

13 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Sinay?

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Here.

15 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Taylor?

16 Commissioner Toledo?

17 Commissioner Turner?

18 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Here.

19 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Vazquez?

20 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Here.

21 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Yee?

22 COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.

23 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Ahmad?



1 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Here.

2 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Akutagawa?

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Here.

4 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Andersen?

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Here.

6 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fernandez?

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Presente.

8 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fornaciari?

9 CHAIR FORNACIARI: I am here.

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

11 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Thank you, Ravi.

12 MR. SINGH: You're welcome.

13 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Thanks. I appreciate it.

14 Let's see when the general announcements portion of
15 our show today. So let's see. To kick things off, last
16 month, this Commission submitted a motion to the Supreme
17 Court requesting the deadline for releasing preliminary
18 statewide maps be extended to November 19th, 2021. And
19 the deadline to approve and certify final statewide maps
20 be extended to January 14th, 2022.

21 The Commission selected those dates to better enable
22 the public participation in light of the intervening
23 holiday season. Yesterday, the Commission received a
24 response from the Supreme Court that directs the
25 Commission to release the first preliminary statewide



1 maps no later than November 15th, 2021, and to approve
2 and certify the final maps to the Secretary of State no
3 later than December 27th, 2021.

4 You know, while we're disappointed that our
5 extension request was not approved, we'll move forward
6 with these deadlines. And of course, you know, the
7 commission will continue our deep commitment to engage in
8 the public throughout this process.

9 This this topic certainly deserves much more
10 discussion. And we are going to discuss this further in
11 the 4:30 to 6 p.m. timeslot under agenda item number 5.
12 I just wanted to make sure everyone knew when we were
13 going to be able to discuss it more deeply. We would
14 have discussed it sooner, but we have guests scheduled in
15 the first two sessions.

16 So just to kind of review the agenda and the
17 schedule for the day, we will not be discussing agenda
18 item 6. That will be -- we will cover that in a future
19 meeting. In the first session from 1 to 2:30, we will
20 begin with some Voting Rights Act racially polarized
21 voting training by Megan Gall and or VRA team. A handout
22 is posted in the website.

23 In the 2:45 to 4:15 session, we will be beginning
24 with agenda item 7, presentation of California's official
25 redistricting database and redistricting mapping tools by



1 the statewide database.

2 Then in the 4:30 to 6 p.m. session, again, agenda
3 item 5 we'll discuss the Supreme Court ruling and also
4 discuss the design of our district map input meetings.
5 And then we'll discuss items 3 and 4 as time allows
6 during the first three sessions and then complete those
7 items in the 6:30 to 8 p.m. session.

8 Are there any other commissioners with general
9 announcements at this time? Okay with that, we'll go to
10 Katy for public comment.

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Commissioner Fernandez?

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, I did have something.

13 CHAIR FORNACIARI: I'm sorry.

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: That's okay. I'm not
15 trying not to take it personally. Anyway, I just wanted
16 to let everyone know that I was able to go to the
17 statewide database, the COI access center, here in
18 Sacramento yesterday, and actually got a personal tour
19 through -- for the center and then also Sara Lee. Thank
20 you so much. I'm going to do a little shout out to you.

21 She walked me through the system, which was very
22 easy to do, and I submitted my COI, Communities of
23 Interest. So I just want to -- it's super easy. If I
24 can do it, anyone can do it. And it was -- I was just
25 very impressed by Sara's knowledge of the database and



1 how quick and easy it was to submit.

2 So here's a challenge to everybody out there. You
3 don't want to -- you don't want to -- you don't want me
4 to outdo you. So make sure you submit your communities
5 of interest. Thanks.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Shall I just go, Chair?
7 I see you. All right. Got you. In order to maximize --

8 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Oh, wait. I'm sorry, Katy. I
9 don't know -- I didn't know who asked me. You wanted to
10 go. I thought I saw some hands. We were having some
11 trouble with our website and there are new documents
12 uploaded, new handouts uploaded. Apparently, we just got
13 those issues straightened out.

14 Commissioner Sadhwani, do you have a comment?

15 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Yeah. I just wanted to
16 acknowledge before we go to the call-in lines, just to
17 acknowledge that we had nearly fifty -- I counted about
18 fifty kind of quickly here, though, but about fifty
19 pieces of public input that is posted -- that is posted
20 on our website.

21 Just wanted to draw everyone's attention to it and
22 just acknowledge that it's all there and that we are
23 seeing it and hearing it. In the future, things might
24 change in terms of how we -- how we're accepting some of
25 that in our meetings. I just really wanted to



1 acknowledge all of those pieces of input that are coming
2 in and just alert all of my colleagues to make sure we're
3 all reading it.

4 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Yeah. Commissioner Sadhwani,
5 thank you for that. I appreciate that. And I appreciate
6 the input, the ongoing input from the public. We can't
7 do our job without it.

8 So any other hands? I'm going to scour the screen
9 to see if I am missing any other hands. So I don't see
10 any at this point in time. So Katy.

11 (Whereupon, a recess was held)

12 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Welcome back, California. Our
13 apologies. Apparently, we were suffering from some
14 technical gremlins. And so first of all, a couple of
15 things. There are updated -- we were having some trouble
16 with the website. And we cured those gremlins,
17 apparently, and have -- there is additional documentation
18 in the handout section for today's meeting. Then,
19 Commissioner Sadhwani, had a comment.

20 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Oh, should I repeat that?

21 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Yeah.

22 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Oh, yes.

23 CHAIR FORNACIARI: They didn't get it.

24 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Oh, gotcha. So I just wanted
25 to acknowledge all of the public comment that has come

1 in. I believe there's over fifty submissions in the last
2 week. And just, please, alerting my colleagues to -- I
3 know that we're already all reading it just really for
4 the public to know that we're seeing it. We're receiving
5 it. We're reading it. Thank you.

6 CHAIR FORNACIARI: And then I also wanted to
7 acknowledge the release of the census data from the
8 statewide database on Monday. So that is a major
9 milestone in the process. Now we have the data we need
10 to begin to draft district maps. And so that's exciting
11 news. And we're looking forward to moving on with the
12 process. But we'll talk about all of that more deeply
13 throughout the meeting.

14 So right now, I'm going to ask Katy to ask for
15 public comment.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Third time's a charm.

17 CHAIR FORNACIARI: All right. Beautiful.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: In order to maximize in
19 order to maximize transparency and public participation
20 in our process, the Commissioners will be taking public
21 comment by phone.

22 To call in, dial the telephone number provided on
23 the livestream feed. It is 877-853-5247. When prompted
24 to enter the meeting ID number provided on the livestream
25 feed, it is 81982237721 for this meeting. When prompted



1 to enter a participant ID simply press the pound key.

2 Once you have dialed in, you will be placed in a
3 queue. To indicate you wish to comment, please press
4 star 9. This will raise your hand for the moderator.
5 When it is your turn to speak, you will hear a message
6 that says the host would like you to talk and to press
7 star 6 to speak.

8 If you would like to give your name, please state,
9 and spell it for the record. You are not required to
10 provide your name to give public comment. Please make
11 sure to mute your computer or livestream audio to prevent
12 any feedback or distortion during your call.

13 Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for when
14 it is your turn to speak. And again, please turn down
15 the livestream volume. And right now we will be going to
16 caller with the last four 6495. And then, up next after
17 that, it's going to be caller with the last four 1886.

18 Caller 6495, if you will, please follow the prompts
19 to unmute at this time by pressing star 6. The floor is
20 yours.

21 MR. CARILLO: Well, good afternoon, everyone. My
22 name is Sergio Carillo. I'm a lifelong resident of the
23 L.A. Harbor area. I'm a member of my local Rotary Club,
24 a YMCA board member, a local Chamber of Commerce
25 president. And I currently serve as president of the



1 L.A. -- of the Board of Directors of the Boys and Girls
2 Clubs of the Los Angeles Harbor.

3 I'm calling in because I was told that very few to
4 no comments are easy from the Harbor area. And so I felt
5 like I needed to speak up. The L.A. Harbor area, just
6 like the community that my Boys and Girls Club serve, is
7 made up of the communities of San Pedro, Wilmington,
8 Harbor City, and the Harbor Gateway.

9 Our communities are the backbone of our nation's
10 good movement industry with a home to America's port.
11 Anyone who has driven through the L.A. Harbor area knows
12 we have our own identity, our own culture, and even our
13 own unique history.

14 In fact, you may not know this, but Wilmington was
15 home to a military base during the Civil War. It was
16 home to the First co-educational institution west of the
17 Mississippi, which eventually became USC, fight on.

18 Our communities are very much tied to the port of
19 L.A. and trade construction. The port of L.A. is our
20 backyard, and we all grew up around it. As you consider
21 redistricting, please group the L.A. Harbor Area
22 communities together, the communities of Wilmington, San
23 Pedro, Harbor City, and Harbor Gateway.

24 All of these communities also make up neighborhoods
25 in The City of Los Angeles. And as you know, one of your



1 goals is to keep communities of interest and cities
2 together. So please don't break up our communities here
3 in The City of L.A. And we have more in common with
4 our --

5 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

6 MR. CARILLO: Gateway members north than we do with
7 Long Beach or Palos Verdes. We are working class
8 families and we don't usually have a lot of community
9 meetings. But this is so important that I stepped out of
10 a luncheon to come and speak.

11 The right representation is important to us. So
12 please --

13 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

14 MR. CARILLO: -- please do your best to keep our
15 communities together.

16 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Thank you so much for your input.
17 We really appreciate it.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we have caller
19 with the last four 1886. And up next after that will be
20 caller 6337.

21 Caller 1886, if you will, please follow the prompts
22 to unmute at this time by pressing star 6. The floor is
23 yours.

24 S3: Hello, my name is Shannon Ross. And I am a San
25 Pedro resident, born and raised. I serve on various



1 boards in my community and have for several years.
2 You're going to hear from a lot of leaders today in the
3 Harbor area. San Pedro is the community that anchors the
4 southernmost part of The City of L.A. and the port of
5 L.A.

6 San Pedro is L.A. We associate with Harbor City,
7 Harbor Gateway, and Wilmington. Together, we form the
8 L.A. Harbor area community. Our identity has been shaped
9 over generations by working class families who are our
10 backbone of our nation's trade industry.

11 In my community, we are always working on port
12 related issues, and work that we do locally is L.A.
13 centric. We also support jobs and local refineries and
14 trade logistic jobs across the region. For years, we
15 have built relationships with our neighbors to the north,
16 including Carson, Compton, and the Southeast Los Angeles.

17 Make sure to keep L.A. Gateway cities together. We
18 understand that Long Beach wants to be kept together.
19 That's great for them. Please keep in mind that we are
20 different from them. So please don't put us with them.
21 We are our own community. We would like to stay
22 together. Thank you for your service on this Commission.

23 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Well, thank you. And thank you
24 for your input. We really appreciate it.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will



1 have caller 6337. And up next after that will be caller
2 1143.

3 Caller 6337, if you will, please follow the prompts
4 to unmute at this time by pressing star 6. The floor is
5 yours.

6 MS. GOLD: Thank you so much. This is Rosalind Gold
7 within the NALEO Educational Fund. As always,
8 Commissioners, thank you so very much for your tireless
9 work, especially in very challenging and fluctuating
10 times.

11 I wanted to both make a clarifying comment and make
12 a -- ask a question. So first of all, with respect to
13 the clarifying comment, occasionally we have heard
14 comments from Commissioners that suggest that some of the
15 Commissioners believe that the NALEO Educational Fund
16 will be submitting maps during the time when community
17 members and organizations submit maps.

18 I would like to clarify that the NALEO Educational
19 Fund will not be submitting maps. We are working very
20 closely with MALDEF, the Mexican-American Legal Defense
21 and Education Fund, to make sure their maps, and the maps
22 of others, are informed by perspectives of Latino
23 community members about their communities of interest.

24 And again, MALDEF is a very close partner and will
25 be submitting maps, but NALEO Educational Fund will not



1 be submitting any maps.

2 That takes me to the clarifying question that I
3 have. We wanted to find out if an organization is going
4 to submit statewide maps for all three levels of
5 government to statewide map for Congress, a statewide map
6 for Assembly, a statewide map for The State Senate. Will
7 they be provided like --

8 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

9 MS. GOLD: -- sufficient time for those submissions?
10 We think that actually a full submission of all three
11 levels of government is going to take far more time than
12 just submission of a statewide map for one level of
13 government. So we're hoping that there would be far more
14 time than perhaps 30 or 35 minutes for that.

15 MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

16 MS. GOLD: We urge the Commission to grant
17 sufficient time for those kinds of extra-large
18 submissions. Thank you.

19 CHAIR FORNACIARI: So Ms. Gold, we are going to
20 discuss that very topic in the 4:30 to 6 p.m. timeslot
21 today. And then I believe Commissioner Sinay has a
22 comment.

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you, Chair.

24 Ms. Gold, you know, since NALEO has two branches,
25 how is NALEO interacting with the elected officials



1 who -- sorry. I'm not being very clear. The elected
2 Latino elected officials are part of your stakeholders.
3 Are they also just -- that it's all public?

4 Are they involved in the redistricting efforts and
5 in the map drawings that you all will be doing with the
6 MALDEF and others?

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Ms. Gold? There you are.

8 MS. GOLD: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay, for that
9 question.

10 So first of all, I want to make clear that NALEO
11 Educational Fund, our 501c3 organization, is the
12 organization that is doing all of our community
13 organizing.

14 While Latino elected officials are our constituency,
15 they are not directly involved in any of what you would
16 call -- first of all, we're not doing line drawing.
17 Again, MALDEF is doing line drawing.

18 But I would say that we have made it very clear to
19 our constituency and our stakeholders that there are very
20 strict criteria for how people can get involved and
21 participate in the process and what those criteria are
22 with respect to drawing maps.

23 We have we have worked in partnership with community
24 groups, and when we talk to community groups about
25 mobilizing them to submit communities of interest, we



1 make it very clear that we are nonpartisan. We are not
2 affiliated with any political parties or political
3 candidates or office holders.

4 And that one of the major criteria of submitting
5 community of interest testimony is that we want to focus
6 on what brings Latino community members together, and
7 that therefore, information about where incumbents are,
8 where candidates are, what the impact is going to have on
9 political parties, that that is not criteria that are
10 relevant to how the Commission draws its maps.

11 You know, we want to amplify the voice of the Latino
12 community in this effort. And we've been working closely
13 with community partners, community-based organizations.
14 And again, as I say, we are very clear with everyone that
15 we work with that those criteria regarding incumbency
16 residents and political party partisan issues are
17 completely irrelevant to how people talk about their
18 communities of interest.

19 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. Well, thank you for that
20 clarification. We appreciate it. And as always, Ms.
21 Gold, we appreciate your participation in the process.
22 So thank you so much.

23 MS. GOLD: Thank you.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

25 And right now we have caller 1143. And then, up



1 next after that will be caller 7900.

2 Caller 1143, if you will, please follow the prompts
3 to unmute at this time by pressing star 6. And one more
4 time, caller with the last four digits 1143, of you will,
5 please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6.
6 It is your turn. There may be some connectivity issues
7 right there. We will come back.

8 And we'll be going to caller 7900 at this time. If
9 you will, please, follow the prompts to unmute at this
10 time by pressing star 6. Go ahead. The floor is yours.

11 MR. MCEACHRON: Good afternoon, Commissioners. My
12 name is Ryan McEachron. I am a former member of the
13 Victorville City Council. I served eight years on the
14 counsel, including two years as the mayor. I also served
15 as the city's representative to the San Bernardino County
16 Transportation Authority, where I served as president for
17 one year.

18 I'm calling today to voice my concern with the
19 Commission's line drawing visualization requests that
20 would put our high desert community with the Los Angeles
21 County based Antelope Valley.

22 Historically speaking, we have been part of several
23 districts that were based in Los Angeles County, and we
24 have always seemed to be the redheaded stepchild. The
25 representatives were almost always elected from Los



1 Angeles County side, and they prioritized them over us.

2 Our community also has dramatically different needs
3 from the Antelope Valley and Los Angeles County in
4 general. One example of this is our transit needs are
5 very different from Antelope Valley, and our voices were
6 always drowned out by the much larger Los Angeles County.

7 Our priorities are on Interstate 15, which we use to
8 ship resources and commute down the hill, as well as the
9 395 and the 40. None of these vital transit corridors
10 affect the Antelope Valley, and they could care less if
11 the widening of 395 gets funded.

12 I can tell you I had to work extremely hard on our
13 county transportation authority to get projects in the
14 high desert and the Victor Valley funded. But competing
15 for resources against Los Angeles County would be an
16 almost impossible task.

17 Our community does not have a major transit corridor
18 with the Antelope Valley, which means we would be
19 directly competing with them --

20 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

21 MR. MCEACHRON: -- for resources. Our economy is
22 almost also dramatically different from the Antelope
23 Valley. They focus on aerospace. While our economy is
24 then dependent on logistics, mining, and people
25 recreating in our desert.



1 Our community has much more in common with San
2 Bernardino County high desert --

3 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

4 MR. MCEACHRON: -- communities around us to the
5 north and east than we do with the Antelope Valley. And
6 I'd ask the Commission to keep the Victor Valley based in
7 San Diego County in there and respect the county
8 boundary. Thank you.

9 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Thank you. Thank you for that
10 input.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
12 have caller 1983. And up next after that will be caller
13 8148.

14 Caller 1983, if you will, please follow the prompts
15 to unmute at this time by pressing star 6. The floor is
16 yours.

17 MR. WALDMAN: Thank you.

18 My name is Stuart Waldman. I'm from VICA, the
19 Valley Industry Commerce Association. I'm also
20 representing the San Fernando Valley Redistricting
21 Coalition made up of neighborhood councils, homeowners,
22 and residents groups, and business groups.

23 I'm calling today about the San Fernando Valley.
24 The San Fernando Valley is a geographical area roughly
25 bounded by the Santa Suzanna mountains to the north, the



1 Simi Hills to the west, Mulholland Drive to the south,
2 and the San Gabriel Mountains to the east.

3 It lies wholly within Los Angeles County and
4 includes the cities of Calabasas, Burbank, Glendale, San
5 Fernando, Hidden Hills, and forty-two percent of The City
6 of Los Angeles.

7 The San Fernando Valley, formerly known as America's
8 suburb, is now economically vibrant and ethnically
9 diverse as the heart of Los Angeles. In fact, if the San
10 Fernando Valley region were its own city, it would be
11 the fifth largest in America.

12 The residents of this community come from across the
13 globe and work in myriad industries that hold a common
14 identity as part of the San Fernando Valley. The valley
15 needs districts that will truly represent our interests.

16 Recognition of the Valley's individuality is far
17 from new. The Coalition supports the creation of
18 districts that maximize the connection that legislators
19 have with the San Fernando Valley.

20 To ensure full and adequate representation for the
21 San Fernando Valley, we support valley only district. If
22 it is necessary to merge one valley seat with areas
23 outside of the valley, the preference is to have a
24 minimum of fifty percent of that District --

25 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.



1 MR. WALDMAN: -- within the San Fernando Valley. We
2 would also request that none of our districts go south of
3 Mulholland Drive into the West Side.

4 In fact, on Monday, the Los Angeles City Council
5 Redistricting Commission just voted that they will not
6 draw any county districts --

7 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

8 MR. WALDMAN: -- that go south of Mulholland.

9 So we hope that you adopt that principle as well.
10 If you must move Valley districts into another area, we
11 would request that they move north in the Santa Clarita,
12 east in the San Gabriel Valley, or west into Ventura
13 County.

14 MR. MANOFF: Time.

15 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Thank you for that input. We
16 appreciate it.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Up next will be caller
18 8148. And then, up next after that, will be caller 1143,
19 as they have called, back in.

20 Caller, 8148, please follow the prompts to unmute at
21 this time by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

22 MR. GREGG: Hi. Good afternoon, Commissioners. And
23 thank you for taking the time to listen today. My name
24 is Cameron Gregg. And I am the current mayor for The
25 City of Hesperia. And I've lived here for over thirty



1 years.

2 I'm calling as an individual resident of the high
3 desert and a veteran because I'm concerned about our city
4 being put in a district with Los Angeles County. Our
5 community is very different from Los Angeles County, and
6 our residents would not be served best by being in a
7 district based in L.A. County.

8 I could tell you from my over thirty years of
9 experience growing up and living in the high desert that
10 I have had many representatives that were from the
11 Antelope Valley or Los Angeles County. And as Ryan
12 McEachron stated, we never seemed to be their first
13 priority.

14 Our city has critical needs when it comes to our
15 roads and infrastructure. We're also working to improve
16 wastewater treatment and public safety. Having
17 meaningful representation and at the State and federal
18 level is critical in ensuring our voices will be heard
19 and our needs met.

20 I am afraid that if the Commission puts us with Los
21 Angeles County based district, we will not get our fair
22 share. And worse, we would not be with our San
23 Bernardino County high desert communities we share
24 interests with.

25 Our city sits on the Mojave Desert Air Quality



1 Management District and other cities across the high
2 desert, like Barstow, Needles, Yucca Valley, and 29
3 Palms. Because we all share the same issues high when
4 dust and particulate.

5 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

6 MR. GREGG: Our city also sits in the Victor Valley
7 Transit Authority, which is the public transit agency for
8 the high desert communities from Pinon Hills to Needles
9 and everywhere in between. We belong in a district with
10 our fellow San Bernardino County communities, and I urge
11 the Commission not to break us apart --

12 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

13 MR. GREGG: -- and district my community with the
14 Los Angeles County. In addition, San Bernadino County
15 has so many military bases and are huge host of veterans.
16 And this is what's even more important as a veteran
17 myself being intact and staying.

18 MR. MANOFF: Time.

19 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Thank you. Thanks for that input
20 and your participation in the process.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And I'd like to try
22 caller 1143 one more time. And then, up next after that
23 will be caller 2448.

24 1143, if you will, please follow the prompts to
25 unmute at this time by pressing star 6. There you are.



1 The floor is yours.

2 MR. SWANSON: Good morning. Well, thank you for
3 taking comment today. My name is Eric Swanson. I am the
4 president of the Hesperia Unified School District and
5 husband of a classroom teacher in Hesperia.

6 I am calling as a private citizen today to ask the
7 Commission not to put Seminole County high desert
8 communities in the District with Los Angeles County
9 communities.

10 I have lived here in the high desert for over fifty
11 years. I've raised my family here. I have been a school
12 board member for fifteen years. As a longtime resident,
13 I can remember many representatives come from the Los
14 Angeles County to represent us. And I can honestly say
15 that we always seem to get leftovers. And that's that is
16 going back decades.

17 Also, I want to urge the Commission, when looking at
18 the Victor Valley, that you just don't look at the
19 incorporated cities because we have a lot of common
20 unincorporated communities in our high desert around us.

21 For example, it's very unified, doesn't just cover
22 The City of Hesperia, but we educate Oak Hills and other
23 unincorporated areas around. Apple Valley School
24 District educate students in unincorporated areas and so
25 on and on and on and on.



1 I also worked with the San Bernadino County Desert
2 Mountain School Board Members Association, which is
3 collaboration with school districts in the rural parts of
4 the county from Snowline, which covers the tri-community
5 area of Wrightwood, Pinon Hills, and Phelan, to rim of
6 the world, which covers Lake Arrowhead, Big Bear, Lucerne
7 Valley and all the way to Barstow, Needles, Trona, Silver
8 Valley --

9 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

10 MR. SWANSON: -- which covers the high desert
11 communities of New Newberry Springs and Fort Irwin.

12 All the districts we worked very tightly together in
13 issues like funding rural bussing, which is a big issue,
14 resources, special education, support for STEM --

15 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

16 MR. SWANSON: -- learning and access to career
17 education opportunities. We have more in common with the
18 high desert in the San Bernadino County area than the
19 Antelope Valley. Thank you for letting me comment. Our
20 district is just going through -- we just went through
21 drawing the school district maps and I do have --

22 MR. MANOFF: Time.

23 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Thank you for your call. Thank
24 you for your input. We appreciate that.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Up next, will be caller



1 2448. And then, up next after that will be caller 7964.

2 Caller 2448, if you will, please follow the prompts
3 to unmute at this time by pressing star 6. The floor is
4 yours.

5 MR. CANNON: My name is Peter Cannon. With
6 yesterday's Supreme Court ruling, and the recent
7 extension of COVID remote meeting rules, it appears that
8 the two biggest barriers to setting a schedule for your
9 post-draft map public input hearings have been removed.

10 For your consideration, I recommend that during
11 today's meeting you direct staff to prepare a proposed
12 calendar for post-draft map public input meetings. The
13 dates could be reviewed by the Commission next week and
14 be finalized no later than your October 15th meeting.

15 This would give the public at least a month of
16 advance notice before the first post-draft map input
17 meeting. We won't know what the draft maps will look
18 like yet but at least the public will know when to weigh
19 in once the draft maps are completed.

20 This Commission has seen the challenges created by
21 not planning multiple steps ahead. Please take this
22 opportunity to look ahead and put these key dates on your
23 calendar now. You must be able to take full advantage of
24 every minute during the final sprint between the draft
25 and final maps. Thank you.



1 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Thank you for that and your
2 continued participation in the process. We appreciate
3 it.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we caller
5 7964. And if caller 2829 wishes to give comment during
6 the session, please press star 9. This will raise your
7 hand.

8 Caller 7964, if you will, please follow the prompts
9 to unmute at this time by pressing star 6. The floor is
10 yours. Oh, you muted yourself again. You were on
11 unmuted. Star 6 one more time. There you are. The
12 floor is yours. Oh, nope. Just kidding. Hello?

13 MR. ACOSTA: Now, how is that? Perfect.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Perfect. Floor is yours.

15 MR. ACOSTA: Thank you very much. I was actually
16 connected through another phone, so I think that created
17 a complication. My name is Tim Acosta. I am a lifetime
18 resident of the Harbor area in Los Angeles. I'm a
19 resident of San Pedro. And a few of my colleagues,
20 friends, and neighbors have spoken already. Our
21 community in the Harbor area is San Pedro, Wilmington,
22 Harbor City, and Harbor Gateway.

23 I'm also a former chief of staff to a mayor in Los
24 Angeles, a mayor who actually also lived in the harbor.
25 And I can tell you that the Harbor community on the Los



1 Angeles side is an extraordinarily unique community that
2 looks to its partners to the north. We extend from San
3 Pedro to Wilmington, Harbor City, and Harbor Gateway.
4 And in our district, in our area and on the City Council
5 side is City Council District 15.

6 It's extraordinarily important to know that while we
7 have very many unique features to our district, the great
8 economic engine is the Port of Los Angeles. And with
9 that economic engine, it creates both opportunity and
10 challenges.

11 And those challenges extend on the route from the
12 south to the north, whether it's transportation issues,
13 jobs issues, environmental issues. And it's
14 extraordinarily important that this community of
15 interest, San Pedro, Harbor City, Wilmington Harbor,
16 Gateway, South L.A., that there's this north-south
17 configuration stay together --

18 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

19 MR. ACOSTA: -- that our representation is able to
20 respond to the unique opportunities and the unique
21 challenges. And it would really take away the voice of
22 this unique community if we were to be combined with Long
23 Beach, which is itself a unique community.

24 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

25 MR. ACOSTA: And so I would urge you -- I would urge



1 you to keep San Pedro, Wilmington, Harbor City, Harbor
2 Gateway, South L.A. community of Watts, together in a
3 community of interest. Thank you very much.

4 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Thank you for your call and your
5 input. We appreciate it.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And up next will be
7 caller 2829. If you will, please follow the prompts to
8 unmute at this time by pressing star 6.

9 MS. WESTA-LUSK: Thank you.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The floor is yours.

11 MS. WESTA-LUSK: Oh, good afternoon, Commissioners.
12 This is Renee West, Alaska. I just have some questions
13 regarding the posting of some public input. There was a
14 letter that was written by the Greater High Desert
15 Chamber of Commerce.

16 And it's from the San Bernardino County High Desert
17 Chamber. And it includes all the Victor Valley
18 communities. And it was posted on the public input tab
19 on the website, but it said it was from the Antelope
20 Valley when it's clearly from the Victor Valley, the
21 Victorville, Hesperia, and Apple valley. So I wanted to
22 bring that to your attention.

23 And then there's also a Nick Hill who gave testimony
24 from Bakersfield on August 25th. And he was -- he's
25 president of the Kern County Black Chamber of Commerce.



1 And he was bringing up Central -- Bakersfield has been
2 unrepresented and the housing crisis affecting African-
3 American communities in that area. His boundary lines of
4 South Chester Avenue, Planz P-L-A-N-Z, the north of
5 California Avenue in between Union and Cottonwood, that's
6 a Bakersfield neighborhood.

7 But I found his testimony in California City an
8 hour --

9 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

10 MS. WESTA-LUSK: and twenty-five minutes away. So
11 these things need to be corrected. I don't know how this
12 got put in the -- that was put in the wrong place. And
13 then there's one other -- there were supposed to be a
14 City of Tehachapi --

15 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

16 MS. WESTA-LUSK: -- letter, and I haven't seen it
17 posted on the website. Those are my comments.

18 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Thank you for calling in and
19 bringing those issues to our attention. We'll have the
20 staff take a look at that and see if they can figure out
21 what is going wrong and fix those challenges. Thank you.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: That's all of our callers
23 at this time, Chair.

24 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay, Katy. Thank you so much.

25 At this point, I am going to turn the meeting over



1 to Commissioners Yee and Sadhwani for our VRA and RPV
2 training.

3 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Okay. Thank you. There you
4 go. Commissioner Yee, do you want to jump in? We were
5 really excited to offer a training today to learn a
6 little bit more about the Voting Rights Act.

7 We've certainly had a number of trainings throughout
8 the last year. But now as we prepare for actual line
9 drawing, we wanted to have a little refresher as well as
10 some additional more specific training on what to expect
11 from racially polarized voting analysis.

12 Commissioner Yee, anything more to add there?

13 COMMISSIONER YEE: Not at all. Send it right over
14 to Megan Gall and David Becker.

15 MS. GALL: One question before we get going. Can I
16 show my screen for the PowerPoint? I'm not sure how that
17 works.

18 MR. MANOFF: You sure can. Go right ahead. Okay.

19 MS. GALL: Okay. Can I get just a thumbs up?

20 MR. MANOFF: We see your PowerPoint.

21 MS. GALL: Excellent. Okay. So first of all, my
22 name is Dr. Megan Gall. We have met before. Thank you
23 for inviting us to talk to you about racially polarized
24 voting. I'm really happy to be here. We're going to
25 take questions at the end, so please make note of

1 anything you want to ask, and we will open it up then.

2 So I just wanted to give an outline of what we're
3 going to do, which is talk about definitions first so
4 that we are all on the same page. We're going to talk
5 about why RPV is important and we're going to look at the
6 current RPV statistical techniques that are available to
7 us. And then we're going to do some Q&A.

8 So definitions. These are pretty basic, but they're
9 important. Racially polarized voting. This is when
10 different groups have distinct candidate preferences. It
11 is a pattern. It is a thing that exists on the ground.
12 Racially polarized voting is when folks have those
13 different preferences.

14 The analysis is a look at racially polarized voting
15 across multiple contests, across multiple (audio
16 interference). The ecological inference statistic. I'm
17 actually going to define this later in the presentation,
18 but I wanted to bring it up here because it's one of the
19 four main methods that we use to evaluate RPV. But it's
20 also used as shorthand. And I just kind of wanted to
21 flag that.

22 Even myself. I sometimes interchangeably will use
23 EI an RPV, not as precise as it should be. And in this
24 presentation, I will be precise. But I just sort of
25 wanted to flag that you might hear them interchangeably

1 in the world.

2 And then ecological inference has a problem. What
3 is it? It's different than the statistic, right? The
4 statistic sort of solves for the ecological inference
5 problem. And that is when we draw conclusions about
6 individual level, the individual level behavior from
7 aggregate level data.

8 More specifically, we all have a secret vote, right?
9 I don't get to know how anybody votes. You also get to
10 know how anybody votes. We aggregate that up to the
11 precinct level for reporting purposes. I then take that
12 precinct level, aggregate level data, and use EI to draw
13 conclusions about how individuals are behaving in their
14 vote. And that's sort of how that breaks down in real
15 world terms.

16 So why is RPV important? Well, first of all, the
17 courts say so. Thornburg v. Gingles described RPV as the
18 evidentiary linchpin, a vote dilution claims. They're
19 actually packaged into the Gingles pre-conditions.

20 I'm having a little bit of -- please, somebody flag
21 me if my internet starts fading. So the Court says, so.
22 RPV is baked into the jingle preconditions. The
23 preconditions are three-fold. A viable claim requires
24 that we demonstrate all three preconditions are met. Now
25 we're going to go all through all three because they

1 build on each other and really logical ways. But the
2 second and third preconditions are the ones that get at
3 racially polarized voting.

4 So the first precondition, and I put these in quotes
5 because it is from the Court's ruling. "First, the
6 minority group must be able to demonstrate that it is
7 sufficiently large and geographically compact to
8 constitute a majority in a single-member district."

9 Again, this is what Karin's team is going to be
10 tackling for us. But like I said, it builds. And then
11 the Court gives us some rationale. So I put that in here
12 also. "If it is not, as would be the case in a
13 substantially integrated district, the multi-member form
14 of the district cannot be responsible for minority
15 voters' inability to elect its candidates."

16 So once we can prove the first one, we move to
17 preconditions 2 and 3 to try to understand the racially
18 polarized voting patterns. So the second precondition is
19 the minority group must be able to show that it is
20 politically cohesive.

21 And again, the Court tells us why. "And that is if
22 the minority group is not politically cohesive, it cannot
23 be said that the selection of the multi-member electoral
24 structure thwarts those distinctive minority group
25 interests."

1 So to distill that question out of the legalese,
2 we're basically asking, is voting racially polarized?
3 And like I said, is it polarized over a span, looking for
4 patterns? And if so who are those candidates of choice?

5 Third precondition is "the minority must be able to
6 demonstrate that the white majority votes sufficiently as
7 a bloc to enable it in the absence of special
8 circumstances such as the minority supposed usually to
9 defeat the minorities preferred candidate."

10 Again, if we just fill that out of legalese, we're
11 asking the minority voters candidates of choice usually
12 defeated by the majority vote. And I want to stress the
13 usually, right?

14 When we're looking at racially polarized voting.
15 Like I said, we're looking for patterns over about ten
16 years. So any one contest does not tell the whole story,
17 any one statistic, not all. We are looking at all of
18 them as a whole to understand the RPV writ large. And
19 that is what this usually is getting at.

20 We're going to walk through some examples of the
21 methods. And I used a contest from the Cook County
22 State's attorney election. State's attorney is basically
23 D.A., but they call it state's attorney. The details:
24 it was a Democratic primary. The incumbent was a Latina.
25 She had two primary challengers, two main challengers.

1 One was African-American, one white.

2 There was strong local and vocal opposition to the
3 Latina incumbent. It was local. It was a hot political
4 scene. So actually, the story around this election went
5 national. And that all plays into politics, right?

6 In the end, the African-American candidate won the
7 primary and she went on to win the general. And that is
8 the election that we will sort of look through as we go
9 through this string of RPV analytics.

10 So we currently have four statistical techniques for
11 racially polarized voting. One is called homogenous
12 precincts. It's also known as extreme block analysis.
13 And I think that will become clear why, when we get into
14 it in a moment.

15 And oh, let me say first that these built in
16 sophistication, we're starting at the least
17 sophisticated. We're going to build to the most
18 sophisticated.

19 After homogeneous precincts and sophistication comes
20 ecological regression. After that, ER was improved upon
21 by EI, which is Ecological Inference statistic. And
22 after EI was on the scene for a little while, I was
23 improved upon by EI RxC, which stands for Ecological
24 Inference Rows by Columns.

25 So let's go through them and talk about each one in

1 turn. First of all, homogeneous precincts. It is
2 primitive and it is simple. You can do it from your desk
3 with an Excel sheet. So what you do is you isolate
4 precincts that are homogeneous. The typical range for
5 what counts as homogeneous is eighty to ninety-five.

6 And I hope you see why it is sometimes called
7 extreme block analysis, because it takes the extremes of
8 those precincts and looks at them. Formally, all you do
9 is you subset the precincts that are homogeneous. You
10 take the mean of support in those precincts for any given
11 candidate, and then you ascribe that vote to the group in
12 question across the jurisdiction.

13 So for example, if the Latino community or the
14 Latino voters are in the homogeneous precincts, support a
15 candidate at ninety percent, I ascribe a Latino support
16 of ninety percent to the entire jurisdiction whether or
17 not they were in the homogeneous precincts.

18 Less formally, it's an eyeball test. A good data
19 scientist studies their data before it goes into
20 statistics, right. And we just sort of look at these
21 things. And it's a surprisingly accurate test. And I
22 like it because it is one that is easy to understand and
23 easy to do from your desk.

24 The drawbacks? Well, it's dependent on the
25 existence of homogeneous precincts, and that can be a

1 problem. We can find racially polarized voting in places
2 that don't have homogeneous precincts. And in those
3 areas, this analysis is not helpful. It also doesn't
4 make use of all the available data, right? It takes the
5 homogeneous precincts and leaves the rest aside. Which
6 from a data science point of view, we like to make use of
7 all of our data when we can.

8 And again, it describes the behavior and homogeneous
9 precincts to voters in that racial and ethnic -- or
10 ethnic category across the board. But there's obviously
11 no real-world reason to assume that's true.

12 A homogeneous precinct might have good reason to
13 behave differently in voters and nonhomogeneous
14 precincts. So ascribing that behavior across the board
15 makes a lot of assumptions.

16 The results from Cook County, I used an eighty
17 percent homogeneity threshold that included 620 white
18 precincts into my analysis, 129 black precincts into my
19 analysis, and 26 Latino precincts into my analysis.
20 Overall, support for the white candidate was
21 exceptionally low as she was just not a viable candidate.

22 White voters split their vote between the Latina and
23 African-American candidates. It was a pretty even split,
24 and there was no clear candidate of choice for the white
25 voters. For the black voters on the other hand, they did

1 have a very clear splitting of choice. Black voters
2 heavily supported the African-American candidate. Latino
3 voters favored the Latino candidate. But there was a
4 significant voting bloc that voted for the African-
5 American candidate as well.

6 So while Latino voters showed a preference, they did
7 not vote as a cohesive bloc to the same degree that the
8 African-American voters did. And as we go through the
9 rest of these examples, you'll note that the results,
10 they stayed pretty stable throughout.

11 When we move to ecological regression. Again,
12 that's E-R for short. This is just a bivariate
13 regression, if that means anything to the folks in the
14 room. Bivariate just means that we're summarizing the
15 relationship between two variables.

16 In this case, it's the racial and ethnic composition
17 of the precinct and the candidate vote total in the
18 precinct. And again, it's ecological because we're using
19 the aggregate data collected at the precinct level to
20 infer the individual level behaviors.

21 How did this improve things? It was a pretty marked
22 improvement. First, it uses all data from all precincts,
23 not just the homogeneous ones. This is great. It can
24 produce results with no homogeneous precincts. That's
25 also great.

1 The significant drawbacks are that it can produce
2 estimates outside the realm of possibility. So we know
3 that voters cannot support a candidate less than zero
4 percent. We know that they cannot support a candidate
5 more than one hundred percent.

6 When you get results that are outside of the bounds,
7 it makes communication more difficult. It makes
8 obtaining the results more difficult and is a serious
9 drawback to ER. The other main drawback is that it can
10 only model one candidate and one racial group at a time.

11 Still, for the results, the ER results mimics the
12 homogeneous precinct's findings. The support for the
13 white candidate was so low as to render that candidate
14 not viable. The white voters split their votes between
15 the two predominant candidates. Black voters have a
16 clear candidate of choice.

17 And I will mention in this particular instance, it
18 gave me a below bounds reading. And so ER estimated that
19 black voters supported the Latina candidate at zero
20 percent. And that just illustrates one of one of the
21 issues here. And then again, Latino voters had a
22 candidate of choice, but they had significant crossover
23 to the African-American candidate.

24 Ecological inference was developed by Gary King in
25 1997 in a book called, "A Solution to the Ecological

1 Inference Problem." Ecological inference problem is the
2 one I described at the front end in the definitions.
3 This book was later expanded in 2004. One critical thing
4 that is not mentioned on this slide is that EI is
5 specifically referenced in Thornburg v. Gingles.

6 It specifically recommends this statistic. And it
7 was the best at the time. The improvements that had
8 great improvements. It incorporated something called a
9 method of bounds that was developed by some statisticians
10 in the 50's.

11 But it ensured that within that logical bounds and
12 not outside of that. This makes it much easier to
13 explain. Much easier to understand. Much easier to
14 interpret the results.

15 It can model to racial or ethnic groups at one time
16 instead of one. That is definitely an improvement. But
17 it's also part of the drawback. The drawback is that we
18 can define the minority group in EI, but the other group
19 is kind of a catch all for others.

20 And when there are not other major racial or ethnic
21 groups in the area, that is fine. When there are other
22 racial and ethnic groups well-populated in the area,
23 having a catch all for others can skew results. But we
24 have to be mindful of that and modify our statistics
25 accordingly.

1 The EI results reiterate what we have found in the
2 previous two results. This is great news because it
3 should give you confidence in these measures. EI and EI
4 RxC are by sea are the more sophisticated. They're the
5 ones you trust over, the less sophisticated ones, which
6 makes it great that we are seeing alignment in the
7 results across all four.

8 So again, the support for white -- support for the
9 white candidate was low. White voters split their votes
10 between Latina and African-American candidates. Black
11 voters had a clear candidate of choice.

12 It was not the zero in the EI results, but it was
13 low for Latina and very clear for the Latina candidate
14 and a very clear preference for the African-American
15 candidate. And again, the Latino voters had a candidate
16 of choice, but they had a significant amount of crossover
17 to the African American voter.

18 I'm sure that was all I wanted to say. Yes. So
19 let's go to the last method in our toolbox. That is EI
20 RxC. This was developed more recently. It employs a
21 Bayesian approach, which is a different statistical
22 method than EI relies on.

23 It is greatly improved by letting us model more than
24 two candidates in more than two demographic groups at the
25 same time. The primary drawback, as far as I see it, is

1 that this is not a staple in court yet. It has been
2 brought to court. But EI right now is still the
3 prevailing staple for courts. I will say, though, that
4 as EI was coming into its own, it had the same growing
5 pains that EI RxC has, and it just takes time to
6 establish these methods in the courts.

7 I have no doubt that EI RxC will be going the way of
8 EI results, EI RxC, again, mimic everything we have found
9 to date. Support for white candidate was low. White
10 voters split their vote with no clear candidate of
11 choice. Black voters had a very clear candidate of
12 choice. And Latino voters had a preference, but with
13 some significant crossover.

14 And lastly, I wanted to talk about some of the data
15 that are necessary for this. As you know, we are getting
16 all of the data from the amazing resource that is the
17 California database. But I wanted to be a little more
18 specific than just I'm using the database.

19 So there are some very specific things that we need
20 for this analysis. First of all, all of the data has to
21 be at the precinct level. That is the thing that makes
22 the data challenging because census data are not reported
23 at the precinct level.

24 So making those things match is sort of the crux of
25 the data work for RPV. So for the statistics, we need

1 candidate vote totals and we need graphic variables that
2 describe the racial and ethnic populations in the
3 jurisdictions. We use CVAP or VAP from the Census
4 Bureau. The California database has CVAP for us. So
5 that's what we will be using here.

6 I did put in registration and turnout just because
7 holistically that is a measure that you can use. There
8 are still a few states that collect it. Not particularly
9 relevant for California. I just wanted to put it in your
10 brain. So those are the three pieces of data that go
11 into the statistics, the candidate votes, and the
12 demographic variables, and then, the total number of
13 people.

14 We do need to collect some other details that help
15 us interpret the EI results. And those come in the
16 candidate details. The first two, party ID and
17 incumbency status, those come baked into the data from
18 the statewide database, which is extremely, extremely
19 helpful.

20 The third one that we have to figure out is the race
21 and ethnicity, race, or ethnicity and or ethnicity of all
22 of the candidates. This is a qualitative exercise in
23 large part, this is Googling to find the candidates. It
24 often can put the analyst in the uncomfortable position
25 of making some guesses about the racial and ethnic

1 identification of some of these candidates.

2 That is a necessary evil of this work, and I ask for
3 grace if I ever get that wrong. Because it is -- you
4 Google, you look for these details. It's easier to find
5 information on candidates from the last election as
6 opposed to ten years ago. And you know, the data sort of
7 corrodes as you go back.

8 The other thing that you need to know for
9 interpretation purposes is other details. And by other
10 details, I really mean the context on the ground. I am a
11 quantitative scientist, and so I do deal in numbers and I
12 deal in extrapolating humans to numbers.

13 But I am very cognizant that what I'm doing
14 translates to people and politics on the ground. And
15 those details are extremely helpful in RPV analyses.
16 Even when I don't have a role to play on these commission
17 meetings, I try to tune in.

18 And listen because the Commissioners, you all are
19 experts. We have Californians calling in at the
20 beginning of every meeting who add their expertise into
21 the docket. And so all the qualitative information also
22 comes to bear.

23 And that is a very brief, very high-level overview
24 of racially polarized voting. And we would love to take
25 some questions and sort of fill in any gaps that you

1 might have. And I think I will stop sharing at this
2 point.

3 MR. BECKER: And if I may, can I just add a brief
4 comment at the end, Commissioners. Just that, first of
5 all, that was a great presentation. It is it is often
6 very difficult, having done this in court as well, to
7 explain kind of the math and statistics behind this
8 really important analysis.

9 And what we're basically trying to do is make it
10 indicated is because we have a secret ballot, because we
11 don't know how anyone individually voted, we've developed
12 these statistical methodologies to provide estimates at
13 the smallest geographical area we have at precinct level
14 to do that.

15 And those four methods are all valuable in doing it.
16 They all have pluses and minuses. What you should expect
17 to receive from us is once we -- I'll just briefly say
18 this, what we're planning to do tomorrow, actually, is
19 we're going to meet and start trying to identify areas
20 where the first precondition is met now that we have the
21 data on a statewide database.

22 And a reminder that is where our minority citizens
23 are numerous enough and geographically compact enough to
24 form a majority in a given district. And then we're
25 going to look at these second and third tangles,



1 preconditions, which is do they tend to vote cohesively
2 as cohesively as a group, the same candidate? And does
3 the white majority tend to vote in a different way that
4 would defeat them if they were the majority in a
5 district? And Megan, please correct me if I'm
6 paraphrasing any of this wrong.

7 And so what we would do is we anticipate next week
8 we will start to be able to provide you with some advice
9 on a pretty complete advice on the first Gingles
10 precondition, where that may be prevalent.

11 And then begin, although it won't be completed,
12 because I don't think -- I don't think we're going to be
13 able to have finished completely by then, but very
14 shortly to present to you information on the existence of
15 the second and third Gingles, preconditions the racially
16 polarized voting in these areas.

17 All three of those preconditions need to be met in
18 order to trigger a need to draw a district that would
19 comply with Section 2. And we'll be providing you
20 specific advice based on Megan's analysis, based on the
21 data that we see in a statewide database on each of the
22 areas where that might be the case. And I think we've
23 got about fifteen more minutes. We're happy to answer
24 any questions.

25 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Commissioner Sinay has a

1 question.

2 COMMISSIOENR SINAY: Thank you. Please be patient
3 as I try to use the right terminologies. Several times
4 you said Latino voters had a candidate of choice with
5 crossover to another candidate. When we say a Latino
6 voters had a candidate of choice, does that infer a
7 Latino candidate choice, or it could be any candidate of
8 choice.

9 How do we -- does it need to be Latino to Latino,
10 Black to Black, Asian to Asian? If you can just kind of
11 help us understand that bit.

12 MR. BECKER: Megan, I'll let you come in in just a
13 second. So it is not -- it does not mean Latinos
14 cannot -- do not have to only choose Latinos as their
15 candidates of choice. African-Americans don't only get
16 to choose African-Americans as their candidate of choice.

17 What we tend to see is that they usually do, but the
18 voters get to decide who their candidate of choice is.
19 That's the most important part of the Voting Rights Act.
20 This isn't about the candidates. I have seen cases where
21 minority voters regularly prefer a candidate that is not
22 of their race. That might be a bit of a different
23 minority race that might even in some cases be white.

24 That's not common, but it happens. And that's why I
25 think Megan, as she indicated, the race of the candidate

1 is relevant. It's not dispositive. Just because there's
2 a Latino candidate and just because there are Latino
3 voters doesn't mean that that's the candidate of choice.
4 And that's why we look at these statistical methods to
5 determine who are they actually voting for.

6 And as you saw in this example, we had a
7 circumstance where Latino voters were somewhat split,
8 that they -- some of them preferred the candidate who was
9 Latino. And some of them -- some of them preferred the
10 African-American candidate, if I've got that right,
11 Megan. And I don't know if you have anything else to
12 add there.

13 MS. GALL: I don't. That was perfect.

14 MR. BECKER: That will probably be the only time you
15 hear that characterization of what I said.

16 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. We have Commissioner
17 Toledo, then Turner, then Sinay, then Kennedy.

18 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: A quick question for Megan.
19 So you mentioned the statistical analysis that you're
20 proposing to use. And you also mentioned that there -- I
21 believe you imply that there may be others. And so I'm
22 just curious, what are the other statistical analysis
23 that -- and have the court or courts have they accepted
24 other statistical analysis or is this the analysis that
25 the statistical analyses that you're proposing, the ones

1 that are the most accepted by the courts?

2 MS. GALL: These statistical methods are really the
3 only ones that exist. If I inferred that there were
4 other ones that I didn't bring to the table, I apologize
5 for that. These are the four statistics that are used
6 and have been used for quite some time.

7 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: But I think it's -- okay.

8 MS. GALL: But to answer your other question, as I
9 mentioned, EI is a staple in court. And before that, ER
10 and homogeneous precincts were the staples. And EI RxC,
11 while it has been introduced into court, it's not yet a
12 staple, but it is accepted and understood.

13 MR. BECKER: That that's all I was going to say.
14 The EI RxC method is fairly new. It is not as widely
15 used. It hasn't been rejected by courts. I'm not trying
16 to suggest that it just is not as widely used as EI. And
17 I should say, just because it's -- about 20 years ago we
18 would see homogeneous precincts and ecological regression
19 to be kind of a standard.

20 They all have their pluses and minuses and they all
21 can reinforce each other in many ways. So it's not like
22 we only would suggest using one of them and avoiding the
23 rest. It may be that especially because elections aren't
24 perfect -- they don't -- it's not like every election,
25 every primary, every general has candidates who are

1 preferred by different minority groups.

2 And so oftentimes you don't have a ton of data on
3 who minority candidates of preference might be. And so
4 having a variety of methodologies might reinforce the
5 conclusions that we might reach where the data isn't
6 exactly perfect, where we don't have really clear white
7 versus minority preferences all the time in all the
8 elections.

9 Also, this is why it's so important to have ten
10 years of elections to go back and look at as we do
11 through the statewide database.

12 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you for the
13 clarification.

14 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Commissioner Turner?

15 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes. Thank you.

16 First of all, Megan, I really appreciate the
17 training. So far, it's been very helpful. A question on
18 the EI RxC, the columns part of it. I'm not sure if I
19 understand what the columns.

20 I understood the definition, the definitions that
21 you gave for the first part of it that talked about the
22 difference between drawing conclusions about the
23 individual as opposed to the aggregate level data when
24 you were just talking about ecological inference.

25 But when you added the by columns, I don't



1 understand the difference and I know it's newer, but
2 what's the by columns part?

3 MS. GALL: So the by columns and by rows is really
4 only speaking to the fact that it can estimate more than
5 one candidate and more than -- oh, I'm sorry, more than
6 two candidates and more than two racial groups.

7 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay.

8 MS. GALL: So that's it's only sort of hat tip.

9 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Um-hum. Beautiful Thank you.

10 MS. GALL: Um-hum.

11 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Commissioner Kennedy?

12 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair.

13 Megan, on your last slide, the last bullet was other
14 details, I think, if I recall correctly. I'm just
15 wondering if you've seen or if you think it would be
16 useful in that context to have some sort of media
17 monitoring.

18 I'm thinking what happens if there is a scandal that
19 affects one of the candidates? Your other data points
20 aren't going to pick that up. But media monitoring of
21 some sort would pick that up and help you understand
22 whether some sort of scandal that broke during the
23 campaign is really what's influencing the outcome of the
24 election rather than race or preferences absent the
25 scandal. Thank you.



1 MS. GALL: What I would say to that is, I don't --
2 perhaps social media monitoring would be helpful for
3 elections that just happened. But that's not something
4 we can do for elections ten years, eight years, even a
5 year back.

6 I think the -- I think the better way -- the more
7 solid way to go, because it gives us the years back is a
8 more qualitative understanding of just what are the
9 politics in the area. It's actually part of the totality
10 of circumstances, which is not something we talked about,
11 but it's in the VRA.

12 And the totality of circumstances really helps get
13 to some of those things. Totality includes things like
14 history of racial discrimination, history of minority
15 candidates not being slated, things like that that kind
16 of -- newspaper articles come into the history of racism
17 in the area. So that sort of qualitative stuff in the
18 totality of circumstances helps. But then otherwise it's
19 just -- you just have to sort of know the elections.

20 MR. BECKER: Megan, if I can continue. And
21 Commissioner Kennedy, I think that's a really good
22 question.

23 I think one of the things we're going to look at is
24 we're going to look at we're going to look at as many
25 elections as we can. We're going to try to get as good

1 as complete a picture as we can, given the data that we
2 have.

3 But sometimes there are outliers in that data. And
4 when that happens, those extra details can be helpful to
5 decide how much weight to give a particular election. We
6 might have we might have six, seven, eight elections,
7 primaries in general, and one of them just looks strange
8 compared to the rest that all of a sudden the minority
9 candidates, the minority voters, they were cohesive with
10 white voters, all for the same candidate in a landslide
11 election. But in all the rest, it wasn't that way at
12 all.

13 And something like some kind of scandal or something
14 that's really unique to that election could describe that
15 and could tell us, oh, we can discount this election when
16 we're trying to assess overall racially polarized voting
17 because this is a special circumstance.

18 So I think it is -- it's not something we're going
19 to discount if that's present. What we're probably going
20 to do is go looking for it. But on the other hand, if
21 the data clearly suggests racially polarized voting
22 exists, there's really no outliers, then I don't know
23 that it's necessary for the purposes of the second or
24 third Gingles pre-condition to dig deeper outside of what
25 the totality of circumstances might require us to do in

1 general.

2 MS. GALL: And if I could expound on that a little
3 bit. One thing David said kind of pinged to me, and that
4 is the idea of outliers. And we might have elections
5 that are outliers, but we want to understand those not be
6 led by them. We want to be led by the overarching
7 patterns.

8 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Commissioner Yee?

9 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you. Two questions. One
10 is about geography. So how do you get from the precinct
11 geography to this? How do you relate that this is
12 geography? Does that involve approximation or is that an
13 exact process?

14 And then the other question, racial categories. So
15 in your examples using Latino, Black, White as equivalent
16 categories -- of course, in the census, you've got Latino
17 as ethnicity of any race and then Black, White, Asian, so
18 forth as different racial categories. So how is that
19 factored into the analysis?

20 And then also on more than one race, I believe I've
21 read that you count each of the several races somebody
22 may indicate once each in the racial analysis. Could you
23 just say more about that? Thanks.

24 MR. BECKER: Megan, you want me to take them? Maybe
25 I'll take a first stab at this. I might fail miserably

1 here, so I might need you to bail me out.

2 So first of all, we got to remember there's two
3 phases. We are first trying to determine whether Section
4 2 requires the district to be drawn. And then secondly,
5 what does that District have to look like? Those are two
6 very different things, right?

7 The first part of that requires that you have a
8 majority sufficient to comprise a majority in a district.
9 But the second part, the district actually draws might
10 not need a majority. There might be twenty percent White
11 crossover voting that you can regularly count on to elect
12 a minority candidate of choice.

13 And so you might decide actually drawing a fifty-
14 five percent minority district would be packing that
15 district as you don't need that much minority voting
16 strength within that District.

17 So when we're looking at the geography, we're
18 looking at the precinct level. At the precinct level, we
19 have the election returns. And at the precinct level,
20 we -- I think they're extrapolated racial data from the
21 from the census data, because the census data and the
22 precinct data -- census boundaries, the census block
23 boundaries and the precinct boundaries don't always
24 perfectly line up, but they often don't perfectly line
25 up.

1 But we have pretty good estimates on that that allow
2 someone like Megan to do that at the precinct level,
3 which again, the first Gingles pre-condition is separate.
4 It's outside of the racially polarized voting analysis.

5 Then, we're going to look at those precincts within
6 those areas where there are heavy minority concentrations
7 and see if we can see racially polarized voting. I know
8 that was the first question.

9 Oh, the multiracial questions you asked. Really
10 we're looking at the census level. These numbers usually
11 aren't incredibly high. They don't skew things too much.
12 But we're going to be looking at overall Black
13 percentage, overall Asian percentage, overall Hispanic
14 percentage, Latino percentage. And those are going to be
15 kind of separate.

16 And there might be people who are both black and
17 Latino. And for purposes of that percentage, they might
18 be counted twice, not for purposes of representation, but
19 just for purposes of determining whether or not they
20 satisfy that first Gingles pre-condition, if that makes
21 sense, that they're large enough to form a majority in a
22 district.

23 There probably were other elements that you asked.
24 And Megan, you might have something to add on it.

25 MS. GALL: One thing I wanted to add on the first

1 question of how do we get from census data to attaching
2 those two precincts. It is technically an estimation.
3 So that is true. But I also wanted to point out that the
4 folks at the California database do that hard work for us
5 in California, and they have created data and crosswalk
6 tables that facilitate that work. When I'm not working
7 in California, it is -- I do that estimation myself.

8 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thanks.

9 Concerning the first question then, if somebody
10 marks ethnicity Latino and then any other race, Black,
11 White, Asian, whatever, then effectively that person
12 would be counted twice for the racial analysis. It would
13 be more than one race for the analysis.

14 MR. BECKER: So when we're looking -- so we're
15 looking at minority concentrations, what we're going to
16 do is we're going to be looking at, for instance, Latino
17 percentages in each census block.

18 And for purposes of if someone has classified
19 themselves as both Black and Hispanic, they would that
20 person would be represented in that percentage for either
21 black or Hispanic.

22 Or looking at total population, though, each
23 individual is only counted once. I want to be very clear
24 about that.

25 COMMISSIONER YEE: Right.



1 MR. BECKER: I know it's very confusing. I can tell
2 you I was part of the discussions twenty years ago when
3 the DOJ was first figuring out how to how to do these
4 kinds of things. There's no perfect answer because this
5 does lead to counting people for only for purposes of
6 determining racial identity more than once, just for that
7 sole purpose.

8 But on the other hand, we also don't want to replace
9 our judgment for how that person might self-identify or
10 be identified by others or what their racial preference
11 is. So all we have from the census is we might know that
12 they've checked both Black and Hispanic or Black and
13 Asian.

14 And so we want to give power to those choices as
15 much as we can. I think is probably the best compromise.
16 I can tell you we've -- now this would be the third
17 district cycle that we've done this. I think we have a
18 certain amount of confidence that we can use this in a
19 way and it doesn't really skew the results, particularly
20 in any way.

21 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you.

22 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Thank you for that.

23 Let's see, we are up against a mandatory break at
24 this point. I'm wondering, David and Megan, would you
25 all be able to hang out through the fifteen-minute break



1 and answer a few more questions after the break?

2 MR. BECKER: Unfortunately, that's going to --
3 that's going to make it very challenging for me. I might
4 not be able to do that. I don't know if you can -- if
5 there are - is there a sense that there's going to be a
6 lot more questions?

7 I could do more of them -- we're going to I'm going
8 to be on the call line at the meeting on Tuesday as well,
9 so we can follow up with some of those if there's follow-
10 up questions. And as always, through the Commissioners
11 or counsel, I'm always available for email as well.

12 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Commissioner Sinay, Commissioner
13 Toledo, is that -- would that be okay if we circle back
14 on this at our next meeting then?

15 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I'm fine with that.

16 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. All right.

17 Well, then, I'd like to thank Mr. Becker and Ms.
18 Gall for joining us today. I think we will have many
19 more questions and many more discussions on this topic.
20 I really appreciate the training and a little bit of a
21 framework on how it's going to go and what to expect when
22 I think we all wanted that also.

23 So with that, we will go to break at this point and
24 be back at 2:46.

25 (Whereupon, a recess was held)



1 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Welcome back, California. This
2 session we are going to be starting with agenda item
3 number 7. And we're welcoming from the statewide
4 database Karin McDonald and Jaime Clark. And they're
5 going to talk about the redistricting database and do
6 some mapping tool training. So I will turn it over to
7 them.

8 MS. MACDONALD: Thank you so much, Commissioners.

9 It is really great to see all of you. I'm going to
10 share my screen. Just one moment, please. And can
11 everybody see my presentation?

12 MS. CLARK: Yes, we can.

13 MS. MACDONALD: Fantastic. Thank you so much.

14 So again, thank you so much for having us today.
15 I'm going to start with an overview of this statewide
16 database and their release that we just processed on
17 September 20. And then Jaime is going to follow with a
18 presentation on the access tools.

19 So with that, let's just start with what this
20 statewide database is. Just a little reminder of what we
21 do under Subdivision B of Section 8253 of The Government
22 code, it is the legislature's responsibility to provide a
23 complete and accurate computerized database for
24 redistricting.

25 And you know this, of course, but this is to remind



1 everybody who may be watching today and also to remind
2 them that that is the responsibility that is fulfilled by
3 this statewide database at UC Berkeley. What we do is we
4 build and release the official redistricting database for
5 The State of California, which now has to be used under
6 the Fair Maps Act, not just for statewide redistricting,
7 but also for many, many local redistricting, including
8 the redistrictings for cities and counties.

9 The redistricting database, the official
10 redistricting database was released on September 20, so
11 just a few days ago, and we're still recovering. And it
12 is publicly available free of charge at statewide
13 database.org/redistricting 2021. And that is all --
14 there's no space there. So that's one word.

15 And the statewide database builds and releases data.
16 So I thought it might be a good idea just to point out
17 that we do not draw lines of statewide database, nor do
18 we analyze data for local jurisdictions.

19 And I thought it might be good to point this out
20 because we've received a few inquiries from people,
21 mostly journalists actually, and some folks on the local
22 level saying, okay, thank you for sending this over. Can
23 we now get you to tell us what the ideal population is
24 for our local jurisdictions and then also how are our
25 respective electoral districts balanced?



1 And that is not something that we do. We are a data
2 infrastructure shop. So what we do is we build data
3 sets, we build them over time, and then we make them
4 publicly available. But once we make them available, the
5 use of that is actually up to everybody.

6 So what was released by the statewide database on
7 September 20, 2021? What we released was the adjusted PL
8 94 171 file and that is a census. That is, of course,
9 the decennial census file. And what it does is it
10 reflects the reallocation of data for certain
11 incarcerated populations to their last residential
12 address.

13 We released adjusted tables P-2, P-4, and P-5. The
14 full dataset has additional tables in it, but we only
15 adjusted those tables because the other ones --
16 basically, the other ones are also still available, of
17 course, but they're not adjusted. And that has to do
18 with the CDCR data that we received. So basically the
19 data from the Department of Corrections and those were
20 the data sets that we ended up using and adjusting.

21 We also released adjusted citizen voting age
22 population from the 2015 through 2019 American Community
23 Survey, and we released statements of registration and
24 statements of vote for the general elections 2008 through
25 2020.



1 All of these data sets are released on 2020 Census
2 block geography. What you may remember is that this
3 census releases new geography every ten years. So we
4 received the new census geography earlier this year,
5 maybe late last year, and that essentially we had
6 completely new census blocks. The tracks have changed.
7 Basically, everything have changed.

8 And once we once we received the census data counts
9 also from the census, we could start to work on all of
10 these different data sets and then release our data sets
11 essentially on this new census block geography.

12 There are some pending releases, so some of these
13 are a bonus data sets that people may be appreciative of.
14 So we will be releasing unadjusted citizen voting age
15 population data. Currently, that dataset is only
16 available on the 2010 block geography. So this is on our
17 website.

18 It's not part of the statewide database
19 redistricting website, but it is under the legacy data.
20 And we will be releasing that also on the 2020 blocks.
21 The reason for that is mostly that there are some
22 jurisdictions that are not going to be using adjusted
23 data. So not everybody has to.

24 For example: little special districts don't
25 necessarily have to use the adjusted data, and we want to



1 make sure that they also have citizen voting age
2 population data available for line drawing on the same
3 geography on which the 2020 data are available. Because
4 the census doesn't make it available on the block.

5 So we will also be releasing statements of
6 registration and statements of vote for primary elections
7 2008 through 2020, and that will be forthcoming in the
8 next few days. And then also for primary and general
9 elections, 2002 through 2008.

10 And you, of course, just listened to Megan. I only
11 heard the tail end of her presentation. And she talked
12 about various elections and so forth. And some of these
13 elections are more or less useful for RPV analyses, but
14 we make them all available because, again, we have a lot
15 of different users, not just the states redistricting
16 commission, but also local users. And we want to make
17 sure that everything is there that anybody would need to
18 use.

19 So we will be releasing documentation for all of the
20 data sets. There's a lot of putting together and editing
21 happening right now. So those will be coming up on the
22 website shortly also.

23 And then finally, we have some confusion that had to
24 do with rounding that some of our users have emailed us
25 about. So we're going to update the PL 94-171 with some

1 minor changes to race and ethnicity. It affects only a
2 few census blocks and it does not affect total population
3 by block or really anything else. It's basically it was
4 just some minor rounding errors that -- well, they're
5 actually not even errors.

6 It's rounding issues that make it more difficult and
7 cause some confusions in the in the broader user
8 community. So we want to make it easier for people to
9 work with this data. And so we're going to update that
10 file maybe tomorrow.

11 Here are some adjustment numbers that you may be
12 interested in. The federal incarcerated persons, as
13 reported by the census, turned out to be 14,786. The
14 state incarcerated persons, as reported by the census,
15 were 122,393.

16 So you'll see that those numbers are slightly off
17 from what I previously reported to you. And I think
18 those are probably differences in reporting dates by the
19 Federal Bureau of Prisons as well as CDCR to census and
20 then to us.

21 The incarcerated person data reallocation by area,
22 if you recall how we were supposed to do these three
23 allocations and how we consequently did do the
24 reallocations, is that we were supposed to geocode
25 basically allocate people by address if we had a perfect

1 address that worked.

2 So geocoding basically means you have an address and
3 you put somebody there. And that needs to be a full
4 address. So just a partial address or a wrong address is
5 not going to geocode on a map.

6 And actually, if you've ever looked up an address on
7 Google Maps, for example, and you put in slightly the
8 wrong house number, you know that Google will give you
9 all kinds of other house numbers back. And that
10 basically means mostly that they didn't have a perfect
11 match for that house number.

12 So that's when geocoding does not work. And if that
13 did not work, then we were supposed to find the lowest
14 geographic unit that we could allocate that person to.
15 And in our cohort, that meant we allocated 43.6 percent
16 of that cohort to a smaller geographic area. We could
17 find a smallest geographic area being a block for 12.1
18 percent.

19 And that basically meant perhaps that particular
20 person just had a -- there was something wrong with the
21 house number or so but we were still able to narrow it
22 down to a block. For 26.8 percent of the population of
23 that cohort, we could allocate people to either the city
24 or the county. And then for the entire state, so people
25 that were randomly allocated throughout the state, that

1 was 40.7 percent. So those are actually pretty decent
2 numbers.

3 Here are your new total and ideal populations. As
4 you know, we remove some people from their total
5 population for The State of California, and then that
6 also affected, of course, cities and counties. The
7 unadjusted population as reported by census and then also
8 by Google. And this is where some confusion will almost
9 certainly come in is 39,538,223.

10 And the adjusted total population that we will be
11 using for redistricting purposes, which reflects the
12 allocated incarcerated population data, is 39,523,437.
13 And that difference is 14,786. And of course, I'm going
14 to just go back. That is the number right here. This is
15 the Federal Incarcerated Persons by -- as reported by the
16 census. So that's a difference.

17 And that also gets you your ideal populations by
18 district, which basically is computed by taking the newly
19 adjusted total population and then dividing it by the
20 number of districts that you will be drawing for each
21 plan.

22 So for Congress, your new -- your ideal population
23 by district for 2021 will be 760,066. For Senate, it
24 will be 988,086 for Assembly, 494,043 and for Board of
25 Equalization 9,880,859. And that is persons -- total



1 persons, not citizens, not registered voters. It is
2 total persons, everybody who has been counted by the
3 census, minus that difference of 14,786.

4 I've been asked to maybe summarize some useful
5 things about the statewide database just to avoid any
6 kind of confusion in particular on the local level. And
7 I know you all know this already.

8 What we do is we collect data from all statewide
9 elections throughout California. So that means we work
10 with the registrars of voters and the secretary of state
11 to get statewide files and also local files from them
12 with each election. And then we digitize precincts.
13 We really do all kinds of things to process these data,
14 to normalize these data, and then to make these data
15 available statewide.

16 You have to think of California elections. That's
17 really 58 different systems that all have some various
18 differences. So our main job is just to collect the data
19 before these data go away for whatever reason, to have
20 these data available to process this data and to make
21 sure that they can be used on the statewide level.

22 At the beginning of each decade, with the release of
23 the new census geography and the new data, we process all
24 of these data on the new geography. I mentioned this
25 earlier, so the new geography now is the 2020 census

1 block geography.

2 And we do this because census block geography is
3 stable compared to precincts. Precincts in California
4 change very frequently and frequently with each election.
5 We've had some elections in the past where up to eighty
6 percent of precincts statewide change between elections.
7 So this is a real problem for people that want to look at
8 data over time.

9 And I know Megan alluded to this a little bit, but
10 some of the things that we do is we make data available
11 on the block level. We provide crosswalks over to the
12 precinct. We also take precinct data and make it
13 available on the block level so that people can look at
14 comprehensive data sets over time.

15 And it makes it easier. It takes errors out of it,
16 of course, and it just makes it available because these
17 data rich who are actively are almost impossible to
18 collect seamlessly over time. So that is basically the
19 big the big push that we do. So after we release the
20 reformatted legacy file on August 18.

21 We were able to start with that process because at
22 that point we had the columns for the new census total
23 population by block and also some race and ethnicity
24 already by block. And we were able to figure out how to
25 merge things from old geography to new geography.

1 So it wasn't just that we did the inmate
2 reallocation or the incarcerated person we allocation
3 over the last month. We were also working on that.

4 The 2021 redistricting data database contains all of
5 these data that we've collected over the past 20 years.
6 Plus the American community surveys citizen voting age
7 population and the new PL 94-171 file on the same unit of
8 analysis, which is the 2020 census block. And to make it
9 easier for our friends on the city and county level, we
10 parse the data out.

11 So if you go on to the statewide database website,
12 you will see that there are downloads by city and county.
13 And we did that so that they don't have to download the
14 entire State of California and then figure out just the
15 data for their city or their county, which is presumably
16 all they want to be using for redistricting. And so we
17 did that for them just to make it a little bit easier on
18 them.

19 And we made some spreadsheets available also, which
20 I think are going to come in handy for our journalists
21 colleagues who are looking for the ideal populations for
22 local jurisdictions. So we just ran some spreadsheets
23 for the new total population for all the cities and
24 counties in California, and those are available on the
25 statewide database website right now also.

1 And of course, just to remind everybody who is
2 listening, the way to compute the ideal population, as
3 you take the total population, you divide it by the
4 number of electoral districts in your jurisdiction, and
5 that gets you the ideal population. So that is basically
6 your ideal district population when you're redistricting.

7 And just to remind everybody where to get data and
8 how to stay updated, please go to
9 statewidedatabase.org/redistricting 2021 to download all
10 data and reports related to this really comprehensive and
11 very complicated data set.

12 A really good thing to do is to stay -- to just
13 bookmark your -- the statewide database on your start
14 page or your homepage. If you scroll down, there is a
15 latest updates feed and we are updating that every time
16 anything gets added.

17 If anything needs to be replaced, if there is
18 documentation, all of that will be updated on that latest
19 updates page and you'll be able to just click on the
20 update and it'll get you right there. So hopefully
21 that's going to be useful for people that way it takes
22 the guesswork out of things a little bit.

23 And if you need help or if you have questions, you
24 can always contact us at contact at
25 statewidedatabase.org. And I have noticed that people



1 have figured out that that is our email address. So
2 thank you very much for contacting us there and we will
3 get back to everybody as quickly as we can.

4 And that was my presentation. So I'm going to stop
5 sharing and I can either take questions now or Jaime can
6 do her part of the presentation and then we can do
7 questions then. So please let me know.

8 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Well, Commissioner Kennedy has a
9 question, so I'll let him go. Thank you, Chair. Karin,
10 thank you for that. Very helpful.

11 When I go to the census.gov page and pull up the
12 apportionment numbers, the apportionment number for
13 California is 39,576,757. Now, I understand reducing the
14 number by those individuals in federal custody. I'm
15 wondering what the other 38 million -- or what the 38,534
16 difference is between the apportionment number and the
17 number that you've provided as the unadjusted number
18 before removing those individuals in federal custody.

19 MS. MACDONALD: Would you be able to just send that
20 to me and then we'll take a look at it? I don't know why
21 that -- there would be a difference. I'd have to look
22 into that because I can just tell you what they reported
23 to us and what was in the PL 94.

24 But I didn't realize that there was a difference.
25 So we'll take a look. It could have to do -- it could

1 have to do with certain populations that weren't
2 included. I'm going to guess. But I have to tell you, I
3 have a little bit of information overload at the moment.
4 So I would love to get back to you on that one before I
5 get ahead of myself. Thank you. Thank you for that
6 link. And I'll take a look and get back to you.

7 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. Thanks for that. I think,
8 Karin, we can all appreciate the information overload
9 situation at this time. It's all coming fast and
10 furious.

11 Since I don't see any more questions, we'll turn it
12 over to Jamie, and then everyone will have an opportunity
13 to ask questions when she's done. So go ahead, Jaime.
14 Thanks.

15 MS. CLARK: Okay. Thank you so much. I'm going to
16 go ahead and share my screen. Today, I have a
17 presentation for you all on our access tools, including
18 we're very excited to soon be releasing our line drawing
19 software as the statewide database has been developing
20 specifically for purposes of public access in this
21 statewide redistricting process. And in one moment I
22 will begin presenting. All right. And please let me
23 know if you can see.

24 MR. MANOFF: Yes, we can. It looks great.

25 MS. CLARK: Thank you so much. So again, presenting



1 on redistricting access tools that we have been
2 developing over at statewide database. We have been
3 working on a multifaceted approach to software access for
4 members of the public. Of course, we have had the
5 community of interest tool, which users are submitting
6 COIs to you all in your redistricting process. That has
7 been live since March of 2021.

8 And additionally, we've been developing two levels
9 of line drawing software. We've been developing a
10 desktop line drawing software that is called Draw My CA
11 Plugin for QGIS. We also have been developing an online
12 line drawing software which is called Draw My CA
13 Districts.

14 Additionally, we have opened our redistricting
15 access centers throughout California, where there are
16 staff available for in-person and virtual appointments to
17 help members of the public use any of or all of these
18 tools. And additionally, at these access centers, we
19 have computers with software loaded on them. People can
20 get help and get access to the tools.

21 So a refresher on drawmycacommunity.org, the
22 official launch was March 2nd, 2021. The tool is
23 available in sixteen languages. We have been having
24 ongoing updates for support features. The Commission is
25 receiving daily exports of submissions through the COI



1 tool made by members of the public.

2 And this tool is new to this redistricting process.
3 This is the first time that members of the public have
4 had free access to the census geography and being able to
5 draw their district on a map and share information about
6 their district and submit that testimony directly to the
7 Commission.

8 For this tool, the target audience is anyone in
9 California who wishes to participate. The goal really is
10 just to collect input from as many people who live in
11 California as possible. Users don't need to have a ton
12 of background knowledge of or interest in redistricting
13 before using the tool. It's really draw your community
14 on a map, tell about your community, and send that
15 information to the Commission. And again, that's sort of
16 that relatively simple task is just tell us about your
17 community and submit that information.

18 The line drawing software is a little bit different.
19 The line drawing software, there's a different target
20 audience. They will be available to all Californians and
21 to be able to really meaningfully use these tools, more
22 background knowledge of or interest in redistricting is
23 really helpful.

24 For example, users need to know what a district is
25 or what level of district they're wanting to draw. And



1 bearing in mind that drawing legally compliant districts
2 is hard potentially even for people who have counsel
3 helping them and advising them how to create legally
4 compliant districts.

5 We anticipate that the scale of submissions is going
6 to be different than the scale of submissions through the
7 COI tool during the 2011 redistricting. As you know,
8 there are around 20,000; 22,000 written submissions and
9 less than fifty of them are listed as being redistricting
10 plans.

11 So we know that the COI tool, we anticipate the COI
12 tool is going to get a lot more traffic and have a lot
13 more users than these line drawing software will. And
14 the purpose of creating the line drawing software is
15 really to fill the gap in access to redistricting
16 software.

17 The COI tool is for members of the public who want
18 it to provide building blocks of districts. We sometimes
19 talk about voice as being the building blocks by which
20 the commission can put areas together to create
21 districts.

22 The line drawing software provide options for people
23 who want to try putting those building blocks together,
24 who want to try creating their own districts. These
25 software is also sort of bridge the gap and meet



1 California's needs around data and access.

2 So for example, we have an adjusted data set to
3 reflect the incarcerated persons adjustment. California
4 has a nonpartisan approach to redistricting, and a lot of
5 redistricting software that's out there doesn't have
6 either of those things and has a lot of sort of built in
7 bells and whistles that are not necessarily applicable to
8 California's line drawing process.

9 These are the only free to use, for members of the
10 public, redistricting tools that integrate all of
11 California's census tracts and census data merge to the
12 individual block level geography. These are also the
13 only free to use redistricting tools that we know of that
14 are available in Spanish.

15 And also, just to note that these are not a
16 replacement for private software that's used by
17 redistricting professionals. This is not necessarily
18 consultant-level redistricting software.

19 So first we're going to talk about the Draw My CA
20 Plugin for QGIS. This is a desktop software that will be
21 publicly available, again, and free for everybody who
22 wishes to use it to use it. It is available to all.
23 However, it may not be an ideal situation for every
24 single person out there.

25 It does take a moderate level of sophistication or



1 even just comfort with using computers to install. There
2 are large data files that are associated with this
3 software that require download. This really is ideal for
4 locations like our access centers, libraries, colleges,
5 et cetera places with computer labs where computers are
6 publicly available. This is a full GIS software with all
7 GIS capabilities and GIS stands for Geographic
8 Information System.

9 Compared to our online tool, this has a greater
10 number of features, way more functionality, and also a
11 steeper learning curve to be able to learn right on top
12 of what is a district? What level of district do I want
13 to work with? How do I use the tools to draw my
14 district? It's also it's also how do I use GIS software.
15 So it is a steeper learning curve.

16 And again, this tool is also new to this
17 redistricting process. There has never been, in The
18 State of California, a free full GIS software or
19 redistricting that people can download and use from home,
20 which we're going to talk about in the next slide.

21 So again, this plug in was designed to facilitate
22 California's redistricting process. The tool is
23 completely free to use. It was built on Open Source GIS
24 software and there is no license needed for anyone to be
25 able to download that software and use the plug in.



1 We have live help available seven days a week
2 through virtual appointments. Got to say, even some
3 commercial redistricting software does not provide live
4 help seven days a week. And of course, people can make
5 an online meeting to meet directly with our staff and to
6 screen share just to get help with the tool.

7 The software is available at all of our
8 redistricting access centers. And additionally, members
9 of the public can download this tool to their private PCs
10 and use the tool at home. Brand new to this
11 redistricting process.

12 Through the tool, users can submit district plans
13 directly to the Commission. This is the only free to use
14 full redistricting software available for The State of
15 California. So again, no other tools that are for
16 redistricting software have every single census block and
17 block level data available for The State of California.

18 And additionally, this plug in is available in
19 Spanish and in English. So general overview of the user
20 flow for somebody using Draw My CA Plugin for QGIS can
21 log in with your draw my California credentials so people
22 who already have a COI tool account can log in with those
23 same credentials and yeah, don't have to make a new
24 account to use this tool.

25 You can either connect to the server or you can work



1 offline. Users then create a new district plan by the
2 level of district they want to make it. Congressional,
3 Assembly, State Senate, Board of Equalization districts
4 can then create and edit their districts, write comments
5 about individual districts that they want to share with
6 the commission, write an overarching comment about their
7 entire plan, what they were trying to accomplish,
8 anything they want to share with you, and then through
9 this tool, they can submit input directly to the
10 California Citizens Redistricting Commission.

11 Sort of doing an overview, we do have a video, but
12 just for the sake of time, not every single item is in
13 that video. So I'm just going to run through a couple of
14 these on their own slides.

15 So users log in with their draw my California
16 credentials and users only see their own projects even
17 when they're on a public computer. So I can go to a
18 redistricting access center and be working on a public
19 computer but because I've logged in, when Karin, who
20 comes in after me, is using the same computer, then
21 nobody else has access to the plans I've been working on,
22 users could work offline or they can connect to the
23 server.

24 So for example, a way that somebody could use this
25 feature is that somebody could connect to the server at a



1 redistricting access center and create a plan using that
2 computer. So say they're -- just want help getting
3 started, getting familiarized with the tool, and then
4 they want to go home and keep working on it themselves,
5 users would be able to, again, connect to the server,
6 create a plan starting on one computer, and then log out,
7 download the tool on their own computer, and then log in
8 to the server, connect to the server through their
9 credentials, and then have access to the plan they
10 started somewhere and be able to finish it at home if
11 they wanted to.

12 Next, users choose the geography they'd like to work
13 with, so you could choose to work on an individual county
14 or a group of counties. Do you have a specific focus or
15 an area that you'd like to focus on? Or you could start
16 with a statewide redistricting plan.

17 And then based on the type of district the user
18 wants to work with, the ideal population is automatically
19 calculated by the plugin. So this gives users
20 information they need to draw districts that comply with
21 the equal population criterion that is outlined in the
22 California Constitution.

23 And users can either start with a blank map and
24 start from scratch, or they could begin with the 2011
25 statewide districts. And additionally, once the CRC



1 publishes draft maps, then user will load those,
2 integrate those into the software, and users will be able
3 to start with the Commission's drafts and edit those if
4 they wish.

5 So through this tool, users have access to data on
6 the census block geography. Users will have access to
7 California's official redistricting database. And this
8 is the only free redistricting software that provides
9 this level of access so this -- users don't have to
10 download the adjusted data with the incarcerated persons
11 reallocated and then merge it into the census block of
12 whatever other redistricting software they're using and
13 go with that data. Users have direct access to the
14 adjusted dataset.

15 And users can even, with the picture, is users can
16 even click on individual census blocks and get all of the
17 PL data, all of the data that they -- and all of the CVAP
18 data, all of the data that is associated with each
19 individual census block in The State of California.

20 And then when users are finished creating their
21 input for you all, then they can export and submit their
22 input to you. So for this, you do have to connect to the
23 server, but users who are connected to the server can
24 submit their single district, partial, or full
25 redistricting plan to the Commission.



1 Additionally, users can download to their local
2 computer equivalency file, shapefile, and PDFs associated
3 with their input. These are the same files that are
4 created by the COI tool, and these files will
5 additionally be sent to the Commission. And now we have
6 a quick five-minute demonstration video for the QGIS
7 Plugin -- Draw My California QGIS -- Plugin for QGIS.
8 That's a mouthful. I'm also on information overload.

9 So with that, Kristian, could you please play the
10 demo video?

11 REC: This is a brief video demonstration of the
12 functionality of the draw my California plug in for QGIS
13 developed by the statewide database to facilitate public
14 participation in California statewide redistricting
15 process.

16 When a user creates a new project and creates a plan
17 layer, they'll be navigated to the screen. In this
18 demonstration, we will be starting with a blank map.
19 Please follow my cursor as I point out various features
20 throughout this demo.

21 The current screen is displaying the map of
22 California, a panel displaying all the layers on the map,
23 the redistricting panel, and the statistics panel. The
24 user can create and edit districts through the tools in
25 the redistricting panel.



1 For the purpose of this demo, we will be looking at
2 Sacramento, California. To draw a new district, go to
3 the redistricting panel, find action, and click on the
4 dropdown menu to select new District. When the user
5 clicks on the select features by area or single click
6 button, they will get a dropdown list of different
7 methods that they could use to select the area. Then the
8 user can begin to select the areas they wish to include
9 on their district.

10 The create a new district button commits this change
11 and creates a new district. The District will now appear
12 in the redistricting list and the layer panel. The user
13 can change the District name or add comments on their
14 districts. Navigate over to the redistricting list.
15 Click to highlight the district of choice, then click the
16 Change District attributes button.

17 Here, the user can change the name or comment on
18 their district. To save, simply click okay. The user
19 can further edit their districts by choosing add area or
20 remove area from the action dropdown menu on the
21 redistricting panel.

22 Here, I'm adding an area to my district. And here,
23 I am removing an area from my district. You may notice
24 that as districts are being created and edited, the
25 statistics panel is updating. The statistics panel shows



1 the underlying data associated with the areas that make
2 up the district.

3 The user can work with the statistics table to gain
4 understanding of the population of their districts and to
5 consider whether or not they will make changes to their
6 district plans. The table displays the population of the
7 district the users working with, along with the
8 demographic makeup of the district, including the data
9 associated with the district as it is drawn.

10 The selected area that will be added to or removed
11 from the District and the resulting demographic makeup of
12 the District should the user make the change.

13 In addition to the total population by race and
14 ethnicity, the user can view the voting age population
15 and the different voting age population, race, and
16 ethnicity breakdowns of the districts and their plans.

17 The user can manage their district layers through
18 the draw my California tap on the top toolbar and
19 clicking on the plan layer management. Here, the users
20 will be able to create a layer or delete a plan layer.
21 The user can add new district layers to their project and
22 switch between editing the different district layers
23 without having to switch projects or close and reopen the
24 program.

25 It is also possible to import a redistricting plan

1 into the plug in via the Draw my California tab on the
2 top toolbar. Here, the user will be able to import from
3 layer or import a equivalency file. Through this
4 feature, the user can start with their own district plan,
5 as opposed to starting with a blank map or the current
6 statewide districts.

7 The Draw My California Plugin can create a PDF of
8 each district in the plan. This feature is found in the
9 Draw My California tab on the top toolbar. The user has
10 the option to create a PDF of individual districts, or
11 the program will generate an atlas or a set of PDFs with
12 one district per page.

13 The printout will include an image of each district
14 and any written comments the user added, and underlying
15 data associated with each district.

16 Draw My California allows the user to export and
17 save equivalency files and shoot files directly to their
18 local computer. When the user is stung working on their
19 project, they could submit their single district or full
20 redistricting plan directly to the California Citizens
21 Redistricting Commission.

22 Although aforementioned file types, along with any
23 written comments the user provides, will be included in
24 the submission the Commission receives.

25 Thank you so much, Kristian. And I'm going to begin



1 sharing my screen one more time. Oh, no. I went to the
2 wrong -- one moment. Here we go.

3 I do see -- I do have -- Commissioner Fernandez, I
4 do see your hand. And I have a couple more slides about
5 Draw My -- about the plug in. So would you like to ask a
6 question maybe at the end of that?

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. At the end.

8 MS. CLARK: Okay. Thank you.

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

10 MS. CLARK: Oh, I don't have any more slides about
11 the plug in. So please, ask your question.

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh, no, I just -- I just
13 put my hand up for the end. The end, the end.

14 MS. CLARK: Oh, for the end, the end.

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, because then --

16 MS. CLARK: Thank you so much.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, you're good. Thank
18 you.

19 MS. CLARK: Sorry to put you on the spot.

20 Okay. So in addition to our desktop software Draw
21 My CA Plugin for QGIS, we also are releasing an online
22 redistricting tool. Because of the state's size and
23 number of census blocks and all the data associated with
24 each block, there are challenges in engineering a tool
25 like this.



1 For example, the amount of data that needs to be
2 supported over our server. As I just mentioned, the
3 census block level of geography and surveying every
4 individual census block and tabulating any changes made
5 to districts by the census block level. The number of
6 potential users and bandwidth -- the number of potential
7 users to which we are serving all of this data and
8 additionally bandwidth issues for people working online.

9 Yeah. So as a result of these -- as a result, just
10 basically the different way that the two-line drawing
11 softwares that we are -- that we have created are
12 basically delivered to users, then there's some
13 difference in the functionality, some difference in some
14 of the features. This is a single purpose application.
15 It is not full GIS software.

16 It has fewer features than for GIS software, has
17 less functionality than full GIS software. And it's
18 easier to use for somebody who doesn't have experience
19 with GIS software. And this is also due to this
20 redistricting process. There has not been -- this
21 redistricting process been online software available for
22 anybody who can get online to be able to draw districts.

23 So some of our key features here. This tool again
24 was designed to facilitate public access to California's
25 state wide redistricting process. This tool is also free



1 to use and no license is needed. You don't have to
2 install anything. You can just go online and use it.
3 Users submit their district plans to the Commission.

4 Again, we have like help available seven days a week
5 through the chat function in this tool similar to the COI
6 tool or through virtual appointments. This, to our
7 knowledge, is the only free to use online redistricting
8 tool that is available in Spanish. This will be
9 available in Spanish and English.

10 This is also the only free to use online
11 redistricting tool with statewide census block level
12 geography and data for The State of California. And it
13 should be somewhat familiar interface for users of Draw
14 My CA Community the COI tool.

15 So the overall user flow for somebody using Draw My
16 CA Districts, they could either log in again with the
17 same credentials as the COI tool or use the tool as a
18 guest and then create a new district plan type.

19 And then they can make a Congressional plan, State
20 Assembly, State Senate, or Board of Equalization plan,
21 create, and edit districts, write comments individually
22 about each district that they're creating or provide sort
23 of general comments about the overall architecture of
24 their plan and then submit their redistricting plan or a
25 single district to the California Citizens Redistricting



1 Commission.

2 So now we have a video demonstration of Draw My CA
3 Districts. This video is about ten minutes long because
4 we look a little bit more closely at all of the features
5 in the tool. And I would love to note, for everybody
6 watching now, we are going to put this on our YouTube
7 channel just as a video walkthrough.

8 And also at the beginning, it flashes what will be
9 the URL of the tool on the screen. It is not live just
10 yet. So if you go there, the site is password protected
11 and so you won't be able to access it quite yet. So
12 those are my two caveats.

13 And with that, Kristian, could you please play this
14 video?

15 REC: Welcome to a brief video demonstration of Draw
16 My California Districts. Draw My California Districts is
17 an online tool that was developed by California statewide
18 database to facilitate public access to California
19 statewide redistricting process.

20 You can use Draw My California Districts to create
21 district plans for the California State Senate, State
22 Assembly, Board of Equalization, and Congressional
23 districts. Draw My California Districts is free to use,
24 and it's available in both English and Spanish.

25 Draw My California Districts is available anywhere



1 you could get on the internet at drawmycadistricts.org.
2 Through Draw My California Districts, you could create a
3 single district or statewide plan while referring to
4 demographic breakdowns and percent deviation of the ideal
5 population of each district in your plan. You can
6 include comments about each district you create and you
7 can additionally provide overarching information about
8 your entire map.

9 When you're finished working on your map and written
10 commentary, you can submit your plan directly to the
11 California Citizens Redistricting Commission for
12 consideration in the Line Drawing Process.

13 Everyone who lives in California is invited and
14 encouraged to participate. Please follow my cursor, as I
15 point out various features throughout this demonstration.
16 On the side panel, click on the arrow next to the words
17 drawing to expand this section.

18 Here, you'll be able to create, view, edit, and
19 delete your districts and write comments on your
20 district. You can also find the drawing tools that you
21 can use to draw your districts. The drawing tools allow
22 you to move the map, add areas to your map by clicking
23 add areas by rectangle, add areas by freehand, and remove
24 areas from your map by clicking or by rectangle.

25 The drawing layer tells you which layer is being



1 displayed on the map at any given time. The drawing
2 layer is controlled by zoom. Zooming in from the county
3 level will switch the drawing layer to cities and towns,
4 tribal areas, then tracks, and finally blocks. Whichever
5 layer is displayed on the map at any given time is the
6 layer you could use to add areas to your district.

7 For example, if the county layer is displayed on the
8 map, you can use the drawing tools to add counties to
9 your district map. If you zoom into the cities and towns
10 layer, you could add cities and towns to your map.
11 Navigate over to the bottom of the screen to view the
12 statistics panel.

13 Here, you are able to view statistics about the
14 population, total voting age population and citizen
15 voting age population. The values that are being
16 displayed are the data associated with the area currently
17 in your district, the area that is selected on the map,
18 and the resulting change of adding or removing the
19 selected area from your district. The statistics panel
20 will update in real time as you make changes to your
21 district map.

22 Below the drawing tab is the View Layers tab. Under
23 the Commission layer section, you can display the current
24 statewide districts on the map. Once the Commission has
25 published draft maps, you will be able to view those

1 districts on the map area for your reference.

2 The view layers feature will be available in the
3 future update of Draw My California Districts. Draw My
4 California Districts additionally allows you to check
5 your work before submitting your map to the Commission.
6 You can run contiguity deviation and area assignments
7 tracks on your redistricting plan. We will review the
8 section more closely later in this demonstration.

9 Let's create a district. For the purpose of this
10 demonstration, I'll be working in the California State
11 Assembly District as a locked in user. Please note that
12 any districts or comments created in this video are for
13 demonstration purposes only.

14 This demonstration is not based on an actual public
15 comment. And at the time of recording the final
16 redistricting data set is not reflected in the tool.

17 When you start a plan, you will get a window
18 prompting you to create a plan name and to select which
19 level of district you would like to work on. I will call
20 this demo plan and select California State Assembly.
21 Then click create.

22 Navigate over to the drawing tab on the left panel
23 to open and view district details and the tools that can
24 be used to draw districts on the map. Then scroll over
25 to the district details and name the district. I'll name



1 this district, District Number 1.

2 Scroll up to the action section to choose the tool

3 to make your selection. I will use add by rectangle.

4 Because I want to select multiple counties first. I'll

5 stay on the county layer. You can view your current

6 active layer here. Now, I can start making selections.

7 To add your selections to the District, click make change

8 to district.

9 You can tell that your selection is added to your

10 district when the selected geography turns a different

11 color. You can switch between different drawing layers

12 to create your district. For example, you can begin

13 working with The County layer and then switch to adding

14 cities, tracks or any other layer you wish.

15 Here, I will zoom in to the track layer, make

16 selections and add them to my district by clicking make a

17 change to district. You may notice that as I make

18 selections on the map and add layers to my district, the

19 statistics table is updating.

20 I will refer to the statistics table as I draw my

21 district to make sure it isn't too far over or under

22 populated. If you change your mind about an area, you

23 added to a district, you can delete portions of your

24 district by clicking remove, selecting the area you wish

25 to remove, then clicking make change to district.



1 You can add comments about your district in the
2 comment section. To create a new district, simply go
3 over to active district, click on the dropdown, select
4 new district. Then you can repeat the process that I
5 just demonstrated to create and edit your next district.

6 When you're done working on your district map, you
7 can run the compliance check if you'd like. The
8 compliance check will allow you to run contiguity,
9 percentage vision, and area assignment checks on your
10 districts to understand whether your district map or
11 statewide plan adheres to some of the same line drawing
12 criteria outlined in the California Constitution.

13 When Draw My California District is checking your
14 work, a check mark will appear next to the aspects to the
15 compliance check that pass that part of the check. If
16 the plan does not adhere to certain parts of the
17 compliance check Draw My California Districts will let
18 you know by displaying a warning.

19 If your plan does not pass each part of the
20 compliance check, you will still be able to submit your
21 map to the Commission. When you're done working on your
22 district map and comments, click submit, then click
23 review and submit.

24 On the review summit window, you can double-check
25 your plan name, district type, and write a general



1 description about your plan. When you're finished
2 reviewing the statistics and other information, check the
3 acknowledgment box and click submit.

4 Your plan will be fed directly to the California
5 Citizens Redistricting Commission. If you have any
6 questions while using Draw My CA Districts, help is
7 available. Click on the help button to chat with tech
8 support in real time, access the user guide, or watch
9 how-to videos. Thank you for your participation in this
10 important process.

11 MS. CLARK: Thank you so much, Kristian.

12 Let's see here. Okay. Can you see my PowerPoint?
13 Okay. Awesome. Thank you so much.

14 So I just want to touch on this one more time
15 because this is information that's going to be shared
16 with the Commission. So users, through the online
17 redistricting tool, Draw My CA Districts, users can
18 submit their single district, map, or their full or
19 partial redistricting plans to the Commission from inside
20 the tool.

21 File types available for export or download to the
22 local computer are the equivalency file, shapefile, and
23 PDFs associated with the submission. Again, these are
24 the same file types that are being provided to users and
25 sent to the Commission through the COI tool. And all of



1 these files would also of course be sent to the
2 Commission.

3 Authenticated users are users who are using the tool
4 logged in will also receive a confirmation email with
5 files associated with their submission as an attachment.
6 And just like the just like the -- just like the COI
7 tool.

8 And of course, people who are not logged in wouldn't
9 receive that email because we don't have their email
10 address. So looking ahead and also kind of a recap of
11 what we just talked about, there are multiple options for
12 members of the public to access all of these softwares.

13 The Redistricting Access Centers offer in-person
14 access to all of these softwares and also support and
15 help using the softwares. The QGIS Plugin is also an
16 option for people at home where visiting a center may be
17 impractical.

18 Online, you can use the COI tool. And you can use
19 the online redistricting tool anywhere you can get
20 online. We have virtual appointments available with
21 technical support staff seven days a week. And you don't
22 have to make a video appointment. We also have phone
23 numbers that people can call to just talk on the phone to
24 get some help.

25 Through the online tools, which again are the COI



1 tool, Draw My CA Community, and the online redistricting
2 tool, Draw My CA Districts, we have live chat support
3 available seven days a week.

4 Again, the COI tool was released March 2nd, 2021.
5 We opened the doors to all of the centers on August 16th,
6 2021. We have had visits from members of the public. We
7 anticipate that there will be more visits from members of
8 the public once the line drawing softwares are available,
9 which will be sometime next week, as we are right now,
10 integrating the data, doing a little bit of bug testing
11 because of course changing our entire data set is a
12 significant change to the software.

13 And so we're just doing bug testing. And
14 additionally, Karin, mentioned that we are going to
15 update the PL for some user friendliness issues and we're
16 going to integrate that into the redistricting software
17 as well, the QGIS software and the line drawing software.

18 We're going to make these tools available once
19 those -- once we have that updated PL available because
20 we don't want users to start working on their plan and
21 then the data to change, even though it's not going to be
22 a big plan -- or a big change, excuse me. And especially
23 for QGIS users, it would prompt like new data download of
24 the entire PL merged to census block geography, which is
25 a really big download.



1 So we are going to release these sometime next week.
2 We will of course be communicating and working closely
3 with your wonderful outreach and communication staff to
4 communicate when we know exactly when they'll be
5 released. And the role of the statewide database in all
6 of this is the same as our role with the COI tool. We
7 capture input from users and send it to you.

8 Additionally, we provide user support and then the
9 Commission can use all of this information in your line
10 drawing process. And that is my presentation for you.
11 Thank you so much. Emails are there. And as Karin
12 mentioned previously, a contact@statewidedatabase.org is
13 a great way to get information about all things statewide
14 database.

15 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Well, thank you for that, those
16 presentations. That was really informative and helpful.
17 I see that Commissioner Fernandez has had her hand up for
18 quite some time, and I am -- I would risk my life if I
19 didn't call on her first.

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: That's because Jaime tipped
21 you off. That's okay.

22 Great presentation. I loved it. I just had a
23 couple of clarifications I kind of know the answers to,
24 but just want to confirm.

25 Jaime, in the second video, when Sara was showing



1 the cities and counties, you could just tap those, would
2 it will automatically just shade in all of the
3 incorporated areas also within those -- like between the
4 cities and counties or towns.

5 MS. CLARK: You know Sara. Just kidding.

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. I met her yesterday
7 at the (indiscernible).

8 MS. CLARK: Yeah. The videos were created with the
9 help, shout out to Sara, our redistricting access center
10 manager at our Sacramento locations. So if you're
11 watching, Sara, Thank you. And I (audio interference) --

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: You left us hanging because
13 you froze up, Jaime.

14 MS. CLARK: -- small areas layers. Unique in
15 these --

16 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Jaime, you froze right when you
17 said the answer.

18 MS. CLARK: Okay.

19 CHAIR FORNACIARI: So if you can start the answer
20 over, that would be great.

21 MS. CLARK: Okay. Thank you. I just got the
22 little -- that said, your internet connection. Okay. So
23 the cities and towns, the tribal areas layers and
24 redistricting tool are unique because it's not a layer
25 that covers wall to wall every single census block in

1 California, where the counties and the tracks and of
2 course, the census blocks are.

3 They do cover every single -- all the areas in
4 California, including unincorporated areas. So if users
5 click on two cities and the cities are not contiguous,
6 then they should zoom to the census tract layer, pick up
7 the census tracts that are in between those two cities,
8 and then they'll have one shape for their district. And
9 we have video tutorials about how to do these types of
10 things at statewide databases YouTube Channel.

11 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Did that cover all your
12 questions, Commissioner Fernandez?

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Well, I had two more, but I
14 was sharing. So somebody else can go now. Thank you.

15 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. We've got Commissioner Yee
16 and Commissioner Sinay.

17 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you so much, Jaime and
18 Karin. This is so fantastic. And California is so
19 fortunate to have statewide database and proactively
20 generating these tools and making them available.

21 For the line drawing stuff, I'm wondering what we
22 should say if we're asked how to choose between the
23 online version and the QGIS Plugin. What additional
24 capabilities the QGIS Plugin if someone that would
25 justify the extra effort of downloading that and learning

1 how to run that?

2 MS. CLARK: Sure. So if users, for example, want to
3 be able to look at an individual census block and
4 understand all of the data associated with that
5 individual census block, that is the level of access that
6 is provided through the plug in for QGIS. And
7 additionally, there's just a lot of functionality that's
8 built in to you guys that you have access to when you use
9 the plug in.

10 So for example, if somebody had an interest in
11 measuring how many kilometers or miles from east to west
12 is my district, you could do something like that.
13 There's just like so much -- you want to know the exact
14 longitude and latitude of a certain area on the map. You
15 could do that with QGIS plug in. These are things you
16 could not do with the online redistricting tool.

17 Again, the QGIS Plugin has all redistricting -- or
18 excuse me, it's full redistricting software with full GIS
19 capabilities. The online redistricting tool is not. And
20 additionally, I would say that depending on your internet
21 connection at home while installing the plug in for QGIS,
22 it is a big -- it's a big data download that could take
23 some time, but once you have it, it's faster.

24 We're not tabulating every single census log. How
25 many are in this district? How many are in this district

1 over the internet, right? It's all by your computer
2 that's at home. So that is faster also.

3 I would probably say that if you're somebody who
4 wants to draw one district, two districts in your area
5 that you have specific interest in and you don't need or
6 have interest in all of the functionality associated with
7 a full GIS software, then the online redistricting tool
8 is a really good option.

9 If you want to draw a full statewide plan and really
10 be able to dig into the data, dig in to the geography,
11 then I would say that the QGIS Plugin is a good option.

12 COMMISSIONER YEE: But in either case, the
13 submissions that are generated are identical?

14 MS. CLARK: Yes, absolutely. And either way, if you
15 submit to the Commission, then the Commission will
16 receive your input.

17 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you.

18 MS. CLARK: And I'm just going to keep talking here
19 for a second, I guess. First of all, both tools have the
20 contiguity track. They have the assigned area checked.
21 They have the percent deviation check. Basically the
22 things, the things that you would need to be able to draw
23 a district, understand like -- understand some of the
24 population information about your district, and then send
25 that to the Commission. All of that is in the online

1 redistricting tool. And then QGIS just has a lot more.

2 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Commissioner Sinay?

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thanks. So this was created at
4 the request of the legislature, right? Is that how this
5 came about to be created? Yeah. Okay. Thanks, Jaime.

6 And last time, that if this was available, it looks
7 like it would have been less than fifty percent. It
8 wasn't available, but it was less than fifty -- it's
9 fifty submissions of district maps. Did I read that
10 correctly on the -- okay. So this time it may be a few
11 more so.

12 But my question is, we have limited resources at the
13 Commission. And we have -- meaning mainly our staff and
14 our staff time. And we have multiple purposes and
15 multiple requests and multiple strategies that we're
16 trying to do.

17 And so I wanted to have -- will there be time for us
18 as commissioners to have a conversation about how do we
19 envision using this tool? How do we want staff -- if we
20 want staff to promote it because it might increase
21 confusion. I already know from talking to some staff
22 that there is already confusion.

23 And so I want to make sure that we as Commissioners
24 have an opportunity to really understand what we want
25 from this tool, how we want to promote it, and how do we



1 incorporate it in what we're already doing?

2 For instance, do we require all those who come to
3 present district maps to use it? I don't think we would
4 require it, but I really would like us as Commissioners
5 to have this conversation and decide for ourselves and
6 not the legislature tell us that this is a great tool
7 that could be used. And I think it is a great tool and I
8 think it's a great opportunity.

9 But I don't -- I want us to be very strategic on how
10 we use our limited resources to get the public input that
11 we need moving forward and where staff should be focusing
12 and what messages to send. Because the more messages we
13 create, the more confusing all this gets. So I just
14 wanted us -- just to ask when we as Commissioners will
15 have this conversation.

16 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Commissioner Sadhwani, I think,
17 wanted to respond.

18 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: I don't know if maybe
19 Commissioner Andersen is going to respond as well or
20 Karin, on this. I don't want to jump the line
21 necessarily. But after this session, we do intend to
22 have a conversation about those district mapping days.

23 And I think we can have a more global conversation
24 about what this new tool means for us as the Commission
25 and what that might look like. So I do think that

1 there's time for that today.

2 CHAIR FORNACIARI: And I think -- so Karin, did you
3 want to go ahead and answer a question?

4 MS. MACDONALD: Yes. If I may. Thank you so much,
5 Chair.

6 I wanted to just clarify that the reason for why
7 these tools were made available was because that is
8 mandated by Proposition 11, because Proposition 11
9 actually requires that the legislature make public access
10 to software available.

11 And there was access to software last time, and of
12 course, ten years ago was a totally different playing
13 field in terms of what computer technology was available
14 and internet access and whatnot, so. And also because,
15 Proposition 11 kind of snuck up on everybody a tiny
16 little bit.

17 So what we did is we only had the redistricting
18 access sites available. And I think that definitely
19 affected the ability of people to create full plans. For
20 example, they were partial plans, too, so I can't speak
21 to how many were actually submitted. I would have to
22 look that up. But the sites were really well used.

23 And again, we're now in a -- just in a different
24 space. In all honesty, if we had not come up with a
25 statewide tool for this process, we would never hear the



1 end of it, because that is now what is expected by
2 everybody, and especially given that we're in a pandemic.
3 Obviously, I think from what we have learned is that it's
4 been highly appreciated.

5 So but again, I just wanted to say that this was required
6 by Proposition 11, and that is why we're here today.

7 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Commissioner Turner?

8 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Chair.

9 A couple of things. Number 1, I did want to have as
10 a question for the submitted district plans, how are we
11 going to handle it? So I'm glad we're going to have that
12 conversation. But I wanted to say I loved the tool. I
13 loved, particularly the checks contiguity and others so
14 that people aren't spinning things that then we have to
15 later decipher.

16 And I know for those that will be submitting
17 district plans, they certainly would not be required to
18 use this, but I'm certainly hoping they will utilize it.
19 And I feel like it will make it really easy for us to the
20 extent that we're able to use it.

21 The question that I had is on the QGIS Plugin. I
22 know that that's something that -- thank you, Jaime, for
23 all of that. On the download long download all of that,
24 but once it's downloaded, you referenced the need to or
25 people could use their credentials that was used for the

1 Draw My California tool.

2 I'm wondering, is there a guest option there? If
3 they've downloaded it, they have to. So instead of could
4 it's a requirement, they do need to then log in and
5 use -- okay. Okay. That's what I wondered about because
6 it wasn't -- it kept seeming like it was an option or
7 choice.

8 But when you got to the second tool, it said that it
9 could be either access or the other. So I just wanted to
10 make sure that that was clear that -- okay. Thank you.

11 Yeah.

12 MS. CLARK: Yeah. Thank you so much for that
13 question. And just to respond really quickly, this is
14 just about being able to connect to our server so that
15 you can submit through the tool itself.

16 And also because this is going to be available on
17 all of the redistricting access centers, another sort of
18 function of that is so that I don't -- I'm not going
19 to -- I'm not going to submit anything to the Commission,
20 but so that somebody doesn't go in and say, great, I'm
21 working on my plan right now. I'm on a public computer.
22 and then I'm going to come back tomorrow.

23 Meanwhile, whoever comes in after them at the same
24 public computer goes in and is like, oh, interesting. I
25 see what you're doing there. I think I'm just going to



1 add this area or like, I would change this a little bit.
2 And then I come in tomorrow and my plan is completely
3 different.

4 So it's about giving people access only to their own
5 plans and also about being able to connect to our server
6 and submit without having to download their shapefile and
7 then email that to the Commission.

8 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Commissioner Andersen?

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I just have a very quick --
10 I'm just assuming -- one question that came in last time
11 here about the about the COIs is how divide counties.
12 I'm assuming that that is also one of our tutorials on
13 the redistricting. I'm seeing a head nod.

14 MS. CLARK: In all of the -- okay. All of the
15 tutorials -- I'm like, I think all of the tutorials --
16 but all of the tutorials specifically around drawing and
17 the COI tool are also going to be applicable to tutorials
18 around drawing with this tool.

19 It uses the same functionality in terms of what
20 layer you can draw with, the drawing tools all work the
21 same. Really, the difference is that as opposed to with
22 the COI tool, you click a couple centers blocks or
23 whatever, and then that's what your community is
24 automatically.

25 With this you can select, see what it means for your

1 percent deviation, or see what it means for your total
2 population of your district. And then you have to alike
3 apply the change and then it becomes part of your
4 district. But otherwise, splitting counties, et cetera
5 is the same.

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Great. And then I just want
7 to say right now, wow, it's amazing the amount of work
8 that the statewide database has done for us and for the
9 entire state. I mean, all the -- all of our compliance
10 with the VRA and our level, at the local level, it is so
11 much easier.

12 And for in particular, given our short time frame
13 for all the public to be able to participate in this is
14 my community. This is how I like to have a district map.
15 I mean, this is so much easier and well, I kind of want
16 to raise my hand.

17 I want to get into that meeting. I have to go here.
18 And I'm going to try to put a map up or I'm going to try
19 to draw this and send it in. There's just no comparison.
20 Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

21 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Thank you.

22 Director Kaplan?

23 MS. KAPLAN: Apologies if this was already covered.
24 The population totals that you highlighted per district,
25 are those also included on the tool or is that something

1 we will want to make sure to communicate? Or does that
2 just show up when you do the check for the -- I forgot
3 the word.

4 MS. CLARK: Yes. So when somebody chooses, I want
5 to work on my State Assembly District, then that tells
6 the program there's eighty districts that the program
7 needs to make. And then it knows the total population in
8 California and it knows the number of districts and then
9 automatically will calculate the ideal population for
10 that district.

11 And then that's what that percent deviation that's
12 provided through the tools is based off of. And in the
13 QGIS tool, there's like a little line that just is always
14 on the redistricting tool box, without getting too
15 detailed, that always shows it. So you can always kind
16 of refer back to it if you wish.

17 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Commissioner Kennedy, you have a
18 question. I think Karin also has an answer to your
19 question about the difference in the reapportionment and
20 redistricting data. So I don't know who wants to go
21 first.

22 How about you, Karin?

23 MS. MACDONALD: Thank you so much.

24 So I verified that the differences in the numbers
25 are due to the resident population. So the resident

1 population basically is included in their PL 94. But
2 then there's also overseas and military personnel that
3 are not usually residing in California. So they are
4 included in the reapportionment count, but not in the
5 redistricting count. So that was a difference. Thank
6 you.

7 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Go ahead, Commissioner Kennedy.

8 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Karin, for that.

9 I'll be trying to figure some of this out with legal
10 counsel, having been one of those that was counted as
11 living overseas in 2010, I didn't realize that I wasn't
12 taken into account in the redistricting process in 2011.

13 My question to Jaime is, is a very simple one, I
14 think. You've said repeatedly that you log in using your
15 Draw My CA Community credentials, but what if someone
16 hasn't been engaged and doesn't have Draw My CA Community
17 credentials?

18 Do they have to go on to that first, create
19 credentials, exit that, and then log in to this? Or is
20 there a way to just get on to this for the first time
21 engaging in the redistricting process and set up
22 credentials? Thank you.

23 MS. CLARK: Thank you so much for that question.
24 Regardless of what tool you are going to or using, first,
25 you will be able to create credentials that give you



1 access to an account for all of the tools.

2 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Karin?

3 MS. MACDONALD: Yeah, just, if I may, I just wanted
4 to say that we really appreciate what Commissioner
5 Andersen said, and we're very flattered. And we're glad
6 that everybody thinks that we do a lot of work, which we
7 for sure did. And I was hoping to have everybody from
8 the statewide database team here today, but everybody's
9 still juggling data. So there was just no opportunity to
10 do that.

11 But maybe at some point in the future, if there is
12 just maybe a couple of minutes, they can just all join
13 and just say hello because we have an amazing team and
14 everybody has just worked together incredibly well and
15 for so long. And we have some temporary people, of
16 course, the redistricting access site managers, and
17 they've been phenomenal.

18 As Commissioner Fernandez said, she just met Sara
19 yesterday and recognized the voice on the videos. And I
20 know some of you have been in some of the other
21 redistricting access sites. So there's just a lot going
22 on. And it's definitely not just Jaime and I. We just
23 like to talk. So that's why we're here. So thank you.

24 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. Well, I see Commissioner
25 Fernandez has her hand up. We're up against a break



1 pretty soon -- in a few minutes. You sure? Okay.

2 So let's see. Yeah. Well, I, too, want to thank
3 you all for your hard work. These are amazing tools.
4 Really, really well done. Very well, obviously thought
5 through and user friendly at different levels. Right.
6 You can get into the real meat and potatoes of it, or you
7 can just work on a very high level, depending on your
8 interest and capabilities.

9 Okay. We are up against a break. I am a delinquent
10 chair. I didn't take public comment on number -- on
11 agenda item 8. I have to take public comment and agenda
12 item 7. We will do both of those things when we return
13 from the break at 4:30. So thank you all.

14 (Whereupon, a recess was held)

15 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Welcome back, California. As I
16 mentioned before, we left on the break. We are going to
17 take public comment at this time on agenda items 7 and 8.
18 So I will turn it over to Katy, our comment moderator.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: You got it, Chair.

20 The Commission will now take public comment on
21 agenda items number 7 and number 8. To give comment,
22 please call 877-853-5247. And enter the meeting ID
23 number 81982237721 for this meeting.

24 Once you have dialed in, please press star 9 to
25 enter the comment queue. The full call-in instructions



1 have been read previously in this meeting and are
2 provided in full on the live stream landing page. And we
3 do not have anyone in the queue just yet, Chair. But I
4 will let you know when the instructions are complete and
5 if anyone shows up.

6 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Thank you, Katy. I have a
7 feeling this will be my last meeting as chair. I was
8 doing was such a poor job.

9 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: No. We want you forever.
10 You're welcome to take the next one.

11 CHAIR FORNACIARI: That is a hard. No.

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Outreach is much easier, isn't
13 it?

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Chair, the instructions
15 are complete on the stream. We do not currently have
16 anyone in the queue.

17 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. Let's wait for -- a little
18 bit longer. In case someone is in the process of calling
19 in. I just want to let Commissioner Sinay know her
20 microphone is open. If that was not her intent.

21 Okay. I see no one has called in. We will have a
22 few more opportunities for comments on agenda items and
23 then, of course, open public comment at the end of the --
24 at the end of the meeting.

25 In this session, we have a number of things to talk



1 about. It's been a big week for us. Again, with the
2 census data coming out on Monday and then our -- the
3 Supreme Court providing a position on the -- on our
4 motion.

5 So I talked about that a little bit at the beginning
6 of the meeting. I want to leave some space here for some
7 conversation about that amongst the Commissioners and
8 what the impact of that might be -- what your thoughts
9 are in general.

10 But I thought I'd ask Chief Counsel Payne to start
11 this conversation for us in -- what I've asked him to do
12 is kind of frame up the process that we went through for
13 this motion that we made kind of as a reminder for the
14 Commission, but also to help the public understand the
15 process that we went through to get to this point. And
16 so I'll turn it over to Chief Counsel Pane.

17 ATTNY PANE: Thank you, Chair.

18 Hello. Good afternoon, Commissioners. As the Chair
19 mentioned, I'm just going to try to provide a little bit
20 of an overview of kind of where we been. As all of you
21 are aware, we have the Padilla decision that came out
22 that said preliminary maps were due November 1st and
23 finals were due December 15th.

24 Then the Commission decided to file an emergency
25 motion, a written mandate, asking for November 19th for

1 the preliminary maps and January 14th for the finals.

2 As you remember and recall, we had some opposition.
3 The Secretary of state filed its opposition to our
4 understanding of the dates and the legislature filed its
5 I guess it was a non-opposition, but its own pleading and
6 did that September 7th. Then we had a chance to reply
7 and we did on September 13th.

8 And as you're aware, then we had the final decision
9 from the California Supreme Court come out yesterday and
10 we now have the dates of November 15th for preliminary
11 maps and then December 27th for the final maps.

12 And so certainly isn't the November 19th and January
13 14th that we've asked for. But it is certainly longer
14 than what we were going to get with Padilla, which again,
15 was November 1st and December 15th.

16 So I'd like to just -- I appreciate the initial
17 sentiments that everyone has mentioned about this and
18 what the chair began the meeting with, that not -- even
19 though we didn't get everything we wanted to, that we are
20 going to make sure that we are -- will work within the
21 Supreme Court's decision and the new timelines.

22 And we're going to work to get sort of a new
23 timeline based on these final dates that that still tries
24 to do as much public participation as we possibly can.

25 It looks like Commissioner Kennedy has a question.



1 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: More like a different point
2 of view on this. The Padilla decision in July 2020
3 clearly said that if The State were to receive the census
4 data after July 31st, then we would receive additional
5 days on a day-for-day basis. And my perspective is that
6 we've received exactly what that July 2020 decision said,
7 which was November 1st plus 12 days.

8 That has been adjusted from a Saturday to a Monday.
9 And December 15th plus 12 days. So I don't see us as
10 having gotten anything more or less than what Padilla
11 decision of July 2020 originally said. Thank you.

12 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Yeah. So are there any other
13 questions for Chief Counsel Pane? I don't know if
14 Commissioner Andersen or Commissioner Sadhwani want to --
15 I see we have Commissioner Yee.

16 COMMISSIONER YEE: Right. So I wanted to note that
17 the Padilla dates, which are now our dates, between the
18 draft maps and the final is actually forty-two days, not
19 the forty-five originally envisioned. And because of how
20 the weekend works out there. So that's a little
21 compressed.

22 And then with the 27th final map date, the maps
23 actually have to be finished three days before that, in
24 fact. Right. So that would be the 24th Christmas Eve.

25 ATTNY PANE: Or sooner.

1 COMMISSIONER YEE: Or sooner. Okay. Just wanted to
2 make sure that was correct. Thanks.

3 ATTNY PANE: Yeah. So to your point, Commissioner,
4 on that, the reason why I -- just for clarification for
5 the public, is we -- by statute, we have to allow for
6 three days of comment after -- before it's certified with
7 the secretary of state, but after the final adoption. So
8 that's why I think you said the 24th. We have to account
9 for that three days as well. Yes.

10 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Commissioner Andersen?

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. Thank you very much,
12 Chair.

13 I just sort of want to say, this is more from the
14 line drawing perspective. This was scenario one. We
15 have been spinning ideas about what we could do, what we
16 can't do. Scenario one was exactly as Commissioner
17 Kennedy said. This is what Padilla gave us. Assuming it
18 was the PL 94 period. Doesn't matter that we can't use
19 that data right then. That was regardless. That's what
20 it says.

21 And I think that is one for lessons learned. That
22 should be modified to when we can actually use the
23 information, which -- and scenario two was going to --
24 when the legacy data was -- would be actually usable for
25 reformatted because we all know from our previous

1 discussion, our presentations, no one in California can
2 use any of that data until it comes out of the official
3 statewide -- from the statewide database with all its
4 redistricting and reallocations.

5 Because while we have numbers that -- like a total
6 number, we don't have any information to do a criterion
7 two, which is the Voting Rights Act until that
8 information is done. So we really do have a short window
9 of time. But the subcommittee has spun a few scenarios.

10 And what we'd like to do is go ahead at this next
11 meeting, which is on the 28th, is present a tentative
12 plan of this is what we could do, essentially a schedule
13 from now till the 27th. And so the whole Commission can
14 then discuss. I just want to bring that forward at this
15 time.

16 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Thanks, Commissioner Andersen.

17 Any other questions? Comments? Questions for
18 clarity. So I guess I have one. So what is the -- so by
19 the 24th, we have to what exactly? Improve the final
20 maps; is that it? And then on -- or no. Okay, Marian --

21 ATTNY PANE: Commissioner Andersen --

22 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Commissioner Andersen.

23 ATTNY PANE: -- looks like she's going to bid on
24 this one.

25 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. I'm going to go -- yeah.



1 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Unless Marian or Anthony
2 want to jump in?

3 ATTNY PANE: It's okay. Because, I mean, I know
4 we -- I mean, I know you -- we there there's the whole
5 trickle and the tracking of the date. So feel free. But
6 yeah.

7 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. Basically, we have
8 three-time restrictions. From the time we put out our
9 first draft map, we have a fourteen-day restriction when
10 we can't post any additional maps, can't touch that map.
11 Well, we can't post the additional maps.

12 Then we have to -- we present another draft map, a
13 second draft map or -- and any other additional draft
14 map -- or any additional draft map we have to have
15 another seven days. Then we say, wow, and we vote and
16 say, this is what we'd like to do final, there is another
17 three-day requirement before it actually can be certified
18 final.

19 And so in running scenarios back and forth, there's
20 always the question of like as Commissioner Yee said, so
21 if it's the 27th, is the final final goes out. Does that
22 mean we say, yes, we want to do it on the 24th or is it
23 actually on the 23rd? So we have three clear days.

24 These are discussions which are a bit legal, and we
25 thought we'd sort of air on the -- it should be the 23rd.

1 And so you put these things, these possible scenarios
2 together. Should we want to do another draft map, it had
3 to be on or before essentially December 15th.

4 So we'd have a seven-day and a three-day. Which
5 means we really only have a month between draft map. And
6 when we think we kind of want to go all is final. It's a
7 really short window.

8 ATTNY PANE: And I think on the 28th or 29th, I
9 think, the plan is to kind of do at least proffer a sort
10 of new timeline -- updated timeline in light of the new
11 dates, I think.

12 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Oh, yes. Correct.
13 Absolutely. Absolutely.

14 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. I have Commissioner
15 Fernandez, then Turner, then Ahmad, then Kennedy.

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Just the only comment I
17 really had on the whole Supreme Court is, in my opinion,
18 based on us -- or not us -- based on a statewide database
19 of the legislature or whoever decided to take the legacy
20 data, we actually lost a week because it was a week of
21 verifying the information before they actually did the
22 incarcerated population. So we actually are worse off
23 than what the Padilla case or what the Padilla
24 stipulated. So I just wanted to publicly say that.

25 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Commissioner Turner?

1 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Chair. I wanted to
2 publicly say that I am disappointed in the results and
3 the feedback that we've received and want it to gain --
4 remind me again now the three days at the end that we
5 don't touch. I understand the fourteen days don't touch.
6 Allow people to be able to react to them before we change
7 them the next seven days should we do it again. The last
8 three days they are final, which would be the 24th
9 instead of the 27th. For people still to react, we're
10 not going to change them again. They are final. So I
11 want you to remind me again --

12 ATTNY PANE: Sure.

13 COMMISSIONER TURNER: -- why are you taking now
14 another three days, because these days are now crucial
15 and critical?

16 ATTNY PANE: Yeah, well, that. Point well taken.
17 The theory, I think, being that even when the Commission
18 might think it's final, there might be some persuasive
19 public comment that might influence and get you all to
20 decide that we thought it was final. But you know what?
21 That's a good point. We might need to adjust some
22 things.

23 So what we thought was final may not actually be
24 final. Now, does that lend itself to a never-ending
25 cycle of three days? Yes. So at some point, there might

1 have to be a final. You wait the three days.

2 You do take the public comment for the three days
3 and then you certify, which means we're not changing what
4 we said was final. But we don't have any wiggle room.
5 We do have to say it's final and we do have to wait the
6 three days before we can certify.

7 COMMISSIONER TURNER: So to follow the follow up on
8 that counsel, the date, the decision -- the Padilla
9 decision or the Supreme Court decision of the 27th being
10 our final date, I'm still reading that as our loss of
11 wiggle room, that that is when we need to certify by.

12 So even if we receive feedback, I'm still hearing --
13 processing that that we still do need to submit by the
14 27th. And so unless that stating that the 27th isn't a
15 hard deadline, I'm back at the same question. I'm
16 wondering why we would not just submit and certify.

17 ATTNY PANE: Yeah. Commissioner, the 27th is a hard
18 deadline. What the statute contemplates is when the
19 Commission is thinking this is a final -- and let's take
20 the 24th out of it.

21 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Um-hum.

22 ATTNY PANE: Let's say we're about -- we're way
23 ahead and we're at December 15th, and we think this is
24 final and we do the three-day comment period.
25 Theoretically, there could be some comment in there

1 that --

2 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Um-hum.

3 ATTNY PANE: -- gets you all to say, you know what,
4 this -- we thought this was final, but you know what?
5 It's not.

6 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Um-hum.

7 ATTNY PANE: And then you have the three days and
8 maybe you take another crack at it and now that's your
9 final --

10 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Um-hum.

11 ATTNY PANE: -- wait, three days and then you could
12 certify. So after each display, if you look at the in
13 the pattern of them, the first display has a long waiting
14 period, fourteen days.

15 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Um-hum.

16 ATTNY PANE: Then you have a subsequent one. Notice
17 that that's less. And then you get to the final and
18 there's even less. The theory being that you're probably
19 not going to change things as much as you approach
20 finalization.

21 But there is a three-day comment period after the
22 final. But that's technically prior to the
23 certification. So it would go final, three days,
24 certify. And that's when it would go to the secretary of
25 state.

1 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. Marian?

2 MS. JOHNSTON: Just a little background. As
3 originally drafted, the proposition required fourteen-
4 days' notice for public comment on all of the maps. So
5 even the final map would have had to be posted with
6 fourteen days to allow for comment. And the thought of
7 the 2010 Commission was that even though it was supposed
8 to be final, the whole point about allowing the time for
9 public comment was to allow the Commission to act on it
10 if, as Anthony said, there was something that was so
11 egregious that it really needed to be corrected.

12 Then in the amendments that were done in the
13 intervening years, because the fourteen days really did
14 shorten the time for the final maps to just a month from
15 when you did your draft maps, to the time you had the
16 final maps, that's when the act was amended to the
17 fourteen, seven and three.

18 But I think the implication is that even though it's
19 a short three-day time limit, if someone comes up and
20 says, no, you've got this terribly wrong, you've got to
21 make this correction, I think that you could do that on
22 the 27th. I would urge you not to wait until then
23 because the amount of time that's involved making a
24 correction.

25 And I think the 27th is the final date. But you do

1 have the right to make changes after you certify your
2 final draft. If your final maps, if comments come in
3 that showed that you really need to make the change.

4 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay.

5 CHAIR FORNACIARI: And yeah, so that was the -- sort
6 of basis of my question too. It's not because I'm
7 connecting --

8 COMMISSIONER TURNER: So I'm not necessarily good.
9 I have that last part. Then the 27th time line might be
10 a long day on the 27th to get it all in, if indeed there
11 was something drastically wrong and we want it to fix it
12 or change it.

13 But even in doing that, wondering about our wiggle
14 room or what would what it would be stated about us even
15 changing it then and certifying after we changed it
16 without allowing any visualization. So the three days is
17 feeling almost like an arbitrary -- I don't know. I'll
18 stop there. But it does still feel -- I'd like more
19 questions.

20 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Yeah. Commissioner Ahmad?

21 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Chair. And I
22 believe we've gone over this, but I just want to make
23 sure I'm understanding it correctly. When we say there's
24 a fourteen-day waiting period for the draft maps, is that
25 fourteen days per district map, or are we saying that the

1 draft maps are being posted as a package of four
2 different statewide maps? Does my question make sense?

3 MS. JOHNSTON: I think that you're required to post
4 all of your maps by the November 15th deadline. And then
5 during the fourteen days after you post all of your maps,
6 you can't do any new maps, but you can receive public
7 comment during that time.

8 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: So in that in that case, if we
9 completed, let's say, for example, the BOE map much
10 earlier than November 14th, that fourteen-day time period
11 starts for the BOE map, does that mean within that
12 fourteen-day period we cannot post any of the other
13 district maps?

14 MS. JOHNSTON: If you wanted to do it separately, I
15 think you would do the maps separately, that we would
16 have fourteen days for each of them. But I don't know
17 what the benefit of that would be to the Commission
18 rather than make it easier for first draft maps all in
19 one day so you can get public comment on all of them.

20 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Anthony, did you have a comment?

21 ATTNY PANE: Yeah, I just -- Commissioner Ahmad,
22 I'll maybe refer you to just -- the statute, really, that
23 the theory with the statute is it's trying to -- what the
24 commission chooses to display, there is a waiting period
25 at that point in which the public is to comment on what

1 the commission has displayed.

2 And I think part of that is to not confuse the
3 public. So you're not displaying one map and turning
4 around and displaying another map and turning around and
5 displaying another map. And they're like, wait a minute,
6 wait a minute, wait a minute. We got to be able to
7 respond to this.

8 So in the statute, they're talking about this
9 waiting period. So I think the smartest thing to do
10 would be to display your maps. You had taken the
11 fourteen days. Then you do a further adjustment, which
12 would be a subsequent one.

13 And Commissioner Andersen, I'm sure you can chime in
14 on this, because we've sort of bantered about how we --
15 how you count all of this. But that's sort of the theory
16 behind this, is that you're giving the public a chance to
17 react and comment and assist or provide critique on what
18 the Commission has chosen to display.

19 And so because the first map is fourteen, there
20 might be much more comment that comes from the public and
21 there might be less as things start to solidify. So as
22 you go from the first map to a subsequent, to the final,
23 the theory being the Commission is starting to engage in
24 the process of finalizing what the maps look like.

25 And so I think -- I'm guessing a little bit, but I

1 think that's sort of the rationale of fourteen, then
2 seven, then three. I don't know, Marian, what do you
3 think?

4 MS. JOHNSTON: Well, the reason I think the
5 Commission asked for the statue to be changed in the
6 short time after the first maps is just like you said,
7 that they wanted to refine the maps but there just wasn't
8 enough time if you had to have fourteen days after each
9 version of the maps, that basically eliminated the
10 possibility for public comment at all. So that's why the
11 thought was to shorten the time period for subsequent
12 maps, but still allow time for public comment.

13 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Commissioner Andersen, did you
14 have your hand up to respond to this question?

15 COMMISSIOENR ANDERSEN: Yes, it is.

16 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay.

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: And it's a couple of things.
18 One, the draft map -- remember what's on this
19 redistricting tool, that will go up, full map, on that
20 tool. So anyone who wants to go in and look at it can
21 look at that. So it isn't like, where we posted it,
22 because that's one thing, where do we post it? Where do
23 we have a look? It will be on that. It obviously will
24 be on our website, all four maps.

25 And then when remember, a draft map is what the

1 Commissioners voted on. And that's going to be a draft
2 map. In our visualizations that we're doing, these are
3 ideas we kind of like to have a look at and see if they
4 might -- if we might start looking at all the different
5 criteria to see could that possibly be a district. Would
6 that possibly work with another district?

7 So well, while we would not touch what we're
8 actually what it's posted. What's there? That does not
9 mean we could not -- I mean, we could be taking in all
10 this input and saying, how would we see that? And a lot
11 of input might come in and say, yeah, we already realized
12 that, but you can't do it.

13 And by doing everything in public, the public can
14 see we'd love to do that. We understand you say that,
15 but it can't be done because of population, because of
16 Voting Rights Act, because it's not contiguous.
17 Something like that.

18 So that's the whole idea behind. But any time we
19 vote, we have to post it. So that's kind of the thing to
20 keep in mind. And I know that the previous commission
21 said they really wanted to do a second draft and did not
22 have time. I don't know. If we might end up -- our
23 second draft might be what we think is going to be final
24 possibly. You wait the seven days and no one says
25 anything else. We kind of go through it like one little

1 tiny change and we vote again and we could go seven and
2 then a day that we vote, and then three, and the final.
3 It might happen that way. I don't know. I just wanted
4 to kind of go through that.

5 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Thanks.

6 Commissioner Kennedy?

7 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you.

8 And I recognize that this discussion is probably
9 going to continue into next year's lessons learned
10 exercise because there are too many questions swirling
11 around this. And I think we could do everyone a service
12 by helping mail some of this down to the long term. I
13 mean, with the three-day, I almost come back to how do we
14 make this statute, the Government code language, make
15 sense.

16 Because if, as Commissioner Turner said, if we make
17 a change during the three-day period as a result of
18 comment, then to me it does as, Chief Counsel Pane said,
19 triggering another three days because now it's final
20 again.

21 And so I think that even if we're not able to change
22 things this time, we really need to focus some time and
23 attention on coming up with good alternatives for the
24 future. I mean, if it's just to give the public an
25 opportunity to react, they could react after we certify.

1 But if it's -- if it's to give us time to make
2 changes, how does that work without triggering, as chief
3 counsel Payne said, an endless cycle of three days, and
4 three days, and three days, and three days.

5 Second of all, I understand that the subcommittee
6 will be bringing back recommendations next week. I look
7 forward to hearing those. I will take the opportunity
8 just to put on the table that I believe that it would be
9 best for us and for Californians if we were able to get
10 our preliminary draft maps up by the end of the day on
11 the 10th so that the two-week period is over before
12 Thanksgiving, that then, Californians, except for us, can
13 enjoy their Thanksgiving holidays. We might have some
14 work to do that weekend, but we would we at least have
15 that off of their calendar before Thanksgiving.

16 And then I'm also responding to public comment a
17 while back, wanting to give the public as much time as
18 possible between the publication of the preliminary draft
19 maps and the final certification date to respond. So
20 yes, even if it shaves a couple of days off of what
21 the -- of what we would like to have, I think it might be
22 something for the subcommittee to consider.

23 And then finally, yes, the question of
24 visualizations during the fourteen-day freeze. That
25 seems to be a bit of a fine line if what we're trying to

1 do is not confuse the public. Because if we start
2 putting out visualizations during those fourteen days, it
3 seems to me that that's likely to be confusing.

4 So I think we need to need to contemplate that. You
5 know, I had said when I proposed the first GANTT chart
6 that those two weeks might be time that we could spend
7 working as a commission on the draft report that would
8 accompany the draft maps.

9 So once we start making changes after the two weeks,
10 then we'd already have a good running start on the draft
11 report and be able to finalize that fairly quickly based
12 on any changes that we make after the preliminary draft
13 maps and the comments based on it. Thank you.

14 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Commissioner Akutagawa?

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you, Commissioner
16 Kennedy, for that. I'm kind of staring at my calendar
17 for that time frame. And I had a question related to
18 that. But now I think I'm going to ask a different one.
19 But before I ask the question about the dates, I guess I
20 just have to ask this question more than anything.

21 In hearing what Commissioner Fernandez and
22 Commissioner Turner had also said about and this is, I
23 think whatever the answer is, it's part of the lessons
24 learned that we'll need to take forward.

25 But maybe for Chief Counsel Pane or for Ms.

1 Johnston, I know that this is the ruling, but I guess I
2 have a feeling of can we just push back and just point
3 out that, look, these are some of the incongruent things
4 that are happening, right?

5 When the statewide database got the data versus like
6 when it actually gets processed and other things like
7 that, I mean, is there an opportunity? Or is this just a
8 big no-no, we cannot push back. And they're ruling is
9 they're ruling. And there's just no going back and
10 saying, really.

11 ATTNY PANE: And the cherry on top, Commissioner
12 Akutagawa, is if the Commission doesn't actually finalize
13 maps, guess where they go?

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I know. Exactly. I
15 thought I'd ask.

16 ATTNY PANE: They're the final stop. Yeah, they're
17 the final stop, so.

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Okay. I mean, I
19 just had to ask that question because, just --

20 ATTNY PANE: Yeah.

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- there's always a
22 possibility. But anyways, so my question is -- and I
23 guess, I am kind of curious and I would be interested --
24 and I don't know if this is Commissioner Andersen and
25 Sadhwani because of working with the line drawers,



1 regardless of when the time frames are, let's say that we
2 submit our -- or we put up our final maps or draft maps
3 by November 15th, so that's a Monday, then that means
4 that the public would have until the 29th.

5 So as Commissioner Kennedy had said, then, the
6 likelihood is there's going to be a lot of people that
7 are going to be continuing to work over the Thanksgiving
8 holidays because they're going to need to take every
9 single minute or time to make sure that they have what
10 they can to put their feedback on it.

11 If we do what Commissioner Kennedy suggests, which
12 does make sense, I guess, that means -- okay. I guess
13 maybe this is the question. Are we all going to be
14 wanting to work Thanksgiving Day? Are we going to take
15 that day off and work that Friday?

16 Because the 10th is a Wednesday, what if we were to
17 say we will post our draft maps by that Friday, the 12th,
18 so that would mean -- or we could even post on the 11th.
19 I know this is splitting hairs a little bit, but just
20 that extra time on either end? I don't know. I think
21 I'm just trying to figure out that that weird time frame,
22 because it is a holiday time for everybody.

23 It's not only us. We know what we were getting
24 into, but we're also asking our staff and the line
25 drawers. I mean, there's a lot of people that are



1 involved in this and how do we make it so that it's a
2 little bit doable for everybody? And what can we
3 reasonably also ask staff and our line drawers to also do
4 as well too.

5 So I just want to just say that out loud.
6 Regardless of when it is, let's say it's either final
7 comments on the draft maps by let's see that Wednesday,
8 the 24th, which is the day before Thanksgiving or even if
9 we just -- we ourselves just realize we can't -- we just
10 have to just go all the way up to the 15th, and then that
11 means final comments are due by the 29th, how much time
12 after we give that draft map, those comments to the draft
13 maps, how much time are we looking at before we come out
14 with the next set of maps?

15 Because then after that, that next set of maps,
16 they're going to have seven days. And then three days
17 after that. So we're looking at the very least on the
18 back end, no later than the 24th for the near final maps
19 or the final maps. But in that time frame between, let's
20 say, the November 24th or November 29th and December
21 24th, how much time are we going to need? Do we set that
22 now? Or are we just going to leave it open ended?

23 And I think that's the question that one of the
24 commenters, I think Mr. Cannon talked about is set those
25 dates now so that people can know what to expect and they

1 can make plans around it. And I think I'm just trying to
2 understand and maybe Commissioner Andersen or
3 Commissioner Sadhwani, like after we get those comments,
4 do we need -- do we need a week? Do we need two weeks?
5 Because at the very least, minimally, if we're talking
6 about seven days comment, that means December 17th, if we
7 stick to the November 15th time frame. So --

8 CHAIR FORNACIARI: So I think, if I can comment,
9 Linda, or Commissioner Akutagawa. I think, I mean, I
10 think that's the whole thing that they'll be bringing
11 back on the 28th. Right. Answering all these questions
12 that you're bringing up. And I guess just that -- just
13 another comment.

14 My thought, my assumption, I guess, is that there
15 would be during the fourteen-day period where we're not
16 doing maps, we would provide opportunity to the public to
17 come tell us what they think. And we need to think about
18 what those meetings would look like and how we want to
19 design those meetings. So that's another question we
20 need to answer.

21 We had the public input design committee meeting.
22 Our committee stood up. I'm not sure that's the most
23 effective approach to trying to figure these things out
24 rather than just having a pair of commissioners work on
25 something and then come back to the full commission

1 because it seemed like the seven of was kind of hashed
2 through stuff and then the full commission hashed through
3 it again.

4 So anyway, these are things we need to figure out
5 really quickly. I don't know if Commissioner Andersen or
6 Commissioner Sadhwani had a response to Commissioner
7 Akutagawa's questions.

8 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I think you said it
9 perfectly, Chair Fornaciari.

10 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay.

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. These are the issues
12 that we have talked about before, and it would be kind of
13 best to give -- I don't mean like, oh, don't worry about
14 it. That's not true at all. We're going to put a
15 scenario together so we'll have a little bit more
16 concrete information to everyone go through and talk
17 about. And then it's sort of time to go into, if you
18 want to, the public map input sessions.

19 CHAIR FORNACIARI: I need to call on our colleague,
20 Commissioner Fernandez, who has her hand up.

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'm almost feeling like a
22 long drawer, Chair.

23 I'm just going to say it. I mean, we can draw a
24 calendar. We can try to project out. The public also
25 needs to know it's fluid, because if we submit draft

1 maps, and let's say they're pretty good draft maps, we
2 may not do another draft map, we may go straight to the
3 final after that.

4 So yes, we can set the best plan possible, but it's
5 going to change. It's not going to stay. We'll try to
6 give you a road map, but that road map may change because
7 there's going to be construction going on. So we may
8 have detours.

9 So that's the only way I can really try to explain
10 that we don't have the crystal ball. We don't know how
11 long it's going to take us to draw a first set of maps
12 versus the second set of maps. So just be aware we're
13 going to draw something, but don't expect us -- expect to
14 hold us to that because things will change.

15 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. I think that's --

16 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Commissioner Sadhwani has a
17 comment.

18 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Oh, Commissioner Sadhwani? I'm
19 sorry.

20 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Yeah, no, I was just going to
21 offer, I think in addition to -- I think Commissioner
22 Fernandez is right on. Right. That we are going to put
23 together something, some sort of plan that we can come
24 back and take a look at next week. But it might be
25 fluid.

1 The fourteen of us have never done this before.
2 We've never worked together on this kind of piece. And
3 so we don't know exactly how things are going to proceed.
4 I do think in addition to that plan, I think one thing
5 that might also be helpful both for us as well as for the
6 public, might also just be maybe a simple one-pager of
7 what are those requirements, right?

8 What is the requirement -- how many days does the
9 that draft map have to set out? What exactly is that for
10 the purpose of that? What do we mean by three days and
11 seven days and fourteen days?

12 So I'm hoping perhaps staff could work with us to
13 make sure that we can identify those legal requirements,
14 but also to make sure it's written in a way that's really
15 accessible for everybody. Because I do think it gets
16 confusing, especially if we start talking about the
17 possibility of a second draft map and whether or not we
18 may or may not do that.

19 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Commissioner Akutagawa?

20 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I'm sorry. I guess
21 I just have to -- I guess, I totally understand about
22 specificity. I think I'm just -- I will admit, I mean,
23 this is partly also asking questions out loud as I'm also
24 thinking about it as well, too.

25 I think, for Commissioners Andersen and Sadhwani, is

1 it possible -- and I don't know, maybe this is also a
2 question for Chief Counsel Pane, is it possible that --
3 to what Commissioner Sadhwani just said, could we put out
4 a document that said first draft maps are due on November
5 15th, but we as a commission are going to target for
6 something between November 10th and the 15th keeping in
7 mind the holidays, those kind of things. And just be
8 flexible with us to what was said.

9 And then after that, other tentative dates for a
10 second round of draft maps and then -- and it would be
11 arranged most likely based on what you just said. And
12 then again, another range for the final maps. Is that
13 kind of along the lines of what could work? Is that what
14 would make sense? And maybe I'm just asking for more
15 specificity then perhaps it's possible to give right now.

16 ATTNY PANE: I think the -- an approach not the only
17 approach, but an approach is -- and I think the Chair
18 just briefly mentioned it that on the next meeting, the
19 20th and 29th, I think we're -- the subcommittee will
20 probably put out a possibility for a timeline.

21 And I think that timeline will have the waiting
22 periods in it. And it'll have appreciated the deadlines.
23 For example, if the deadline is December 27th for the
24 final maps, as I mentioned with Commissioner Kennedy,
25 maybe we approve the final maps earlier. That's okay.

1 They can be certified earlier. They could be
2 certified December 1, right. I mean, you could do it
3 earlier. It's a deadline. It's a hard -- it's a hard
4 stop. You could always do it earlier. Right. So I
5 think we would whatever timeline the commission
6 ultimately decides on, it just has to appreciate two hard
7 deadlines and then what the statutes require in between.
8 Right. The waiting periods and the displays.

9 And so it all has to work together. But yes, I
10 mean, there is some flexibility as to what that timeline
11 looks like. And that's where you all come in in deciding
12 what that timeline looks like. But we're going to try to
13 do a lot of the heavy lifting, at least for an approach
14 so that the 28th we have something for you, but it's by
15 no means the only way to do it, so.

16 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Commissioner Turner? Or were you
17 done, Commissioner Akutagawa?

18 Okay. Commissioner Turner?

19 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes. Thank you, Chair. I
20 wanted to just comment on the flexibility in full support
21 of that. Understand that I appreciate what Chief Counsel
22 Pane just stated.

23 I also wanted to say that for all of our -- for all
24 of the Californians and the organizations that's been
25 trying to be supportive of ensuring that they gather

1 people to participate in this process, with our being
2 flexible, we need also to state some dates that we're
3 trying to stick to as closely as possible as they're
4 trying to gather people to react to drafts that we're
5 putting out.

6 I don't want us -- and it was just a little shading
7 of it, but there was a little bit of it that kind of
8 said, we'll put out a date and may move it and what have
9 you. It's already a challenge to gather people at the
10 holiday times.

11 If we have coalition partners out and whoever else
12 that's going to be gathering people to respond during a
13 holiday time, I'm hoping we give them something as close
14 to what will occur as possible so that they'll know how
15 to plan during this time period, which was not optimum
16 for most. Thank you.

17 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Commissioner Sadhwani?

18 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Yeah. I just wanted to ask a
19 follow up question. I mean, specifically kind of in
20 response to you, Commissioner Turner, but also to
21 everybody.

22 I mean, given obviously the deadline now of December
23 27th is like right in the holiday period, do you have a
24 sense would it be preferable if we attempt to set a
25 deadline that's earlier with the full recognition that,

1 look, if it ends up taking us longer, we have until the
2 27th.

3 I mean, but is that something that you think would
4 be a better alternative if we say, hey, we want to set a
5 target date of December 20th, right. So that we are -- I
6 don't even know what day of the week that is, but if we
7 wanted to make sure that we're a little bit before the
8 holiday date as a target, do you have a sense of that,
9 Commissioner Turner, or others?

10 COMMISSIONER TURNER: My sense would be that that
11 probably would be better. But again I'm glad for public
12 comment. Time for folks can weigh in as well. But my
13 sense is that. Yes.

14 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you so much. That's
15 helpful.

16 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Any other thoughts? Comments?
17 At this point, we still have a lot to decide on today,
18 but the line drawing team has a chance to discuss the
19 design of the District map input meetings. And so we
20 need to work on that and make some decisions on that this
21 evening too.

22 So since I see no more hands at this point, I'm
23 going to turn it over to either Commissioner Andersen or
24 Commissioner Sadhwani to lead us through this part.

25 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay. I think either way,

1 Commissioner Andersen, you want to take this -- take this
2 away?

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. I'll start as long as
4 you as you jump in. There is a handout that's posted on
5 the website. If everyone could look at that. And this
6 was -- actually staff had a great deal of help with this.
7 And I really want to thank them for all their efforts.

8 And basically what this is now -- remember there are
9 the public map input sessions. There's the time frame
10 that we've added these three days and off the third week
11 of October. This is as we're going through information
12 and trying to put a draft map together. Once we have a
13 draft map together, there will be more public map input
14 sessions.

15 These three days are sort of almost more like a
16 trial run. This is how we think we should be doing this.
17 If it turns out that boy, wow, it would be nice to modify
18 that for next time around, we have that opportunity.

19 But in this -- given that we would like to kind of
20 do things a little bit -- if we get the draft maps out
21 sooner, there's more time for full public input on a
22 draft map. We don't really want to just have this open
23 ended.

24 And so with that in mind, actually, I guess, Sarah,
25 do you want to share screen? Or should I share a screen?



1 Or Marcy, do you want to?

2 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Yeah, maybe, Marcy. I mean,
3 as you'll recall, in the last time we discussed this, we
4 had a -- just a preliminary plan and a kind of a sketch
5 of what this might look like. And we really asked staff
6 to think about the logistics of this meeting and how it
7 would run similar -- somewhat similarly to the COI input
8 meetings in which we had the appointment system.

9 And we really have to think through the timings, the
10 breaks, the staffing, all of those other considerations.
11 And so Marcy's really taken this and run with it and I so
12 appreciate that. So I'd love to hand it over to Marcy,
13 if that's okay with you.

14 MS. KAPLAN: Sure. I'll go ahead and share the
15 screen.

16 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you.

17 MS. KAPLAN: Oh, wait, now I have it so I can pull
18 it up easily. But how do I do a tab? Hold on.

19 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Just for fun, while Marcy's
20 figuring that out. This is, on their handouts, number 5,
21 public map input session just so that everyone can follow
22 along and sign that document as well at home.

23 MR. HERNANDEZ: Marci, do you want me to share the
24 screen?

25 MS. KAPLAN: Yeah.



1 MR. HERNANDEZ: Okay.

2 MS. KAPLAN: Oops. All right.

3 MR. HERNANDEZ: There we go.

4 MS. KAPLAN: Thank you. Sorry. I used the symbol
5 for -- I don't know what just happened. So thank you.
6 So just to provide a little bit of a brief background.
7 As the Commissioners highlighted, this is a series of
8 three days to allow the public to provide district plans
9 and to showcase ideas, solutions, and specific district
10 boundaries.

11 Below is bullets that provides just general overall
12 guidance for the presentations. They will be virtual.
13 Appointments will be required. Maps and written
14 narratives would be submitted in advance. And we also
15 outline how to submit the files. And so I'll go into a
16 bit more detail if you can scroll down.

17 So we did look a little bit further at the
18 appointment options and provided a little bit more
19 clarity. So breaking these up into one to three district
20 maps versus the median submission of more than four, but
21 not a statewide map, a large submission option of one
22 statewide map.

23 So this would be for a single type of district. So
24 just for a map of assembly districts for example. And
25 then if someone was submitting more than one statewide

1 map, a longer period of time. So I do want to highlight
2 the way we broke up the timing. So for this small
3 submission.

4 And I also want to highlight in further discussion
5 with the subcommittee, given as the COI input meetings
6 evolves and Commissioners really identified the need for
7 additional clarifying opportunity for follow up and
8 clarifying questions to presenters, we did build in
9 additional time for these.

10 So for the small submission, it would be up to five
11 minutes for the presentation with the one-minute Q&A
12 follow up. For the medium submission would be up to
13 twelve minutes with a three-minute Q&A follow up.

14 That would be -- and so this would be facilitated
15 through the Chair for the Commissioners to provide follow
16 up to the public. With the large submission up to
17 twenty-five minutes with the five-minute Q&A. And for
18 the extra-large submission, up to thirty-eight minutes
19 with a seven-minute Q&A.

20 And I just also want to highlight that the size and
21 time frames for the different submission types were
22 determined in order for members of the public to
23 adequately explain the most important portions of their
24 submission, given the number of districts.

25 And again, to highlight that we've allowed for

1 additional time for the Commission to follow-up -- to ask
2 follow up or clarifying questions facilitated by the
3 Chair. And that the public who is presenting would be
4 submitting any accompanying report in advance as well
5 that would be available for the Commission where further
6 detail could be provided to the Commission as well, as
7 well as our redistricting tools that the statewide
8 database covered today.

9 So if we could scroll down. Thank you. So we
10 wanted to provide a little bit of a timeline of the
11 process. We're looking at this a little bit differently
12 than our COI meeting sign up in order to really
13 accommodate for the varying timeframes and to build out a
14 three-day where we could maximize the number of
15 presenters.

16 So we are proposing on Monday to open up an
17 appointment request form. So this would be where the
18 public would submit in a request for an appointment.
19 This would not be a guarantee of appointment. And they
20 would include which type of submission they would be
21 presenting on. So a small, medium, large, extra-large.

22 And then October 6th, we would close the sign up.
23 And then on or before October 11th, the public would need
24 to be submitting their maps and accompanying reports to
25 the Commission in order to receive an appointment time

1 slot. So that will be required.

2 And to also highlight, there are two ways that the
3 public can submit this. If they are using the
4 redistricting tools that were presented today, this is
5 the Draw My CA Districts online redistricting tool or the
6 Draw My CA plugin for QGIS, they can just let us know
7 their submission ID number.

8 So if they had submitted through that, they can send
9 an email to the Voters FIRST with the submission ID
10 number. The Commission will be receiving those maps from
11 the statewide database. So we just need the submission
12 ID number. Or if they're creating maps in, not in those
13 tools they would need to create a -- to submit a
14 shapefile and a PDF file via email to the Voters FIRST
15 email.

16 So then on 10/15, the CRC would update the public
17 with the final appointment schedule and assigned time
18 slots. So this gives from the time of submission of the
19 maps and report staff a little bit of time to schedule
20 out the three-day series and also to be able to hopefully
21 provide the public with a more narrowed down actual
22 specific time for their presentation versus the time
23 slots that we provided for the input meetings.

24 And then, again, similar to protocol for the COI
25 meetings, the Zoom links would be provided a day before



1 and then we would have the public input sessions. So in
2 coordination with the subcommittee, there are a few
3 policy recommendations that the Commission really needs
4 to decide on, and these were the recommendations from the
5 subcommittee.

6 So as with the COI input meetings, the public would
7 not be able to share their screen during the public
8 mapping sessions. So again, documents would need to be
9 provided in advance for the commission to review and as
10 well to be able to display during the presentations.

11 The Commission needs to approve the presentation
12 timelines that are time frames that are outlined above.
13 So the five-minute, the twelve-minute, et cetera. The
14 presentations will be by appointment only. So not to
15 have call-ins the day of.

16 Failure to provide missing documents would result in
17 a loss of appointment as highlighted above, and
18 presentations would cease at the end of allotted time
19 where the Chair would facilitate any follow up questions
20 with the timeframes that were outlined above as well.

21 And then the final bullet is, follows protocol that
22 was utilized for the COI input meetings and -- Anthony,
23 maybe this a little bit further if I don't capture it
24 correctly, but the speaker would be the individual and
25 not an organization. And so there would be one speaker

1 per presentation, per meeting. And so this would not be
2 per organization, it would be for individual.

3 And then below we outline the schedule for the three
4 days. So again, this would be updated once there is --
5 we have all the appointments to identify to the public
6 which session they will be presenting at.

7 But this gives you an idea of how much -- how many
8 minutes we will have over the three days to -- for the
9 public to present as well as time at the end of the
10 meetings for the Commission to provide clarification to
11 the line drawers as well as open the lines for general
12 public comment. Thank you. That's it.

13 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you so much, Marcy.

14 I see that there's some questions. I just wanted to
15 remind everyone kind of where this came from. I recall
16 last time we had mentioned -- and I recognize that the
17 recommendations that we have received from community
18 groups has been to provide a significantly larger amount
19 of time.

20 But having thought through a lot of this is
21 particularly with Anthony thinking through the equity
22 considerations, especially given that a district mapping
23 tool is available to all Californians. We continue to
24 maintain those smaller timeslots, which means that it
25 would be really a high-level presentation of their maps,

1 but that anyone can submit a written report to go along
2 with it.

3 That feature is available in the District mapping
4 tool. You can provide a whole lot more detail of the
5 maps in a written report, and certainly we recognize you
6 wouldn't have time to cover each and every census block.
7 But it would at least provide an opportunity for --
8 hopefully a greater number of individuals to present to
9 us and as well as have some opportunity for feedback.

10 We did take the recommendation of many of folks who
11 have called in to create an extra-large submission option
12 as well for those wishing to present on all three or four
13 maps that they might be interested to submit.

14 Chair, do you want to handle questions, or would you
15 like Commissioner Andersen or myself to do so?

16 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Yeah, you can. That's fine.
17 Thank you.

18 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay.

19 CHAIR FORNACIARI: It will be practice.

20 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. Thanks.

21 Commissioner Turner?

22 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, soon to be Chair,
23 Sadhwani. And thank you all for the work on this. I
24 have a few questions on -- first of all, on the Q&A
25 period, the one minute that's listed for the small

1 submission and perhaps for all of them, I'd like to know
2 does that one minute start after the question completes?

3 Because one minute is a very short time period and I
4 wondered what is that going to look like for each of
5 these sessions? So the clarity that the Chair or the
6 Commission -- Commissioner is looking for once we
7 articulate the clarification that's needed and then the
8 clock start?

9 And sometimes, as we've done in the past, there's
10 been more questions that's asked. And I'm just wondering
11 how the committee is thinking about either repeated
12 questions coming from the Commission to the presenter and
13 the start at the time. That's the first one part of my
14 questions.

15 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Marcy, have you and your team
16 given -- we've generally thought putting some limit in
17 Q&A today would be necessary only because if we're going
18 to slot in appointments, we'll have to have some bounds
19 on that. We haven't discussed the specifics of how that
20 would really work beyond the fact that we would maybe
21 have a timer on there for us.

22 But I think that your recommendation of not starting
23 that timer until after the Commission has asked that
24 question would make a lot of sense. But I don't know
25 Marcy thought through that timing.

1 MS. KAPLAN: Yeah, I think we -- I think Alvaro has.

2 MR. HERNANDEZ: We did give some consideration.
3 That's why the time frames are a little bit different for
4 each one of those -- different sizes of the groups. But
5 again, as you mentioned, Commissioner Sadhwani, if we go
6 beyond that time it really creates a problem with our
7 schedule given the time frames that we have to take
8 certain breaks and then, the next presenter and so forth.

9 So it would be something that we would hope to at
10 least limit the number of questions if they're not
11 specific or have the commissioners be very specific on
12 their questions, kind of think it through given that they
13 are going to have their report beforehand to take a look
14 at and so forth. So it's going to be a balancing act, to
15 be honest with you.

16 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay. So I guess that the
17 comment I'll say there and then move to the questions is
18 that, again, sixty seconds is a very short time period to
19 hear, process the question, get my thoughts together, and
20 be able to respond within that time period for something
21 that actually would be viable and helpful as a response.

22 And so I would suggest two minutes for Q&A. Just
23 because sixty seconds is just a real short time period.
24 And then wherever we go with it from that.

25 And the other question was on the extra-large. And



1 I have two more on the extra-large submission. I'm
2 wondering on the committee and staff; you're thinking of
3 the difference between the one statewide map and the more
4 than one statewide map. Are there either safeguards put
5 in place or what is your thought? I'm looking at up to
6 thirty-eight minutes, forty-five, if you count Q&A, or
7 all of the maps or up to twenty-five for one.

8 And I'm wondering if I really wanted to give
9 testimony and present, would there be a benefit of my
10 submitting them separately for the individual time as
11 opposed to trying to submit all three in the shortened
12 time period would be the second.

13 And I'll ask the third fight with that had to do
14 with the bottom last bullet under the subcommittee
15 recommendation, speaker is an individual, not an
16 organization. I would probably want it reworded unless I
17 am -- unless I'm not misunderstanding this. This is
18 basically saying, and when you explained it, is that
19 you're not looking for several people to speak, it's just
20 one person. Or are we saying we don't want to hear from
21 organizations?

22 I'm hoping we're talking about people and not
23 organizations. But the way it's worded that speaker is
24 an individual, not an organization. Typically, if I show
25 up to speak somewhere, I am speaking as my organization

1 and I just want to make sure that we're clear in what
2 we're trying to say with this bullet.

3 ATTNY PANE: So on that point, Commissioner Turner,
4 if you recall what we did with the COIs, it was three
5 minutes per person, per that COI for that meeting. So we
6 didn't -- we designated any sort of -- the reasonable
7 regulations that are allowed to run an efficient meaning
8 were by the speaker.

9 So for example, if an organization wanted to, they
10 could have lined up ten people from that organization.
11 And we had ten numbers to call in, and they got
12 essentially thirty minutes on COIs. And I think we may
13 have even had that where an organization sort of
14 strategized a bit and said, you, you, you, you, you, and
15 you. And they all called and they all gave a similar
16 COI. That was by speaker, that was organized by speaker.

17 So this would be, at least what's recommended, is
18 sort of in a similar context. We're not trying to -- we
19 are we are trying to engage by speaker. So we have an
20 organization wanted to they could put different speakers
21 and try to get different appointments for times about
22 particular maps. We're gauging this based on the speaker
23 and what size of the map they are there to speak about in
24 advance.

25 COMMISSIONER TURNER: And that part --



1 ATTNY PANE: And so it doesn't --

2 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. I was going to say for
3 that part, I assumed that that's what we meant. That's
4 not what this necessarily reads as or says. And I think
5 it can be confusing. And so I'm in agreement with you.
6 I understand, Chief Counsel Pane.

7 And so I would want us probably just to, as we
8 publicize this, to share it differently, the way you
9 explained it is what we do want to avoid, and the wording
10 does not make that clear.

11 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: If I may jump in, I think
12 that's a really helpful edit and suggestion. And I think
13 also Chief Counsel Pane's response maybe answers your
14 earlier question about extra-large versus large, right?
15 Got two people call -- you want to take two large slots
16 rather than an extra-large. I think that's fair and
17 reasonable. And we have an equitable process for whoever
18 wants to register for it.

19 Commissioner Akutagawa? I'm failing in my duties
20 already.

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you. And thank you,
22 Commissioner Turner.

23 I had a similar question, and I guess I do have
24 multiple questions and I guess I'll start from where she
25 left off because it is a clarification. And I think I

1 just want to make sure that this is what I heard is what
2 is intended. So the way it does read is that one speaker
3 per presentation, per meeting.

4 So what you are saying is that it is allowable
5 because it is an open process that an organization can
6 line up, let's just say five people to present one large
7 statewide map all in a row or however they sign up, they
8 can do that. Is that correct? Because it's not the way
9 I'm reading the document. And I just want to make sure
10 that that's what we're --

11 ATTNY PANE: So to that point, Commissioner, to take
12 away and Marcy, correct me if I'm wrong, that this is a
13 first come, first serve basis. The public signs up and
14 we find out what the demand is. And then based on the
15 order of people who have signed up, we fill the three-day
16 time frame for that.

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. So then on that
18 note, let's say five people from the same organization
19 signs ups -- they sign up to present a large statewide
20 map. Right. It's first come, first serve. They're all
21 signed up.

22 I did read, though, here -- and I have a question on
23 the timing. It said that appointment sign up closes and
24 CRC will update the public with the final appointment
25 schedule on assigned time slots.

1 So when you say assigned time slots, does that mean
2 that you are going to take them in -- but it's not based
3 on what order they their time slot is not going to be
4 based on when they actually signed up, is it you're
5 actually going to put them in certain time slots?

6 So let's say, for example, those five people from a
7 particular any organization that wants to present, are
8 you going to then put them each in a row so that they can
9 cohesively present their maps?

10 Because that's what I'm reading on that document, is
11 that you are actually going to -- before it was just
12 random. It was just the luck of the draw. If you got
13 lucky and you signed up, right, then you could give a
14 testimonial one right after the other.

15 But in other cases, it wasn't that cohesive. But it
16 sounds like that is what you're going to do, or at least
17 that's what I'm reading on this paper here -- or on this
18 document.

19 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: I think we don't want to tie
20 our hands to -- or overcommit ourselves to keeping folks
21 together that would want to be together in large part
22 because, as we all know, we operate in ninety-minute
23 blocks and then we have a mandatory break.

24 So within a ninety-minute block, and Marcy, please
25 jump in and correct me if I'm wrong, but maybe we could

1 fit in one extra-large -- two extra-large sessions or we
2 could fit in one extra-large and a whole bunch of small
3 submissions. Right.

4 So I think the for as far as we've kind of
5 conceptualized, let's leave that to staff to figure out.
6 It will be the first come first serve. Right. We'll
7 know exactly who's going to get a slot. But actually
8 figuring out how to put them together, I think we have to
9 base that on the demand.

10 And I kind of wanted to underscore this piece around
11 demand, because Anthony brought this up. We don't know
12 what the demand is, right? There wasn't such an easy-to-
13 use district mapping tool ten years ago.

14 We don't know if we're just going to have folks from
15 two or three organizations that want to present or if
16 there's going to be 150 people that want to submit or
17 1,000 people that are going to want to submit, we just
18 don't have a sense of that.

19 And so you know, that's kind of where this plan came
20 from, was trying to contemplate all of those different
21 scenarios to the best of our ability.

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Thank you. I
23 appreciate that. So just I'll just say my last two
24 questions. One is, as Commissioner Turner was asking,
25 was one minute -- and I understand the limitations that

1 you have. But my question would be, who is then going to
2 be allowed to ask the questions?

3 There's fourteen of us, right? And there's no way
4 that we're all have -- or even if two or three of us have
5 a question, there's no way that we're going to get it all
6 done in one minute. So I am curious as to what you've
7 thought about who is going to be able to ask the
8 questions. So that's one. Oh, let me just --

9 ATTNY PANE: Sorry, go ahead.

10 COMMISSIOENR AKUTAGAWA: I'll say the other one,
11 then I'll be done. The other question I have is around
12 the timing. And it looks like you're only giving about a
13 week and a half and then after that, you're taking
14 another week to, I guess, sort out additional things like
15 the -- getting the maps and then, I guess then updating
16 or putting out a public list of who gets an appointment,
17 and what time, and all that kind of stuff.

18 I am kind of curious as to why it's such a short
19 time frame and it doesn't give people much time. And is
20 there a way to at least give maybe two weeks for people
21 to get signed up and all that kind of good stuff?

22 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Marcy, do you have any
23 thoughts about that time frame such?

24 MS. KAPLAN: Yeah. I think there was twofold not
25 wanting to require maps too far in advance so that groups

1 would still have enough time to create a map in order to
2 present, but then also to allow staff enough time to be
3 able to schedule out and obtain maps to schedule out the
4 presentation. So as the two week for the appointments.
5 Keeping the appointments open for two weeks, or was it
6 two weeks?

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Yeah. I mean,
8 because as they're signing up, I mean, you could always.
9 I mean, I don't know. I mean, if it's first come, first
10 serve the ones who sign up early, you could just be
11 telling them, hey, get your maps in and give them all a
12 deadline. Even if they sign up a little bit later, they
13 still have just a shorter deadline to get their maps in.

14 MS. KAPLAN: Okay. Yeah, I'm just thinking through
15 the like if we would need to -- yeah I think that
16 actually that -- I don't know. I'll let one of the
17 commissioners respond.

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I might jump in on that.
19 The idea is, as long as they sign up, you sign up and --
20 but you have to have a map in by a certain time because
21 otherwise you're -- that time slot we can give -- will go
22 to the next person on the list.

23 And once they -- because we're not assigning --
24 you're not signing for a particular time slot, when it's
25 the first come first serve, but it's in three days.

1 Right. So we're going to go okay, person number 1, you
2 got -- you've got -- you got a small. Great. We can put
3 you right there. Person number 2, you got a medium,
4 we'll put you right out there. Person number 3, oh, you
5 got a large, we'll put you the next time block. Person
6 number 4, you have us -- and so we arrange that as you go
7 and maybe rearrange and even rearrange -- instead of
8 ninety minutes, go to eighty minutes and then take a
9 break and then go another ninety minutes and rearrange
10 it. So someone might be a thirty-minute at the end or
11 something to put all them in to get as many maps in as
12 possible. That's the whole idea. And that's why you
13 have to -- if they don't want to sign up until right
14 before the 6th, you still have to have a map in.

15 Because if they know they're going to sign up,
16 you're still working on a map. And so it should have
17 like the same day when you have to ask them that they can
18 submit a map before. But then we have that -- the staff
19 has as say, the -- it goes live on Monday 27th.

20 They have to submit a map before Monday the 11th --
21 they submit on or before Monday the 11th. And then
22 Friday the 15th, the staff will come out with a time
23 slot. And that way, if they have not submitted on the
24 11th, the next person on the waitlist will say, Hey,
25 guess what? Because anyone who comes in will have to



1 submit a map.

2 And so we'll put in as many people as possible and
3 the staff will then come up with these are -- these
4 people have appointments. These people are on a waitlist
5 and say in case in that next five or seven days, someone
6 backs out and we'll try to put someone in.

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Commissioner Andersen, I
8 understand what you're saying. Well, I think there were
9 some contradictions. And so just for clarification, I
10 think one, what I'm saying is that if you open it up on
11 the 27th, I think we should give everybody at least two
12 weeks. So let's just say we close it on the 8th, they
13 still have to submit their maps by the 11th.

14 But what I also heard you say is that as soon as
15 they sign up for an appointment, they have to have their
16 maps, and that's even faster. If that's your
17 expectation. That's what I heard you say.

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: No, sorry. So we have a map
19 where they're thinking that they're going to be doing a
20 map.

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Well, yeah, and that's what
22 I mean. So like, if you could still keep your deadline
23 of you must submit your map by the 11th so that the staff
24 will know where to slot those people in. But if they
25 sign up -- let's say your deadline is the 8th and they



1 sign up on the 8th, that just means they just have three
2 days to get their maps in. That's not on us. That's on
3 them.

4 But the deadline is the deadline. Instead, if you
5 close it on the 6th, you're saying, okay, well, we're
6 giving them five days to get their maps. And if they
7 know they're going to get a map, then you just give them
8 that time because the 27th is just really right around
9 the corner.

10 And by the time the word gets out that these
11 appointments are available, some people may not hear it
12 until just like a couple of days before and they're
13 scrambling to do all this stuff. I think we should just
14 give them that full week of the 4th of October so that --
15 let's say that we set the 8th, that way then they have
16 still three days to get their maps together and get it
17 in. So then the staff will still be able to do
18 everything else on their timeline.

19 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you. And I mean, I
20 think extending that somewhat I think seems reasonable.
21 I see Marcy shaking her head. I wanted to just respond
22 to your other question, Commissioner Akutagawa. We
23 haven't given it a whole lot of thought of who's going to
24 ask the questions.

25 We kind of nominally said whoever is the chair. But

1 I happen to know who's going to be the chair on that
2 point in October, and I don't think she has any problem
3 sharing the responsibility with others.

4 If we wanted to break it up by the ninety-minute
5 blocks or something like that and assign one commissioner
6 to each one, I think that what we could come up with some
7 schema to share that process as well as I think we can
8 think through if you're not the one asking questions, can
9 you send it to the Commissioners via chat or email or
10 something while we're going -- or I don't know. I think
11 we can we can still figure out all of those components.

12 Commissioner Yee?

13 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you. Well, I sure
14 appreciate all the good thought that's gone into this.
15 And of course, it's a great challenge planning for the
16 unknown.

17 So two thoughts. One, small submissions versus
18 medium. I think we might want to edit the medium to say
19 four or more maps, because otherwise there's no slot for
20 anyone with exactly four maps. It's one, two, three or
21 four more.

22 For the large and extra-large, I think I still have
23 the same question that Commissioners Turner and Akutagawa
24 had. I'm thinking, I -- when I first read this, I
25 thought basically we were giving people time per set of

1 maps, especially for the extra-large. I mean, if I come
2 in with three or four maps, I get my thirty-eight
3 minutes. And it kind of doesn't matter how many speakers
4 I put up. That's the one set of maps I get to discuss in
5 that period of time. That's how it struck me at first.

6 If we're saying it's actually per speaker, then, you
7 could line up five different speakers each get thirty-
8 eight minutes to talk about the same four maps, which we
9 don't want to do. I don't think. So I was thinking,
10 yes, I was confused at that same point, speakers verse
11 organizations.

12 ATTNY PANE: To that point, Commissioner Yee, we
13 also don't want to get in the business of restricting
14 content if we can. The contours that you all are going
15 to be deciding on are largely in what you've heard me
16 referred to before, is a time, place, manner restriction
17 in the abilities to run a meeting. And so we want to
18 make sure that we're doing that.

19 I mean, it's very common for public bodies to invite
20 particular speakers or individual groups to give
21 presentations. It's also very common to -- and you do
22 that and we've been doing this without regard to content
23 where we're capturing everybody here.

24 We're not saying we're only giving presentations for
25 those that want statewide maps. We're not doing that.

1 It's everybody. Everybody's being captured, including
2 those with just four districts. And that's by design
3 that any -- that the limitations of time, that's a time,
4 place, manner restriction. It's open to everybody.

5 We're not deciding who's -- who gets it. The
6 appointment's up for everybody to try to get in those
7 slots. And of course we still take public comment on
8 every agenda item as well. So the point of all of this
9 really is to be as inclusive as possible. And any
10 restrictions we have are hopefully time, place, or manner
11 restrictions.

12 COMMISSIONER YEE: Sure. But I mean, like we got a
13 heads up this morning, right, about an organization that
14 we're told to expect a set of maps from. Meanwhile,
15 we've gotten calls from people and organizations wanting
16 more than thirty minutes per map, which they thought we
17 were going to restrict thirty minutes for four maps per
18 organization.

19 If I'm an organization right now, I need to have it
20 clear what my options are. And if we make it -- well,
21 wanting to make it as open as possible, you should also
22 be reasonable and you should not be easy to gain and
23 abuse. So I'm just wondering how we can get closer to
24 that. A good balance there.

25 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: If I may. I just think we've

1 gone back and forth on this piece around the large and
2 the extra-large, and there have been numerous versions of
3 this document before it's gotten here today, and we have
4 literally taken that on and off of the page.

5 I think, my personal feeling about that is our
6 responsibility is to create a fair and equitable process.
7 I personally won't look very fondly upon submissions that
8 are gaming the system, right, or monopolizing the time of
9 the Commission over and over and over again.

10 That doesn't mean people can't or won't do it, but
11 it's also upon us to have thoughts and feedback on what
12 we receive. I don't know. I think that's kind of where
13 I've landed thus far. I don't know how to stop people
14 from taking up additional time or presenting the same map
15 over and over and over again at forty-five-minute
16 intervals.

17 My hope is that folks who want to present to us
18 would take this seriously and not try to do that. Every
19 Californian has the opportunity to send us their district
20 maps through the District mapping tool. So even if we do
21 hear the exact same presentation over and over again over
22 the course of three days, at least we've had a fair
23 process for people hopefully to have that opportunity.

24 And we'll be looking through that through the --
25 through that database of submissions that comes in. And



1 if we really feel like we need to have additional days,
2 then we could we could think about that for the future.
3 But of course, our time is limited.

4 Commissioner Fernandez?

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you. I'm not going
6 to be the popular one. That's okay. These are just
7 my -- this is just my thoughts. The individuals are
8 going to -- and even whoever submitting through the tool.
9 Right. They're going to be submitting documentation with
10 it. And I see this similar to how we conducted our COI
11 input public input meetings where we didn't have
12 questions unless there was something that was glaringly
13 obvious.

14 And I caution of whether we should have questions
15 because I've been on this commission for over a year now
16 and I have yet to see a presentation of thirty-eight
17 minutes and we only have seven minutes of questions
18 afterwards. We're all very inquisitive. We're all we
19 all have our questions.

20 But if they're submitting documentation and it's
21 just going to be a very high-level overview that they're
22 providing, unless it's something glaringly obvious, like,
23 oh, did you mean to omit this area from your maps, I
24 think maybe we not have a lot of questions. I'm just
25 putting that out there.

1 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you. And I think there
2 had been that -- and perhaps it was from Commissioner
3 Akutagawa, the possibility of since we'll have these maps
4 and documents in advance that perhaps we could prepare
5 questions that we have as one possibility.

6 Commissioner Kennedy?

7 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you. And this goes to
8 the point that you made a moment ago about additional
9 days. And part of the discussion last week, I believe,
10 was that you might want to have the deadline for
11 appointment requests be early enough so that we could
12 schedule additional days if necessary.

13 And I think that's still a good way to go. I
14 personally find three days to be a little stingy, maybe.
15 I think, five, maximum six days, would be defensible that
16 we made a very good-faith effort, given the very limited
17 time that we have.

18 Three days seems a little shy. But if we're -- if
19 we are open to looking at the number of appointment
20 requests that we have in a timely manner and being open
21 to scheduling additional days, then I'm fine. Thank you.

22 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: And I think that's right.
23 Thank you. That's a really helpful suggestion. We are
24 up against a break, so maybe Commissioner Turner, if we
25 could, let's hear your comment and question, but we might

1 have to answer it when we get back.

2 COMMISSIONER TURNER: It'll be really quick. I love
3 what you just said, Commissioner Kennedy. And for
4 Commissioner, what is your name, Fernandez, right there
5 by the flag and all. Commissioner Fernandez. I don't
6 think it's a bad idea if people are preparing, I hadn't
7 thought about it, but I would want to weigh towards
8 having the presentations be thirty minutes for large,
9 forty-five for the more than one, and no Q&A. Let them
10 submit their excellent presentations. That would be some
11 of what the questions would be answered in its completion
12 and we take what is submitted, so.

13 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay. Well, with that helpful
14 suggestion, I think we're up against a break. Chair, are
15 we doing a fifteen-minute at this point?

16 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Your super generous Chair gave
17 you a thirty-minute break at this point in case you want
18 to eat something quickly. So we will see you all back at
19 6:30.

20 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay. Thank you.

21 (Whereupon, a recess was held)

22 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Well, welcome back, California.
23 We are still discussing agenda item 5 discussion on
24 design of district map input meetings. I just want to
25 check in with Commissioner Turner. I believe she got her

1 question answered. Yeah, well, before the break. But
2 I'll hand it back to Commissioner Sadhwani to lead us
3 through the rest of this discussion and/or motion
4 whatever direction we're going to head.

5 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Sure. So I mean, certainly if
6 anyone else has any additional comments or questions,
7 please feel free to air them at this point. But
8 otherwise I would ask for a motion or I can offer it
9 myself to adopt these recommendations and we can discuss
10 what kinds of amendments we would want to see.

11 Certainly, I heard some of them. But in any case,
12 there were recommendations on that document. We could
13 have a motion just to approve the entirety of the
14 document and just have a conversation if there's any
15 amendments to it that the Commissioners would like to
16 see.

17 So not seeing anyone making such a motion, I will
18 make it myself. A motion to approve this plan for public
19 map input sessions. If someone would like to second it,
20 I'm happy to discuss any amendments before going to
21 public comment.

22 Commissioner Fernandez?

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Am I on? Actually,
24 I would like us to seriously consider not having a
25 question, period. But other than that, I would second

1 it. That's just my only concern. And the reason is I
2 honestly like seven minutes for a question, that would be
3 maybe one question. So I'm not sure how -- and I'm sure
4 each of us would probably have one or two questions.

5 And I again, I just feel that it's similar to our
6 COI input meetings where they presented their COIs and
7 the only time we had any additional questions were if
8 there are issues in terms of drawing it or there was some
9 something glaring. So I would -- that would be my only
10 proposed amendment. Thank you.

11 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay. So what I'm hearing
12 then is it's a second with the amendment of removing Q
13 and A from the time period. I think there was also
14 another potential amendment from Commissioner Akutagawa
15 and some others as well about moving the close date for
16 registration to October 8th.

17 Commissioner Fernandez, would you feel comfortable
18 seconding that motion with those two amendments?

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

20 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. Discussion.

21 Commissioner Andersen?

22 COMMISSIOENR ANDERSEN: Sorry, could we do one more?
23 Because as Commissioner Yee mentioned, the medium
24 submission should say four or more district maps. So
25 that's another edit in there.

1 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Perfect. So those are three
2 edits to the motion on the floor, which is perfect.
3 Commissioner Turner and then we'll go to Commissioners
4 Yee and Kennedy.

5 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Now, I still want us to clean
6 up the language on the first, second, third, fourth,
7 fifth bullet, six bullet under the subcommittee
8 recommendations. And with the removal of the Q&A, which
9 I am in support of, I want to clarify what are we doing
10 with the timing? Does that then add that Q&A into the
11 time blocks or are we rounding them up? I just want to
12 know what that looks like.

13 And my suggestion would be that we actually included
14 it or added the Q&A time period to the presentations so
15 they can ensure maximum clarity in their first
16 submission.

17 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay. Yeah. So it'd be
18 adding the Q and A time to the to this to the time
19 periods, making -- increasing all of those time periods
20 done right to six minutes, et cetera, et cetera?

21 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

22 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay.

23 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes. And then just with the
24 cut off period at the end. So there is no -- when time's
25 up, it's up.

1 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay. You got it. So no Q
2 and A, and then making that change to the use of the term
3 individual in that subcommittee recommendation. Is
4 anyone capturing these notes? Because I'm not. Marcy?
5 Yes. Great. Thank you so much.

6 Commissioner Yee?

7 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes. To Commissioner Turner's
8 first point, I'm also looking at that sixth bullet point,
9 wondering if we could change it to appointments are per
10 map or set of maps per speaker or organization.

11 Because as it reads now, it sounds like even if I'm
12 an organization, I can only have one person speak. And I
13 don't understand why we would make that restriction.
14 It's like, if I have three people that are expert in
15 three different maps, why would I have to only pick one
16 of them to speak to all the maps? It just doesn't make
17 any sense to me.

18 But if we restricted per map or set of maps per
19 speaker or organization, then it's clear. That if I am
20 an organization with a set of maps, then I have thirty-
21 eight minutes to put up as many people as I want to speak
22 to a set of maps.

23 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: I am going to ask Marcy and/or
24 Anthony just to respond to that. If I'm hearing what
25 you're saying correctly, then what you're suggesting is

1 from a logistics standpoint, when someone that has
2 requested an appointment gets that time slot, there
3 would -- a Zoom link would be made available to multiple
4 people. Is that what you're suggesting, Commissioner
5 Yee?

6 COMMISSIONER YEE: If it's an organization. Yeah,
7 that's commenting on one set of maps.

8 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: I don't know if Marcy or
9 Anthony had thoughts on that. I feel like we've
10 mentioned it previously. I'm not sure.

11 MR. HERNANDEZ: But from a logistical perspective,
12 that could cause more problems because now we're trying
13 to get somebody else on to the Zoom. If it was somebody
14 was in the same room and then they handed the phone to
15 them, I think that would be fine. But having to
16 reconnect with someone else, multiple people, could cause
17 some delays and take up some of their time as well;
18 another consideration.

19 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Commissioner Kennedy?

20 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Could I answer that one
21 with --

22 COMMISSIONER TURNER: And I have a response to that,
23 too.

24 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay. Sure. Jane, do you
25 want to go first, then I'll go to Commissioner Turner?

1 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. Thank you.

2 Basically, I understand the concern here. It's like, why
3 does it have to be one particular person? And again,
4 logistically. Thank you, Kristian. If they want to hand
5 it over to someone, that would be great. If they can't
6 do that, they could sign up for district maps timeslots.

7 Say, I'll do the Northern here, I'll do the central
8 there, that sort of thing, because that would be cleaner
9 for one, for their perspective and certainly for ours,
10 just a suggestion on that.

11 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Commissioner Turner?

12 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I was going to suggest that
13 reads one Zoom link per presentation for me.

14 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: That seems reasonable. One
15 Zoom link. Can you resay that one more time? Sorry.

16 COMMISSIONER TURNER: One Zoom link per presentation
17 per meeting.

18 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay. That seems reasonable
19 to me.

20 Commissioner Kennedy?

21 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you. Again, I go back
22 to how are we accounting for measuring the level of
23 demand and accommodating demand by increased days, if
24 it's justified by the demand.

25 And I'm also still wondering, I'm not -- I'm still



1 not entirely clear on why we need ten full days between
2 the deadline for the maps and the presentation of the
3 maps. Thank you.

4 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: I didn't quite understand
5 that, the second part. But in terms of the demand, I
6 mean, could we add in a piece here that after October
7 8th, I believe was the date that we agreed to of closing
8 the appointment system, we can assess that demand.

9 It's just hard to say right now and suggest that we
10 would dedicate six days when we don't know how many
11 submissions we would have, but we will have that sense by
12 October 8th, which is that close date.

13 So I think it's perfectly reasonable for staff to
14 come back, whatever that meeting date is after October
15 8th and share with us how long is that waiting list and
16 then we can assess from there. That seems reasonable to
17 me.

18 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Right. And the second part
19 was just -- we've got the deadline for the maps are
20 before the 11th, and then the input session starting the
21 21st. That's ten days. Do we really need to have the
22 maps in hand for a full ten days before the input
23 sessions? Thank you.

24 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Commissioner Andersen, did you
25 want to respond to that?

1 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I do, actually. We are
2 having the CRC meeting on the 7th, not on the 8th.
3 Should we move that date to the 7th so that way we would
4 have the information and then be able to respond? Like,
5 if we need to extend it, we can do it right then because
6 otherwise the next meeting is on the 30th. And that's a
7 little tight.

8 ATTNY PANE: Could I just ask a quick question?
9 This is really for Commissioner Turner, to your earlier
10 point about the Zoom link. It's my understanding, so
11 correct me if you -- it's also your understanding then,
12 that the Zoom link is related, but separate to the
13 question of per speaker? So is it still -- are we still
14 defining it -- are appointments still by speaker, by
15 person or individual? Is that how we're doing -- but
16 it's just one Zoom link; is that right?

17 COMMISSIONER TURNER: What I was responding to was
18 Director Alvaro's response about the difficulty in
19 sharing multiple Zoom links. And so that's why I said,
20 well, just the one Zoom link, so that we would set that
21 expectation going in that we would not be trying to
22 orchestrate and get out multiples Zoom links to
23 accommodate people that's willing to do that now.

24 And trying to keep it broad because I don't
25 necessarily support -- but we would go with trying to

1 ensure whether it's and I think anytime we have the
2 conversation for me or the language that says individual
3 versus organization, I think it sets up eliminating who
4 can give the presentation.

5 So I'm wondering if we don't even name it and if
6 they stand there and hand the phone around or some
7 people -- whatever they do, it's that same time period,
8 whatever it is, we're only providing the one Zoom link
9 and it's the one presentation for the entirety of that
10 meeting. So if they wanted to do that again, they'd be
11 calling in that same organization or that same individual
12 in for a different day. So it's more of that kind of
13 thing.

14 ATTNY PANE: So I think what could be helpful, and
15 this is actually why I recommended we use the term
16 speaker, because the speaker could be an individual, a
17 speaker could be an organization. We don't have to
18 limit. It's a speaker. And we could still do the
19 appointments by speaker.

20 And if the speaker wants to be an organization, they
21 could be. If the speaker wants to be an individual, they
22 could be. The appointment time when it gets confirmed is
23 for that speaker. And we don't say that you're an
24 individual. That's okay. You're an organization That's
25 not okay. We're not getting into that. Everybody's got

1 a fair shot regardless of your organizational setup. I
2 just wanted to clarify that point.

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. Then I'm going to
4 actually say make an edit here and jump in. And it
5 should say speaker is an individual or an organization.
6 One Zoom link per presentation, per meeting. Gov code
7 allows blah, blah, blah, blah. Then that's clear, I
8 think. Do I see any nods on that? Does that get to the
9 point?

10 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Anthony, Was that the kind of
11 clarity you were thinking?

12 ATTNY PANE: Well, I mean, it could be. I mean, the
13 reason why I wanted to make sure this was a topic of
14 discussion because is -- because it is a policy
15 discussion, how you want how you want to arrange it. And
16 we just need to -- when we're setting up an appointment
17 schedule, we didn't -- we needed to know how we were
18 doing this.

19 For example, if we were setting up appointments,
20 we're going to set it up by the by the individual -- the
21 speaker that sets that appointment. And we do the list
22 first come, first serve. And if it's an individual and
23 they want to -- they want to all be in a room together.

24 And we have the one Zoom link that Commissioner
25 Turner was referring to, the timer goes, and when that



1 timer stops, somebody else could be in there -- in the
2 room right there and it's my turn. And then that person
3 comes off and it's the next person's, the timer still
4 running that that is the speaker. The organization,
5 then, in that -- I guess in that iteration is the speaker
6 and they have the time. And when it's time, that's it.

7 My goal was to at a policy point for the commission
8 to decide on how they want to effectuate this, how we
9 want to do the appointment piece. So that's why I raised
10 it.

11 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: And if I'm understanding it
12 correctly, the issue like a part of the issue here from a
13 logistics standpoint, and please correct me if I'm wrong,
14 is you can have a Zoom link, five people could use it on
15 different computers.

16 But from the perspective of staff, right, and the
17 videographers, they're only going to allow one person to
18 turn on their camera and address the commissioners. Is
19 that the issue that we're talking about?

20 Now, when that camera turns on, if there's five
21 people in the room, okay, no problem. But we're not
22 going to open the line, if you will, for or five
23 different people during a forty-minute time period or
24 whatever time period it is, because that's just
25 overwhelming to try and figure out who and when. Is that

1 the nature of the issue?

2 ATTNY PANE: Are you asking me, Commissioner
3 Sadhwani? I don't know if that was Commissioner Turner?

4 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: I guess I'm asking anybody.
5 Marcy's kind of shaking her head. I don't know if you
6 ever thought of that. And then I see Commissioner
7 Fernandez has a hand up.

8 MS. KAPLAN: Are you going to me?

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Is it going to Marcy?

10 MS. KAPLAN: I mean, I think it's twofold. It's
11 that number of people on the Zoom, but then also the
12 repeat of appointments. So is it -- and that's where
13 that original is, the speaker, the individual or the
14 organization?

15 So what are we -- with the COI meetings, it was
16 individual. And so an individual could not make more
17 than one appointment within a meeting. And so that's
18 where we just need that clarity in terms of the
19 scheduling.

20 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay.

21 MS. KAPALN: So if the speaker is the organization,
22 then it's the way we had worded it was that it's an
23 individual. So there's multiple people with an
24 organization that could schedule an appointment versus if
25 it's an organization, then it's limited per organization.

1 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay. So there are two kind
2 of different issues here, the one being the policy around
3 can a speaker or individual who may also be affiliated
4 with an organization, but ultimately they're signing up
5 as an individual, have more than one appointment? And
6 the recommendation here is no. The Zoom link piece, I
7 think is just a logistics side of it, but only one person
8 would be in it.

9 Commissioner Fernandez?

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'm just wondering, do we
11 even need the six bullet? I mean, we're saying
12 presentations will cease at the end of allotted of time.
13 However, an individual or organization wants to do their
14 presentation. I think we're getting into the weeds right
15 now.

16 So maybe we just say you got forty-five minutes out,
17 you're going to get one Zoom link. So however you want
18 to do it, it's up to you. Anyway, it's just it just
19 seems to have brought up way too many other potential
20 concerns. Thanks.

21 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you.

22 Commissioner Turner?

23 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes. And I think the problem
24 in that bullet, however it's worded, is when we say and
25 not an organization. And I can get with getting rid of

1 the whole bullet. But my suggestion would be is to state
2 before any of the other recommendations appointments are
3 made by speaker, speakers can be this or that, and then
4 just whatever other bullets that would still apply
5 underneath it so that we're clear.

6 And so for me, the issue was raised with the
7 exception of the not an organization. That's what made
8 the question arise in my mind to begin with. So if we
9 just exclude the entire bullet, it may not be a question.

10 And if we want the extra clarity, I would suggest
11 that we start out with wording at the top that says
12 appointments are made by speakers. Speakers can be an
13 individual or organization or if that was what the
14 creators intended.

15 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Perfect. I think that's
16 actually really helpful. I see Marcy, I think typing
17 that down. And I think that's a really helpful clarity
18 which I would support as the change and amendment to this
19 motion.

20 Commissioner Yee?

21 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. I think a lot of this
22 will, actually work itself out when the time comes. But
23 still. As I look at these different options and
24 different submission sizes, I mean, if I'm an
25 organization with three maps, you've told me with this

1 structure, basically I have no incentive whatsoever to go
2 for the extra-large submission, and I should just get
3 three of my people to sign up for three large submissions
4 and each have twenty-five minutes. And if that's what we
5 want, fine.

6 I mean, that's the most likely -- the most likely
7 constituency we're talking about here. Are these, you
8 know, quite large community-based organizations that have
9 done this before. And they'll do it again. And bless
10 them for that. And we want to make that accessibility
11 and that availability as wide as possible for them. But
12 I'm just trying to think of how to set it up so that it
13 makes sense for them and for us.

14 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Yes. And definitely I think
15 we've gone round and round this issue. And certainly if
16 you have a totally different suggestion, we're open to
17 it. It's been a real challenge to try and figure out
18 that equity piece for all Californians to have the same
19 opportunity to present to us as well as thinking through
20 these components. I agree. And I share your
21 frustration.

22 Commissioner Akutagawa?

23 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Thank you for that.
24 And I guess one, I just want to just be on the record to
25 say I support what Commissioner Turner said earlier about

1 the language on that last bullet point. And I think one
2 last thing, I think it's the one speaker per
3 presentation, per meeting. I think the per meeting part
4 is what is also maybe extraneous in that. I think it's
5 just we know it's one speaker per presentation and
6 whatever that would be.

7 I think on the point that Commissioner Yee just
8 brought up, someone said earlier about the same people
9 presenting the same map. I mean, I hope that that
10 wouldn't happen.

11 I guess when I was thinking about like an
12 organization presenting their maps, it would be kind of
13 along the lines of what Commissioner Yee just said, like,
14 you know, they'll get one person from their organization
15 to present the assembly maps, then another person to
16 present the Senate maps, and then another person to do
17 the State Senate or the Congress, and then another one to
18 do the Board of Equalization. So they would have four
19 different people. They'd take one slot.

20 And I guess maybe it got me thinking maybe that's
21 the simplest way. Instead of having a slot where they
22 present four maps, we just say, look, we have a slot
23 where you present one map and then each organization can
24 just present. They get one person to present that map.
25 Maybe that's the easiest way.



1 And then that way that will also eliminate some of
2 this -- I don't know. I don't want to call it angst, but
3 this kind of concern or this kind of what ifs that we're
4 going through right now and it will keep it equitable.
5 It's kind of like when we were doing the COI, right, the
6 COI inputs, each person had 3 minutes.

7 And if an organization wants to have certain people
8 say different things, they got their three minutes. Not
9 six. Not nine. It was three minutes. Maybe that's what
10 we need to do for this as well too.

11 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: We are open to suggestion. In
12 fact, the earlier version of this document that we shared
13 last week did not have that extra-large option. We heard
14 a lot of feedback from the community wanting an extra-
15 large option. We've got it. It can be removed. This is
16 a decision of the Commission. So I'm definitely open to
17 that if that's the will of the group.

18 Commissioner Kennedy?

19 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thanks. Just to say that, to
20 me, speaker still just forces my mind to think of an
21 individual. Whereas if we said presenter, I have an
22 easier -- my mind has an easier time adjusting to a
23 presenter being an organization or an individual. That's
24 all. Thanks.

25 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: What do you think about



1 speaker/presenter options?

2 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Would you be amenable to
3 something like that, speaker/presenter?

4 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Me?

5 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Yeah. Yeah.

6 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I mean, yeah. I don't see it
7 as necessary, but.

8 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay. All right. Okay. So
9 that's one option that we can think of.

10 Commissioner Toledo?

11 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I just want to underscore
12 Commissioner Fernandez's point. I think if we keep this
13 as simple as possible, I think that that also yields some
14 clarity. Certainly, I also -- I mean, where we did do
15 the COI and the public input sessions, there were --
16 there was quite a bit of time where we had downtime,
17 where there wasn't enough community input and we were
18 following it. Right.

19 So I know we're trying to ensure the equitable
20 access, but at this point we don't even know how many
21 organizations will have the capacity to create maps. And
22 last time around it was -- there weren't that many. And
23 so I'm just thinking through that at this point. And of
24 course, we want everyone to have equal access. And I
25 just would hope that we keep this as simple as possible

1 for clarity purposes, but also for equity purposes.

2 Thank you.

3 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: I also agree with that.

4 Commissioner Andersen?

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. I just want to say in
6 terms of -- I understand that a group could indeed submit
7 and do like half an hour for four maps, so like
8 essentially two hours. But quite frankly, once you've
9 done the assembly, your Senate is going to be okay. And
10 I kind of like to put these together, these two assembly
11 together, those towns, and try to nest it and then the
12 Board of Equalization is virtually the same.

13 I would really hope that that is that something that
14 someone would be signing up for the forty-five minutes
15 for. And then if they wanted to do it, then, a
16 congressional for another half hour, that makes sense.
17 But to do two hours, just one group -- how many groups --
18 how many maps or how many people will we actually hear
19 from? And that's a thought.

20 Because, again, I mean, unless you're really
21 changing everything completely for Senate and completely
22 for Board of Equalization, I just don't see why those
23 maps would also need half an hour. And that's just --
24 and The People who I think are really are up and putting
25 these things together, I'm pretty sure that is what they

1 would think.

2 And I'm hoping that. Because, again, we want to get
3 this. We'd like to hear from as many people as possible
4 in this time frame and as many different groups as
5 possible. And I don't want to just have it -- I don't
6 want to say the word gaming, but that would be
7 disappointing because we're all trying to get in here and
8 give everyone a fair shot and we're trying to do our best
9 here.

10 And I know the public is working with us on this, is
11 also thinking the same thing. And I'm thinking they are
12 going to do -- use this in the best manner possible. And
13 I'm sure they will, because they've been so upfront and
14 everything all the way through. I just hope to see that
15 to continue.

16 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you for that.

17 Commissioner Turner?

18 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. I just wanted to
19 say that. I want to make sure that we're or at least let
20 me just say for me, I don't want to feel or believe that
21 anyone is gaming or scheming or double dipping or any of
22 the above.

23 I think that our partners, our community partners
24 out there have spent hours, days, they've traveled
25 together, the input, some of which we've not been able

1 to. And so if we're looking at this and thinking that
2 it's too much time because it's one presentation, I
3 believe they're out there hearing from a lot of people
4 and trying to report out and do justice of what they've
5 heard as opposed to just sharing their one single thought
6 process.

7 So I want to name that because whatever the right
8 combination of presentation, time period, et cetera, I
9 just want to say that I fully appreciate all of the work
10 that's been done that's going to give us a better shot at
11 hearing from more Californians than we normally would
12 have been able to hear from.

13 So with that, I agree with the portion of
14 Commissioner Andersen stating that perhaps the Senate and
15 the Board of Equalization wouldn't take or shouldn't take
16 as much time as the others. But we've also heard from
17 community that did want to give their full presentation
18 maps. So I don't think we should exclude the forty-five-
19 minute slot.

20 And if there is an organization that wants to try
21 and do all of the maps in that time period, then they
22 have that as an option to apply for. And if not, then
23 they'll choose one of the other options. And if there
24 are partners or community members out listening, and if
25 they're just going to do a statewide map on Board of



1 Equalization or Senate, I'm hopeful that they'll call in,
2 give us time back and say we really can do it in this
3 amount of time.

4 So unless we want to give set times for each of
5 those areas, I would want to trust that they won't just
6 continue to talk about nothing stuff, go through their
7 presentation, and get off the line.

8 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: All right. Thank you for
9 that. I have Commissioner Kennedy and Commissioner Yee.
10 And then we'll take a quick moment to read out the
11 changes to this document that we would like to see for
12 this motion.

13 Commissioner Kennedy?

14 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you. And sorry if I
15 missed anything. And I understand that groups have had
16 and continue to have the opportunity to provide public
17 comment on this. But have we asked them how much time
18 they want? Thanks.

19 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: If I may, just to respond to
20 that. We did receive a letter, I believe, it was two
21 meetings ago. I shared it with Marcy not too long ago.
22 That was jointly from, I believe, Asian-Americans
23 Advancing Justice, NALEO, and one other group. And I
24 apologize that I don't have that off the top of my head,
25 but we have a --

1 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Black Census and
2 Redistricting Hub.

3 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Was is Black Census and
4 Redistricting Hub? Yes. And they did lay out various
5 times that they thought would be appropriate. I can find
6 that document and share it with everyone.

7 Commissioner Yee?

8 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes. And we've had at least three
9 calls, I think, for people asking more than a half hour
10 for more than one map. So now the idea of not providing
11 more Zoom links, I'm still a little hesitant about that
12 because the whole spirit of our commission has been
13 trying to give people access, right?

14 And so if an organization, even with one assembly
15 map, somebody might be the specialist in Northern Cal and
16 the other one is a specialist in Southern Cal, and to
17 artificially say you have to be in one room, I just don't
18 understand the thinking there. I mean, that's a little
19 more work for us, and of course it is staff and not me, I
20 understand that, to provide links.

21 But here you got your thirty-five minutes to provide
22 a couple of extra Zooms links. I mean, we do that all
23 the time. We did that today with some of our
24 presentations from our contractors. So I'd rather be
25 generous. And if somebody needs more than one Zoom link

1 to do a presentation, it's very little to, on our part,
2 to provide that.

3 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay. So I think that was a
4 really important point. And I think we should finalize
5 that piece of it because I kind of see people nodding and
6 thinking like, yes, no, I'm not sure.

7 Before I see you, Commissioner Vazquez, before we
8 move on, I just wanted to mention that Marcy is doing a
9 great job keeping notes here and sharing them with me.

10 The changes that we've noted, update medium
11 submission to the language of four or more maps to
12 just -- to be for clarity, update the appointment closed
13 date to October 8th, remove Q&A from the agenda
14 altogether, and update the presentation times to six
15 minutes, fifteen, thirty, and forty-five minutes for
16 presentations. One speaker per presentation.

17 Appointments are made by speaker/presenter.
18 Speaker/presenter can be an individual or organization.

19 So taking those recommendations that have been given
20 around the use of the term organization and removing that
21 and then potentially providing more than one Zoom link
22 though I'd like to just get some clarity from the rest of
23 the Commission on that.

24 Commissioner Vazquez?

25 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah, I just was going to say

1 that I agree with Commissioner Yee. I think I would like
2 to hear more voices if such an organization would like to
3 provide that, particularly if they're going to include
4 community voices and not just staff from organizations.

5 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay. That's a really great
6 point, in fact. Always better to hear from those who are
7 impacted. Would we feel comfortable including that then
8 on these friendly amendments providing more than one Zoom
9 link is allowable per presentation?

10 COMMISSIONER YEE: If I may? I think it's implied
11 if you allow for more than one speaker, right?

12 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay.

13 Commissioner Andersen?

14 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. Thank you. Two
15 things. One, then, so the date being the 8th. Didn't we
16 say the seventh so we could actually report back meeting?
17 And if we want to add more days, we could do that?

18 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Any objections to that --
19 October 7th? Okay. Go ahead.

20 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. And then the other is
21 on the Zoom link, before we -- I'd like to hear
22 logistically how that works say from either Alvaro and/or
23 Kristian.

24 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: It looks like Marcy --

25 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Oh, Marcy --



1 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Marcy?

2 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: That works too.

3 MS. KAPALN: Yeah, I think we would just need to --
4 in the sign-up form it would be like, are there
5 additional speakers for this presentation. So then there
6 would be instead of like one organization with the COI
7 meetings, we did a unique guide to avoid names. They
8 would be like unique ID 1 through 3 would be speaking at
9 10 a.m.

10 And then so they would still have their own -- each
11 person would still have their own individual Zoom link,
12 but it would just be a part of -- as we match up the
13 registration info with everyone. So we could accommodate
14 that.

15 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Perfect. So that sounds very
16 doable. The one other piece that I just wanted to raise
17 and bring everyone's attention to, this proposal assumes
18 maintaining our policy that we voted on for the COI input
19 meetings in which presenters cannot share their screens.

20 We had a lengthy discussion about that several
21 months ago and decided from a security standpoint that
22 that was our position. We have maintained that in this
23 proposal. We haven't talked about that yet. So I just
24 wanted to raise that to make sure everyone is still
25 comfortable with maintaining that policy.



1 What that means, and what we've kind of anticipated
2 is given that restriction, that's why people -- in part
3 why people have to submit their documents in advance.
4 And that we would have someone staff side, whether it's
5 the line drawers actually loading the shapefiles into
6 their system or if they're not available for whatever
7 reason.

8 I have to figure out that that piece of it out at a
9 minimum presenting the PDF of their map and having staff
10 members do that. And I just wanted to raise that to make
11 sure that that is still true, correct, that we're all on
12 the same page before we move forward with this.

13 I'm not seeing any objections. I see Commissioner
14 Kennedy nodding. So I appreciate that affirmation.
15 Okay. If there's any objections, please let us know
16 before we move forward. But otherwise, I think we have a
17 motion on the floor with stated amendments and we would
18 be ready, Chair, to go to public comment.

19 CHAIR FORNACIARI: My screams are flipping around
20 here. Yeah. Katy, there you are. The go to public
21 comment on the motion.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair.

23 Do we want to read the final rendition of the motion
24 on the floor or are we good?

25 CHAIR FORNACIARI: We should read the motion for



1 sure.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay. I don't have it.

3 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Alvaro, were you able to
4 capture that?

5 MS. HERNANDEZ: Yes. Motion to approve the plan for
6 the public map input sessions, October 21 through 23,
7 2021 with amendments. How's that?

8 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Very good.

9 MR. HERNANDEZ: Okay.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right.

11 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. Katy?

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Are we just doing it on
13 the motion or also on the agenda item? Just the motion.

14 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Just the motion. Because we have
15 more --

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Got it.

17 CHAIR FORNACIARI: -- more things to talk about.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Just making sure. The
19 Commission will now take public comment on the agenda
20 item on the floor as read by Director Hernandez.

21 To give comment, please call 877-853-5247 and enter
22 the meeting ID number 81982237721 for this meeting. Once
23 you have dialed in, please press star 9 to enter the
24 comment queue. The full call-in instructions are read at
25 the beginning of the meeting and are provided on the



1 livestream landing page.

2 We do have a caller. Caller 8779, if you will,
3 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by
4 pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

5 MS. MEI: Good evening. This is Fremont Mayor Lily
6 Mae, And I wanted to thank you for the opportunity to
7 share about the redistricting for the Congressional
8 district.

9 I wanted to share that we have also shared a letter.
10 And in particular, our city shares a lot of our
11 workforce. And it is considered as part of the economy
12 with Silicon Valley. Which is why we would like to still
13 be associated with Cupertino and Santa Clara. It also
14 helps us to align with the South Bay and that we have
15 many manufacturers and technology companies.

16 So it's a similar interest. But also very
17 importantly, it's also important for the Asian Diaspora
18 that we have a lot of both the Southeast Asian, Indian,
19 and Chinese populations that are tied. And we have a lot
20 of our cultural centers that align in those areas.

21 We have the Indian Community Center, which is based
22 in Lapidus, as well as the Taiwanese Economic Cultural
23 Office. And there are a lot of activities that are ours
24 in synergy.

25 So I just wanted to share in support of a letter



1 that we've already expressed that Fremont would like to
2 continue to be part of the perceived Silicon Valley. And
3 then in terms of our workforce, the economy, and to align
4 our Congressional districts in such a way that keeps us
5 in tied with the Cupertino and --

6 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

7 MS. MEI: -- throughout the Santa Clara area. Thank
8 you very much for your time this evening.

9 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Thank you for your input. We
10 appreciate it.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And now, as all of our
12 callers at this time -- let me check with Kristian real
13 quick. And the instructions were complete.

14 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. Well, with that, I don't
15 see any other callers to comment on our agenda item, so I
16 will turn it over to Director Hernandez for the vote.

17 MR. HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair. We'll begin the
18 vote.

19 Commissioner Ahmad?

20 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yes.

21 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Akutagawa?

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

23 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Andersen?

24 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

25 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fernandez?



1 COMMISISONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

2 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fornaciari?

3 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Yes.

4 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Kennedy?

5 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

6 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Le Mons?

7 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yes.

8 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sadhwani?

9 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Yes.

10 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sinay?

11 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

12 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Taylor?

13 Commissioner Toledo?

14 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yes.

15 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Turner?

16 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

17 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Vazquez?

18 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes.

19 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Yee?

20 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes.

21 MR. HERNANDEZ: Motion passes, Chair. Thank you.

22 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Thanks, Director Hernandez. And

23 Director Hernandez, a little gentle reminder that we

24 decided that the votes would all start with the person

25 after the Chair so that the same people don't always have

1 to vote first. But so Commissioner Sadhwani will be the
2 next Chair. Well, thank you.

3 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you for reminding me.

4 CHAIR FORNACIARI: And I guess, Commissioners
5 Anderson and Sadhwani, are there other topics that we
6 want to discuss related to agenda item 5? I thought
7 there was something else. Maybe I was mistaken.

8 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Not that I can recall. I
9 might just be at the end of the day and I can't quite
10 remember, but I can't recall.

11 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: I'm in the same boat.

12 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. So one of the things that
13 that we had discussed is the design of some meetings
14 for -- to receive input after the draft maps. And the
15 thought might be that we would potentially want another
16 committee to look at that with the workload that you two
17 have. Is that still something you'd like to consider?

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes, we'd like to -- given
19 how the flow is going to happen after draft maps, we'd
20 like to have a meeting -- basically let's come back and
21 say, yes, we'd like to have this -- whatever group it
22 is -- but we essentially don't want to throw -- we don't
23 want to just say, hey, guess what you guys are doing
24 without any background information, and we'd like to give
25 like an outline essentially, or a possible ideas of ways

1 things could go in terms of how a line drawer is going to
2 work with this, how the logistics of it, just in terms
3 of -- based on several of the things.

4 So we don't want to just say you're totally on your
5 own to whatever group it is. We'd like to have a little
6 bit of input on that from the subcommittee.

7 CHAIR FORNACIARI: So you've given this -- already
8 giving it some thought, but you need to flesh out --

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Just a little bit.

10 CHAIR FORNACIARI: -- just a little bit of thought.
11 But you want some assistance in fleshing out the details
12 of what these input meetings would be.

13 So the idea would be we would design an input --
14 some input meetings for the public to provide feedback on
15 our draft maps. And then we would need some mechanism
16 for capturing that feedback and acting on that feedback.

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes. And all the logistic
18 parts of that stuff, we don't want to just say -- and
19 you're just going to have to come up with that on your
20 own, as we've been already kind of working with the staff
21 a little bit.

22 And given this document, we kind of like to give
23 them a little bit more input in terms of multiple
24 considerations because once -- it could be any kind of
25 input. It wouldn't just be maps. It wouldn't just be

1 COIs. It could be anything.

2 So there's still a few more considerations, but we
3 want to run it by the subcommittee and then probably
4 throw everything to the to whoever we like to really then
5 flush -- then work out all the details, probably, Sarah,
6 we're the subcommittee meetings tomorrow, so we'll
7 basically we might turn around to staff to our afternoon
8 and say, here you go.

9 CHAIR FORNACIARI: So I mean, is this something that
10 you can turn over to staff to think about and not need to
11 set -- a couple of commissioners to think about it? Or I
12 mean, I just want to be clear about what needs to be
13 done. Marcy, do you have -- you look like you're ready
14 to say something. Oh, you're not.

15 MS. KAPLAN: My kids came home and they were like in
16 the room running around screaming. So I was like, I'm
17 trying to hear. So anyways --

18 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay.

19 MS. KAPLAN: I was trying to shush them.

20 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay.

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I think we have a question
22 from Commissioner Fernandez.

23 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh, no, I wasn't going to
25 comment on it. I was going to comment on something else.

1 But yes, I'm going to go offline right now.

2 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. Commissioner Sadhwani, you
3 look like you were getting ready to --

4 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Well, yeah. I mean, I think,
5 of course, we have to first figure out the time frame,
6 the maps, the draft maps, all of those components. We
7 anticipate having a plan for that fairly soon. But I
8 mean, it ultimately -- after the draft maps, the idea is
9 to go get input on those maps, whether that's the same --
10 looks the same as the COI inputs or more like the
11 District map input meetings.

12 I don't know. My sense is an input-oriented
13 subcommittee should probably help to design that. That
14 would be that would make a lot of sense to me. We
15 haven't had a chance to talk with the wandering team
16 about what they think might may or may not work. I don't
17 know. But we are talking to them tomorrow so we can kind
18 of help --

19 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay.

20 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: -- maybe sketch out where
21 we're looking and if it's helpful.

22 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. So maybe then you all have
23 that conversation with the line drawers. And then this
24 is something we can come to a conclusion on the 28th,
25 29th. That sound reasonable?

1 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: That's exactly -- yeah,
2 that's exactly.

3 CHAIR FORNACIARI: That's what you're saying. And
4 I'm not hearing it. Okay. Well, I appreciate that.
5 Thank you for the clarity.

6 So one more -- one more question was brought up, and
7 I just want to make sure it's not lost is, now that we
8 are having these -- or we will soon have -- the
9 Commission will soon be receiving maps, district maps
10 drawn by folks on these tools.

11 What's the vision for managing that and how are we
12 going to use that information? Is that a whole new
13 database that we need to manage that information? I
14 think Commissioner Andersen had some thoughts on that.

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes. And here's another
16 Kudos to the statewide database. It will fit into our
17 database just like the control information. But it'll be
18 a bigger -- it'll look another line and it'll have rather
19 than you a PDF of a COI, there's the PDF of a map. And
20 then if you want to download file for that, you can
21 download the shapefile. So that is the entire plan.

22 In terms of things that come in another way that
23 also has to go in like the COI -- COI information that
24 does not come in through the statewide database. Does
25 that make sense? So half of it will be streamed in right

1 away. The other half needs staff to work on to be put in
2 there. So it does not need a whole other separate --

3 CHAIR FORNACIARI: So it doesn't need a whole other

4 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Correct.

5 CHAIR FORNACIARI: -- database.

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Correct.

7 CHAIR FORNACIARI: And I guess -- so I'm going to
8 ask Commissioner Sinay to -- if she would kind of reflect
9 further on her questions about that. I guess, I mean, I
10 made a little note, but it certainly wasn't all of your
11 thoughts on that. So can you kind of bring us back to
12 that, please?

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Well, part of it is managing
14 it. Part of it is how much are we getting? But there's
15 also -- right now, with the statewide database and the
16 tools that we've been given, we have the COI tool, we
17 have the District tool, and we have the access centers.

18 And at the end of the day, we have a real -- not
19 that many -- our staff is limited. My personal feeling
20 is that we really should focus on community engagement at
21 the broadest level and not break up our message and kind
22 of don't, I guess, dilute our message by trying to push
23 the access centers as well as the redistricting, the
24 District tool as well as the COI tool, but just use the
25 COI tool or if there's a way to get to both of them or

1 just say visit our website to see.

2 But I wouldn't want to do a whole promotion and have
3 our lead teams really pushing hey get people to the
4 access center as well as using the redistricting that
5 District tool. I feel like we're -- or just going in too
6 many different directions versus staying focused.

7 And in the end, what we want is what type of
8 engagement, what type of information do we need from the
9 public to do our job as best we ca. And the public being
10 the broader public, not the fifty plus some who might use
11 the District tool. But really, how do we get that
12 message so people participate?

13 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Thank you for that. I have
14 Commissioner Fernandez and then Commissioner Le Mons.

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair. A couple
16 of things Commissioner Andersen brought up. The District
17 map versus COI's, and I would envision that a district
18 map would be a COI. And if someone is submitting a
19 statewide, it would be forty COIs if it was a Senate.
20 But I just want to confirm that's how it's going to look.

21 And then in terms of I just want to respond to
22 commissioner tonight with the access center. I actually
23 would like to do some promotion on that just based on
24 going yesterday. I mean, if people want to get one on
25 one, it's a great way to do that and to get exposed to



1 the communities of interest tool as well as the District
2 mapping tool. I think, whatever we can do to get them
3 motivated to do something. I if it's access center, if
4 it's the COI tool, if it's the redistricting mapping
5 tool, I think all of those different ways to get people
6 excited would be a great way to continue to get more
7 input. Thank you.

8 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Commissioner Le Mons?

9 COMMISSIOENR LE MONS: Yeah. I wanted to weigh in
10 on this. And I think one of our primary goals was
11 involvement and engagement. And hearing the tools
12 presented earlier, to me, were just different ways to be
13 involved and to be engaged.

14 And because there are people who have different
15 degrees of interests, different degrees of skill -- I
16 thought the way actually the statewide database presented
17 the tools and made those distinctions, as in the value of
18 the various tools, was phenomenal.

19 And I think that if we're -- if our primary message
20 is engagement and involvement, and then we have this
21 robust portfolio of ways to be engaged and involved, then
22 I think we serve our purpose. We support a statewide
23 database. We support our desire and goal to reach our
24 objective of that level of involvement.

25 Now, that's not to be naive about the confusion that



1 has been raised that can be there. So I think in
2 explaining how you use the various tools to kind of help
3 people understand what tool might be that best approach
4 or give them some ways to access information that helps
5 them delineate which tool would be the best approach for
6 them, might be a way to deal with some of the confusion.

7 And then we might just have to accept that the
8 complexity of this confusion kind of goes along with it.
9 Not that we want to add to it, but we may not be able to
10 avoid it, if you will. So I think we could leverage this
11 to be something really cool and powerful and I think
12 really make us look good. And it really helps us with
13 all the different ways that people might be able to get
14 to it. So those are my thoughts.

15 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Thank you. I think I saw
16 Director Kaplan raising her hand.

17 MS. KAPLAN: I guess, I just want to also add a
18 little bit more to what Commissioner Sinay is saying and
19 just coming from the outreach team and interactions that
20 they've had with the public.

21 I think that the public does continue to need clear
22 guidance on what the ask is, and so do we continue to ask
23 for COI through this process and will the Commission
24 continue to review the COI? Or does the Commission want,
25 and maybe this is coming later in the conversation when

1 we talk more about what the input on district maps is
2 going to look like, is that done by -- do you provide
3 input on commission drafts by submitting your own draft
4 map? Or are you providing input by providing COI? And
5 this is why you would move the line because of this COI?
6 Or is it because of these other factors?

7 And so I think that's where the team, I think, in
8 continued conversations with community members and other
9 stakeholders want to ensure that we're still engaging
10 community on a level that is going to be most beneficial
11 for the process as well. I'm sorry, I don't know if that
12 helped elaborate a little bit.

13 CHAIR FORNACIARI: So then, I guess, you -- so this
14 is going to be putting you on the spot. I mean, do you
15 have thoughts about what is -- what level of engagement
16 based on the feedback from the boots on the ground is
17 most beneficial?

18 MS. KAPALN: I think, it was helpful to see the tool
19 today in terms of like what -- that it has those -- like
20 the checkmarks to make sure that the public is submitting
21 feedback on a draft map, and they're giving you an
22 alternative map, that it includes all the criteria that
23 you as the Commission need or it's factoring in maybe
24 it's in the narrative, it's factoring in COI.

25 And so you can take that feedback that falls within

1 your criteria to do the lines. So I'm not -- I don't
2 know if I'm going too far in saying that, but I think
3 just -- and then secondarily, with the COI input, it's
4 also helpful for the public.

5 We continue to hear what is the deadline for COI,
6 how long will the Commission be reviewing COI? And so if
7 there is any deadline for that or if staff should
8 continue to just push the COI tool and continue also to
9 highlight these other tools and how to get assistance
10 with them as well.

11 CHAIR FORNACIARI: And then transitioning right into
12 feedback on the maps and what we're looking for there.
13 Okay.

14 So I have Commissioner Andersen and then
15 Commissioner Le Mons.

16 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you. These are all
17 really, really good points and I really appreciate the
18 different perspectives here. I'm coming back to
19 something Commissioner Kennedy said while ago. And when
20 we were talking about our meetings and going over the
21 COIs.

22 And he said he was really hoping that people would
23 be giving COIs. But a lot of people are just giving
24 district information and there is a difference. And the
25 COI is a building block. A district is I'm assuming

1 that, everything's already put in this District, all the
2 different criterion. And I don't know if he said that or
3 someone else said that, but we can't limit what the
4 public is going to give us.

5 We don't quite -- and so we can't really say well
6 enough, so we're done taking COIs. Now, if it's if it's
7 because we cannot -- we've run out of time to consider
8 them, but I, again, if someone is going to say, this is
9 my community interest, I want to keep it together, that's
10 okay. Or if they say, this is what I want a district.

11 And we need to know why. It could be because this
12 that other district would cut my community interest in
13 half. Or it could be because we have cultural ties
14 across this. Or it might not be community of interest.
15 It might be, no, I don't think that's compact or the
16 County line is accurate here or something like that. But
17 the why would be in it.

18 And so I like the idea of being very -- give
19 information about why would someone use what tool on our
20 web site? What information are you going to give? And
21 why you want the differences, which I think we could do.
22 And we might go back to the materials committee to do --
23 or the website committee to put the proper wording
24 together on that.

25 I think those are really, really good ideas and

1 the -- what level of engagement? We want everyone to be
2 engaged, as Commissioner Le Mons said, on any level they
3 want. If they want to give us a map, great. If they
4 don't want us to give us a map, that's okay. So I don't
5 think we can limit it yet.

6 And I think we should be using all of our tools.
7 But we don't say, okay, stop using the COI, use this map
8 tool. No, that doesn't -- if they want to give us a
9 district, the easiest way, rather than just maybe when
10 you try to put it in an email and you're saying, I'd like
11 to have it drop it verbally, try to have that drawn like
12 that, or it'll go from this county, that county line or
13 this line or that, that's very hard.

14 And I think it might be -- even a picture is worth
15 1,000 words. So I understand how much we want to -- how
16 much time we want to spend on everything. I think if we
17 put a nice package together, it would be self-
18 explanatory. And that's what -- I think what we should
19 be going for.

20 So not just don't submit, because we have a really
21 robust package here, which is pretty amazing. I'd like
22 us to use it. And then it'll give us time to look at the
23 quality information, not just the statistics. If we have
24 it -- or we have the numbers and the pictures already
25 there, then we can really reflect back on what the

1 comments are. So that's where I'd kind of like us to go
2 if possible.

3 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Thanks.

4 Commissioner Le Mons?

5 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Thank you, Chair. I want to
6 support what Commissioner Andersen just said. I think,
7 when I thought of -- I realized when she was talking that
8 through this process, I guess, I've not thought of COIs
9 or community of interest input solely as a categorical
10 piece of feedback, even though in some ways I guess it
11 is.

12 But I didn't think about it in that level of
13 specificity. I thought about it as a way for a Joe
14 citizen to be able to say, this is what's important to me
15 and this is why as it relates to my community. Because
16 that would be sort of the everyday person who is not
17 engaged in a redistricting process or have this full
18 scope of understanding.

19 And I think we emphasize that a lot because we had a
20 real commitment as a Commission to have people get
21 involved and not feel like they had to be redistricting
22 experts or involved in this process last time or any of
23 that stuff, that it was as simple as X, right?

24 And so for me, that was an entry point for people.
25 That was a way to get involved. And there would be

1 varying degrees of perspective and expertise. And we
2 heard that in the testimony. It was everywhere. And
3 that's what was exciting about it because they got --
4 they took the time and they got to tell us. And we got
5 to actually take that feedback and have it be usable in a
6 way to help us do our job, right.

7 So now we have some additional tools and resources
8 to continue that process of getting involved. So I agree
9 that we shouldn't be saying, well, there's no more --
10 we're not taking COIs. At some point, we're not taking
11 any more feedback as it relates to the drafts. Once we
12 put those maps out, they will be taken, of course,
13 responses to those maps.

14 Do we still, I guess my question will be, do we
15 still -- and I guess we could. I mean, if the draft maps
16 have gone out and public is not responding to those maps,
17 I might go and create a copy as a part of how I
18 communicate my response to you. And that should be
19 acceptable.

20 So I guess until we stop -- until we're no longer
21 taking feedback, we're taking feedback through any of the
22 tools and any of the mechanisms that we've been using all
23 along. And I guess -- and I'm not saying I'm accurate.
24 That's me kind of litmus testing my understanding of what
25 we're doing or maybe some of the things we should

1 consider in letting the public know what it what we're
2 exactly doing.

3 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Commissioner Kennedy?

4 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yeah. And I really
5 appreciate what Commissioner Le Mons was saying. When I
6 faced the question, I've tried to phrase it in terms of
7 it would be difficult for us to incorporate feedback that
8 is later than X. But trying to avoid setting any sort of
9 hard deadline.

10 And going back to what we've tried to do, what we've
11 succeeded in doing, I think part of what I've seen at
12 least is we've tried to communicate this concept of
13 communities of interest, get people to understand that
14 communities of interest are building blocks.

15 They're not the same as districts. Districts are
16 not the same as communities of interest. District input
17 is for later in the process. But some people are
18 accustomed to the way it's been done decade after decade
19 after decade. And maybe we just came up short in really
20 grabbing people's brains and convincing them that this
21 time was going to be significantly different from
22 previous times.

23 But I agree. From here forward, I don't really see
24 a problem with taking input from wherever it comes. As
25 long as people understand that, you know, the later it

1 gets in the process, the more difficult it's going to be
2 for us to incorporate their feedback into the final
3 product. Thank you.

4 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Commissioner Turner?

5 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. I want to agree.
6 I want to. I like, I guess philosophically agree, but --
7 and this is as far as receiving new COI. I think once we
8 draw draft maps, I'm feeling like there'll be a level of
9 complexity there to actually take in all seriousness, new
10 COIs that come in that would require us to go back.

11 And unless it's going to be a comparison of new COIs
12 to what is to say this this kind of a decision point,
13 does this change anything? Yes or no? And if it
14 doesn't, okay, great. It's already part of it, which if
15 they're submitting it at that point, I would imagine
16 maybe it's going to be something different.

17 And if it is different and we've already weighed all
18 of the COIs and decisions up to that point and come up
19 with the decision of what we think is a map, I think it
20 sounds like a good idea to say we're going to keep
21 receiving new COIs.

22 But at some point it would send us back to the --
23 back to the drawing board with a comparison of what the
24 old COI input was and start to feel -- I don't know,
25 because it's almost blasphemous to say out loud that you

1 don't want it, because we do want it. But I want before
2 we draw draft maps.

3 And once draft maps are drawn, I think the reaction
4 should be to the draft maps and not -- yeah, that's all.
5 There's something in that that that feels problematic,
6 particularly with us trying to work expeditiously in the
7 timing that we have.

8 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Commissioner Sinay?

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Something that Commissioner
10 Turner said. Well, first of all, just to be clear, I do
11 believe in having all our tools available that different
12 people are going to use each one. And I think the
13 conversation has been very productive.

14 But I do -- we have always said that everything that
15 gets submitted is equal. And we still have not had the
16 conversation on how do we ensure that we're hearing
17 everything equal. And it's not just the last person who
18 spoke is who's getting heard -- or the loudest person
19 who's spoken.

20 And I don't know if before we move a line, do we go
21 back and we look at all -- I don't know what that's going
22 to look like and I know that's coming. But I don't want
23 us to lose that because I don't want the person who
24 called at our first meeting we ever had in September of
25 2020 to be completely lost because someone called us on

1 December 14th of 2021.

2 And that piece to me is critical because we've made
3 that commitment to everybody, that it didn't matter how
4 you submitted it and what language you submitted it and
5 whatnot, that all of it was going to be equal. So I know
6 we can build things, build forward. And so that's one
7 way.

8 But we also will have to remind ourselves we drew
9 this in this way at one point for these reasons and then
10 listen in versus just react. Be intentional every time
11 we move forward. And remember, someone used the word
12 ancestors last night. And I kind of feel like everybody
13 who comes and puts a little bit onto the COIs and
14 ancestors, they put in a little bit into the map. And
15 let's not forget that -- those who came before.

16 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Commissioner Toledo?

17 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah. And thinking about the
18 district maps, once we have the draft maps and there's
19 comments on the maps, I would suspect that some of those
20 comments would be your draft map didn't take into
21 consideration my commute of interest, right?

22 Because of a successful -- now, we were -- I would
23 think some of the feedback that would be most successful
24 work for us to consider would be those that have VRA
25 issues, contiguity issues, compactness of commute of

1 interest being number four and any of the other criteria.
2 So they would be tied to one of the criteria, I would
3 suspect.

4 But most likely more than not, it'd be probably
5 connected to a native interest district, my community is
6 being split my, my or -- something like that or we're
7 going to take this into consideration. So I'm thinking
8 we -- so I think as we get that information, we'll be
9 getting it through the lens of a committee of interest
10 testimony. They might build on what we've received in
11 the past or might be slightly different.

12 But I think throughout this process, I think we'll
13 continue to get this this area of interest data. And I
14 don't see any way to turn it. And I don't think we would
15 want to restrict it. But that was my feedback. Thank
16 you.

17 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Thank you. I think this was a
18 great conversation. Oh, and Commissioner Le Mons?

19 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yeah. Commissioner Turner
20 has me kind of thinking, and then Commissioner Toledo's
21 comments just now. Just based on process automatically
22 all post draft map feedback is really going to be looked
23 at from our point of view in response to the draft maps
24 like automatically with this, like there's no way around
25 it. Like these are the maps.

1 And so whenever someone says, like to Commissioner
2 Toledo's point, my argument, if you will, or my feedback,
3 maybe even if it isn't intentional. So let's just say
4 I'm late to the party, and I want to share my community
5 of interest contribution, it's still going to, from our
6 perspective, have to be looked at through the lens of the
7 draft maps, because that's where we are at this point.

8 So I don't know that we risk -- I don't know that we
9 need to stop the feedback. And if I kind I'm looking at
10 it in broad terms and using the word feedback because
11 that feedback post draft maps is going to have to be
12 litmus to what we have done and what we put out.

13 So I don't know that we really need to say, don't
14 talk to us through a particular lens because no matter
15 how they're talking to us, we know what lens we've got to
16 filter it through. And I think that can be part of an
17 education for the public as they listen to us even do it.
18 Thanks.

19 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Thank you. Yeah. Okay. Okay.
20 I think that -- I think this is a -- we brought up a lot
21 of good points and a lot of things to think about. I
22 think some of it applies to the Playbook committee, some
23 of it to the Outreach staff and Outreach committee, some
24 of it to the line drawing committee.

25 I don't think there's a decision point right now,



1 but I think it's something we need to think about and
2 consider in moving forward. So I do appreciate the
3 conversation. And yeah, it's really kind of made me
4 think a little bit differently about how things are going
5 to go forward and the feedback that we might expect to
6 receive as we move forward and what that -- what that's
7 going to look like and how we how we want to manage that.

8 Are there any other thoughts and comments? I think
9 Commissioners Sinay, did you -- Commissioner Le Mons, did
10 you have your hand up still? Did you have some?

11 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Oh, no, I'm sorry.

12 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay.

13 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: No, I don't have anything
14 else.

15 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Commissioner Sinay?

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: It struck me today. And it
17 struck me while I was reading the reports from last time
18 that as we move forward on the draft maps and such, we're
19 not going to be able to have a two-week delay between
20 people submitting their items and it getting into our
21 database.

22 And I think that we're getting better, but it's
23 going to have to be a lot quicker, especially as last
24 time they just set up an email and they were just -- all
25 the commissioners had access to all the emails coming in.

1 And I don't think any of us want that. But I just want
2 us to be aware that we are going to need data a lot
3 quicker because everything is going to be moving a lot
4 quicker.

5 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Yeah, thanks. Good point. And I
6 think that they're -- from of the feedback we've gotten
7 they're getting it more quickly. But we need it turned
8 around even more quickly. Okay. So thank you all. I
9 think we're done on agenda item 5 then with the line
10 drawing team.

11 Okay. So Katy, if you can ask for public comment on
12 agenda item 5.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I sure can. The
14 Commission will now be taking public comment on agenda
15 item number 5. To give comment, please call 877-853-5247
16 and enter the meeting ID number 81982237721 for this
17 meeting. Once you have dialed in, please press star 9 to
18 enter the comment queue.

19 The full call-in instructions have been read
20 previously in this meeting and are provided in full on
21 the livestream landing page. There is no one in the
22 queue at this time. And we will let you know when the
23 instructions are complete.

24 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. Thank you, Katy.

25 Let's see, the last break I asked executive Director



1 Hernandez if there was anything outstanding from either
2 him or the other directors at this point. We just had
3 recently had a couple of business meetings. He said
4 there was nothing super outstanding. So when this public
5 comment period is over, I'll just touch base with him to
6 think of anything has come up on that end.

7 Oh, Commissioner Sinay?

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I just wanted to say, kudos to
9 the staff, all the reports were really good and they
10 really did give us a good overview and helped us kind of
11 see where we're at, where we are and where we're heading.
12 So thank you for those good written reports.

13 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Yes. Thank you, all. And then
14 we'll touch on agenda item number 4,
15 committee/subcommittee reports and see if there's
16 anything outstanding. And that'll be it.

17 So Katy, I imagine the instructions are complete.
18 Okay. Thank you.

19 All right. So just want to check that. Okay.
20 Nothing to report from the directors. So thank you,
21 Director Hernandez. I'll just throw it out for the
22 subcommittees. Is there a subcommittee that has
23 something that they want to report out at this point?

24 We have another meeting on Tuesday, so you'll have
25 it Tuesday and Wednesday. So it'll just be a couple of

1 days until you get a chance to -- the report out. So I
2 see Commissioner Andersen.

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Sorry. Was there something
4 about security?

5 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Not yet. We're going to schedule
6 that for the 28th, 29th.

7 Okay. Well, with that, Katy, we're going to open it
8 up for a general public comment and then call it good.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Okey dokey. The
10 Commission will now be taking general public comment for
11 items not on the agenda. To give comment, please call
12 877-853-5247 and enter the meeting I.D number
13 81982237721.

14 To give comment, please call 877-853 -- oh, nope.
15 Hold on. I just reread the same line.

16 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Give them the wrong number, then.

17 COMMISSIOENR FERNANDEZ: No one's in the queue.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right. Meeting I.D.
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25 will stay on top of the fuddled instructions.



1 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Thank you, Katy. I appreciate
2 it. It was a really good meeting today. I think we had
3 a lot of good discussion and a lot of good information
4 coming in. And so I am passing the ceremonial gavel over
5 to Commissioner Sadhwani to take over as Chair. Thank
6 you for the opportunity. I'm sorry. I kept forgetting
7 to get public comment after each of the agenda items, but
8 I managed to get a lot of reminders from my colleagues,
9 so I do appreciate that.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Your instructions are
11 complete, Chair.

12 CHAIR FORNACIARI: All right. Thanks, Katy.

13 With that, I am going to adjourn this meeting.

14 (Whereupon, the CRC Business Meeting adjourned
15 at 8:00 p.m.)

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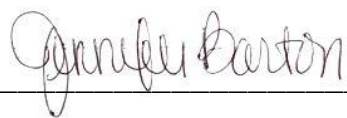
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