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2 October 4, 2021 1:00 p.m.

3 CHAIR SADHWANI: Good afternoon, California.
4 Welcome to the meeting of the California Citizens
5 Redistricting Commission. My name is Sara Sadhwani.
6 I'll be serving as your rotating chair for today's
7 session, along with my colleague, Pedro Toledo, who will
8 serve as vice chair.

9 We are excited to welcome you all here. I know many
10 of my colleagues are together in Sacramento. I am so sad
11 that I can't be with you today.

12 As we begin this journey of line drawing, for the
13 members of the public, I know we've received a lot of
14 feedback. Keep it coming.

15 Before we say more about that, I will hand it over
16 to Ravi to do roll call.

17 MR. SINGH: Thank you, Chair.

18 Commissioner Sinay.

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Here.

20 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Taylor.

21 Commissioner Toledo.

22 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Here.

23 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Turner.

24 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Here.

25 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Vázquez.

1 COMMISSIONER VÁZQUEZ: Here.

2 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Yee.

3 COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.

4 Commissioner Ahmad.

5 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Here.

6 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Akutagawa.

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Here.

8 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Andersen.

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Here.

10 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fernández.

11 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Presente.

12 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fornaciari.

13 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Here.

14 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Kennedy.

15 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.

16 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Le Mons.

17 And Commissioner Sadhwani.

18 CHAIR SADHWANI: Here.

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

20 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you so much, Ravi.

21 So before we begin today, I'll just say a few words
22 about process. As we have discussed at length in our
23 business meetings leading up to today, we are taking an
24 innovative approach to redistricting. This is an
25 iterative approach in which we have had a long journey of

1 community education over the course of many months. We
2 have received numerous pieces of input from the community
3 over -- throughout the collection of communities of
4 interest input throughout the summer months.

5 We used that in mid-September to ask our line
6 drawing team to prepare a number of visualizations based
7 on that testimony to begin to assess what's possible for
8 California redistricting.

9 Posted on our website today, you'll see those
10 visualizations. We are attempting to get those
11 visualizations posted at least 24 hours in advance of
12 these meetings. And so we certainly encourage the public
13 to take a look at those visualizations and chime in. We
14 are not going to take public comment first thing today
15 because our focus here is discussing those
16 visualizations.

17 But we encourage the public to email us at
18 VotersFIRSTAct@CRC.CA.gov. Our communications team is
19 monitoring that email and will be posting comments from
20 the public throughout the course of the day. So we
21 encourage input in that fashion, and certainly on
22 Wednesday afternoon we have reserved an ample amount of
23 time for folks to call in and provide feedback as well.

24 With that, are there any questions from
25 Commissioners about how today will be run or any comments

1 before we get started?

2 Commissioner Sinay.

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you, Chair. I was just
4 curious. If we wait until the very end to get all the
5 public comments -- well, I guess let me take a step back
6 how we. So staff is getting them and organizing them,
7 what is that expectation of us to be reading them and
8 processing them through this whole process? Will we get
9 some time to talk about the ones that have been submitted
10 and then open up the phone? Just to be able to kind of
11 think through just the large number of maps, just LA
12 alone was just over fifty maps, so just kind of thinking
13 this all through.

14 CHAIR SADHWANI: I apologize. I think my internet
15 just froze right when you started talking, Commissioner
16 Sinay. Your question, of course, your question was about
17 the emails coming in?

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: More, I'm trying to think
19 through the process. You know, in my mind it works
20 better to do the LA maps, then hear the public comments,
21 finish that and then go on to the next one. I understand
22 why we're not doing it that way, but so what is -- I
23 think there's also a format was created by staff so that
24 people could submit their visualizations in one set
25 format.

1 But will we be listening to people call in first?
2 Or will we be reading and discussing the input that we've
3 gotten via email, and then listening to the additional
4 public input? So emails first, and then public input, or
5 how we --

6 CHAIR SADHWANI: Yeah, I think the expectation is
7 that as emails are coming in, if folks are sending emails
8 now that we'll be reading them, right, along the way.
9 When we get to the public comment on Wednesday, my hope
10 is that that's going to inform us for next week. So we
11 are having this conversation in preparation for our next
12 iteration next week.

13 So what we didn't want to do is have a long
14 discussion about LA County, for example, and then get a
15 lot of feedback, and want to go back to LA County and
16 make all of those changes today. We will do that next
17 week. And so definitely, hold on to what you're hearing.

18 I know I'll be taking a lot of notes. Staff is
19 taking notes. We'll have recordings of these meetings as
20 well if we need to go back to any of that public
21 commentary. But that's the process that we've envisioned
22 moving forward. And I hope that that works out well.

23 Commissioner Akutagawa.

24 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I forgot, wrong button.
25 Just a quick question; I just noticed that the handouts

1 have been updated to also include the visualizations
2 for -- it looks like southern -- mid and southern
3 coastline, as well as northern, inland California; is the
4 intent to go through these as well, too; because I didn't
5 see this last night? It just took quite a bit of time
6 just to go through LA County yesterday.

7 CHAIR SADHWANI: Well, thank you so much for that
8 question. Yes, if you also notice posted is a meeting
9 schedule for these three days. And so in that schedule
10 we have specifically identified by ninety-minute blocks
11 when we'll be discussing each one of these, so you have
12 some time, not a whole lot, but I know that we'll all be
13 frantically reviewing everything later this evening and
14 tomorrow morning. And that's partially why we're not
15 starting until 11 tomorrow, hopefully to give everyone
16 some time to review and digest all of that new
17 information that's coming in.

18 So definitely keep an eye out for the meeting
19 schedules. We'll be trying to post those each week so
20 that we, as the Commission, know what we're trying to
21 accomplish, and can stay on task, but also of course for
22 the public.

23 And then coming soon, I think that the
24 communications team is going to work on posting very
25 shortly, within the next half-an-hour or so, also a sheet

1 that includes the population totals and our target
2 population. That's going to be a big part of our
3 discussion today, apologies for the lateness. We have
4 covered it before, Karin MacDonald from the line drawing
5 team, a week ago, had given us these same numbers, but we
6 thought it might be helpful to have them handy for folks
7 as we're having this conversation.

8 And with that, I am going to hand it over to Karin
9 MacDonald and Jaime Clark from our line drawing team. I
10 see also we have our legal team here as well, if they
11 wanted to jump in at all, also. Thanks so much.

12 MS. MACDONALD: Thank you so much, Commissioner
13 Sadhwani. Hello, everybody. It's nice to be in the same
14 room with all of you. We are going to start by showing
15 you the visualizations that we created based on the
16 directions that you provided, and per your direction also
17 public input was utilized, even if it was not
18 specifically mentioned by you.

19 We also worked extensively with VRA counsel and the
20 RPV analyst. And I believe that Mr. Becker is on, and he
21 will be working with Jaime to provide some feedback on
22 some of the visualizations that you're going to see
23 first, because the VRA -- of course, compliance with the
24 VRA is your second criterion, we thought it might be a
25 good idea to start with the visualizations that are in

1 the area where that might be applying most.

2 And I'm going to hand it over to Jaime right now to
3 start walking you through that. And I hope Mr. Becker is
4 on. I can't I can't actually see. Yes, he is.

5 MR. BECKER: Yeah, I'm on.

6 MS. MACDONALD: Okay. Thank you. Okay. Thank you
7 so much. And here's Jaime.

8 MS. CLARK: I think there's a question first. No?
9 Okay. Thank you.

10 MS. MACDONALD: Are you okay, Jaime.

11 MS. CLARK: Yeah.

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Sorry to ask a question at
13 the -- sorry to ask a question at the very beginning
14 again. But as we are looking at these visualizations,
15 what is the type of thought process we should be having,
16 and feedback we should be giving to all of you? And
17 also, how is this naught for naught, or however the
18 English saying goes. I know Commissioner Fornaciari is
19 laughing because I mess them up each time. But how --
20 English is my second language. I get to say it first,
21 Alicia, today.

22 How is it that we're doing all this without doing
23 VRA first? And I'm just really struggling on what I'm
24 supposed to be doing right now, and I want to be a good
25 Commissioner today.

1 MS. MACDONALD: Would you like me to answer that
2 question? Okay. I will try to do a good job answering
3 that question. So as you know, time is pretty short.
4 And as you also know, our RPV analyst, Dr. Gall has been
5 working around the clock on analyzing the data. So what
6 we have been doing is, based on your direction, we have
7 actually been in touch with Dr. Gall daily, sometimes
8 multiple times per day. And she was able to develop more
9 insight into some of these areas.

10 We communicated with Mr. Becker, and then received
11 preliminary guidance from Dr. Becker and basically with
12 help of Dr. Gall's analysis. You will see that analysis
13 reflected in some of the visualizations that we're going
14 to show you today.

15 And I apologize that it seems like it's not going in
16 a lineal way. And you know, the way that we would love
17 to have it done. Obviously, we would have loved to have
18 had more time, you know, been able to start earlier. But
19 this is the best we can do right now to be able to hit
20 our deadline with the draft map.

21 So we'll walk you through what we learned. Dr. Gall
22 has communicated with Mr. Becker, and Mr. Becker is going
23 to walk you through some of this right now.

24 And in terms of what the best thing might be to do
25 right now, I would say keep reading the public input

1 because there's quite a bit of it, so that if as you are
2 getting more public input because I'm guessing you're
3 going to get a whole bunch just based on these
4 visualizations that we're providing, you can give us
5 additional direction based on that, because we need to
6 just keep on moving forward.

7 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So today we just listen, we
8 don't say anything?

9 MS. MACDONALD: Oh. We're hoping you'll say a lot,
10 actually, once you've seen these, because you may see
11 some visualizations where you'll just look at them, and
12 you'll go, well, this just makes no sense. In this
13 particular context right now, as you're getting more
14 information, you will probably look at some of these and
15 say, this really makes more sense now than I thought it
16 would make when we first started talking about it. So I
17 would say, just sit back, let us walk you through this,
18 and then I'm hoping you will have a lot of input. So
19 thank you.

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Me, never.

21 MS. CLARK: Great. I'm not going to --

22 COMMISSIONER SINAY: You can take (indiscernible).

23 MS. CLARK: -- unmute, ever again.

24 CHAIR SADHWANI: Do you want to take that one?

25 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Actually, Sara, can I?

1 CHAIR SADHWANI: Sure. Commissioner Andersen, did
2 you want to jump in?

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. I do want to say a
4 few things on this, guys -- sorry, Commissioners.
5 Basically, you know, there is the issue: Oh, if we don't
6 have our VRA districts, how do we start? We have to tell
7 people how we want our VRA districts drawn. You know,
8 how we'd want a district drawn, and then our lawyers say,
9 you can't quite do it that way. We're modifying a little
10 bit over here. These are areas we need to look at. And
11 our visualizations are the first cut at, what do we want
12 to see together?

13 Remember, we're trying to combine all of our
14 criterion and to draw the best districts we can. And so
15 yes, we don't just arbitrarily draw, you know, each
16 district, you know, okay, where is 494,443 people? Boom,
17 there is one. We go, okay, well, let's try and
18 incorporate those areas, or these areas, or those areas.
19 And then we look at, well, VRA you can't do that, you
20 couldn't do that.

21 And so that's kind of the whole idea. We're going
22 to be looking at a lot of visualizations today. And if
23 they're not the ones we thought, or we don't like them,
24 we're supposed to speak up, and speak up now. So I just
25 kind of want to bring that forward.

1 And then as we say, well, I'd really like to see
2 this, and this, and this, if we're getting in trouble
3 with the VRA, then I'm hoping our lawyers will be saying,
4 you know, you just can't quite do that. You know, and
5 then we'll go, okay, well, that's an area. Well, we'd
6 like to do these couple of things, how can we do that?
7 And they'll come back to us next week.

8 So now is the time to say everything you want. And
9 I noticed on a couple of things, like there's a
10 visualization there I didn't see, so I'll be addressing
11 that. And if anyone else also notices such things,
12 please speak up.

13 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen,
14 for that. Commissioner Fernández.

15 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Yes, thank you, Chair. So
16 I guess I was visualizing it different than it actually
17 is going to be. So if there has been community input
18 that says, I don't want to be next to this area, or that
19 area, that's up to us, as Commissioners, to remember that
20 information. Is that what I'm --

21 Okay. Yeah, because that's very different than when
22 initially they walked us through, and we went through
23 some of the communities of interest that had been
24 submitted through the COI tool, the community of interest
25 tool, where they actually told us, you know, they

1 wanted -- they want these communities. And then you saw
2 our bigger version of another community of interest that
3 included that plus some more.

4 And then there were some that included parts of it
5 but didn't want to be included with other surrounding
6 areas. So at the end of the day us, as Commissioners,
7 have to remember all of that information.

8 And so I see Jaime and Karin, so thanks.

9 MS. CLARK: Yeah. Thank you so much for that
10 question. We will, you know, be able to remind and say,
11 you know, we, for example like, oh, and if you look at
12 this COI, and please remember, they didn't want to be
13 with this other area, et cetera. And ultimately, those
14 decisions are completely up to you. And we will do our
15 best to remind along the way.

16 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you. Commissioner Toledo.

17 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Just one quick
18 question; will we be taking any action today? Or are
19 there any actions that we are intending to take today,
20 other than to give feedback to the line drawers?

21 CHAIR SADHWANI: Well, feedback towards our next set
22 of visualizations for next week. But no motions are
23 required for today and therefore, none agendized.

24 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Appreciate it. Thank you.

25 CHAIR SADHWANI: Yeah. You bet.

1 Commissioner Sinay.

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Just, this is where we were --
3 where we were speaking earlier, kind of building on what
4 Commissioner Fernández said, about we're going to be
5 receiving a lot of input from here on -- you know,
6 ongoing. And this is where Commissioner Yee had said, do
7 we want to still continue using kind of the leads for
8 those regions?

9 So if you have run -- if you're running out of time
10 at least read the ones from your regions really, really
11 well. So we know that at least two people from that
12 region have read it really, really well, is what I
13 encourage you to do. I'm not giving you an order. We're
14 not voting. But I just want to encourage us all to
15 continue to really play that role so that we -- so things
16 don't fall through the cracks. Thanks.

17 CHAIR SADHWANI: Yeah. I think that's a really
18 great suggestion for that, Commissioner Sinay. And
19 perhaps that had been my assumption, but really helpful
20 to restate that we do have zone leads, and as we move
21 through this process, we're moving away from the zones,
22 in particular, as we as we think about the map and more
23 in a more holistic sense.

24 But continuing at a minimum to be the leading expert
25 on the community of interest testimony that's come in

1 would be helpful, though of course, the hope is that
2 we're reading all of the submissions coming in. And that
3 we're all responsible for all of the areas in the State
4 of California.

5 Commissioner Toledo, would you have an additional
6 comment at this (indiscernible)?

7 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: I don't. Sorry. I'll lower my
8 hand.

9 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you. And I do appreciate. I
10 will do my best to keep an eye on everyone's comments and
11 questions. So if we can continue to use the Raise Your
12 Hands feature, that's really helpful for me, especially
13 since I'm not in the room and I'm not going to
14 necessarily see everyone live.

15 And with that, I see Commissioner Andersen has one
16 last comment. We'll do that and then I'm going to turn
17 it over to the line drawing team.

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I do. Think you, Chair. I
19 just want everyone, and including the public, to notice
20 that we do have posted on our website the document. It's
21 called, Population Totals for Redistricting in
22 California. I would really recommend everyone have that
23 handy because it actually has numbers for, you know, how
24 many make an Assembly district, how many make a
25 Congressional district, how many in the Senate, you know,

1 and of course the BOE.

2 And just when we're looking at the visualizations,
3 these have numbers on them. So you can kind of see, oh,
4 that's too big for an Assembly. Oh, it's about a
5 Congressional district. So I recommend that everyone
6 have a look at those. And if you don't want to jump back
7 and forth on your computer, you know, write them down,
8 that sort of thing. I just thought I'd give everyone a
9 quick notice on that.

10 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you.

11 And Commissioner Akutagawa. Commissioner Akutagawa,
12 did you have an additional comment?

13 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I do.

14 CHAIR SADHWANI: If you have two dollars?

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I know. I think you're
16 going to have to start fining me for this. Just a quick
17 question; and I can't remember if this was asked. Are we
18 going to go in order of specific districts? So for
19 example, are we going to do Congressional first,
20 Assembly, Senate, Board of Equalization, or whatever
21 order we had agreed upon? Or are we going to be all over
22 the place?

23 Because I notice that some of the maps are of
24 varying size, and there seem to be some notations that it
25 may be like Assembly district, or something like that.

1 And I wish I had these numbers last night, because they
2 would have helped.

3 MS. CLARK: Sure. So for today, the only
4 visualizations that I have for you that are supposed to
5 be a similar size to a potential district type, are the
6 districts that were created in collaboration with the VRA
7 team, and the rest of them were more exploratory in terms
8 of, let's see this whole area together and find out how
9 many people there are here.

10 For other line -- and so the order that I would like
11 to go in today, that Karin mentioned, is first looking at
12 those visualizations that were created in collaboration
13 with the VRA team. And then move on and sort of like
14 region by region, or sort of the general areas in Los
15 Angeles County. And then you all can discuss what you
16 like, what you would want to see for next time, et
17 cetera.

18 And then for the other line drawers, I believe that
19 they created visualizations if there was specific
20 direction, like, we want to see couple Congressional
21 districts next to each other here. Then they shot for,
22 you know, about Congressional district sized populations,
23 and if you wish, then they can show those together, and
24 show any Congressional district or a specific district
25 type at the same time.

1 MS. MACDONALD: If I could add to that? Basically,
2 the idea is when you see some of these visualizations you
3 may like them, you may look at the total population and
4 you may realize that this can't fit in an Assembly
5 district. So then, you know, you make a note, and you
6 say, okay, well, maybe we can put that into a Senate
7 plan, or maybe into a Congressional plan, depending on
8 what it is. So I would just take notes on all of that.

9 At this point, we're not at that stage yet where
10 we're going to districts by plan, I call it by plan, like
11 the Assembly plan, the Senate plan, the Congressional
12 plan. We're slowly moving that way.

13 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you. That's helpful.
14 Because I know as I was looking at each of the maps last
15 night, I think my frame was primarily Congressional. And
16 then as I started, looking at the numbers, I was like,
17 okay, could this be an Assembly? Could this be a Senate?
18 It helps -- this context helps because then I won't be
19 like, we need to add more people, this is too small, so
20 let's add these. So okay, thank you. It helps.

21 CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay. Great. And with that, Karin
22 and Jaime, I turn it over to you and your team.

23 MS. CLARK: Great. Thank you so much. So again,
24 I'm going to start with the set of visualizations that
25 are approximately potential Assembly district sized.

1 These were created, again, in collaboration with Dr. Gall
2 and VRA attorneys. And I'll go through them. They're
3 sort of in -- there all together so they could -- they
4 could all, potentially, exist together. There's no
5 overlap between any of these visualizations.

6 And they're all sort of in this general area where
7 I'm weaving my hand, in Los Angeles County. And they
8 were also created, of course, with total percent
9 deviation in mind. So they're all within plus or minus
10 five percent deviation. They all are drawn with your
11 preliminary line drawing direction in mind that we heard
12 last week. They are drawn to keep cities and census-
13 designated places together to the extent practicable, and
14 also drawn with, you know, COI input, or other public
15 input in mind that we've received so far.

16 So with that, I am going to zoom in to sort of
17 Northeastern City of Los Angeles, and show this first
18 one, which is called AD, so Assembly district sized,
19 Northeast LA, and then for this week all of the
20 visualizations that we show are going to have
21 "underscore" _1004, which is basically just indicating
22 this is the set of visualizations that are presented this
23 week.

24 And then the total population is listed below. So
25 this general, this area is about 490,000 people, and it

1 includes the City of East LA, it includes Boyle Heights,
2 the El Sereno area, up to Eagle Rock, Echo Park and parts
3 of Silver Lake. And it does not include sort of this,
4 like downtown area. This was a COI here. And I'm just
5 going to move on and present --

6 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Jaime, can I ask a quick -- one
7 more, quick question? How do we know? You said take
8 good notes, but there is no number or anything on these.
9 So how do we take good notes? Do they have names?

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: By district.

11 MS. CLARK: So it could be, yeah, by the name of the
12 district which is -- or the name, excuse me, of the
13 visualization, which is listed here up top, so AD
14 Northeast LA 1004?

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Darn. And all my notes earlier
16 were all using the number of -- that was on the map, on
17 the page number.

18 MS. CLARK: Oh, page number. Uh-huh.

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay.

20 CHAIR SADHWANI: Jaime, what was the population of
21 that one again?

22 MS. CLARK: This is 491,391.

23 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you.

24 MS. CLARK: And I'll go through all of these
25 together, and then Mr. Becker can present further on

1 them.

2 So the next visualization I have for you here is
3 called AD Central and DTLA, Downtown LA underscore, I'm
4 missing an underscore here, _1004. And the total
5 population of this visualization is 510,166. This
6 includes Mid City, West Adams, Historic South Central,
7 Downtown LA, parts of Koreatown, et cetera.

8 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Sorry. Jaime, can you tell
9 us what plus or minus that is; plus in this case?

10 MS. CLARK: One moment, please.

11 MR. BECKER: This one? This district you're looking
12 at right now? It is slightly over the ideal number.

13 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I understand that.

14 MS. CLARK: Twenty-three percent, finally.

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. Yeah. Because
16 usually, you know, like on the map, it will tell you what
17 percent.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible).

19 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay.

20 MS. CLARK: So this is --

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: About 3.3

22 MS. CLARK: -- 3.26 percent over deviation.

23 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you. And what was --
24 the other one, what was that under, the first one?

25 MS. CLARK: One moment, please.

1 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you. If you can give
2 us that on these as we go. Thank you.

3 MR. BECKER: I believe that was -0.54 percent on the
4 AD Northeast LA.

5 MS. CLARK: Thank you. Okay. And I'm going to move
6 on to the next visualization, which is AD South LA. The
7 total population here is 505,801. It includes -- excuse
8 me -- it includes the neighborhood council area of Watts.
9 It includes Florence Firestone, Walnut Park, and these
10 areas here in Central Los Angeles, includes also
11 Westmont.

12 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Could you give the
13 population again? Sorry. I actually printed them out,
14 so I'm trying to find them while you're talking.

15 MS. CLARK: Yeah.

16 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: So sorry about that.

17 MS. CLARK: No problem. It's 505,801.

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Never mind. I'm good.
19 Thanks.

20 CHAIR SADHWANI: Yeah. Do you guys have the page
21 numbers for these that you're showing?

22 MS. CLARK: That one was page 34.

23 CHAIR SADHWANI: Right. Thank you. Yeah, if we
24 could find -- I have been printed as well, I just want to
25 follow along.

1 MS. CLARK: And next, this one is called AD, sort of
2 Southeast 5 Corridor, includes Vernon, Maywood, Commerce,
3 Bell, Bell Gardens, Downey, Bellflower, Norwalk, Artesia,
4 and Cerritos, all of those places are whole in this
5 visualization. And the total population is 475,374.

6 And moving on to this visualization, which is
7 generally kind of bounded by -- oh, excuse me, it
8 includes the Interchange of the 605 and 60. So this
9 includes Montebello, South El Monte, Pico Rivera,
10 Whittier, South Whittier, La Mirada, La Habra Heights,
11 Hacienda Heights, Industry, La Puente, Avocado Heights.
12 And this has a total population of 513,809.

13 And then two more to go; this is sort of West San
14 Gabriel Valley area, includes Alhambra, Monterey Park,
15 Rosemead, most of the City of El Monte, Arcadia, Temple
16 City, East San Gabriel, San Marino, et cetera. And the
17 total population of this visualization is 477,345.

18 CHAIR SADHWANI: And do you have a page number on
19 that one? And I also see Commissioner Turner has her
20 hand --

21 MS. CLARK: The last page.

22 CHAIR SADHWANI: Commissioner Turner, did you want
23 to jump in and ask a question?

24 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Well, probably more so a
25 little bit of a comment. Thank you, Jaime and Karin, for

1 the presentations, the visualizations; but for the
2 Commissioners, and perhaps Commissioners Kennedy and
3 Ahmad. I was thinking how amazing it would be if there
4 was programming, probably for the next Commission that
5 would, for these visualizations, automatically populate
6 which specific COIs were for these areas. Like if it was
7 an interactive type system.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

9 COMMISSIONER TURNER: So that looking at this may
10 not being from Los Angeles. You know, I know there's
11 thousands, there's lots of stuff that we can go through,
12 and so instead of pouring back through it. So for 2030,
13 in case I forget later, I think it would just be so
14 wonderful if there was a program for every visualization
15 that you all draw for us based on what we thought up,
16 that it would also be a backwards way to be able to
17 connect the COIs specifically for that area that's
18 highlighted.

19 So that you can then just go directly and say, oh
20 yeah, these are the ones that was for this, these are the
21 ones. Instead of trying to believe that the big brains
22 of us will hold what's just said -- what you're saying
23 now, and remember it later, right?

24 It will take a lot of cross, and I think between 14,
25 we'll get it figured out. But it would be extremely

1 helpful to just be able to have a program that would say,
2 this is what we've created on the map, and here are the
3 associated COIs, public comments, input automatically.
4 That's my wish list for 2030.

5 CHAIR SADHWANI: There we go. I think that's such a
6 great suggestion. And I can only imagine where we will
7 be at, technologically, ten years from now. So that
8 seems more doable in ten years. Thank you for that,
9 Commissioner Turner.

10 Jaime and Karin, can I hand it back to you?

11 MS. CLARK: Yes. Thank you. One more visualization
12 for you, here in East San Gabriel Valley area, this
13 includes Glendora, Azusa, Irwindale, Baldwin Park, West
14 Covina, Covina, Citrus; these areas here. And the total
15 population of this visualization is 484,491.

16 And I'm going to zoom out and show them all
17 together. Turn some of these neighborhood council
18 boundaries off so it would be a little more clear to see.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No.

20 MS. CLARK: Oh. Leave them on? I'll leave them on.

21 CHAIR SADHWANI: I don't know about anybody else,
22 but I think, Jaime and Karin, while you're presenting, if
23 it's possible that anyone can call out what page number
24 it's referred to, I think that would be really helpful.

25 MS. MACDONALD: I'm working on that right now, so

1 just --

2 CHAIR SADHWANI: Yeah. No worries. No worries.

3 MR. BECKER: Jaime and Karin, do you want me to
4 chime in real quick? I don't have much to say right now.

5 MS. MACDONALD: Yes, please.

6 MR. BECKER: Okay. So first, this is amazing work
7 at a pretty early stage of the process. And as you could
8 see, you know, what I'm going to -- what I'm going to say
9 is just generally about some of the criteria.

10 First, all of these are within the Safe Harbor Equal
11 Population provisions. I believe there is nothing
12 greater than a four percent deviation, the Safe Harbor is
13 plus or minus five percent. They all, clearly, take into
14 account the criteria in number 4 of the constitution, the
15 city boundaries, political boundaries, geographical
16 boundaries quite nicely. They all are compact.

17 All but one of them has a majority/minority
18 population based on the concentrations that are in here.
19 If there are questions about Voting Rights Act
20 compliance, I think most of them were probably
21 appropriate for closed session that we can discuss, to
22 get into some of the data analysis.

23 But I think those all are aspects of these, of these
24 districts that -- and I also just want to give a lot of
25 credit here. This is one of the most complex areas in

1 the entire nation, very diverse, and high concentrations
2 of minority voters, and multiple different minorities,
3 and people who are deeply connected to their communities
4 as well. So this is a very nice, again, very first step
5 of this iterative process, a good starting point for
6 these Assembly districts -- and for, rather, these
7 visualizations of the ultimate Assembly district.

8 CHAIR SADHWANI: -- Mr. Becker.

9 Commissioner Turner, did you have another question?

10 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Actually, I forgot to take it
11 down, but I'll take advantage of it. Under the AD
12 Central, and what is it, DTLA 1004? What was that again;
13 with the 0.326?

14 MS. CLARK: That's the percent deviation --

15 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Oh. For that, okay.

16 MS. CLARK: -- from any potential --

17 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Oh. That's the only one that
18 was showing that. Okay.

19 MS. CLARK: Yeah. And it's -- just to clarify, it's
20 3.26 percent deviation.

21 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay.

22 MR. BECKER: Above the ideal?

23 MS. CLARK: Yes.

24 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you.

25 CHAIR SADHWANI: Commissioner Sinay.

1 COMMISSIONER SINAY: The map we're looking at right
2 now, does that have it -- you said you were putting all
3 of them on here, but the 210 Corridor one you shared with
4 us isn't on here right now. And I was just curious. On
5 some of these they do overlap, right? But they're not
6 overlapping here. So would it -- were there certain ones
7 that were selected to be in the visualization and not
8 others?

9 MS. CLARK: So yeah, thank you for that question.
10 So in addition to these seven Assembly districts sized
11 visualizations, I also have visualizations for the rest
12 of -- basically, I have the rest of the visualizations
13 that were requested last time. So this isn't every
14 single visualization that I have for you today, these are
15 just the visualizations that were created in
16 collaboration with your Voting Rights Act team.

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Uh-huh.

18 MS. CLARK: And for example, like 210 Corridor that
19 you saw that's in the handout, will absolutely show that
20 today. And look at those as well. And there is,
21 potentially, overlap with some of those visualizations.
22 And what you see here on the map, and when I said there
23 was no overlap, I meant that with these districts -- or
24 with these visualizations that are Assembly district
25 sized, then we don't have any overlap here.

1 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Uh-huh.

2 CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. Thank you so much.

3 Commissioner Fernández.

4 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Yeah, maybe not a question
5 right now, but just maybe more of a comment. I think
6 this is great. But as we go along and we move from area
7 to area, I would like to see, overall, what is the over-
8 under deviation? I mean, because right now you can do
9 that over-under by district. I just want to make sure
10 that there isn't one area that's under, like completely
11 under, like under the 493,000.

12 And then we move to another area and they have to be
13 over to compensate for that deviation of 100. I hope I'm
14 making sense. In my math mind I'm making sense, but.

15 MS. MACDONALD: Thanks, Commissioner Fernández. May
16 I please respond to that? So again, these are just
17 visualizations at this point. And I think where we
18 obviously can give you the over-under on these, sometimes
19 it may make a little bit more sense than other times,
20 because we're also not specifically with some of these
21 visualizations looking at a particular plan type. So for
22 some of them, it may just really be informational. And
23 then you can just figure out whether or not you want to
24 go maybe to Senate. Maybe you want that to go to
25 Congress, and so forth.

1 So there may be additional analysis that is
2 necessary here. But again, if you -- if you would like
3 to know any of that, then we're happy to highlight that
4 for -- perhaps for more specific areas.

5 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Right. I don't actually,
6 not yet. But it's just the thought that I have for the
7 future. And I just don't want to forget. I don't want
8 to leave that thought. Okay?

9 MS. MACDONALD: Absolutely. Absolutely.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Yeah. I realize right now
11 we're just visualizing.

12 MS. MACDONALD: Yes.

13 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Which is fine, but as we
14 get closer to finals, that would be great.

15 MS. MACDONALD: We will absolutely do that. Thank
16 you.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Great. Thank you.

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Just a quick -- oh, I'm
19 sorry. Just on the same exact topic. One thing just to
20 kind of look at just roughly is, on this group we've got,
21 you know, three pluses, four minuses, in terms of, you
22 know, over-under. And you can kind of gauge it a little
23 bit by that, just kind of looking at areas, if you keep
24 track of the positive, and you know, the over-under.

25 CHAIR SADHWANI: Yeah. Thank you for that,

1 Commissioner Andersen. And there's a little bit of
2 eyeballing going on here. And then I think as we
3 continue on with this process in the coming weeks, we'll
4 get greater and greater specificity.

5 Commissioner Sinay, did you have another comment?
6 No?

7 Commissioner Fornaciari.

8 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. Can you zoom in to
9 where Koreatown is for me? Would that be possible? I
10 was just curious to -- because I thought you said part of
11 Koreatown. I just wanted to see.

12 MS. CLARK: So this is how Koreatown is defined by
13 the neighborhood council areas. And we also had a COI
14 submission that specifically outlined Koreatown. And
15 there was a visualization request for that area as well.
16 And this is the area that was defined by the public input
17 as being Koreatown. It's the blue area and there's
18 overlap with this yellow to the green-ish area.

19 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So the neighborhood
20 council definition, though, is this Wiltshire Center --

21 MS. CLARK: Yes.

22 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- -Koreatown, that all
23 should be one thing there. Okay. Okay. So and you kind
24 of just chopped it in half, it looks like. Okay.

25 CHAIR SADHWANI: That is something to consider right

1 there.

2 Commissioner Turner? Yeah.

3 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes. I liked the map where
4 you were able to show us the early considerations
5 altogether. Do we have a copy of that? Is that one of
6 the pages in here, the 50, or no? When you showed us
7 all -- this one that's on the screen now, do we have a
8 copy of this?

9 MS. MACDONALD: Oh, all of the -- oh, this one?

10 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Together like -- okay.

11 MS. MACDONALD: Not yet.

12 MS. CLARK: Not altogether.

13 MS. MACDONALD: Not yet.

14 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay.

15 CHAIR SADHWANI: But before, I did just take a
16 screenshot of it. Happy to share that with you.

17 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Beautiful. Thank you.

18 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you so much.

19 Commissioner Sinay.

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Going back to the one for
21 Koreatown, I think -- well, I was looking at page 32,
22 which I think is that same one you were just showing to
23 Commissioner Fornaciari. One of the visualizations we
24 requested was all the different kind of an Asian CVAP in
25 this area, because we had heard that there was a Thai

1 Town, there was Chinatown, those different towns that
2 were kind of in that same area. Is this one -- do we
3 have -- I felt like I wasn't sure if this one was one,
4 trying to take that into account, all the different input
5 we had gotten from the Asian -- the different Asian COIs?

6 MS. CLARK: That wasn't in the notes that we
7 received. And all of these, again, we worked with your
8 VRA counsel to -- we worked with your very counsel to be
9 able to create all of these visualizations. I know that
10 there was a request for Chinatown and Japantown with the
11 Downtown area to be together, and that specific COI
12 hadn't been submitted -- hasn't been submitted yet. But
13 like exact -- the exact delineations of where those are
14 hadn't been created yet. And so yeah, those haven't been
15 submitted yet. Please excuse me.

16 CHAIR SADHWANI: Commissioner Sinay, were you --
17 Commissioner --

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: No, I just -- I thought we had
19 asked for all of that together when we were looking at
20 the Asian CVAP, and that some of the community had
21 requested that as well when they had called in. So I'm
22 not sure if there is a way to look at where all those
23 places -- I guess, this is where I'm lost. Is this a
24 note I take down and say, okay, for the next iteration
25 can we please make sure we're looking at the Asian CVAP

1 and the different Asian Towns? I hate to call them that,
2 but I'm not sure how to -- you know, Chinatown, I feel
3 more comfortable saying the Asian CVAP, because I know
4 Koreatown wasn't the only one that we were asked -- that
5 we were told.

6 CHAIR SADHWANI: Yeah. Does line drawing, or legal
7 want to respond to that question?

8 MR. BECKER: All I'll say is I think we have -- you
9 know, I think the data is that we can absolutely look at
10 that, I mean, and provide you with the visualization that
11 looks at that.

12 I think, you know, Jaime, I don't know if you can
13 zoom out a little bit right now. If we're talking about,
14 as I think we might be, Koreatown, Chinatown, Japantown,
15 that would -- and forgive me, I haven't lived in LA for a
16 while, but I'm pretty sure that would kind of extend kind
17 of east-west across the top part of that. That would
18 change the map, which is absolutely something we can look
19 at, and you can consider when we're thinking about that.

20 And then, you know, if we were to look at that, one
21 of the things, from a Voting Rights Act perspective, we'd
22 want to make sure that that actually is a district where
23 the Voting Rights Act applies.

24 In other words, is there a majority Asian district
25 possible? And is there cohesion both amongst Asians to

1 collectively, and we're talking about a diverse Asian
2 community, as we often are, is there cohesion there that
3 they're solidifying around candidates of choice that they
4 all share? And then is the other population voting in a
5 way that would defeat those candidates?

6 We can absolutely look at that. And you know, there
7 is -- it's likely I would just say, based on what I know
8 of there, I think it's likely that you could draw a
9 district that would be compact to satisfy Gingles, one, I
10 just don't know if the percentage, we would get above
11 fifty percent.

12 CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay. That's great and really
13 helpful. I mean, my sense, Commissioner Sinay, is you're
14 asking exactly the right questions. And that's exactly
15 what we're supposed to be doing, is taking a look at this
16 first round and saying, hmm, what seems off? What else,
17 what additional information might we need before we can
18 finalize something and move towards that first draft? So
19 I think you're well within your bounds to say, hey, let's
20 take a closer look at this area and make sure we're not
21 missing something.

22 MR. BECKER: And Madam Chair, may I just say really
23 quickly? I think that the -- that's exactly the purpose
24 of these meetings. This is, I mean this, it's not only
25 fine, like please, I mean, this is -- I mean, we'll tell

1 you if there's legal issues with that, if that creates
2 challenges that -- and you'll, see in often cases,
3 challenges will be -- where we'll be balancing different
4 considerations in a variety of ways. But that's exactly
5 what the purpose of this whole process is. So this is --
6 that's a great start.

7 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Can I just ask a follow up? So
8 I know that we're looking at VRA communities, but some of
9 them are -- can still be COIs, you know, communities of
10 interest. And so I don't want to disregard what the
11 community -- communities told us they wanted to be
12 together. And so it's a community of interest, even if
13 it doesn't meet the VRA piece. And there is a Thai Town
14 as well. So in the list that was given, I looked it up
15 just to confirm; so Korea, China, Japan, and Thai.

16 CHAIR SADHWANI: Perfect. Thank you so much. And I
17 can only imagine that as we're reviewing these areas that
18 we're probably going to start getting some public comment
19 on them as well.

20 Commissioner Akutagawa.

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Oh. Okay, good.

22 COMMISSIONER YEE: Five dollars.

23 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you, Commissioner
24 Yee. You almost stopped me from being a third dollar.

25 I guess I'll just start with the, I think it's AD

1 Central and DTLA 1004, I guess, visualization. I am kind
2 of curious about that because when I looked at that
3 particular visualization, what I saw was one that was
4 really encompassing LA's current Black African-American
5 community. And so it's interesting to hear from a VRA
6 perspective that it was drawn in the way it was.

7 And in fact, in thinking about that, I also noted
8 that -- I felt like there were other areas or
9 neighborhoods of LA that should be attached to that
10 particular visualization, less so some other areas, which
11 also did include the kind of historically cultural areas
12 like the Little Tokyo, Chinatown, Koreatown. Thai Town
13 is not included in that, and it would be interesting to
14 see also that impact in one of the visualizations.

15 But that was just my observation of that
16 particular -- that particular visualization is that it
17 seemed like it should include some other communities that
18 we also heard that they should be -- they wanted to stay
19 together. And I'm not -- I'm seeing some other areas
20 that were not necessarily seen as, you know, being
21 requested. And I'm just wondering what the intent
22 around -- I'm hearing the VRA, but it's just -- I'm just
23 kind of curious as to why that was seen as a VRA district
24 without some of these other areas that should be
25 included.

1 MR. BECKER: Right, if I can just briefly address?
2 I just want to be clear. We're not necessarily saying at
3 this point in time that all of these districts or these
4 areas need to be drawn this way because of the Voting
5 Rights Act. We're still looking at it, so I want to be
6 careful. Just personally, I tend to not use the term
7 "VRA districts" because there are times when there are
8 might be multiple areas. You can draw districts in
9 various ways and under different criteria.

10 All that being said, I'll just say briefly, this
11 was -- this is a district that is -- it's a very diverse
12 district, it's actually not, it's not majority, and a
13 minority.

14 Jaime, correct me if I'm wrong on that. I think
15 that's -- I think I have that right. But it might be a
16 district where coalitions are formed, and other things
17 that we can talk about a little more, perhaps in closed
18 session if we want to get into some details. But I'll
19 also tell you, these are, we're still at the early
20 stages. We've got a decent amount.

21 Dr. Gall has done an amazing job of getting racially
22 polarized voting analysis for a very, very large state in
23 a short period of time. But she's still working on it.
24 She's literally working on it right now. And as
25 Professor Sadhwani might know, this is not just something

1 that takes a lot of human power. It takes a lot of
2 processing power. So it actually takes some time to just
3 like run on the computer.

4 So I just want to make aware -- make you all aware
5 of that we will still be getting data in on a lot of
6 these through the week and probably into next week, and
7 work and -- but we're not going to withhold it. As soon
8 as we get it we're going to -- we're talking about it.
9 We're sharing it. We're using it to advise you. So
10 we're going to continue to do that.

11 So I think there's -- I think you're quite right to
12 identify that district as, shall we say, an interesting
13 district that we want to keep our eyes on, and get some
14 more information.

15 CHAIR SADHWANI: Yes. That is very true. As an
16 earnest grad student, many a nights I would turn a
17 district on to run, and in the morning it was still
18 going.

19 Commissioner Toledo.

20 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. I'm just curious of
21 at what point we will have the executive, or closed
22 session to get the insight on the considerations that
23 have been put forth in developing these maps from a VRA
24 perspective from our -- from our counsel.

25 CHAIR SADHWANI: I can answer that in terms of a

1 process --

2 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh. Perfect. Uh-huh.

3 CHAIR SADHWANI: -- perspective, that that will be
4 next week. Yeah. We are agendized for a closed session
5 next week. We were not agendized today.

6 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Great. Thank you.

7 MR. BECKER: And if I can just add briefly,
8 Commissioner Toledo. We're going to -- we want to share
9 as much as we can in open session. We're trying
10 diligently to do that. So it's only, there are certain
11 analyzes that may be the subject, or very likely to be
12 the subject of pending litigation, if litigation does
13 come as a result of the maps that are drawn, that it's
14 only in those circumstances that we will ask to share
15 that information in a closed session.

16 CHAIR SADHWANI: And Jaime, did you just want to
17 jump in on that?

18 MS. CLARK: Yeah. Thank you. Just to respond to
19 Commissioner Akutagawa's question a little bit more, as
20 well is that, you know, these, all of these
21 visualizations, again, there's no overlap. So it's not,
22 you know, one district size area, and given that there --
23 you know, it's contextual. There's different
24 considerations at play with the areas that were
25 identified by Dr. Gall, and that we've been working with

1 the whole VRA team.

2 So again, just to give a little bit of context, is
3 that it's, you know, none -- these visualizations weren't
4 created sort of like in a vacuum, I guess, and sort of
5 keeping in mind balancing, deviation, and all of your
6 other criteria while creating visualizations. And again,
7 these are very preliminary, and I think there will be
8 more information, and certainly different iterations
9 forthcoming.

10 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you so much for that, Jaime.

11 Commissioner Akutagawa, did you have another
12 comment?

13 Commissioner Kennedy.

14 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. Thai Town,
15 which is pretty small, is up there near where it says,
16 Los Feliz, so west of Silver Lake, and between Los Feliz
17 and East Hollywood. So we'd have to reach a bit to get
18 to Thai Town. The other one that, I think there was a
19 there was a community of interest submitted was Historic
20 Filipinotown which is of -- south of Echo Park, across
21 the 101.

22 So if we wanted to bring together Chinatown, Little
23 Tokyo, Historic Filipinotown, Koreatown, and Thai Town,
24 you know, we'd have to -- we'd have to shift all of this
25 a little bit, kind of clockwise, and maybe shift, I don't

1 know, South Central, and Empowerment Congress to the
2 district to the south, so that we could pick up some more
3 area to the north. Thank you.

4 CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. Thank you for that,
5 Commissioner Kennedy.

6 Commissioner Sinay.

7 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I was going to move us to
8 another visualization; the one for South Gate. In it,
9 when we first met one of the -- when we first started
10 that conversation about the South Gate, or page number
11 36, that was one that we had said, you know, we haven't
12 really heard from San Pedro. And then we did hear from
13 San Pedro. And so San Pedro, Wilmington Harbor, and
14 Lomita, is all considered part of that Harbor Gateway
15 area. So I just -- I wanted just to bring that up since
16 we did get that input later.

17 CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. Thank you. Any additional
18 comments at this point, or questions?

19 Commissioner Akutagawa.

20 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I guess I'll just
21 ask a question on that since it was brought up. I guess
22 I just want to know. It's interesting that Huntington
23 Park, and Cudahy is left out. Also, it's also
24 interesting that the jump across to Cerritos, Cerritos
25 isn't necessarily considered a gateway city, so I'm just

1 kind of curious about that.

2 MS. CLARK: Thank you so much for that question.
3 This is an area where there is further analysis being
4 done right now by Dr. Gall, and she had asked me to hold
5 off on visualizing this area.

6 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Actually, also notice it's
7 10:05, that one. Which means we're going to be talking
8 about tomorrow?

9 CHAIR SADHWANI: Oh. Okay. Commissioner Sinay, did
10 you have another comment?

11 Commissioner Sinay, did you have a comment?

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: No. I turned off my camera,
13 versus putting down my hand. Sorry.

14 CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay. And your hand is still
15 raised, in fact.

16 Commissioner Akutagawa, did you have another
17 comment?

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Same thing. I'm sorry.

19 CHAIR SADHWANI: No problem. No problem. This is
20 the problem of not being in the room with you all. I'm
21 missing you all very much.

22 With that, I think, Jaime and Karin, well, I'll hand
23 it back to you.

24 MS. CLARK: Great. I'm going to remove these
25 visualizations and then move into the Northern Los

1 Angeles County area. And we're going to go in the
2 general, the general order that's presented in the PDFs.
3 It's not exactly the perfect order. But first, we're
4 starting sort of in Antelope Valley, and Santa Clarita
5 Valley area.

6 And one moment, please, while I find those layers.
7 Okay. So the first visualization that we have here is
8 Antelope Valley, Santa Clarita Valley, and then also
9 moving up to California City, Mojave, Rosamond, and
10 Edwards Air Force Base area. This visualization has
11 739,112 people.

12 MS. MACDONALD: It's on page 8.

13 MS. CLARK: It's on page 8. So also the colors on
14 the screen are going to match the colors on the PDF.

15 CHAIR SADHWANI: Commissioner Akutagawa.

16 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. On this one, it's
17 kind of hard to tell. But I was just curious. Does this
18 visualization, does it encompass China Lake as well, too?

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No.

20 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. I didn't think so
21 but it was still hard to see. And then given these
22 numbers, it looks like it could be a potential
23 Congressional district. And so if that were the case,
24 then I guess maybe that's for later on is to ask like,
25 how much more do we need to add? Or is this within, as I

1 think Mr. Becker said, are within the kind of the
2 deviation ranges that's acceptable?

3 CHAIR SADHWANI: Karin do you -- I mean, Mr. Becker,
4 can we have a little bit of that conversation now? Or do
5 you want us to wait on that; because I have some thoughts
6 on this too?

7 MR. BECKER: So this is not one I've reviewed yet,
8 so I don't have any additional information. I believe
9 that Karin and Jaime might have something else to add.

10 MS. MACDONALD: Yeah, I just want to repeat the
11 question, which I believe Mr. Becker may not have caught.
12 The question was whether we could talk about the
13 Congressional district deviations just in general. So
14 not necessarily specific to this particular visualization
15 which we're --

16 MR. BECKER: Sorry. Yeah.

17 MS. MACDONALD: Yeah. Thank you.

18 MR. BECKER: You recall from the trainings,
19 Congressional districts have a much stricter deviation
20 requirement. They need to be as close to zero as
21 possible. There is some flexibility in there. They
22 don't have to be literally zero. It's very unlikely for
23 Congressional districts that the population is divisible
24 by 52. I don't know for sure that's not the case, but
25 it's unlikely.

1 But you've got a little bit of wiggle room because
2 also census blocks are not all standardized. So it's
3 possible that census blocks will require a small amount
4 of deviation, but you're required to try to minimize
5 deviation, to be as close to actually zero deviation, as
6 is reasonably possible under the law.

7 CHAIR SADHWANI: So I'll insert myself here then,
8 and add. As I was looking at this; that was my
9 understanding that we wanted to get closer to that target
10 population for a Congressional district. And I was going
11 back and reviewing a lot of the COI input testimony that
12 we received from this region, and one of the things that
13 we heard, or that at least I heard was that this is a
14 region that's very much bound by the aerospace industry,
15 that that is a large component in the Antelope Valley.

16 I also live on the other side of the mountain range,
17 and the aerospace industry is quite large there, too.
18 JPL, the Jet Propulsion Lab, is located down in just at
19 the intersection of La Canada, Altadena, and Pasadena.
20 And so in terms of a way, a path forward to try and get
21 closer to that target population, I was really curious
22 for a future visualization, if we could see this exact
23 thing, exact piece that we have right here, and extending
24 down along the north side of the 5 Freeway into, possibly
25 into La Canada, and as well as portions of Altadena, and

1 Pasadena.

2 And particular the two, the Angeles Crest Highway,
3 which runs through the mountain range, is used by many
4 people in the Antelope Valley who work at JPL. So I
5 think that that there would be a commonsense sort of
6 reason for conducting them.

7 They are fairly well connected with the 5 Freeway as
8 well, going south. And of course, I'm sitting here like
9 an idiot looking -- moving my own cursor across the map,
10 which you all, of course, cannot see. But I would be
11 curious to see this, this potential district extended
12 downward in that way. Yes, exactly, this record --

13 MS. CLARK: So may I --

14 CHAIR SADHWANI: Oh. Sorry. There was a question?

15 MS. CLARK: I apologize. I apologize. Could I just
16 clarify that that is a direction for a potential
17 visualization?

18 CHAIR SADHWANI: Yes. Yes.

19 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

20 CHAIR SADHWANI: You got it. And I'm assuming you
21 can take those now; is that correct? Your team is ready
22 to -- got it. Great. Perfect. And I'm pretty sure we
23 have note takers on our staff as well, as I think Marcy
24 and her team have that covered for us also. Yeah.

25 Commissioner Akutagawa.

1 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you, Chair. I
2 actually have a different idea. And I asked about China
3 Lake because I was thinking about the other way, because
4 some of the COI inputs that we did here, we had callers
5 who called in expressing that China Lake, Edwards, and
6 Mojave have something in common because they share the
7 aerospace kind of connection there, too.

8 Although the folks in the Lancaster, Palmdale area,
9 because of Lockheed being there, I think that's the
10 aerospace connection there that they felt like there's
11 that connection also to that, Edwards, and also going up
12 towards Mojave. Not as many commenters or communities of
13 interest input, I recall, but there were some, but there
14 was definitely several around China Lake and Edwards
15 being connected together.

16 So I was just curious if we went up further north
17 and encompass China Lake, would that get us closer to the
18 760 number that we're looking for?

19 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you.

20 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: And that is direction for
21 visualization, to be clear.

22 MS. CLARK: Thank you. Um-hum.

23 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you.

24 Commissioner Sinay.

25 COMMISSIONER SINAY: My turn. So I was going in a

1 different direction where I was curious, because I
2 couldn't remember kind of what our CVAP data was for the
3 Antelope, Santa Clarita Valley. And I wanted to be able
4 to know what the CVAP data was again to see if they
5 were -- if the Antelope Valley was more parallel to Santa
6 Clarita or the High Desert based -- you know, because we
7 got a lot of conflicting input from this whole -- this
8 area. And so I just felt like I needed to see that
9 again.

10 And I also wanted to make sure. I don't know if
11 Commissioner Vázquez is on right now, but I know that
12 this is an area she knows well. And so I was curious to
13 hear what -- oops, her hand is up. So she's there. So
14 I'll lower my hand and be quiet. But I am -- I don't
15 want us to make a decision and to -- I mean, for me to be
16 able to do a visualization, I would need to see the CVAP
17 data, and I'm not sure how we do that at this point.

18 CHAIR SADHWANI: Is there any guidance from line
19 drawing or legal on CVAP? Is that something that we're
20 loaded for to look at today? Would it make sense to look
21 at it now, or do you want to do that after, afterwards?
22 Certainly, I recall a lot of community of interest
23 testimony talking about the historically excluded
24 communities that live throughout the valley.

25 MS. MACDONALD: Commissioner Sadhwani, if I may

1 answer that?

2 CHAIR SADHWANI: Certainly.

3 MS. MACDONALD: In some of these areas, if you feel
4 like it would be helpful for you to see the CVAP, then
5 please just ask for it, and we can pull it up.

6 CHAIR SADHWANI: Sure. Why don't we go to
7 Commissioner Vázquez first, and I think she's going to
8 respond to some of those questions that Commissioner
9 Sinay raised. And then we can figure out if it makes
10 sense to look at that. Or if receiving analysis at our
11 next meeting might be more helpful.

12 Commissioner Vázquez.

13 COMMISSIONER VÁZQUEZ: Yes. Thank you. I would
14 love to see the CVAP data for sure. And I'm fine with
15 viewing a visualization of some of the additional
16 included areas that were mentioned earlier per direction.

17 That being said, I think for me, my understanding of
18 this community, having worked there for a couple of
19 years, is that folks in the Antelope Valley, very much --
20 even if they work outside, very much view that community
21 of folks who live there very different from the folks and
22 communities who don't live in the Antelope Valley.

23 So I'm just a little -- I would probably not view
24 visualizations that include areas sort of down the hill
25 as being sort of in alignment with where that community

1 largely defines itself, especially with respect to the
2 folks who live there, who are growing populations of
3 Black and Latinx families.

4 CHAIR SADHWANI: I think that makes sense. And I
5 think -- I think at this point we're looking at all
6 options to get closer to that target population number.
7 And I think if it's possible to show CVAP just very
8 briefly, and my sense is we'll get a greater analysis
9 though in the -- in our coming meetings.

10 Is it possible at least to put that up for us,
11 Jaime?

12 MS. CLARK: Yeah. One moment, please. Here, this
13 is the Latino CVAP. I'm going to remove the
14 visualization so it's a little easier to see. So this is
15 the percent Latino CVAP in this area.

16 CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. Thank you. And I'll
17 anticipate that we'll get additional -- additional
18 analysis as we move forward.

19 Jaime and Karin, was there more in this area that
20 you wanted to show us before we move forward?

21 MS. CLARK: Yes, we have a lot of visualizations in
22 this area.

23 CHAIR SADHWANI: I figured you did. And just to --
24 just as a, hopefully, a helpful reminder, we are up
25 against a break at 2:30. We have just over ten minutes

1 to continue this discussion before we go to break.

2 MS. CLARK: Okay. Up next, we have Antelope Valley,
3 Santa Clarita Valley, including Rosamond, and Mojave, so
4 not including the California City, Edwards Air Force
5 Base. This is page 7 of the PDF. And the total
6 population of this visualization is 720,359.

7 I'm going to move on. This is Antelope Valley, and
8 with the California City area, including Tehachapi. This
9 does not include Santa Clarita Valley. And the total
10 population of this visualization is 477,548. And this is
11 page 9.

12 This visualization shows the Angeles National
13 Forest, and this mountain range included with Antelope
14 Valley. This is a total population of 412,685. And this
15 is page 13.

16 Up next, Antelope Valley and Victor Valley, this
17 visualization represents a population of 816,538. This
18 is page 11.

19 Up next, Antelope Valley, Victor Valley, plus
20 Barstow, and this is 857,273 people represented in this
21 area. This is page 12.

22 And just a couple more for this sort of Northern Los
23 Angeles County area; here, we have Antelope Valley, Santa
24 Clarita Valley, Victor Valley, and California City,
25 Mojave, Rosamond, Edwards Air Force Base area. This is

1 on page 10, represents a total population of 1,143,798.

2 Up next, Antelope Valley and Santa Clarita Valley
3 together, just those two, this is a total population of
4 692,531. It's on page 4 of the PDF.

5 This next one is Antelope Valley, Santa Clarita
6 Valley, and Simi Valley. This represents a total
7 population of 820,262. It's on page 6 of the PDF.

8 CHAIR SADHWANI: If I may just jump in. Jaime, is
9 this approximately the current Congressional district?

10 MS. CLARK: The current Congressional district, so
11 this does not split the City of Lancaster, and includes
12 Quartz Hill, so it is different from the current
13 Congressional district in that way.

14 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you.

15 MS. CLARK: Thank you. And last but not least, this
16 is a big chunk of all of Los Angeles County, north of the
17 San Fernando Valley. This is everything inside of Los
18 Angeles County, Santa Clarita Valley, Antelope Valley,
19 and surrounding unincorporated areas. This is page 5 of
20 the PDF, and represents a total population of 707,201
21 people.

22 And that's everything that I have for like, Santa
23 Clarita Valley, Antelope Valley areas.

24 CHAIR SADHWANI: Oops. Thank you so much, Jaime.
25 Commissioner Kennedy.

1 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. The
2 earlier map that had Antelope Valley and Angeles National
3 Forest prompted me to ask if we have a zero population
4 census block, can we split that since it has no people in
5 it? Thank you.

6 MS. MACDONALD: Well, I think you always want to.
7 If I may answer that, is that okay? I think you kind of
8 want to just figure out why you may need to split a
9 census block, you know, what their actual purpose is, and
10 then also refer to legal counsel for those purposes. I
11 will tell you, just from a technical perspective, it
12 makes things very messy when you start splitting census
13 blocks, or map --

14 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Well, sure if there's -- if
15 there are people there. But if it it's zero population,
16 I'm wondering if that just -- that makes a difference.
17 I --

18 MS. MACDONALD: From a technical perspective, it
19 doesn't really make that much of a difference. I will
20 tell you.

21 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay.

22 MS. MACDONALD: I think all mappers are nodding
23 their heads right now. So it becomes complicated.

24 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay. Okay. Thanks.

25 MR. BECKER: Commissioner Kennedy, I might have -- I

1 might have missed this. What would be the reason for
2 trying to split a census block that has zero population
3 within it?

4 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Well, I'm thinking
5 particularly about, you know, forests that don't have
6 population. And I don't know how big the census blocks
7 are there, but you know, if we wanted to take part of it
8 and link it to the populated area to, say, the north, and
9 the other part of it linked to the population area to the
10 south, you know, is that something we could do? I mean,
11 it's theoretical. I'm just --

12 MR. BECKER: Yeah. I'd highly advise against it. I
13 don't think there is any -- so again, land isn't
14 represented in these maps, people are represented. And
15 if it has zero population in it, there's no concern for
16 the people within it. And I would place it within, place
17 the entire census block within the district that made the
18 most sense with the various redistricting criteria. But
19 it would have no practical impact on representation to
20 split it.

21 And I think as Karin was saying, and Karin, correct
22 me if I'm wrong, it does create -- it does create some
23 challenges in terms of actually drawing. It could also
24 create some other challenges just in terms of -- because
25 the boundaries of the census geography are the building

1 blocks of all of this.

2 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you.

3 MR. BECKER: It'd be like splitting a LEGO block.

4 CHAIR SADHWANI: Great way of thinking about it.

5 Commissioner Fernández.

6 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Yeah. My initial comment
7 when Commissioner Kennedy said that, I'm like, why would
8 you want to split it? But then I also thought of the
9 fact of the map that you have here, maybe those to the
10 north and those to the south also see that land as part
11 of their community.

12 So then you actually have two potential districts
13 sharing that land and ensuring that that land -- I
14 realize people are the ones that we're representing, but
15 now you've got two districts that you can, I guess,
16 partner up with to make sure that that land is taken care
17 of, because that is important to the people on all the
18 boundaries, the surrounding areas. So I think that's
19 where Commissioner Kennedy was coming from. So I just
20 had -- I'm sorry, I just talked myself through it. So
21 thank you.

22 CHAIR SADHWANI: I think that's okay. I think
23 that's going to be a part of this process. So I
24 appreciate that.

25 Commissioner Andersen.

1 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you. Actually, you
2 know, we're looking at this sort of the large area here
3 with the title across it. We know that there are -- you
4 know, well, there could be national, I don't know if
5 they're national there, but state parks. Do we have that
6 added is a layer?

7 MS. CLARK: The landmark areas defined by the U.S.
8 Census Bureau are included in this.

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. Because we can't see,
10 and look, in terms of we're assuming, oh, there's no --
11 there's zero population, I doubt very high that there's
12 zero population in that large area. But if we want a
13 breakdown of -- you know, like dividing that sort of
14 larger section up somewhat, could we get that as a
15 visualization?

16 MS. CLARK: Yeah, absolutely. I do not believe that
17 this is like one giant census block. I think there are
18 multiple census blocks in there.

19 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes. That's it, my thoughts
20 greatly.

21 MS. CLARK: We can sort of split the difference in
22 upcoming visualizations; absolutely.

23 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Great. Thank you.

24 CHAIR SADHWANI: That sounds great. And yeah, I
25 think that was the underlying question. I think really

1 from both Commissioners Andersen and Kennedy. Where do
2 those census blocks really lie, as we're thinking about
3 those visualizations, to me that Angeles Crest Highway,
4 the two might be an important thoroughfare to think about
5 if we're thinking about possible ways of going separate.

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Could we quickly see the
7 highways on there, so we can see what Commissioner
8 Sadhwani is talking about.

9 CHAIR SADHWANI: Sure. Well, I said sure, but I'm
10 actually not.

11 MS. CLARK: All of these sort of yellow-ish, orange-
12 ish lines are highways.

13 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you.

14 CHAIR SADHWANI: And those do become important
15 thoroughfares for communities. Certainly, I live right
16 behind Angeles Crest, down at the bottom there. And at
17 6:30 in the morning, there's just tons of trucks start
18 streaming down.

19 Commissioner Sinay.

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Sorry I had to think about it;
21 which button to press. What other data? I'm going to
22 reiterate what I said last week, that communities, ethnic
23 communities may identify to us as being Latino, or Black,
24 Asian, Middle Eastern and not tell us more about
25 themselves. But when there is a high concentration of

1 ethnic communities, there's also ethnic restaurants,
2 ethnic stores, ethnic -- so there's an ethnic economic
3 connection, a religious connection, cultural connection.

4 What data can we ask for to help us? Or what data
5 can we use? This was part of the reason why this summer
6 I was saying, what data are we going to use besides
7 census and CVAP data, to better understand these
8 communities?

9 You know, going back to the Antelope Valley example,
10 you know, we've got the communities of interest, and I
11 understand that there's that. There are a lot of gaps.
12 We've only received -- you know, we've received a lot,
13 but not enough to -- and hopefully people will answer our
14 questions as we're posting them. I was hoping we could
15 do surveys where we ask and put it on social media.

16 But what data can we ask? Because I think putting
17 our hands up and saying, oh, that's race, and we can't
18 use race or -- you know, it's ethnicity, it's culture,
19 it's deeper than just skin color. And we created -- our
20 governments created a lot of these ethnic enclaves by
21 their redlining policies, and other policies, and we need
22 to be able to, you know, help create fair representation
23 and not necessarily under VRA, but under communities of
24 interest.

25 You know, this is really about pushing for fair

1 representation and fair maps. So how do we ensure that
2 we are being the voice for all those ethnic and cultural
3 communities without being worried, or having to run a
4 closed session, or what it might be? I really do want us
5 to be the voices of all communities, and not just
6 communities that we can easily identify by, not the color
7 of their skin, which to me, it's really their race,
8 ethnicity, and culture.

9 MR. BECKER: Commissioners, would you like me to
10 address that very briefly?

11 CHAIR SADHWANI: Yes, that'll be great, Mr. Becker.

12 MR. BECKER: So I'm not going to talk specifically
13 in open session about any particular community here, or
14 any particular race. I'll just remind you all, race is
15 allowed to be considered to the degree Section 2 allows
16 it. These are very large districts. If we were drawing
17 community -- I'm sorry, County Board of Supervisors
18 districts, we might be having different conversations.

19 But these are very large districts where a minority
20 group would have to be very large to satisfy the
21 conditions for the Voting Rights Act, which I think you
22 mentioned, you recognized, Commissioner Sinay.

23 With regard to community of interest, you can
24 absolutely take that into account. I think one thing
25 I've been so impressed with this Commission is how open

1 it's been to community of interest input, and how much
2 has come in, and how much -- how it has really been
3 considered in balance with the other elements of criteria
4 four.

5 And I highly encourage you to continue to do that.
6 And again, I will just mention briefly that there are
7 United States Constitutional requirements consistent with
8 the Shaw v. Reno line of cases that say race can be
9 considered for purposes, for instance, of Voting Rights
10 Act compliance. But race cannot predominate over other
11 traditional redistricting principles.

12 California has laid out those principles very, very
13 nicely, and in hierarchical method. And so to the degree
14 that there are communities of interest that may or may
15 not share racial qualities, or ethnic qualities, it would
16 be entirely appropriate to take them into account to the
17 degree they've been submitted.

18 CHAIR SADHWANI: And with that, I know that there
19 might be some additional comments or questions about
20 that. We are actually overdue to go to our break. So we
21 will pause here. Please hold those questions. And we
22 can pick up where we left off in fifteen minutes. At
23 what time would that be; 2:48. Thank you so much.

24 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 2:33 p.m.
25 until 2:48 p.m.)

1 CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. Thank you. We are back
2 with the California Citizens Redistricting Commission,
3 reviewing initial visualizations for Los Angeles County.
4 We left off with a little conversation about race and
5 getting some advice from legal counsel here. I think,
6 you know, for myself, some of the things that I've just
7 been thinking about is, you know, in this process, we can
8 want to do things differently. We can want the laws to
9 be different. We can want to take a different approach.
10 But at the end of the day, the law is a constraint for
11 us.

12 And you know, I think we certainly learned that
13 lesson with our request for additional time for this
14 process. We wanted more time. We believed we had a
15 great reason for more time. But at the end of the day,
16 the courts didn't agree with us. So I think for me;
17 that's definitely in the back of my mind as we continue
18 on in this process.

19 So we will pick up there where we left off. Just
20 one comment to Commissioners, from Alvaro and the staff;
21 if you are giving specific direction in terms of
22 visualizations that you want to see for next week, be
23 sure to be very clear to say, I'm giving direction, just
24 so that staff is aware, and can appropriately take notes
25 on that.

1 Were there additional comments or questions in this
2 Northern Los Angeles County area? I mean, that's where
3 we have left off.

4 And I believe, Jaime, you had finished going through
5 the visualizations; is that correct?

6 MS. CLARK: That's correct.

7 CHAIR SADHWANI: Is there additional comments,
8 questions, visualizations that Commissioners would like
9 to see for this area?

10 And seeing none; Jaime, I will turn it back to you
11 two to continue for the next section.

12 MS. CLARK: Thank you. Next, just going to look at
13 the San Fernando Valley area.

14 CHAIR SADHWANI: Oh. Jaime, hold on one second. I
15 see Commissioner Akutagawa just raised her hand. I want
16 to make sure. Is this as we're moving on, or back to the
17 area we just completed?

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Actually, it's the area
19 that we just completed. I am kind of curious to your
20 earlier point about including the Angelus Crest -- or the
21 Angelus mountains in that Antelope Valley, Santa Clarita
22 Valley area, when you asked for a visualization that
23 included JPL as well, too. I'm looking at this map that
24 says LA County, north of San Fernando -- SFV_1004. So
25 that's basically the entire region that included the -- I

1 guess, the Antelope, or all of the unincorporated? Yes,
2 thank you, that one.

3 So I'm noticing that the number for that is 707,201.
4 If, if you were to also extend and make it a really large
5 district that included the Angeles mountains, and perhaps
6 some of that area that you were talking about,
7 Commissioner Sadhwani, the Pasadena, Altadena, La Canada
8 area. Basically, some of the foothill communities that
9 surround JPL, would that get that number up to around --
10 I know we're not supposed to be doing that, but I'm just
11 kind of curious as to what that number would look like.

12 CHAIR SADHWANI: Yeah. I would be curious, too.
13 Not that we have to do it now, but yeah.

14 MS. CLARK: And I'm not able to edit this layer
15 right now, and that's certainly a --

16 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: A visualization --

17 MS. CLARK: -- visualization request that we can
18 accommodate. And you know, at this point in the process,
19 I don't have all the numbers and stuff memorized, of
20 population, who, where, and later might, so.

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. That would be
22 good --

23 MS. CLARK: Right now I'm not sure, but happy to
24 create a visualization for that.

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. That would be a --

1 that would be an interesting visualization to see. You
2 know that that entirety of those, those mountain areas
3 which is basically in the middle between the two sides of
4 the Foothills. So that would be interesting to see.

5 Thank you.

6 CHAIR SADHWANI: Yeah. I would I would agree with
7 that, Commissioner Akutagawa, and happy to make that as
8 kind of an amendment to my direction for visualization is
9 to have -- to respect the LA County boundaries, and to
10 see what that looks like. And that includes parts of
11 places like Tujunga, Sunland, La Crescenta, La Canada,
12 often referred to as the Crescenta Valley, which would
13 all be incorporated into that.

14 Commissioner Vázquez.

15 COMMISSIONER VÁZQUEZ: Yes. Yes. Thank you. I
16 wanted to go back to Commissioner Sinay's points, or
17 question really, maybe to Counsel, about how can we --
18 how can we create additional data on the communities
19 we're looking at that helps us to understand the racial
20 and ethnic makeup of particular communities?

21 And I heard the response from Mr. Becker about, you
22 know, this Commission has been really great about
23 soliciting communities of interest input. But I guess
24 what I heard from Commissioner Sinay's question, and I
25 would like some additional direction on is, can we as a

1 Commission, rather than solely relying on inputs, or
2 passively waiting for that data to come to us from
3 communities can we, you know, ourselves, and/or through
4 staff, or our contractors, pull additional datasets that
5 would give us things like, you know, ethnic businesses,
6 cultural -- centers of cultural importance, faith
7 organizations.

8 Like some of this stuff is mapped by community-based
9 organizations, or gathered by, you know, chambers of
10 commerce, et cetera, if that data is available to us, can
11 we proactively pull that data and use that to create
12 communities of interest, or help us understand
13 communities of interest better? Or do we have to receive
14 that kind of data through public input?

15 MR. BECKER: Commissioner Vázquez. You know, with
16 regard to California law, I don't know, maybe other
17 counsel might be able to chime in on this as to, with
18 regard to what you're able to go and look at. There're
19 certainly some things that you're not supposed to look
20 at. But I believe you could look at any district, try to
21 get any information you could about communities of
22 interest.

23 I want to stress a couple of points. One, Federal
24 law requires you all to be very careful about using race
25 to predominate over other redistricting principles. And

1 if a plan was challenged, if it appeared that there were
2 considerations where race was overtly used to
3 predominate, or where there was some kind of proxy for
4 race used to predominate over other traditional
5 redistricting principles, it could put the -- could put
6 such a plan at risk, overall.

7 Secondly, I've made this point several times. I
8 cannot stress it enough. There are many places where
9 communities of interest absolutely should be considered.
10 There might be some overlay with race, or some other
11 ethnicity. It might be business communities, but in
12 general, those communities would have to be very large to
13 control districts in the maps that you're being asked to
14 draw.

15 These are very large districts. And there are
16 places where absolutely at the county level, at the city
17 level, at the school district level, where there might be
18 communities of interest that can wield significant power
19 in those communities. But you're talking about districts
20 that are, at a minimum, nearly 500,000 people large.

21 So just keep that in mind. And given this short
22 amount of time you have to work, you can absolutely ask
23 for whatever data is available to you. You should
24 absolutely take into account the community of interest
25 data. And I do want to state, the people of California

1 are very -- have been very, very proactive about sharing
2 that information with you.

3 And I think that's a real testament to the
4 communities, to the advocacy groups, and others who have
5 done this. So I think you have at your disposal a lot of
6 that information that you can use. But I also think you
7 want to be careful about creating too much work for
8 yourselves, almost, within a relatively short period of
9 time, when you've got a lot of data available to you
10 already, where it's very unlikely that particular
11 communities of interest are going to be large enough to
12 control districts in this particular -- and given the
13 size of the districts that you're looking at.

14 COMMISSIONER VÁZQUEZ: May I respond?

15 CHAIR SADHWANI: Sure.

16 COMMISSIONER VÁZQUEZ: I guess I'm mostly just I
17 think, understanding your point about sort of the scale
18 at which we are looking at data. I think again, when
19 we're looking at whether we're going to draw a line here,
20 versus six blocks over, I think that's when this data
21 gets really, really important to me. And that's not
22 something we will, especially in an area like the
23 Antelope Valley, where we will necessarily get,
24 proactively, that data from local community organizers.

25 Whereas, again, when we're -- all things other

1 considered, you know, if in a particular area, you know,
2 we could go and dig a little deeper on this, like 12
3 block radius, where additionally, we might consider
4 drawing a line here versus there. I think that's really
5 important.

6 So what I'm hearing from you is that we are not
7 prohibited from proactively requesting, seeking, or
8 applying that data in the large landscape of factors that
9 we are considering.

10 MR. BECKER: So with regard to California law, that
11 is not my particular area of expertise. I'll defer to
12 other counsel on that. I will say that your -- there are
13 practical limitations in terms of time and data available
14 that may affect that.

15 And again, I'm watching redistricting going on all
16 around the country right now. For those that are
17 following it, Virginia has an Independent Redistricting
18 Commission that has literally deadlocked, and not been
19 able to get a map out, and that those plans are likely
20 going to the courts. A lot of other states have
21 redistricting Commissions, or in many cases partisan
22 processes.

23 I'll say California is one of the most -- I just
24 want to give you some sense of how well you have allowed
25 this outreach. I don't know of a state that allows for

1 easier outreach, easier submission of COIs, easier
2 submission of sample districts, and other things, than
3 California does. So I think you -- my advice would be
4 that you already have access to data that allows you to
5 draw districts and appreciate, and take into account all
6 of the communities of interest that you might, in a way,
7 that probably exceeds that of almost any other state.

8 COMMISSIONER VÁZQUEZ: Yeah, I would still disagree,
9 in that we haven't been able -- we weren't able to do a
10 whole grant program that I think we had envisioned for
11 this money. So I just -- I'm just really, really
12 cognizant of trying to pull as much community data,
13 again, especially in these areas with historically
14 marginalized communities that are rural, that are
15 geographically distanced from urban centers. Those
16 communities do not have the kind of deep networks of
17 community organizing that can be leveraged as easily
18 so -- but I'll stop there. Thank you.

19 MR. WOOCHEER: Yeah. I'll just add to what David has
20 mentioned. And just, I mean, given the constraints,
21 aside from the constraints that you have timewise, and
22 work-wise, and data-wise, there is no reason why you
23 can't be proactive in soliciting, and obtaining data for
24 your -- you know, for yourselves to look at. The
25 decision has to be based upon the record as a whole, and

1 the record has to be reliable and (audio interference),
2 you're trying to solicit on your own needs of course, to
3 have those ability -- validity. But there's no reason
4 why you need to be limited strictly to what other people
5 will present to you without being able to go to other
6 sources of information that would, otherwise, be
7 trustworthy.

8 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you for that, Mr. Woocher.
9 Commissioner Yee.

10 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you, Chair. I'd like to
11 return to the topic of race. And I know this question
12 has been asked probably a couple of different ways, but I
13 think we're still struggling to really get a handle on
14 it. And that is what to do with, you know, COI testimony
15 that's been given in, frankly, racial terms. And so some
16 language we have been playing with for our mapping
17 playbook was to be open to ways that input given in
18 racial terms can be received in social and economic
19 terms.

20 And we've had some conversation about that. Can we
21 frame it that way? Is that legitimate? Or does that
22 start getting us immediately in danger of the Federal
23 prohibitions against letting race predominate, and
24 opening the door to liability?

25 MR. BECKER: So I wish I could give you a black and

1 white answer on this, with the perfect line separating
2 yes or no. The short answer is, well, first of all, you
3 obviously can't control how anyone communicates their
4 input to you. That is -- that's not on you if they
5 happen to communicate their input through using language
6 that appears to be focused primarily on race.

7 However, if a plan is challenged, and it's
8 challenged under the legal precedence started with Shaw
9 v. Reno, they're going to look at -- the courts are going
10 to look at whether there were traditional redistricting
11 criteria, principles, that you all have available to you
12 that you know very, very well, because they've been
13 listed out so clearly, that were applied to the districts
14 drawn, that could justify the way the districts were
15 drawn without race being the predominant factor.

16 And I wish I could tell you that that doesn't
17 necessarily mean sole factor, it doesn't necessarily mean
18 fifty percent plus one factor. It is a judgment call
19 made by the courts. But where racial considerations
20 could be perceived to predominate, the plan could be
21 perceived as less justifiable in a court.

22 So these are things to consider. Look, a California
23 statewide map, if it gets challenged, and particularly if
24 it gets invalidated, is likely to go to the United States
25 Supreme Court. It is just a just a fact. You're talking

1 about ten percent of the United States population being
2 covered in one state. The Ninth Circuit Appellate Court,
3 which covers California, as most of you know, is a court
4 that the Supreme Court particularly enjoys taking -- the
5 Supreme Court particularly enjoys taking cases from.

6 And there is a -- as many of you know, the most
7 recent Voting Rights Act case, Brnovich, was from the
8 Ninth Circuit. It was from Arizona. So keep this in
9 mind.

10 You know, one of the things we're trying to do is to
11 guide you towards plans that are as legally justifiable
12 as possible, while also preserving all of the
13 redistricting criteria that California has laid out,
14 including the Voting Rights Act, including communities of
15 interest.

16 So have that in the back of your mind as you're
17 discussing this, and as you're considering various
18 things. There are absolutely areas where communities of
19 interest and racial communities coincide. And it's
20 important to think in terms of what are the
21 communities -- what defines the communities of interest
22 outside of race.

23 If you're looking -- if this is not a Voting Rights
24 Act consideration particularly, that's not outside of
25 Section 2. And we're talking about a variety of -- we're

1 talking about very large districts again, so Section 2
2 districts, you know, require that first Gingles
3 precondition, that majority to be met. So race can be in
4 there. It just has to have some other application of
5 traditional redistricting principles as well.

6 And there's going to be another side in litigation
7 if it happens, that is trying to make the case that, oh,
8 no, no, no, they were just looking at race, and they
9 really didn't take these things into account. So keep
10 that in mind.

11 CHAIR SADHWANI: That's really helpful, Mr. Becker.
12 Certainly throughout this process, we have talked about,
13 I think from the very beginning, that there are elements
14 out there who do not want us to succeed, who are looking
15 for us to make mistakes along the way in an effort to
16 either bring down our work on the maps, or bring down the
17 work of Commissions nationwide. I think there's a number
18 of areas where there is -- there are folks that aren't
19 necessarily supporting us along this -- in this journey.

20 Commissioner Akutagawa.

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Mr. Becker, you said
22 something that got me thinking. And I guess I'd like
23 some clarification, and just for the sake of it being
24 known to everybody. California has its State
25 Constitution. It has the laws by which we, as a

1 Commission, are following, and which we are beholden to.
2 But as has now been said, I mean, obviously, there are
3 going to be people that are looking at everything that
4 we're doing, and looking possibly for ways in which, you
5 know, if they feel like we have not lived up to the
6 letter of the law as they see it, then therefore bring
7 forth a lawsuit.

8 And let's say, it goes to the Ninth Court -- or the
9 Ninth Circuit and then it goes to the Supreme Court, does
10 Federal law supersede what we as Californians have
11 declared in our Constitution as the way in which we want
12 to operate and produce our maps? Will they supersede
13 what we -- you know, what is decided here? Or what is
14 laid out here?

15 MR. BECKER: The short answer is, yes. Federal law
16 preempts State law on this. The U.S. Constitution
17 preempts the State Constitution on this, to the degree
18 that they conflict. There might be ways to read them so
19 that they aren't conflicting in certain ways, and that
20 would certainly be at issue in the litigation. But
21 Federal law preempts -- which is why I believe if you
22 look at the first two ranked criteria that California has
23 laid out, those are both really driven by Federal law,
24 equal population and Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act.

25 So I think California has already kind of

1 acknowledged, consistent with all law on this issue, that
2 Federal law is going to pre-empt this. It's one of the
3 reasons that, for instance, you know, California can't
4 say we're going to draw districts with a plus or minus
5 five percent deviation. And Texas decides it's going to
6 draw districts with a plus or minus twenty percent
7 deviation, they can't do that.

8 Federal law does create a standard for this
9 representation that applies. And in general, that's a
10 good thing. I'll also say one other quick, quick thing.
11 I want to -- you know, we're starting to look at racially
12 polarized voting analysis. And I'm not going to get into
13 the specifics of them. But I want to say, generally, one
14 of the things we see in California is that California has
15 led the way to a promise of Section 2 of the Voting
16 Rights Act for a long time, was that it would eventually
17 lead to people -- lead to a more representative
18 democracy.

19 Race definitely was an issue for many, many voters,
20 both good in the sense that minorities wanted to see
21 their people that they chose represented in Government.
22 And both in a bad way, in that the majority was often
23 voting in ways to try to stop that, and trying to retain
24 power; and the Voting Rights Act was established to stop
25 that, and to build a bridge to a better time.

1 And California, in large part, from what I'm seeing
2 and I've seen in the past, is the leading edge of that.
3 There are places where we're seeing the -- particularly
4 the White community, be much more willing to vote for
5 minority candidates of choice. We're seeing minority
6 voters being a lot more complex because they have more
7 choices now, a lot more complex and thoughtful in their
8 approach. They're not -- it might have been in the past
9 that they only had one choice that they thought might
10 represent them, and now they might have multiple.

11 These are good developments that might mean the
12 Voting Rights Act doesn't require certain districts to be
13 drawn, but they're good developments for society and for
14 California, in my perspective. So we'll advise you
15 specifically on some of those things. And it's really
16 noble that everyone is trying to figure out ways to
17 provide for representation.

18 I don't want to be perceived as trying to push
19 against that by any means. It's something I worked my
20 whole career for. But in many ways, California is
21 showing the rest of the nation what's possible when they
22 start allowing for representation of communities in ways
23 that the rest of the country is not seeing to the same
24 degree.

25 And it makes things a little more challenging for

1 you in many ways, but it actually means that the downside
2 is a lot like, you know, there are parts of the country
3 where minorities aren't aggregated in such a way that
4 they can elect their candidate of choice, they will not
5 have any political voice whatsoever. And in California,
6 that's not true. And that's something that really,
7 really speaks volumes about the state.

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: If I can ask a follow-up.
9 Perhaps this is going to be more part statement, with a
10 question mark at the end. I'm thinking about like what
11 you said about California leading the way in terms of our
12 complexity because of our, you know -- our diversity, and
13 diversity not seen in any of the other states around the
14 country. And so with that, that also means that, you
15 know, you're going to have regions like Los Angeles, and
16 the Bay Area, and other parts, potentially, later on
17 throughout the state that are going to have districts
18 that are going to be very much, as some we say, maybe
19 majority-minority driven.

20 And so I think, again, just to say it out loud, or
21 to just ask the question, I guess I'm seeing that these
22 are the kind of complexities, and the tightrope that
23 we're walking. Because I guess where I'm going is that,
24 let's just say we have somebody who is not happy with
25 these districts, despite the population numbers being

1 majority/minority, you know, and they decide, it's driven
2 by race. We're going to bring a lawsuit against the
3 Commission, and also against the maps. Is that something
4 that has any -- I won't say validity, but has any kind of
5 a real possibility of standing, and moving through the
6 courts?

7 MR. BECKER: So I think there's -- California is an
8 important state. It contains one-tenth of the United
9 States House of Representatives. It is the sixth or
10 seventh large economy -- largest economy in the world.
11 There are going to be people who are unhappy with the
12 maps. I mean, that's for sure. Whether they bring
13 lawsuits or not, I think there's a pretty good bet on
14 that as well. But that's likely to happen.

15 And the balance in these lawsuits is always, and
16 depends on what the plaintiff is claiming because, look,
17 most of the plaintiffs in lawsuits about this, and we'll
18 just speak very, very plainly here, a lot of it is about
19 political power, outside of all of the other
20 considerations. And that's not a concern for you all,
21 which is good. But a lot of these are driven by
22 political power for a variety of reasons.

23 And the question is, so people are going to claim
24 that race was taken into account too much or not enough.
25 Those are kind of the short answers. But their

1 motivations might be political. Republicans have brought
2 claims both that race was not taken into account enough,
3 and that it was taking into account too much. And
4 Democrats have done the same. It is very, very common.

5 Unfortunately, what we can't do is give you, you
6 know, there's -- I can't give you the magic key and say
7 you're safe if you go, go right in here. Especially
8 because California is so diverse, and because there are
9 districts redrawing that have very significant
10 percentages of multiple racial groups.

11 Now, Section 2 is a very strong guideline. Section
12 2 gives you a nice legal required way of considering race
13 where the Section 2 preconditions are all met; and the
14 totality of circumstances are met. That's a nice anchor.
15 It is very unlikely, if you follow Section 2, that you
16 will find yourself in peril of violating the Shaw v. Reno
17 line of cases of race predominating.

18 Now, when you follow Section 2, one of the things
19 we're going to need to be careful about, and we talked
20 about this a little bit, is the issues related to packing
21 and cracking of populations.

22 And I'll tell you, honestly, if you were to ask me
23 right now, and I'm speaking purely generally, not about
24 any particular district, I'm particularly -- I'd be
25 particularly attentive to packing right now where you've

1 got percentages of minority populations that because
2 there is White crossover at a level that doesn't mean
3 there isn't White cohesion against the candidates of
4 choice. You might see like ten, or fifteen, or twenty
5 percent White crossover for the minority candidate of
6 choice.

7 And that might mean you can -- to create a sixty
8 percent district just, hypothetically, could be packed
9 so -- because it's not necessary and that might minimize
10 minority voting strengths in other areas.

11 But Section 2 is a nice way to do this. But once
12 you go outside of the Section 2 context, courts are going
13 to be -- are going to be very vigilant about racial
14 issues predominating, even when it's okay to take them
15 into account. It might be okay to take them into account
16 in some ways, but you just have to be very clear, that
17 you're also considering other traditional redistricting
18 principles when you're doing that.

19 I think that's the best advice I could give you. I
20 don't know if that fully answered your question. But
21 look, I mean, these are all really good questions. This
22 is a very difficult job you all have. And we'll try the
23 best we can to guide you through, and hopefully create
24 the most legally justifiable, but also compliant with the
25 criteria and representative maps that you can.

1 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you for that. Last call for
2 any more. Oh. There we go. Commissioner Sinay, before
3 we move on.

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Just to make sure. That what
5 you keep saying, the traditional criteria for
6 redistricting. Are we referring to the six criteria?
7 And the reason I ask, is I do know that other
8 redistricting entities that are helping, for instance my
9 city in Encinitas, believe that one of the traditional
10 redistricting criteria is where a politician lives
11 because they don't want to leave someone without
12 representation.

13 We do not look at that at all. So I'm trying to
14 make sure we're all on the same page, on what you're
15 saying, Mr. Becker, since I know in California, is that
16 the six redistricting criteria plus that follow the two
17 about party politics, and where a politician lives. Is
18 that what you're meaning by principles? Or is there
19 something else that I don't know?

20 MR. BECKER: Traditional redistricting principles
21 absolutely mean the six criteria. Shaw does not require
22 you to take into account a redistricting principle that
23 is not traditional to your area. And California has
24 clearly laid out what those are.

25 It does not require you to take into account

1 incumbent residency. It does not require you to take
2 into account existing districts. There are a multitude
3 of traditional redistricting principles. Generally, the
4 ones that are most relied upon are exactly the ones
5 California identified, particularly in criteria number
6 four, but also compactness and contiguity.

7 So you've got California already considers those.
8 Those are very strong. If you anchor yourselves to the
9 California Constitutional Redistricting criteria, and do
10 not allow race to predominate outside of -- outside of
11 the degree to which it has to be considered for issues
12 like Section 2, you will be fine.

13 CHAIR SADHWANI: All right. Thank you. Was that
14 helpful for you, Commissioner Sinay?

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I'm going to keep focusing on
16 just our six, and the two additional ones at the end,
17 because I've been very disappointed when I've heard like,
18 you know, the redistricting community use traditional
19 redistricting principles, because it is much broader than
20 what we have in the State of California. But cities in
21 California are using incumbents, and other things.

22 So I still -- you know, we've spent a lot of time
23 talking about race, and ethnicity, culture. And I
24 will -- you know, you're not convincing me that ethnic
25 enclaves are a community of interest, and they have much

1 more there than just skin color. What we haven't
2 discussed is the thinly veiled, and the unthinly veiled
3 political party stuff that we've gotten. So much of our
4 communities of interest, if you dig a little deeper, and
5 I don't know if we do that in closed session or what, but
6 they're asking for political parties to be represented in
7 a different way or in the same way.

8 So I don't want us to just go down the -- you know,
9 the rabbit hole, if that is what it is, about ethnic and
10 race. But I'm more concerned about not getting -- about
11 being manipulated one way or another. And I know we're
12 not, but around the political parties, because the main
13 reason the Redistricting Commission was created in the
14 State of California was get around gerrymandering and
15 political party power.

16 CHAIR SADHWANI: And it's a really helpful reminder.
17 I think we did have a fairly lengthy conversation about
18 this last week as well. So I think that this is an
19 ongoing piece that I'm sure we'll continue to think and
20 grapple with.

21 I think seeing no other hands. Jaime, I'm going to
22 hand it back to you, and I think you're about ready to
23 take us to another area of LA County.

24 MS. CLARK: Certainly. Thank you so much.

25 Next up, we are looking at the San Fernando Valley

1 area, and just a couple of visualizations here for you
2 today. The first is San Fernando Valley. This is only
3 including parts of the City of Los Angeles, with the
4 exception of here, along the LA Ventura County border,
5 there's a couple unincorporated areas here. This is
6 page --

7 MS. MACDONALD: 15.

8 MS. CLARK: -- 15 of the PDF. And the total
9 population included in this visualization is 1,508,203.
10 Next is same area, including Bell Canyon. This is on
11 page 16 of the PDF. And the population represented in
12 this area is 1,510,149.

13 And then finally, this is on page 17 of the PDF,
14 this is -- just because we've heard a couple different
15 definitions of what San Fernando Valley is, this is the
16 same area including Burbank, Glendale, Pasadena, and then
17 other communities just north of those cities. And this
18 area represents 2,035,709.

19 MS. MACDONALD: Page 17.

20 MS. CLARK: And again, it's page 17. And these are
21 the visualizations in the San Fernando Valley area.

22 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thanks so much for that, Jaime.

23 Commissioners, comments, questions, ideas?

24 Commissioner Ahmad.

25 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Chair. Just a

1 reflection on how densely populated the LA area is. You
2 know, we drew these visualizations of guesstimates before
3 we had census data. And now, looking back, it's, wow.
4 So thank you for these.

5 CHAIR SADHWANI: Yes, indeed. I think this is such
6 a helpful first step at thinking about this first
7 criteria of equal population, and really getting a sense
8 of the scope that we're working with.

9 Commissioner Sinay.

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So when looking at the Silicon
11 Valley -- I mean, San Fernando Valley, sorry, different
12 Valley. San Fernando Valley, I think I just had looked
13 at Commissioner Ahmad. I don't know. Anyway, not this
14 one, but the visualization before, I forgot what number
15 it was. Yes. To me, this one was -- yeah, this one's a
16 little more traditional of what I'm used to for San
17 Fernando Valley.

18 And it's basically two Congressional districts was
19 what this jumped out -- jumped out at me. And a question
20 I had, if we're looking at this, I would ask for the next
21 visualization to be, kind of, looking at splitting it
22 east-west, so 405 to 5. And I think we got a lot of
23 feedback on that. But I just wanted to kind of, you
24 know, that type of visualization.

25 And then I was trying to figure out north-south

1 because we did hear a lot of the North Valley was more
2 together than the South Valley. But I didn't know where
3 the boundaries would be in north-south, and I didn't know
4 if anyone -- any of my Commissioners would have a better
5 idea of what the community felt that that boundary was,
6 if the LA leads knew. Thanks.

7 CHAIR SADHWANI: Commissioner Andersen.

8 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you. Just a follow-up
9 of Commissioner Sinay, I heard the people who were
10 talking about the north-south just a bit, but the Porter
11 Ranch, Granada Hills, even Sylmar, going up north with
12 Santa Clarita. And then that is sort of --

13 CHAIR SADHWANI: And Chatsworth.

14 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: And Chatsworth, correct,
15 yeah. That's what I heard. But again, I'm not from that
16 area, particularly. The visualization that I was hoping
17 to see here, is I see this, and I see, okay, that's three
18 Assembly districts. Could we see a couple of
19 visualizations to have this be, you know, three Assembly
20 districts following -- because we definitely had a lot of
21 people give us portions that they were with. So I'd like
22 to see -- well, I'm not going to get into the breakdown.

23 And then just kind of looking over the difference
24 here, you know the -- I can't remember what page it was
25 on, the other visualization which includes the Burbank,

1 Glendale, Pasadena, looking at Flintridge. That area
2 over there appears also to be a Congressional district --
3 I mean, not Congressional, Assembly district in terms of
4 population. I'd like to sort of see something like that.

5 MS. CLARK: Could I please ask a clarifying
6 question? Would the direction be that in the absence of
7 more specific direction, we could look at COI testimony
8 and public input to create these visualizations?

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Please.

10 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes, that's exactly what I
12 was hoping. And which included, which I am sorry I did
13 not -- I forgot to mention, the Hidden Hills over on the
14 west that was -- some people said they definitely wanted
15 that to be included in the San Fernando Valley. I
16 believe that's --

17 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you.

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you. Oh. And throw
19 Bell Canyon in there, because I guess you can't actually
20 get to -- again, we don't have the geography here, but
21 Bell Canyon needs to be with the east because it can't
22 actually get to the west, further west. Thank you.

23 CHAIR SADHWANI: Seeing no other hands, I'll insert
24 myself here as well. And here we're getting a better
25 look at that area that I was suggesting in the last

1 visualization, the 210 up to the 5 connecting into Santa
2 Clarita. So that northern portion of the 210, I think I
3 said 5 earlier, my apologies; Sylmar, Sunland-Tujunga, La
4 Crescenta-Montrose, La Canada. And then just down in
5 that Altadena, Pasadena kind of area, you can see
6 Pasadena kind of cuts in there, it looks like, that's
7 where JPL lies.

8 Commissioner Akutagawa.

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I guess the notes
10 that I made on, I guess, all of these maps here had to do
11 more with I guess I'm thinking about Sylmar, Pacoima,
12 Arleta, Foothill Trails, Sun Valley, Sunland, Tujunga,
13 maybe even North Hollywood, and Van Nuys.

14 In some ways, I think I thought I heard one of the
15 COI testimonies saying that, you know, despite some of
16 the callers saying keep the San Fernando Valley together,
17 there was at least a couple others that said that there
18 is a difference in terms of, I'd say, both from a
19 socioeconomic perspective, and some other factors there.

20 And so I guess when I think about if -- whether it's
21 a Senate district like this two-million one, you know,
22 maybe it's a couple of Senate districts, or if it's at
23 least three, maybe four Assembly districts.

24 I guess what -- I need some help from our line
25 drawers. What would be the best way to give direction in

1 terms of visualizations if we were to remove the -- not
2 necessarily this map, but if you were to look at like
3 the -- it's the pink map. So it's the very first one,
4 page 15 on the PDF. If you were to remove like Sylmar,
5 San Fernando, Pacoima, Sun Valley, Foothill Trail,
6 Sunland-Tujunga, and depending on what the numbers come
7 down to, maybe even take out NoHo, you know, NoHo West,
8 which is North Hollywood, and then Van Nuys, and then
9 also all of the other -- actually just NoHo West and Van
10 Nuys, maybe, maybe.

11 But more starting with like; the Sylmar, the San
12 Fernando, Pacoima, Foothill Trails, Sun Valley, and
13 Sunland-Tujunga, if you were to take that out what --
14 it'd be interesting to see what the visualization of that
15 would be, in terms of both numbers it could be -- it
16 could bring it down to a Congressional district number,
17 possibly. I'm thinking.

18 MS. CLARK: Yeah. We can absolutely explore that
19 visualization. Thank you.

20 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: And then, also just on
21 another note. I think I made another note about the -- I
22 forgot what you called it, but it's the areas that would
23 be like Malibu, as well as like that Ventura borderline
24 area, which includes like Calabasas, and others. I'll
25 give you some other thoughts on that one then, too.

1 MS. CLARK: We're headed there next.

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Perfect.

3 CHAIR SADHWANI: Other thoughts from Commissioners?

4 I have a vague recollection that we had received
5 communities of interest testimony. I will go back and
6 take a closer look at it, but the 405 is an important
7 thoroughfare throughout that valley. And so it would be
8 really helpful to see exactly what that population
9 differential is on the left and the right of the east and
10 the west of the 405, as we continue to refine towards,
11 perhaps, Assembly district.

12 But I agree with you, Commissioner Akutagawa. Yes,
13 we have definitely heard some testimony saying, we do not
14 want to be with folks further to the west. And so I
15 think if we could go back and find some of that, I'm sure
16 it is all there in the -- you know, the database on our
17 website. And we can take a closer look for some of
18 those, those comments.

19 Other Commissioners with thoughts on this area? And
20 if not, Jaime, back to you to keep us moving through LA
21 County.

22 MS. CLARK: Thank you. Next, we just have one
23 visualization that includes area in Ventura County, and
24 Los Angeles County. Tamina, tomorrow is going to have
25 some more visualization in this area. This visualization

1 includes Malibu, Topanga, Calabasas, Agoura Hills,
2 Westlake Village, Thousand Oaks, Oak Park, Simi Valley,
3 and Moorpark. This is on page 19 of the PDF. And the
4 total population of this area is 392,698.

5 CHAIR SADHWANI: Commissioner Akutagawa, did you
6 have -- oh.

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes, actually, I did. I
8 was thinking, it's like, did I have it up? So I do have
9 a comment on this one, too, and a question, and a request
10 for visualization. I think on this particular one, I
11 would be interested in seeing an additional visualization
12 that would include, okay, West Hills, Bell Canyon, Hidden
13 Hills, Santa Susana, and I don't know if it would bring
14 it up to, at least, an Assembly district.

15 And then I was also thinking from a Congressional
16 district point of view, to also expand it to include
17 Camarillo, Somis -- is it Somis that I saw on the map?

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: [So-mees] or [So-mis], and
20 then the Santa Rosa Valley, in addition to Bell Canyon,
21 West Hills, Hidden Hills, Santa Susana.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: West Hills is next to Bell
23 Canyon.

24 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: And don't split Camarillo.
25 Yes. And don't split Camarillo, but it would be -- but

1 that would be the dividing line. And then going further
2 westward would be, like Port Hueneme, and Oxnard, El Rio,
3 and then Ventura. That would be separate.

4 MS. CLARK: All right.

5 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you. I definitely agree with
6 those directions that are being given.

7 Other Commissioners to weigh in here?

8 Jaime, was there more to take a look at in this
9 area?

10 MS. CLARK: That is all in this area. And next, we
11 are heading down the Coast of Los Angeles County. So one
12 request for a visualization that we received was; Malibu
13 with coastal LA, so this is Malibu all the way down to
14 Rancho Palos Verdes. And this area represents a total
15 population of 591,246. This is on page 21 of the PDF.

16 And I'm going to zoom in and move on to just a
17 couple different visualizations that include this area of
18 the coast. One moment, please.

19 So we got the request of looking at South Bay, north
20 of LAX, Santa Monica to El Segundo, and this
21 visualization includes Culver City, and again goes from
22 Santa Monica to Playa, and it includes a total population
23 of 369,415.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Page 22.

25 MS. CLARK: This is page 22 of the PDF. And then

1 I'm going to move south. So here is the South Bay area
2 it's -- oops, zoomed in the wrong direction here; it's El
3 Segundo, including City of Torrance, Lomita, Rancho Palos
4 Verdes, everything in between. And is a total population
5 of 380,824.

6 And then one final one, but it is sort of inland --
7 oh, and that was page 23 of the PDF.

8 This is inland South Bay. So this does have overlap
9 with the visualization we were just looking at, because
10 they both include the City of Torrance. This area is
11 Gardena, Carson, West Carson, and Torrance. And this is
12 350,690 people. And it's page 24 of the PDF.

13 CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. Thank you, Jaime.

14 Commissioner Akutagawa.

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I have a lot of opinions
16 about this now. So can I just -- let's, can we just go
17 back up to the Malibu with coastal LA? It's the very --
18 it's the one on page 21 of the PDF.

19 So one, I want to start by just saying, Malibu is
20 really different from Santa Monica on down. It's much
21 more rural compared to the other parts. Anywhere from
22 Santa Monica down is much more -- I'm going to call it
23 urban and developed, very dense. And so my thought is
24 that Malibu is actually better to be removed. So that
25 then in terms of a number, it might get you to at least

1 an Assembly district for this coastal district. And that
2 was just my thought on that particular map.

3 I also want to comment then, if you're looking at
4 the next map that follows it, which is not the entire
5 coast, but it is just that airport area, my thought on
6 that particular one is to bring up the numbers so that
7 you could at least get to an Assembly district. It might
8 be worthwhile to also consider adding El Segundo, and
9 these are visualization requests. So I just -- I figure
10 it might just be easier to just say it all at once and
11 then I'll say, visualization request, please. Okay.

12 So on this one, I'd like to just suggest -- or I
13 would like to see El Segundo, possibly only because Santa
14 Monica is included in it, I guess it's the Westwood
15 Neighborhood Council. I just thought -- I guess that's
16 part of West LA, but I guess it would be Westwood
17 Neighborhood Council, or what I see on the map as the
18 Westwood Neighborhood Council. Yeah.

19 And then this is -- I guess maybe it must be an
20 unincorporated area because I don't see it noted, but
21 just on -- just right next to Santa Monica where you see
22 kind of like that squiggly line, I think that's the
23 Palisades. So I was just thinking, if we could even
24 include part of that with this map, it may get us up to
25 at least an Assembly district number. And if you still

1 need more numbers possibly, you know, include Inglewood.
2 But I don't know. That may or may not work, but it may
3 be worth it, only because Inglewood is so tied to the
4 airport, to LAX.

5 MS. CLARK: Could I please repeat back the request?

6 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

7 MS. CLARK: So for this visualization, include El
8 Segundo, Westwood Neighborhood Council, parts of
9 Palisades, and potentially, Inglewood to make an Assembly
10 district sized visualization.

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

12 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

13 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Sorry. Got one; can I just
14 go through all the maps on this one?

15 CHAIR SADHWANI: Or you can take turns.

16 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Oh. Okay. Sounds good,
17 Commissioner Sinay.

18 CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. Thank you. Thank you for
19 that. We will come back to you.

20 It looks like Commissioner Vázquez; doesn't it?

21 COMMISSIONER VÁZQUEZ: Yes. Thank you. I was
22 vibing with Commissioner Akutagawa's map, although I
23 would like to see maybe two versions of that map. One,
24 including one without Inglewood, I do think -- I don't
25 really consider Inglewood sort of part of this

1 visualization. So I'd like to see what Commissioner
2 Akutagawa made, but one without Inglewood.

3 CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay. Was that -- Jaime is that
4 clear, and you understood that?

5 MS. CLARK: Yes. Thank you so much.

6 CHAIR SADHWANI: Others? Commissioner Vázquez, did
7 you have another comment?

8 COMMISSIONER VÁZQUEZ: No. Sorry. I'll lower my
9 hand.

10 CHAIR SADHWANI: No problem. Commissioner Andersen.

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you. On Commissioner
12 Akutagawa's one there, this one north of LAX, I would in
13 this -- sort of in this order, in terms of trying to add
14 people, I'd go: El Segundo, the Palisades part up north,
15 then probably the Westwood area to see, in terms of --
16 and then, yeah, I kind of agree. I don't think Inglewood
17 is -- you know, I have no comment on that. But in terms
18 of the -- you know, I'd add that area up north on the
19 beach in El Segundo before I go inland.

20 CHAIR SADHWANI: Commissioner Sinay.

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Sticking to this, north of LAX.
22 I wouldn't include Westwood because it's very -- when you
23 cross the 405 it becomes very different. So it is kind
24 of a big -- so I'm on the fence on Culver City. But if
25 you look at -- looking at this one and kind of adding El

1 Segundo, I would include Pali, or Palisades -- Pacific
2 Palisades, and Bel Air. I mean, Bel Air and Palisades
3 are kind of one in the same neighborhood, to a certain
4 extent. I don't know if that will get you there. And
5 then I've got another one for South Bay, but I will share
6 my -- I mean, allow others to share.

7 CHAIR SADHWANI: Commissioner Ahmad. Sorry.

8 Commissioner Andersen, did you still have your hand
9 raised, or were you?

10 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Sorry.

11 CHAIR SADHWANI: No worries.

12 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Chair. Just a
13 clarifying question for Commissioner Andersen, and Sinay;
14 were those requests for visualizations?

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I'll jump in. Mine was
16 to -- you know, to complement what Commissioner
17 Akutagawa, she's trying to add more areas to get
18 population. I'd go, El Segundo, the Palisades area, and
19 then if you had to go into Westwood. But I would not.
20 But I agree with what Commissioner Sinay said.

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes. My request was for
22 visualization.

23 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you for that reminder,
24 Commissioner Ahmad, yes, please. Both for the line
25 drawing team and staff that are taking notes, be as clear

1 as possible when you're asking for visualization for the
2 next state. Okay? Others, who want to chime in on this
3 area.

4 Commissioner Sinay.

5 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Are we ready to go south or
6 staying on this -- on the South Bay; the other map on the
7 South Bay?

8 CHAIR SADHWANI: We're looking for final, final
9 comments. And so you raised your hand. So is your
10 comment about this area?

11 COMMISSIONER SINAY: No.

12 CHAIR SADHWANI: Commissioner Akutagawa?

13 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I just realized, you
14 know, I see Palms also in there next to Culver City, and
15 they're pretty closely tied. So could there be one
16 additional visualization of Palms included, and Palms not
17 included? I don't know whether that will make some
18 differences in terms of the numbers. And perhaps, is it
19 possible or is it appropriate to also give instructions
20 that allow the line drawers to make a call in terms of
21 getting to, at least in this particular case, an Assembly
22 sized district?

23 CHAIR SADHWANI: I think that that's a reasonable
24 request. I see Jaime nodding your head. But asking the
25 line drawers to rely on perhaps COI input and best

1 judgment to get to some Assembly districts. That makes
2 sense. I'm going in order of hands raised here. We're
3 continuing this conversation in this region.

4 Commissioner Sinay, did you have another comment?

5 Commissioner Vázquez.

6 COMMISSIONER VÁZQUEZ: Yeah. Actually, thinking
7 about what I've heard for visualization for this
8 particular area, if I could see a map that uses the 405
9 as a west boundary, I think that's a really important
10 boundary. Things do change really quickly once you go
11 under the 405.

12 CHAIR SADHWANI: And so just to be clear. And maybe
13 Jaime has additional questions there. But from my
14 vantage point, you're suggesting cutting Culver City?

15 COMMISSIONER VÁZQUEZ: Yes. Cutting Culver City,
16 and also that pretty perfectly square box in -- within
17 Palms; although I know that's actually pretty suburban
18 and high-income. So I still think I would like to see
19 the 405 as the dividing line.

20 CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay. And then would that be
21 continuing down further south?

22 COMMISSIONER VÁZQUEZ: Yes.

23 CHAIR SADHWANI: With Bel Air, et cetera? Yeah?
24 Okay. Was that clear?

25 MS. CLARK: Yeah. That's very clear. Thank you so

1 much. And I think that this is part of the Mar Vista
2 Neighborhood Council boundaries, and definitely can
3 follow the 405, absolutely, for this visualization.
4 Thank you.

5 CHAIR SADHWANI: That sounds great.

6 Commissioner Andersen.

7 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you. Could the line
8 drawers, as they do this; could you give us the different
9 populations? So like we're having the north of LAX, we
10 have this, you know, the 364,000, then plus El Segundo is
11 X-plus. You know, even if you need to have, El Segundo
12 has this population, Pacific Palisades has this
13 population, that area, Palmdale has X, you know, Culver
14 City. So we can actually then, as you come back around,
15 go, oh. Then we'll -- you know, we can all go, yes, add
16 these three, don't add those. If you could kind of give
17 us those numbers in those visualizations please?

18 MS. CLARK: That's absolutely something that during
19 live line drawing will have access to. And I think for
20 the visualizations, we can show kind of what's on the map
21 now. Like this is -- and per direction that we got
22 earlier, I think we would probably switch to percent
23 deviation for that.

24 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay.

25 MS. CLARK: And saying this is -- you know --

1 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah.

2 MS. CLARK: If we include Palisades, and Westwood,
3 and El Segundo, then this is X percent deviation.

4 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Great. Actually, I guess
5 what I'm asking for is a step by step, so we can really
6 go, ah, got it, got it, got it.

7 MS. CLARK: Yeah. We'll absolutely create --

8 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Great.

9 MS. CLARK: -- all of these visualizations. And
10 then, we could then exactly -- do exactly what you're
11 proposing. Thank you.

12 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you.

13 CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. Any other final comments,
14 questions, requests for visualizations in this region?
15 If not, Jaime, back to you.

16 MS. CLARK: Thank you. Next, we had sort of the
17 South Bay area. I see a couple hands.

18 CHAIR SADHWANI: Do we want to start with comments?
19 Or maybe, why don't we start with comments.

20 Commissioner Sinay.

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Go ahead and go with
22 Commissioner Akutagawa first. I'm trying to understand
23 my note.

24 CHAIR SADHWANI: Commissioner Akutagawa.

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: All right. I think on this

1 particular one, again, I'm looking at the numbers, so
2 some thoughts. I think it would be helpful to add
3 Hawthorne, as well as Lawndale, Gardena, and see where we
4 get to in terms of a potential Assembly district with
5 those cities. Typically, from a South Bay perspective,
6 Gardena and Hawthorne are usually included as part of the
7 kind of the South Bay definition,

8 However, if we do need to pick up some additional
9 population, Dominguez Hills, which is seen as Rancho
10 Dominguez and Carson, may be some options. What are
11 those two little strips right there; is that?

12 MS. CLARK: This is West Carson, and then this is
13 part of Harbor Gateway Neighborhood Council, of City of
14 Los Angeles.

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Oh, got it. Okay.

16 MS. CLARK: And then right here, kind of in between
17 that and 110 is West Carson.

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Oh. Okay. I guess I
19 always thought that it was just one -- it was Carson was
20 one. Okay. That's interesting to know. Okay. Then if
21 that were the case, then maybe then pick up part of
22 Harbor Gateway as well as maybe West Carson, and then see
23 if you need to go into Carson to pick up additional
24 population for, potentially, an Assembly district.

25 If you pick up all of Carson, would you be able to

1 get to a place where we would even have a Congressional
2 district? So maybe we could see a couple iterations of
3 that.

4 MS. CLARK: So if I may, just repeat back the
5 direction? It's from this visualization, potentially,
6 removing El Segundo, which was potentially going in --

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Oh. No, no.

8 MS. CLARK: No? Okay.

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: No. No. Keep El Segundo
10 in there.

11 MS. CLARK: Okay.

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Add Hawthorne.

13 MS. CLARK: Sure. So add Hawthorne, Lawndale,
14 Gardena --

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: And that would be one.

16 MS. CLARK: And that's one. And then Harbor Gateway
17 South and West Carson would be another one?

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: And potentially, if you
19 need to --

20 MS. CLARK: Parts of Carson.

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- also add Rancho
22 Dominguez.

23 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

24 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: As well as Carson, if you
25 need additional -- that would be a call on your part.

1 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: That would be for a
3 potential Congressional district. I know it's going to
4 well exceed the Assembly district.

5 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

6 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Oh. I'm sorry. And on
7 that second one, where it's the potential Assembly
8 district, if you add Carson and you're still -- if you're
9 finding that you're over in terms of the Congressional
10 district numbers, an option would be to remove Lomita
11 from that second visualization.

12 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

13 CHAIR SADHWANI: Commissioner Sinay.

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thanks. I know why I was
15 confused. I was looking at the other South Bay one, the
16 page 21. I don't know if it's -- if we want to wait to
17 do that one because it's a mix of this one and the one
18 before. Is that page 21? I was thinking the one that
19 went from Malibu all the way down the whole coast.

20 MS. CLARK: Thank you. I apologize. I don't have
21 the PDF.

22 COMMISSIONER SINAY: No, no, no. It's okay.

23 MS. CLARK: Okay.

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So it's kind of Bell -- you
25 know, I agree with what Commissioner Akutagawa said

1 earlier that Malibu probably doesn't fit in here. So my
2 visualization would be to take Malibu out go and -- but
3 add -- you see, Lomita has always been part of South Bay.
4 Having grown up in South Bay, we definitely feel like,
5 yeah, Lomita and Torrance are so connected. But for this
6 visualization I was thinking of adding Lomita, Culver, I
7 put Culver West. Is there a Culver West and a Culver
8 East?

9 MS. CLARK: Not to my knowledge.

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah, neither. Not to my -- I
11 think it was just Culver.

12 MS. CLARK: Okay.

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And then Mar Vista.

14 MS. CLARK: Thank you. So from this visualization,
15 remove Malibu, include Mar Vista, and Culver, and Lomita.

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Is that making sense? I'm
17 trying to figure out where Culver is right now.

18 MS. CLARK: Yes. This, this area is Culver.

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. And then -- so Culver
20 all the way into Moreno, you know, whatever else is
21 there.

22 MS. CLARK: Yes.

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. Thank you.

24 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

25 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Sorry I couldn't be more clear.

1 CHAIR SADHWANI: Commissioner Akutagawa.

2 Commissioner Akutagawa, you had your hand raised. Did
3 you have another comment?

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I had forgotten to take it
5 down.

6 CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay.

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: But I guess if I can just
8 respond to Commissioner Sinay. I guess, I was thinking
9 Lomita. I usually associate it more with San Pedro, so
10 that's why I was thinking, yeah, you could take it out.
11 It's right -- I mean, they're all next to each other.

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah. I mean, I went to the
13 movies there. That's where we did a lot of our stuff.

14 CHAIR SADHWANI: Yeah. And I think -- I think these
15 are some of the conversations, especially as we get
16 closer to really defining the districts themselves,
17 right? These are some of the pieces that adding,
18 subtracting might make a huge difference in terms of our
19 population targets.

20 Commissioner Fernández.

21 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Yes. I'm just curious. I
22 know these were visualizations that we had asked for, but
23 has there been any sort of comparison of this to the
24 communities of interest input that we have received?
25 Because I also think that is very important, because if

1 we're relying solely on Commissioners, that gets a little
2 bit dangerous, so.

3 CHAIR SADHWANI: Yeah.

4 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: That was my question.

5 MS. CLARK: Thank you for your question. For these
6 visualizations, you know if it -- if the ask was very
7 specific, then we went with that. We went with, you
8 know, exactly what was asked for. And then in areas
9 where it was maybe a little bit more general or less
10 specific, then we really relied heavily on COI input.
11 And generally, public -- you know, public input, even if
12 there wasn't a specific COI associated.

13 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: So just a follow up. So if
14 the ask was very specific, you went with that. But what
15 if that conflicts with some of the communities of
16 interest information that we received? I guess I'm
17 trying to figure out how we would look at that piece.

18 MS. CLARK: Yeah. We can absolutely flag that for
19 you, for future visualization sessions.

20 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Thank you.

21 CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. Commissioner Andersen.

22 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you. I was actually
23 going to go on to the San Pedro Harbor area. And so I
24 don't know; is that a good time to do that?

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That's on another map.

1 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Oh. I'm hearing there's
2 another map that has that in it. I thought it was just
3 going down --

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: So it's the inland South
5 Bay one. I think we didn't. I don't know.

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. But yeah -- but no,
7 I'd actually -- because I remember hearing very
8 specifically from, you know, the ports right through, you
9 know, the San Pedro, exactly, Wilmington and up through
10 the Harbor Gateway area. You know, if you need more
11 people, go up -- that's where you get the Harbor Gateway,
12 West Carson, Carson, even up to maybe Gardena is -- you
13 know, kind of, essentially, filling in that niche between
14 sort of the Long Beach and the South Bay, I guess you
15 call that.

16 CHAIR SADHWANI: So Commissioner Andersen, is that a
17 request for --

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah.

19 CHAIR SADHWANI: -- a visualization of that Harbor
20 Gateway area? I think -- I think we've got a bunch of
21 testimony in after we gave direction on these
22 visualizations, which is why it probably doesn't exist
23 yet.

24 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: It is a request for a
25 visualization of that, please.

1 CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay.

2 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

3 CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. Commissioner Sinay, I've
4 seen your hand, so I just wanted to see if you wanted to
5 go back.

6 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I put my hand down because I
7 was going to say exactly what you just said.

8 CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay.

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: That we had -- we had asked the
10 community, please send us your community of interest
11 because we hadn't heard from that area.

12 CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. Thank you. Any others in
13 this region?

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Long Beach.

15 CHAIR SADHWANI: Yeah, Long Beach it is.

16 Jaime, do you want to walk us through Long Beach?

17 MS. CLARK: Yep. So for this visual -- this area,
18 we just had one request, which was Long Beach, whole.
19 And also the Signal Hill area is completely surrounded by
20 Long Beach. So this is Long Beach plus Signal Hill.
21 This is a total population of 482,257. This is page 26
22 of the PDF.

23 CHAIR SADHWANI: Commissioner Sinay.

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you. On Long Beach, we
25 were also asked and we got a community of interest that

1 said, yes, we support this. We did hear that Signal Hill
2 did want to be part of the Long Beach, but we also got a
3 request for Catalina, because they're the same school
4 district. Catalina is an interesting point of -- what
5 was the word that you used, Commissioner Yee, if it's an
6 island and it's not a bridge?

7 COMMISSIONER YEE: Water crossing.

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Water crossing because Catalina
9 is water -- the water crossing comes from San Pedro, Long
10 Beach, and Point Loma -- I mean not Point Loma, Dana
11 Point. But Long Beach had the same school district with
12 Catalina, so they asked to be put with Catalina. And
13 then there were those two little -- small cities and I
14 couldn't -- I tried to find them, but I couldn't find
15 them, but also wanted to be with Long Beach.

16 I think it was Rossmoor and Los Alamitos; but I may
17 be wrong. But someone had sent in a community of
18 interest -- I mean, a comment saying, we heard that, and
19 yes, we would add them in with us. But I don't know if
20 someone can -- I guess I can look it up. Sorry.

21 So yes, I would like a visualization that includes
22 Long Beach, along with Catalina, and if we could double-
23 check if it was Los -- the two that I just said now that
24 my notes went somewhere else.

25 MS. CLARK: I do believe that that's correct.

1 That's correct.

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay.

3 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So I request a visualization
5 with all of that.

6 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay.

7 Commissioner Akutagawa.

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I think it's Rossmoor
9 and Los Alamitos. And I think I did hear it, although I
10 also heard conflicting other testimony that they wanted
11 to be elsewhere too, so.

12 So I was going to also suggest in addition to, you
13 know, looking at the numbers, for example, one option
14 is -- I know it's close to the Assembly district number,
15 but to perhaps add more -- one option is to add,
16 potentially, Wilmington. And this gets to what
17 Commissioner Andersen was asking about, is some of the
18 actual Port of LA City.

19 So perhaps for the line drawing team, the
20 visualization that I'm requesting, and again, this is
21 also, I think, depending on what the numbers are;
22 Wilmington, potentially -- I don't know what the numbers
23 are going to be -- so Wilmington, San Pedro, Lomita,
24 Harbor -- actually, yeah, maybe Wilmington for the
25 Assembly district.

1 And then a second visualization that I'd like to
2 request from a Congressional district perspective, is to
3 add Carson, Wilmington, San Pedro, Lomita, Harbor
4 Gateway, Harbor City, and West Carson. So that's that
5 entire 710 Corridor, and the port of San Pedro -- or
6 actually, not 710. I'm sorry. The 110 Corridor, and
7 then all of the Port of LA Cities that surround it; that
8 would just be from a -- I'm just thinking about, would
9 that be enough population for, potentially, a
10 Congressional district?

11 I did also hear the Rossmoor, and the Los Alamitos;
12 I also heard Lakewood, too, because I think Lakewood and
13 Long Beach also -- some parts of it also share a school
14 district as well, too. So perhaps in addition to
15 Commissioner Sinai's visualization, I'd like to add a
16 second visualization of Long -- the Long Beach, Signal
17 Hill, Rossmoor, Los Al (ph.), and Lakewood.

18 CHAIR SADHWANI: I would agree with that, myself, as
19 well. Anyone else want to jump in here on the Long Beach
20 train?

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Linda, what about Catalina?

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I would just leave it up to
23 how the numbers are going to be. But they are going to
24 have to go somewhere. I mean, not in a bad way, but I
25 know that they not only come -- the main one -- Long

1 Beach is the main area for the boats to Catalina. Also,
2 Newport Harbor is also another big area where -- and Dana
3 Point, there are boats that come out of --

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: San Pedro?

5 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: And San Pedro, yes. Yes.
6 So to your question, yes, it would be best to include
7 them. That would probably make the most sense.

8 CHAIR SADHWANI: Commissioner Andersen.

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. I'm thinking, where
10 Commissioner Akutagawa was going Congressional, I'm
11 thinking Senate. And in terms of putting that, you know,
12 the coastal San Pedro up to the Harbor Gateway, all of
13 Carson, with the Long Beach, including if they needed,
14 you know, yes add Lakewood, yes add Rossmoor, Alamitos --
15 Los Alamitos. I kind of like, if they have the same
16 school district that does make me want to think Catalina
17 would be with Long Beach.

18 You know, there, I'd be very interested to hear what
19 people in Catalina are thinking, so. But I think I'd
20 consider it like, let's kind of look at that in terms of,
21 those two Assembly districts that we could make into a
22 Senate -- or into a Senate district. Thank you.

23 CHAIR SADHWANI: I think there's a lot to think
24 about and contemplate here in Long Beach. Certainly,
25 we've heard a lot of -- a lot of desires to keep the city

1 together. But how to do that, given the target
2 populations, I think is the key concern.

3 Anyone else want to jump in on the Long Beach
4 conversation?

5 If not, Jaime, I'll hand it back to you to keep us
6 moving.

7 MS. CLARK: Thank you. Now, we're going to look at
8 a couple of visualizations in the City of Los Angeles.

9 CHAIR SADHWANI: And Jaime, I'll just actually jump
10 in to let you know, we are actually up against a break in
11 about ten minutes. So we'll get started here and then we
12 might have some more of this conversation as we get back.

13 MS. CLARK: So first it's page 28 of the PDF. It's
14 just the El Sereno area. This visualization includes the
15 total population of 39,253. And it is included in this
16 larger visualization. This is called Northeast LA. It's
17 page 29 of the PDF. And this visualization includes a
18 total population of 897,957. And if there is discussion
19 about this area, that would be a good pause, because
20 these are the two visualizations that were requested in
21 this area of City of Los Angeles.

22 CHAIR SADHWANI: Commissioner Fornaciari.

23 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So where is like Downtown
24 LA in this picture?

25 MS. CLARK: This is -- this is Downtown LA.

1 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. Like where the Los
2 Angeles is, is like Dodger Stadium there, or something
3 like that.

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: It's the larger part of the
5 map here, it says Downtown Los Angeles (indiscernible).

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible) --

7 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: That's the only thing I
8 know, is where were the baseball stadium is, from
9 Derrick's (ph.) picture.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It's at the very bottom part.

11 CHAIR SADHWANI: Yeah. I think Dodger Stadium is a
12 little bit further north than that but I -- I don't know
13 if we can better locate it on this -- on this map.

14 Commissioner Akutagawa.

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: So this comment is me
16 thinking more along the lines of, if this were a
17 Congressional district, if it were I -- my suggestion or
18 my -- I would like to see a visualization that would
19 remove Eagle Rock --

20 MS. CLARK: Uh-huh.

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- Glassell Park, Highland
22 Park, Silver Lake, and if needed, Hollywood.

23 MS. CLARK: Okay.

24 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Although, maybe I should
25 clarify. Actually, you know, I know it includes East

1 Hollywood, and I'm pretty sure -- it's hard to see from
2 this map, but it could include Thai Town, so that could
3 be okay as it is.

4 MS. CLARK: Okay. Thank you.

5 CHAIR SADHWANI: Commissioner Vázquez.

6 COMMISSIONER VÁZQUEZ: Yes. This is my hood,
7 everyone. I don't have a visualization yet, I just
8 wanted to name that many, many, many of these areas are
9 rapidly changing demographically, particularly as it
10 relates to race and ethnicity. So I think the problems
11 of gentrification in all of these areas, is extremely
12 relevant.

13 And to that end, I think I would -- I'm not sure
14 where to put places like East Los Angeles, I'm thinking
15 portions of Highland Park. So for me, I don't have a
16 visualization, but I think I really need to see CVAP
17 data, to do any further work in this particular area
18 because it's just, for me, one of the places where things
19 can really go sideways for historically marginalized
20 populations.

21 CHAIR SADHWANI: I see Jaime waving her hand.
22 Jaime, do you want to jump in?

23 MS. CLARK: Yeah, I can -- I can tell the current
24 like percent CVAP breakdown of this visualization, if
25 that is helpful?

1 COMMISSIONER VÁZQUEZ: Yes, it would be helpful.

2 MS. CLARK: One moment, please. So let me get this
3 out of your way here. So for this visualization the --
4 here we go -- and I'm sorry, I can't make it green again
5 on the screen while pulling up this data for you. But
6 the percent Latino CVAP is 50.94 percent. The percent
7 Black CVAP is 6.37 percent. The percent Asian CVAP is
8 18.53 percent. The percent Indigenous CVAP is 0.58
9 percent. Percent White CVAP is 22.74 percent.

10 CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. Thank you for that, Jaime.

11 Commissioner Akutagawa, did you have another comment
12 that you wanted to make here, or do you want to wait for
13 others to have a chance?

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Sorry. I will put
15 my hand down.

16 CHAIR SADHWANI: No. Commissioner Turner.

17 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. I wondered.
18 Commissioner Vázquez, can you, or maybe another one of
19 the Commissioners, remind us or talk about Eagle Rock and
20 Glassell Park? I'm interested in knowing just a little
21 bit about those. Do we have comments from them? Or what
22 is that geography? Or what is that community like?

23 CHAIR SADHWANI: Happy to talk about it, too. But
24 Commissioner Vázquez, do you want to -- do you want to
25 jump in and respond?

1 COMMISSIONER VÁZQUEZ: Well, you can go first. I
2 don't spend a lot of time north of Highland Park, so I'm
3 a little less familiar with those areas.

4 CHAIR SADHWANI: Got it. I mean, I can talk a
5 little bit about Eagle Rock, which I lived in Glendale
6 for many years. And the two are fairly well connected,
7 though Eagle Rock is a part of the City of Los Angeles,
8 whereas Glendale is a suburb. But there's a lot of
9 crossover, I would say, especially between South Glendale
10 and Eagle Rock areas.

11 You know there's -- it's a very fun neighborhood.
12 There's a lot of yoga studios, and restaurants, and
13 things like that, at the same time I don't know what the
14 CVAP data is for the Latino community, but I would
15 imagine fairly high and transitioning. I think that's
16 one of the things that Commissioner Vázquez mentioned.

17 Also a large Filipino community in that area of
18 Eagle Rock, so definitely some diversity in terms of the
19 different kinds of folks that are living in that area.
20 That's kind of what I know about Eagle Rock as a person
21 that hangs out there fairly often.

22 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. So with that, I
23 was wondering, on a visualization, what it would look
24 like to remove Eagle Rock and Glassell Park, and maybe --
25 what is that, Hermon? I wondered if -- to remove them

1 and perhaps -- go down a little bit, please, on the map;
2 and add in -- can I see West Adams, South Central area
3 included as a visualization? Thank you.

4 CHAIR SADHWANI: Commissioner Turner, was that the
5 end of your comment? Yeah? Okay. Got you.

6 Commissioner Sinay.

7 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I would say this one was a
8 really hard -- there's a few in this area, you know,
9 along the 5, and the 110, and the 10, that I just find
10 difficult to ask for visualization until after we get the
11 VRA information, because I think a lot of these
12 neighborhoods are really going to be influenced -- or
13 what we can do will be influenced by the VRA.

14 And so I just wanted to put that out there, that I'm
15 not sure if it makes sense for us to spend a -- you know,
16 have our line drawers spend a lot of time visualizing
17 when the VRA is going to influence this area.

18 CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. Thank you for that. I put
19 my own hand up, so that I can be in the queue to make a
20 comment here, too.

21 Commissioner Akutagawa.

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I guess I'll just say, in
23 some ways, this is my hood too, because this is where I
24 grew up. This is where I work. My office is located
25 here. So for me, my familiarity is really that Historic

1 Cultural Neighborhood Council area that you see down
2 there, that's where the Arts District is, Downtown LA.
3 It is a rapidly changing place. And for a lot of the
4 Japanese community, but also the Chinatown community, it
5 is an issue of gentrification.

6 I mean, Silver Lake has already changed so much.
7 And I would actually exclude Silver Lake from this
8 visualization as -- because they're similar in terms of
9 their kind of, I guess their characteristics as more of
10 Glassell Park and Eagle Rock, a little bit more homes --
11 homeowners' homes. The yoga studios are definitely
12 there, high-end restaurants, you know, the trendy
13 restaurants, but definitely very much a city kind of
14 place.

15 But in terms of its kind of commonality with some of
16 the other areas, I think it would be interesting to see
17 what Commissioner Turner was asking about down where the
18 10 and the 110 meet. That's the USC area that's been
19 traditionally, I'll say, is historic Black community.
20 However, that too is also changing quite a bit, because
21 USC is making a lot of moves to rebuild and gentrify the
22 areas as well, too.

23 So I'm sure that there could be, and there probably
24 is a lot of conversations amongst communities. It would
25 be an interesting combination of Asian, Black, and Latino

1 communities. East LA is kind of a weird one for me
2 because, you know, it shares characteristics with Boyle
3 Heights. But Boyle Heights, in a way, is also a very
4 traditional but also historic Latino community. A little
5 bit different from East LA in its vibe, and you know, the
6 community there as well, too.

7 So perhaps from a visualization, if Commissioner
8 Turner, if you don't mind, if we could also add Silver
9 Lake to your -- you removed that, it doesn't really --
10 yeah, so.

11 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah.

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: And I think it was
13 mentioned that Historic Filipino Town in that area that
14 says Rampart District, or I don't think you see it on
15 this map, but on another map it said Rampart area. It's
16 along the 101 Corridor, kind of up above where it says
17 Koreatown. And so not in the East Hollywood, further
18 down like where -- kind of where it says, Westlake North
19 Koreatown Neighborhood Council. Up above there, is kind
20 of the historic Filipino Town area as well, too. So you
21 have multiple Asian communities all along that area.

22 And then you also have both Latino and Asian
23 communities that tend to be, you know, your immigrant
24 workforce individuals that live in the Lincoln Heights
25 area as well, too. So it's an extremely diverse area.

1 So just thought I'd mention that about -- oh. And what
2 is LA-32 Neighborhood Council, because like I've never --
3 that that may be the name they gave themselves, but
4 what -- I don't know what area exactly. I can't see on
5 the map. If I see the streets I'll know. But just from
6 that map.

7 MS. CLARK: I think this is part of what a lot of
8 people would consider El Sereno.

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Oh.

10 MS. CLARK: So here it's, like, Soto (ph.).

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Oh. Okay. Yes.

12 MS. CLARK: 710.

13 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah.

14 MS. CLARK: Yeah.

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Definitely should be
16 kept in with the other areas. Yes. That's where the
17 hospital is too, General Hospital, so (indiscernible)
18 now.

19 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

20 CHAIR SADHWANI: Cal State LA is in there as well,
21 in that area.

22 Commissioner Vázquez.

23 COMMISSIONER VÁZQUEZ: Yes. Agreeing that I think
24 for a visualization removing Eagle Rock, Glassell Park,
25 Silver Lake, I think, and trying to move south per

1 Commissioner Turner's recommendation is good. I will say
2 that the CVAP for the area of this visualization, for
3 Latinx folks of 50-point something-or-other seems very --
4 seems pretty low considering sort of how I view this
5 community as a whole.

6 And so I think, hopefully, that may sort of -- I'm
7 trying to include more communities of interest, which I
8 think hopefully we can get to by going south and a little
9 bit -- eliminating some of the stuff in the north and
10 then further west.

11 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you for that. I'll jump in
12 and add my own comments here. A couple of thoughts; so
13 one, I don't think -- besides San Fernando Valley, I
14 don't think we've seen any visualizations that look at
15 further up the map, Burbank, Glendale, Pasadena. In this
16 conversation of removing Eagle Rock, Glassell Park, I'd
17 be curious to take a look, take a closer look at
18 population of linking Burbank, Glendale, Pasadena, Eagle
19 Rock, possibly Glassell Park, South Pas. I think once we
20 get into Pasadena, South Pas, San Marino, then we're
21 starting to get into the San Gabriel Valley. So we'll
22 figure out that piece of it.

23 But I would be curious to see the visualization and
24 take a look at what kind of population we're looking at
25 in that area. When we come back down, I mean, looking at

1 this and knowing these neighborhoods, I think this is the
2 knot that we've been talking about in Los Angeles that
3 that has to be worked out. I'm thinking also about some
4 of the testimony that we've received from the LGBTQ
5 community about some of their communities, you know,
6 being based in that Silver Lake, Hollywood; kind of area.

7 So I just want to remind ourselves and maybe go back
8 to some of that testimony that we've received. And then
9 what I think about K-Town, Koreatown, and Downtown LA, I
10 think about those as two distinct areas. You know, and
11 I'm wondering -- I'm trying to think about variations
12 that we can do.

13 And I'm thinking out loud here. So the first one
14 was direction that Burbank, Glendale, Pasadena, Eagle,
15 Rock, and see how much we get to with South Pas and
16 Marino.

17 These other areas, I'm thinking out loud about
18 various transportation corridors. And I was wondering if
19 rather than using freeways in this area, I'm thinking
20 about some of the more local streets. Like, to go from
21 Downtown LA to K-Town, if I'm thinking about like going
22 Wilshire Boulevard, (audio interference), you begin to
23 see a real -- a real change over as you pass through
24 MacArthur Park. And I'd have to look more closely at
25 some of those streets.

1 Pass the UCLA Labor Center, et cetera, and then you
2 kind of move into Koreatown. And I would want to see
3 Koreatown taken out of this just as an -- just as
4 something for us to look at, and think about as well.

5 Commissioner Akutagawa.

6 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I'm glad that you
7 brought that up, because I realized as I was looking at
8 the map, I forgot to mention Koreatown, too. I would
9 advocate actually for then another visualization, where
10 Silver Lake, Glassell Park, Eagle Rock -- I mean, I
11 would -- I'm kind of iffy on Highland Park. I think
12 there are parts that the closer you get to Eagle Rock
13 where it's a little bit more, I'm going to say, affluent,
14 but if taking out also East Los Angeles.

15 And then as it currently stands right now, moving it
16 a little bit more westward, and including the entirety of
17 Koreatown, which would be all of the area called Wilshire
18 Center Neighborhood Council (sic), and also Olympic Park.
19 And I think that line where it intersects between Greater
20 Wilshire and then the next neighborhood council, I'm
21 not -- I think -- I forgot what -- can you move over?

22 MS. CLARK: That is --

23 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, Midwest. I think
24 that must be what -- Is that like -- is that like --

25 MS. CLARK: This is, yeah, La Brea.

1 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: La Brea, yeah. I was going
2 to say -- okay, what about the one on the other side
3 of -- yeah, the La Brea. Yeah. La Brea is kind of like
4 the dividing line. And then I think, too, what
5 Commissioner Sadhwani said, the red line runs, I believe,
6 right through that middle part of the -- of Wilshire
7 Boulevard, along Wilshire Boulevard out to Santa Monica.
8 So there is also a transportation corridor along that
9 Wilshire Center. But I think before you get to La Brea,
10 there is a -- I think a similar type of community of, you
11 know, more working-class folks that you could see once
12 you cross La Brea, becomes a very different kind of
13 neighborhood.

14 CHAIR SADHWANI: All right. So I think we have lots
15 of thoughts in this area. And my apologies; I'm failing
16 as the Chair here, because we totally flew past our time
17 for a break. And my sincere apologies to staff and
18 contractors for that.

19 With that, let's pause. We will come back. We're
20 going to actually take our lunch break here. So we had
21 said forty-five minutes. Why don't we take fifty, since
22 we're a little over time here. And we will come back at
23 5:15. Thanks, everybody.

24 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 4:25 p.m.
25 until 5:15 p.m.)

1 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Welcome back to the California
2 Citizens Redistricting Commission. We are going to
3 continue on with the visualization for Los Angeles
4 County, Zone H.

5 And with that, can we hear from the line drivers? I
6 believe Jaime is going to --

7 MS. CLARK: Hi. Yes. I'm going to start sharing my
8 screen.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I think we allowed sharing --

10 MS. CLARK: I am sharing my screen. Excellent. So
11 when we left off, we were here in sort of Northeast City
12 of Los Angeles. And unless there is additional direction
13 for visualizations for next week, then we can move on to
14 Central Los Angeles. I'll go on video, too. I will move
15 on. So for this visualization, it's called Central LA,
16 it's like Mid-City, West Adams, out to La Cienega. And
17 the total population of this visualization is 103,921.

18 COMMISSIONER VÁZQUEZ: And Jaime, just for -- this
19 was one that you showed us early on, right?

20 MS. CLARK: No. We haven't -- we haven't seen this
21 one yet.

22 COMMISSIONER VÁZQUEZ: It wasn't the one that you
23 showed us earlier on.

24 MS. CLARK: We haven't seen this one yet.

25 COMMISSIONER VÁZQUEZ: Oh. Okay. I thought it was

1 one of the ones that you showed us in terms of -- in
2 coordination with the VRA.

3 MS. CLARK: Oh, no. This is just a little -- a
4 different visualization than that. And from here on,
5 it's all new visualizations that were not developed in
6 collaboration with the VRA counsel. And this is number
7 31 -- page 31 on the PDF.

8 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Hearing, no comments. Let's
9 move on to the next one.

10 MS. CLARK: Okay. The next one we got a preview of.
11 This is the Koreatown visualization. This is based off
12 of -- this definition is from public input, like publicly
13 defined geography in terms of what Koreatown is, where
14 Koreatown is. This includes 141,040 people.

15 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Any comments on this map for
16 Koreatown?

17 Commissioner Fornaciari.

18 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Does it include all of the
19 Wilshire Koreatown Neighborhood Council? Or does that
20 continue up to the north a little bit?

21 MS. CLARK: This -- this -- let me turn the layer
22 off. Once again we can take a look. The neighborhood
23 council does go all the way north. And this does not.

24 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. Thanks.

25 MS. CLARK: And I'll zoom in this -- the definition

1 here goes to Beverly Boulevard is a northern boundary,
2 and then this is Hollywood Freeway.

3 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

4 Commissioner Fornaciari -- I mean, Sinay.

5 COMMISSIONER SINAY: This was based on what, a COI,
6 right? The boundaries that we've put here, versus what
7 the LA, whoever does the neighborhood council?

8 MS. CLARK: The neighborhood council, yeah, that's
9 correct.

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. So we need -- this is
11 the example that was given to us way, way at the
12 beginning when we first got on the Commission; that you
13 can ask thousands of people the boundaries of Koreatown
14 and it looks different each time?

15 MS. CLARK: This is a precise example of that, yeah.

16 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Question for Commissioner
17 Fornaciari. Did you want to give direction on Koreatown,
18 or you're just asking a question?

19 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: No, I just -- I was just
20 asking, just curious.

21 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Seeing no other hands raised.
22 Let's move on to the next map.

23 MS. CLARK: Thank you. Now, we are leaving City of
24 Los Angeles. This is the South Gate area visualization
25 that was requested. It includes Vernon, Maywood, Bell,

1 Bell Gardens, Huntington Park, Florence Firestone, Watts
2 Neighborhood Council, and South Gate. This is number --
3 page number 36 on the PDF. And this visualization
4 represents 390,510 people.

5 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Can we get the CVA for this?

6 MS. CLARK: Yes.

7 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: The citizen voting age.

8 MS. CLARK: One moment, please. So for this
9 visualization, the Latinx CVAP is 88.75 percent. Percent
10 Black CVAP is 6.54 percent. Percent Asian CVAP is 0.65
11 percent. Indigenous CVAP would be 0.14 percent. And the
12 White CVAP would be 3.52 percent.

13 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Any questions on
14 this map?

15 I see Commissioner Fernández, then Akutagawa.

16 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Thank you, Chair. So on
17 this one, if I understood you correctly, Jaime, it's the
18 Latino is 88.75; is that what you said?

19 MS. CLARK: Let me pull it up one more time.

20 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: I'm sorry.

21 MS. CLARK: No, no problem. Thank you for that
22 question. It's 88.75 percent.

23 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Okay. So that seems to be
24 rather high for that area, so yeah. Okay. I just wanted
25 to get the clarification so I can think of different

1 visualizations for that. Thank you.

2 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Akutagawa; and then
3 Commissioner Kennedy.

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you. Again, looking
5 at the numbers from an Assembly perspective, I would be
6 interested in seeing a visualization that would include
7 Commerce, Lynwood, and possibly Paramount.

8 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

9 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Kennedy.

10 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. I would
11 like to see a visualization with Commerce and East Los
12 Angeles added.

13 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

14 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Ms. MacDonald, did you have a
15 comment?

16 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you.

17 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Your hand is raised.

18 MS. MACDONALD: I apologize.

19 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: No worries. If there are no
20 other questions, we'll move on to the next map. Oh. Did
21 I see a question over there?

22 Okay. Commissioner Sinay.

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: This may be out -- well, I
24 would like to see Watts be removed from -- from this one
25 and added with Compton. You know, obviously Willowbrook,

1 Carson, kind of, let me -- this is hard now. Okay. Let
2 me put it this way. Let me not have a visualization
3 because I think until -- this is another area, that until
4 we kind of have more understanding of the VRA, because
5 it'll be -- it'll be difficult.

6 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: So you're withdrawing your
7 visualization, or your direction?

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I'm going -- okay, this is what
9 I'd like to do, is get a visualization with Inglewood --
10 from Inglewood, to Watts, to Compton, you know, kind of
11 everything in there, and Hawthorne. Yeah, exactly; if
12 that's possible, please.

13 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay.
14 Commissioner Ahmad.

15 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Sorry. Pass.

16 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: No worries. Seeing no other --
17 Commissioner Akutagawa, did you have your hand
18 raised?

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Actually, if you
20 don't mind, can we -- can we go back up to the -- it was
21 the City of LA map. It is on page number 31 that had
22 West Adams and Mid-City. And I'd like to see a
23 visualization that includes that particular COI, but also
24 incorporating in the Empowerment Congress Neighborhood
25 Councils, which is north, it looks like northwest and

1 central as well as South Central Zapata King, and then
2 View Par-Windsor Hills, and Ladera Heights, all in one,
3 one visualization for that area. And then I think that
4 also then butts up to what Commissioner Sinay was also
5 mentioning.

6 Actually, I will give a suggested COI to potentially
7 look at. I would agree that perhaps looking at -- it
8 would be helpful to see Florence-Graham Neighborhood
9 Council, Watts, Lynwood, Willowbrook, Compton, West
10 Rancho Dominguez, Harbor Gateway, Gardena, Hawthorne,
11 Lennox, and Inglewood, along with Empowerment Congress
12 southeast area as well, in that larger area there.

13 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. And with that, we'll
14 go to the next map.

15 And I'll turn it over to Commissioner Sadhwani -- or
16 Chair Sadhwani, to take over.

17 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you. Thank you for that,
18 Commissioner Toledo. And my apologies to all; I think
19 the rain gods are watching over our process tonight
20 because it's raining in LA. That doesn't happen too
21 often.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yay.

23 CHAIR SADHWANI: And with rain comes traffic; so my
24 apologies for my tardiness.

25 Jaime, do you want to take it away?

1 MS. CLARK: Thank you. This visualization is on
2 page 37 of the PDF. This is Gateway, it's named, and it
3 includes the entire cities of Downey, Santa Fe Springs,
4 Norwalk, Bellflower, Artesia, and Cerritos. And this
5 area represents a total population of 383,312 people.

6 CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay. Great.

7 Commissioner Toledo.

8 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Can we have the citizens voting
9 age ratios for this?

10 MS. CLARK: One moment, please. For this
11 visualization the percent Latinx CVAP is 53.93 percent.
12 Percent Black CVAP is 7.75 percent. Percent Asian CVAP
13 is 19.29 percent. The percent Indigenous CVAP is 0.4
14 percent. And the percent White CVAP is 17.69 percent.

15 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

16 CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. Any additional comment,
17 Commissioner Toledo?

18 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: No. I believe Commissioner
19 Akutagawa has her hand raised.

20 CHAIR SADHWANI: Very good. Thank you.

21 Commissioner Akutagawa.

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you. I do have
23 some -- a request for a visualization on this one. It
24 would be to remove Cerritos and Artesia from this
25 visualization, and then to add the following: Paramount,

1 Lakewood, Pico Rivera. And then that would be one that
2 may get us up to around an Assembly district number,
3 potentially.

4 And again, I'm going to leave this up to the
5 discretion of the line drawers to achieve, potentially,
6 additional numbers for either an Assembly district, or
7 potentially, I'm not sure how much the numbers are going
8 to look like, but to include West and South Whittier, as
9 well as Whittier, the City of Whittier.

10 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

11 CHAIR SADHWANI: Commissioner Kennedy.

12 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you. I'd like to see a
13 visualization adding Paramount and Lynwood to this
14 visualization, because I think they were not included in
15 the one that we saw just previously that had South Gate,
16 Bell Gardens, Bell, et cetera.

17 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

18 CHAIR SADHWANI: Any additional comments on this
19 one? Jaime.

20 MS. CLARK: Moving on to visualization that was
21 requested, showing Montebello, Pico Rivera, and Whittier
22 together. This visualization represents a total
23 population of 213,863.

24 CHAIR SADHWANI: Commissioner Akutagawa.

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you. On this one I

1 would like to see a visualization that includes East LA,
2 Commerce, Rose Hills, West and South Whittier, Santa Fe
3 Springs, and possibly if we need to, again, the
4 discretion, I would say, add possibly Downey; and then
5 after that possibly Norwalk.

6 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

7 CHAIR SADHWANI: I would agree with those
8 directions.

9 Anyone else would want to weigh in on this one?
10 Jaime.

11 MS. CLARK: Thank you. Next, there are sort of a
12 series of visualizations for the Walnut, Diamond Bar
13 area. This is Walnut, Diamond Bar, and Industry, Walnut
14 and Diamond are split by Industry, and this is just the
15 boundaries of the City of Industry. So this
16 visualization is on page 42 of the PDF, and includes a
17 total population of 83,945.

18 Next up, was a request for Walnut and Diamond Bar to
19 be with Chino Hills. This is page 43 in the PDF. This
20 includes a total population of 162,490.

21 Moving on, this is Diamond Bar, Industry, Walnut,
22 and West Covina. This is page 44 of the PDF, and
23 includes a total population of 193,801.

24 And last one for this more immediate area. It's
25 Walnut, Industry, Diamond Bar, Roland Heights, Hacienda

1 Heights, and West Covina. This includes a total
2 population of 296,487. This is page 45 of the PDF.

3 And those are all of the visualizations for this
4 area.

5 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you for that, Jaime. I know
6 we received several pieces of public comment on this
7 area, but I'll allow Commissioners to jump in and weigh
8 in.

9 Commissioner Kennedy.

10 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. Could I
11 see -- I'd like to see a visualization with Walnut,
12 Diamond Bar, Chino Hills, Industry, Rowland Heights,
13 Hacienda Heights, and La Habra Heights. Thank you.

14 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

15 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you, Commissioner Kennedy.
16 Commissioner Toledo.

17 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: I'm just wondering if we took a
18 look at the visualization on page 46. I don't remember
19 if we -- if we saw that one, because it seems to be the
20 same area.

21 MS. CLARK: One moment, please. Oh. Pardon me. I
22 didn't mean to skip this one. This is Baldwin Hills,
23 West Covina, Walnut, Diamond Bar, Rowland Heights,
24 Industry, La Puente, Puente Valley, Valinda, Baldwin
25 Park; if I didn't name that one off yet. And this

1 represents a total population of 431,991.

2 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: A follow up to that. Can we get
3 the citizen voting age population for this area?

4 MS. CLARK: Yeah. One moment, please. So the
5 percent Latinx citizen voting age population for this
6 visualization is 51.38 percent, it's 3.41 percent Black
7 citizen voting age population, 32.45 percent Asian
8 citizen voting age population, 0.25 percent Indigenous
9 citizen voting age population, and for White citizen
10 voting age population it's 11.76 percent.

11 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

12 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you very much for that,
13 Jaime.

14 Commissioner Akutagawa.

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you. I have two
16 visualizations that I'm going to request out of this
17 particular one. First, visualization is to remove
18 Baldwin Park and West Covina from this, and to add
19 Hacienda Heights, La Habra Heights, and depending on what
20 the numbers may be, either for -- most likely an Assembly
21 district, I don't think it's going to be enough to get up
22 to a Congressional district, but Assembly district; if
23 you need to add Whittier, just the City of Whittier.

24 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Then the second

1 visualization is to keep it as is, but to remove Rowland
2 Heights --

3 MS. CLARK: Uh-huh.

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- Diamond Bar, Walnut, and
5 the South San Jose Hills.

6 MS. CLARK: Uh-huh.

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: And then also add El Monte,
8 North El Monte, Irwindale, Vincent, and Covina.

9 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

10 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you.

11 CHAIR SADHWANI: Commissioner Vázquez.

12 COMMISSIONER VÁZQUEZ: Yes. Thank you. I think, if
13 I could see a visualization that looks like what's
14 currently displayed, with the addition of Hacienda
15 Heights.

16 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

17 CHAIR SADHWANI: Commissioner Kennedy.

18 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. I was
19 wanting to see a visualization along the lines of what --
20 Commissioner Akutagawa's last one, but including South El
21 Monte as well. So I think that was, what's on the screen
22 minus Rowland Heights, Diamond Bar, Walnut, and Industry.
23 And so it would be West Covina, Valinda, La Puente,
24 Avocado Heights, Baldwin Park, El Monte, South El Monte,
25 and Irwindale.

1 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

2 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you.

3 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you, Commissioner Kennedy.

4 Also, I'll insert myself here. I'm wondering if we
5 can go back to the previous visualization in green on
6 page 45 of the documents. Thank you so much.

7 And Jaime, do you have the CVAP for this
8 visualization?

9 MS. CLARK: One moment, please. For this
10 visualization the percent Latinx CVAP is 36.13 percent,
11 for Black CVAP 3.93 percent, for Asian CVAP 43 percent,
12 Indigenous CVAP would be 0.28 percent, and the percent
13 White CVAP 17.78 percent.

14 CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. Thank you. So I think I
15 would just take this. And I believe Commissioner Kennedy
16 already provided some additional direction here. But I
17 would like to see this one to include portions,
18 potentially, of Whittier, La Habra Heights, and Chino
19 Hill -- Chino Hills.

20 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

21 CHAIR SADHWANI: Other Commissioners who want to
22 weigh in on this area?

23 All right. Jaime, I'll hand it back to you.

24 MS. CLARK: One moment. Okay. Moving on to Pomona
25 Valley area, we just had one visualization request from

1 last time. This is Cities of Pomona, Claremont,
2 Montclair, Upland, and Ontario. This represents a total
3 population of 484,345. And it's page number 48 on the
4 handout.

5 CHAIR SADHWANI: Commissioner Sinay.

6 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Is the white area
7 unincorporated area that's below Montclair?

8 MS. CLARK: It's unincorporated area.

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I'm not sure what freeway that
10 is that's kind of going across Ontario and Pomona, by the
11 white area. But could we have a visual -- okay, we don't
12 want to split Chino. Okay. Could we have a
13 visualization that would include the unincorporated
14 areas?

15 MS. CLARK: Yes.

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So the same -- the same one,
17 but including the unincorporated area?

18 MS. CLARK: Yes.

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you.

20 CHAIR SADHWANI: Commissioner Kennedy.

21 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. Could we
22 have a visualization based on this, adding Chino, Rancho
23 Cucamonga, and San Antonio Heights, please?

24 MS. CLARK: Yes.

25 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you.

1 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you, Commissioner Kennedy.

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Commissioner Kennedy, do you
3 want the unincorporated areas as well that are between
4 Chino, and Pomona, and Ontario?

5 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes, please.

6 CHAIR SADHWANI: Commissioner Sinay, do you have
7 another comment?

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: No.

9 CHAIR SADHWANI: Commissioner Akutagawa.

10 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you. I would build
11 on what Commissioner Kennedy just asked for. So the
12 current visualization, including what he requested,
13 Rancho Cucamonga, and I think he also asked for Chino. I
14 would also ask for one that would add San Dimas, and La
15 Verne, and to see whether or not that would actually
16 create a Congressional district along those Foothills.

17 Also, additionally, a second visualization that
18 would be San Dimas, La Verne, with the current
19 visualization, and also San Antonio Heights, and Rancho
20 Cucamonga; so basically excluding Chino from --

21 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- from the second
23 visualization. Thank you.

24 CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. I would agree with that as
25 well. Others who might want to weigh in on this

1 crossover district between LA County and San Bernardino?

2 Commissioner Akutagawa, did you have another
3 comment? No. Okay.

4 Jaime, I think we can keep moving.

5 MS. CLARK: Thank you. So next, we're moving to the
6 210 Corridor, and we got direction for visualizations of
7 the whole 210 Corridor. I'm going to display that on the
8 map right now. This is from Altadena, all the way to
9 Claremont. The total population of the area represented
10 in this visualization is 536,088.

11 We also got a direction to make two districts -- or
12 two visualizations, excuse me, along this corridor. So
13 this is labeled as Central San Gabriel Valley. It's page
14 number 54 of the PDF. This is Monrovia, Sierra Madre,
15 Arcadia, Rosemead, Monterey Park, South El Monte, Avocado
16 Heights, West Puente Valley, Baldwin Park, et cetera,
17 these areas here. And this represents a total population
18 of 652,936.

19 Another visualization along 210 Corridor; this is
20 Azusa, Glendora, San Dimas, out to Claremont, including
21 Covina, West Covina, this area, this visualization on
22 page 52 of the PDF. And this represents a total
23 population of 513,274 -- 413,274.

24 And last but not least, so the last visualization
25 that was requested. This is on page 51 of the PDF. And

1 this is the whole 210 Corridor from Altadena to
2 Claremont, including Irwindale, and includes the Angeles
3 National Forest area. And this represents a total
4 population of 546,590.

5 CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. Thank you for that, Jaime.

6 And Commissioner Kennedy, my apologies, I saw you.

7 I just wanted to let Jaime finish that presentation.

8 Commissioner Kennedy.

9 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you. Well, actually,
10 it's timely because I'd like to see exactly this minus
11 Pasadena and Altadena.

12 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

13 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: And San Pasqual. Thank you.

14 MS. CLARK: Minus, yeah?

15 CHAIR SADHWANI: Yeah, that's --

16 MS. CLARK: Okay.

17 CHAIR SADHWANI: Commissioner Toledo.

18 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah. I was wondering --
19 wondering if we can get the CVAP data for this
20 visualization.

21 MS. CLARK: One moment. For this visualization the
22 percent Latinx CVAP 29.26 percent citizen voting age
23 population, it also is 7.75 percent Black citizen voting
24 age population, 17.78 percent Asian citizen voting age
25 population, 0.58 percent Indigenous citizen voting age

1 population, and 43.55 percent White citizen voting age
2 population.

3 CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. Thank you for that, Jaime.
4 Commissioner Toledo, any follow-up?

5 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: No. But thank you.

6 CHAIR SADHWANI: Very good. Commissioner Akutagawa.

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: On this map I actually
8 recall hearing COI testimony about extending out the
9 district further along those Foothills. So one
10 visualization would be adding La Canada, Flintridge, and
11 La Crescenta, and the mountains -- you know, of the
12 Angeles Mountains that extend up into that area.

13 And then I'm going to just say this to the line
14 drawers, in terms of being able to reach a number that
15 could be an appropriate Congressional district with the
16 addition of those two cities, perhaps going into that
17 little tip of Glendale above the 210, and into the
18 Sunland-Tujunga area.

19 I recall that there was COI testimony that said that
20 the Foothills from that area all the way across to
21 Claremont is a community of interest. So I'd be
22 interested in seeing a visualization on that.

23 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

24 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you for that.

25 Commissioner Kennedy.

1 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Just to clarify. When I was
2 asking for a visualization that excluded Pasadena and
3 Altadena from this, I would also exclude the portions of
4 the National Forest that are immediately adjacent to
5 those. Thanks.

6 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thanks. Commissioner Sinay.

7 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you. So this came based
8 on the -- a vision -- I had a vision -- a visualization
9 with Altadena, Pasadena, South Pasadena, Glendale, la
10 Canada, Flintridge, and Burbank. And I might have missed
11 a city in there. I guess Montrose and --

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It doesn't have to look
13 (Indiscernible), no.

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So if I could have a
15 visualization with that, please.

16 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

17 CHAIR SADHWANI: A lot of action in my hometown.

18 Commissioner Akutagawa.

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Sorry. I thought
20 Commissioner Kennedy was asking for a map that excluded
21 the mountains and also excluded Pasadena. There is a
22 similar map to what she's asking for, which is on PDF
23 page 50 which is -- just hugs the coast -- I mean, the
24 Foothills. And I can't remember if you presented that.

25 MS. CLARK: Yes. And if I could clarify with

1 Commissioner Kennedy; you wanted to include the mountains
2 north of this area, but not include the -- not include
3 the mountains. So basically it was like this, minus
4 Altadena, Pasadena, San Pasqual, and not including the
5 mountains north of those areas.

6 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Not including the mountains
7 adjacent to Altadena.

8 MS. CLARK: Yes.

9 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I would have mountains
10 adjacent to Sierra Madre, Monrovia, et cetera.

11 MS. CLARK: Right.

12 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: All the way to Claremont,
13 yes. Thank you.

14 MS. CLARK: Yes. Right. So just kind of this, but
15 discluding, the area I'm circling with the hand on the
16 map. Understood; thank you.

17 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yeah. Thank you.

18 CHAIR SADHWANI: Commissioner Andersen.

19 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes. I'd like to see one
20 that's similar to what Commissioner Kennedy just said,
21 except, so essentially start at Sierra Madre, Arcadia,
22 including the mountains north, but go east and all the
23 way, including Upland, San Antonio Heights, and Rancho
24 Cucamonga, but stop the mountains in -- above Upland and
25 Rancho Cucamonga, just south of [Ly-le] Creek -- Lytle

1 Creek. So kind of in there, wherever those census blocks
2 are. Kind of -- yes, correct. And kind of in that, like
3 going, and then you have to come up and then cut --
4 exactly, something like that. Thank you.

5 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

6 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you. Commissioner Turner.

7 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Uh-huh. Jaime, just a point
8 of clarification, I'm wondering how fast your fingers
9 are. When Commissioners are asking for CVAP data, are
10 you providing CVAP data based on what currently is? Or
11 are you adjusting for what they're asking to remove?

12 MS. CLARK: Oh yeah. It's just for what's currently
13 in the visualization.

14 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay.

15 MS. CLARK: Yeah.

16 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thanks.

17 MS. CLARK: Uh-huh.

18 CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. Thank you. Any additional
19 comments or requests for visualizations in this area?

20 Commissioner Akutagawa.

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Just for clarification, can
22 I go on to another map? Or is it just with what we've
23 been talking about around the Foothills?

24 CHAIR SADHWANI: I think Jaime is going to introduce
25 the maps first before we --

1 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Oh, no. I'm talking about
2 the San Gabriel Valley.

3 CHAIR SADHWANI: Yeah. Let's let Jaime introduce
4 those first, and then we can move into that conversation.

5 MS. CLARK: So we've seen all of the
6 visualizations --

7 CHAIR SADHWANI: Oh.

8 MS. CLARK: -- that have been prepared, and can
9 discuss any area.

10 CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. Thank you.

11 Go ahead, Commissioner Akutagawa.

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. All right. Then I'd
13 like to go to PDF page 52, which is the AD East SGV_1004.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: East of SGV, 210?

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. So it's the -- it's
16 mainly the areas that are east of the 605.

17 MS. CLARK: Uh-huh.

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: And I'd like to see what it
19 would look like. A visualization that would include La
20 Puente, Industry, and Avocado heights, and I would also
21 say, if you need to reduce some of the population,
22 perhaps remove South San Jose Hills. I know we did get
23 COI input asking that South San Jose Hills be attached,
24 or be placed together with Walnut, and Diamond Bar, and
25 Rowland Heights, so that I would just leave up to you.

1 MS. CLARK: Okay. So sort of splitting West Covina,
2 here, to include South San Jose Hills with this area?

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Is South -- is that its own
4 city? I think that's why. Yeah.

5 MS. CLARK: Yeah.

6 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Oh. Okay. I see it now.
7 It looks a little misleading on the -- on the PDF that I
8 got. Let's just leave them in there then.

9 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

10 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you.

11 CHAIR SADHWANI: Additional comments -- I think,
12 Jaime, it sounds like we've gone through all of the
13 visualizations at this point.

14 Additional comments from Commissioners? Any
15 additional visualizations you'd like to see? Or any
16 areas you might want to discuss at this point?

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Chair, can I also
18 speak then, the other maps that I'd like to just also --

19 CHAIR SADHWANI: Sorry about that. Yeah, go ahead.

20 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: All right. The next one
21 would be on PDF page 54.

22 MS. CLARK: I don't have the PDF open in front of
23 me, do you have the name of the --

24 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Oh. It's the Central --
25 it's the Central San Gabriel Valley_10004 --

1 MS. CLARK: Got it. Thank you.

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- or 1004. Okay. On this
3 one, I would like to remove Sierra Madre, Monrovia,
4 Bradbury, Duarte, Irwindale, and Baldwin Park. And I'd
5 like to add Alhambra, San Marino, South Pasadena,
6 Montebello, and East LA.

7 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you. And then one
9 additional one, it's the AD SGV, I think -- yean, I don't
10 think I spoke much about this one. On this particular
11 one, again, just to get -- for the sake of perhaps
12 getting it closer to the Assembly district numbers. I
13 would like to see perhaps adding Montebello, and then
14 South El Monte, and then El Monte, west of the 605.

15 And if you have to remove to make the Assembly
16 district numbers work, then I would suggest -- then I
17 would say start with removing El Monte West of the 605
18 first, and then move to removing South El Monte. And
19 that is it. Thank you.

20 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you so much, Commissioner
21 Akutagawa.

22 Commissioner Toledo.

23 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Yes. On the map on page 52, the
24 Eastern San Gabriel Valley, 210, I seem to remember that
25 the African-American community want it to be kept

1 together in this -- in this area. I remember a
2 significant community of interest testimony. I'm just
3 wondering if we could look at the Black CVAP for this
4 area.

5 MS. CLARK: The Black CVAP for this visualization is
6 4.15 percent citizen voting age population.

7 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. And just a quick
8 question for the line drawers; were you able to keep
9 communities together at the areas that are, you know,
10 African-American?

11 MS. CLARK: Yeah. So this visualization is based
12 off of entire cities, and we definitely do them looking
13 at communities of interest testimony that have been
14 submitted.

15 VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Appreciate it. Thank you.

16 MS. CLARK: Yeah, thank you.

17 CHAIR SADHWANI: Commissioner Akutagawa, did you
18 have another comment?

19 Commissioner Kennedy.

20 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. Just back
21 to Commissioner Akutagawa's request in relation to the AD
22 West SGV visualization, I am suggesting that we update
23 the population numbers for California redistricting
24 document, there was a handout for today's meeting, with
25 one that includes the full Safe Harbor ranges, because

1 the -- that AD SGV West visualization already falls
2 within the margins on that.

3 And so I'm thinking that if we can provide an
4 updated population document that includes the full
5 ranges, we might -- that might help us see things faster,
6 that are potential districts. Thank you.

7 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you for that, Commissioner
8 Kennedy, and we'll try to update that document for
9 everybody.

10 Additional commentary? If not, I believe we have
11 finished LA County.

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Sara?

13 CHAIR SADHWANI: Yeah.

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: A lot of people have been
15 disconnected. So that's why there's a little bit of
16 chaos over here.

17 CHAIR SADHWANI: Oh.

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So we're just trying to get
19 back -- get everyone back online.

20 CHAIR SADHWANI: Got it. We want to take -- thank
21 you for letting me know. I wasn't aware of that. Do we
22 need to take a short break?

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I'm seeing nods of yeses.

24 CHAIR SADHWANI: Yes. Okay.

25 Kristian, do you have a sense of how long you need?

1 Do you want to take a quick five minute; or do you need
2 ten minutes?

3 MR. MANOFF: Yeah. Give us five minutes, Chair.

4 CHAIR SADHWANI: You bet. Okay. So we'll come back
5 at 6:07.

6 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 6:02 p.m.
7 until 6:07 p.m.)

8 CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. Thank you. And thank you
9 to those watching out there, for bearing with us through
10 some technical difficulties. We are back. We have
11 completed our review of all of the visualizations. Very
12 exciting.

13 I think, Marcy, I think if your staff could read
14 back some of the directions that have been given for the
15 next step. Is Director Kaplan and team available?

16 DIRECTOR KAPLAN: Kimberly on our team is on, and
17 she should be able to -- she's been taking amazing notes,
18 so.

19 CHAIR SADHWANI: Awesome.

20 DIRECTOR KAPLAN: Kimberly, if you can unmute and
21 start your video if you want to go over the notes. Thank
22 you.

23 MS. BRIGGS: Thanks so much. Can you all hear me?

24 CHAIR SADHWANI: Yes, we can.

25 MS. BRIGGS: Okay. I'm just going to start from the

1 beginning. And if I miss anything, just please call me
2 out. So during the first half of the day, Commissioner
3 Sinay said wanted a visualization of Asian citizen voting
4 age populations, CVAPs, of different ethnic enclaves,
5 like Koreatown, Japantown, Chinatown, and Thai Town.
6 Also take into consideration committees of interest input
7 that may not fit the CVAP definition.

8 Commissioner Akutagawa for AD Central DTLA, wants
9 Little Tokyo, Chinatown, and Koreatown included in this
10 visualization.

11 Commissioner Sinay mentioned for the visualization
12 of the South Bay, like San Pedro, Wilmington, Harbor City
13 and Lomita, the Harbor Gateway, these all need to be
14 together, include Encinitas. Commissioner Sadhwani
15 stated -- go ahead?

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I don't think it included
17 Encinitas.

18 MS. BRIGGS: Okay.

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Encinitas is all the way the
20 way down in San Diego. So let me figure out what it was.

21 MS. BRIGGS: Oh. Yeah, I don't know how this -- I
22 don't know how this got here. Okay.

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I was like -- I was like, let's
24 see here, wait that sounds wrong, but I'll get -- I'll
25 get back to you.

1 MS. BRIGGS: Okay. Commissioner Sadhwani, for
2 Antelope, Santa Clarita, Kern, Edwards Base
3 visualization, she requested to extend down along the
4 north side of the 210 Freeway, possibly into La Canada,
5 Altadena, and Pasadena. You added the two, the Angeles
6 Crest Highway runs through mountain range used by many
7 people in Antelope Valley, who work at JPL, it's common
8 sense to connect them, but also respects LA County
9 boundaries to see what this looks like. This includes
10 taking into consideration places like Sunland, LA Canada,
11 and the Central Valley.

12 Commissioner Akutagawa, for the Antelope, Santa
13 Clarita, Kern Edwards Base visualization, asked to go up
14 further north and incorporate China Lake.

15 Commissioner Vázquez, for Antelope, Santa Clarita,
16 Kern, Edwards Base visualization requested, not to
17 include areas down the hill of Antelope Valley.

18 Commissioner Andersen for the Antelope Valley,
19 Angeles Mountains requested breakdown of dividing this
20 section up where there appears to be no population.

21 Starting the second block of the meeting,
22 Commissioner Akutagawa for the Antelope Valley north of
23 SFV visualization, asked to include Angeles Mountains,
24 Pasadena, Altadena, La Canada, Foothill communities, and
25 the Foothill communities surrounding JPL; and Sadhwani

1 agreed.

2 Commissioner Sinay, for the San Fernando Valley,
3 Bell Canyon visualization, requested that you split east
4 to west, 405 to the 5 Freeway, split north to south, but
5 was unsure where the boundaries were.

6 Commissioner Andersen added north-south boundaries
7 included Porter Ranch, Granada Hills, Sylmar going up to
8 Santa Clarita, Chatsworth, Hidden Hills, Bell Canyon --
9 oh, and added and added that Bell Canyon needs to be with
10 the East because you can't get to Bell Canyon from the
11 West.

12 Commissioner Andersen, for San Fernando Valley, the
13 Bell Canyon visualization asked -- or she said she saw
14 three Assembly districts -- she wants to see it broken up
15 into three Assembly districts. For the San Fernando
16 Valley visualization, Pasadena, it looks to be an
17 Assembly district.

18 Commissioner Akutagawa, for the San Fernando Valley
19 visualization asked to remove Sylmar, remove San Fernando
20 Valley, remove the Foothill Trails, remove Sunland-
21 Tujunga, and NoHo West, which is West Hollywood, remove
22 Van Nuys. She's wondering if doing this would bring it
23 down to a Congressional district number.

24 Commissioner Akutagawa added for West Hills, Bell
25 Canyon, Hidden Hills, Santa Susana, don't know if it

1 would bring up to at least an Assembly district. I was
2 also thinking from a Congressional district point of view
3 to also extend it to include Camarillo, [So-mas] -- Somis
4 also on the map, Somis and to Santa Rosa Valley, in
5 addition to Bell Canyon, West Hills, Hidden Hills, Santa
6 Susana, and West Hills.

7 She added to not split Camarillo, but that would be
8 the dividing line. And then going further westward would
9 be Port Hueneme, and Oxnard. El Rio and Ventura would be
10 separate.

11 For the Malibu with Coastal LA visualization, I have
12 Malibu is best to be removed, I believe is from
13 Akutagawa.

14 For the north of LAX visualization, Akutagawa said,
15 El Segundo, Westwood Neighborhood Council, right next to
16 Santa Monica, where the squiggly line is, she thinks
17 that's the Palisades, to add these places, and possibly
18 include Inglewood.

19 Commissioner Vázquez, for the north of LAX map, for
20 visualization, requested two maps, one removing
21 Inglewood.

22 Commissioner Andersen for the North of LAX
23 visualization said, include El Segundo, Palisades, and
24 Westwood area, add area up north on the beach.

25 Commissioner Sinay, for the north of LAX

1 visualization said, do not include Westwood. She was on
2 the fence about Culver City, said add El Segundo, Pacific
3 Palisades, and Bel Air to this visualization.

4 Commissioner Akutagawa, for the north of LAX
5 visualization asked for one visualization to have Palms
6 included, and for one, Palms not to be included.

7 A general statement is asking a line drawers to rely
8 on COI input and best judgment for some of the Assembly
9 districts.

10 Commissioner Vázquez, for the north of LAX
11 visualization said to use the 405 as a west boundary,
12 cutting Culver City and going further south into Bel Air.

13 Commissioner Akutagawa, for the LA South Bay
14 visualization, asked for different versions; one, to keep
15 El Segundo, add Hawthorne, Lawndale, and Gardena to be an
16 Assembly district. The second visualization she
17 requested is to add Harbor Gateway and West Carson, to
18 see if you need to add all of Carson. Add Rancho
19 Dominguez. If you added all of Carson, she's asking if
20 we can get a Congressional -- if you're finding that
21 you're over population in terms of Congressional district
22 numbers, another option would be to remove Lomita from
23 that second visualization request.

24 Commissioner Sinay, for the Malibu with coastal LA
25 visualization said to take Malibu out, add Lomita, Culver

1 City, and Mar Vista.

2 Multiple Commissioners requested a visualization
3 request for the Harbor Gateway area.

4 Commissioner Sinay, for the Long Beach, Signal Hill
5 visualization asked to add Catalina, Rossmoor, and Los
6 Alamitos.

7 Commissioner Akutagawa, for the Long Beach, Signal
8 Hill visualization, said to add Catalina, Rossmoor, Los
9 Alamitos, and Lakewood. Commissioner Akutagawa, for the
10 Long Beach, Signal Hill visualization said to add
11 Wilmington, San Pedro, Lomita for Congressional.
12 Carson -- oh, I'm sorry. Add that -- so for the first
13 visualization for Long Beach, Signal Hill, is to add
14 Wilmington, San Pedro, and Lomita. For Congressional,
15 Carson, Wilmington, San Pedro, Lomita, Harbor Gateway,
16 Harbor City, West Carson, 110 Corridor, Port of LA and
17 the cities that surround it.

18 Commissioner Andersen, for the Long Beach Signal
19 Hill visualization, was thinking of it as a Senate
20 district and wanted Carson, Wilmington, San Pedro,
21 Lomita, Harbor Gateway, Harbor City, West Carson, 110
22 Corridor, and the Port of LA cities that surround it.

23 Commissioner Akutagawa, for the Northeast LA
24 visualization asked to remove Eagle Rock, remove Glassell
25 Park, remove Highland Park, remove Silver Lake, but may

1 include Thai Town.

2 Commissioner Turner, for the Northeast LA
3 visualization asked to remove Eagle Rock, remove Glassell
4 Park, add West Adams, and add the South Central area.

5 Commissioner Akutagawa, for the Northeast LA
6 visualization asked to remove Eagle Rock, remove Glassell
7 Park, add West Adams, and South Central area, and add
8 Silver Lake.

9 Commissioner Vázquez, for Northeast LA visualization
10 asked to remove Eagle Rock, remove Glassell Park, remove
11 Silver Lake and go south per Commissioner Turner's
12 suggestion.

13 A new visualization request from Commissioner
14 Sadhwani was one that included Burbank, Glendale,
15 Pasadena, Eagle Rock, and South Pasadena.

16 Commissioner Sadhwani, for the Northeast LA
17 visualization asked to take Koreatown out.

18 Commissioner Akutagawa, for the Northeast LA
19 visualization, said to take out Silver Lake, take out
20 Glassell Park, take out Eagle Rock, take out East LA;
21 include Koreatown and Olympic Park; adding that La Brea
22 is the dividing line.

23 Commissioner Akutagawa, for the Southgate area
24 visualization, said for Assembly include Commerce,
25 Lynwood, and Paramount.

1 Commissioner Kennedy, for the Southgate area, said
2 add commerce and East LA.

3 Commissioner Sinay asked for a new visualization
4 request from Inglewood, to Watts, to Compton and
5 Hawthorne.

6 Commissioner Akutagawa said, add Empowerment
7 Congress. I believe this is a new request, by the way.
8 Adding Empowerment Congress, Northwest, Central, South
9 Central, Zapata King, View Park, Windsor Hills, and
10 Ladera Heights.

11 Commissioner Akutagawa, another new visualization
12 request is Florence-Graham Neighborhood Council, Watts,
13 Lynwood, Willowbrook, Compton, West Rancho Dominguez,
14 Harbor Gateway, Gardena, Hawthorne, Lennox, and
15 Inglewood, along with Empowerment Congress southeast
16 area, and that larger area.

17 Commissioner Akutagawa, for the Gateway
18 visualization, asked to remove Cerritos and Artesia, and
19 to add Paramount, Lakewood, and Pico Rivera for Assembly.

20 Commissioner Akutagawa, for the Gateway
21 visualization, asked to include West and South Whittier,
22 as well as the City of Whittier.

23 Commissioner Kennedy, for the Gateway visualization
24 asked to add Paramount and Lynwood.

25 Commissioner Akutagawa, for the Montebello, Pico

1 Rivera, Lynwood visualization, asked to add East LA,
2 Commerce, Rose Hills, West and South Whittier, Santa Fe
3 Springs, and possibly Downey and Norwalk.

4 Commissioner Kennedy asked for a new visualization
5 request. And this will be Walnut, Diamond Bar, Chino
6 Hills, Industry, Rowland Heights, Hacienda Heights, and
7 La Habra Heights.

8 Commissioner Akutagawa for -- the neighborhood name
9 wasn't showing up, but it was West Covina, Hacienda
10 Heights, that area; I didn't see the correct name on the
11 screen. But she was asking to remove Baldwin Park, West
12 Covina, adding Hacienda Heights, and La Habra Heights,
13 and if necessary, adding Whittier.

14 Another visualization request for this area from
15 Commissioner Akutagawa was to keep as is; remove Rowland
16 Heights, Diamond Bar, Walnut, and the South San Jose
17 Hills. And add El Monte, North El Monte, Irwindale,
18 Vincent, and Covina.

19 Commissioner Vázquez, for this visualization, asked
20 to keep as is but add Hacienda Heights.

21 Commissioner Kennedy, for this visualization, asked
22 to include South El Monte, but take out Rowland Heights,
23 West Covina, Valinda, Baldwin Park, El Monte, and
24 Irwindale.

25 Commissioner Sadhwani, for the Diamond, Walnut,

1 Covina, and multiple cities visualization; said to add
2 Whittier, La Habra Heights, and Chino Hills.

3 Commissioner Sinay, for the Inland Empire, LA, San
4 Bernardino Counties' visualization, asked to include
5 unincorporated areas.

6 Commissioner Kennedy, for the Inland Empire, LA, San
7 Bernardino Counties' visualization asked to add Chino,
8 Rancho Cucamonga, San Antonio Heights, and include
9 unincorporated areas.

10 Commissioner Akutagawa, for the Inland Empire, LA,
11 San Bernardino counties' visualization, said the same as
12 Kennedy's -- do the same as Commissioner Kennedy's
13 suggestion, but to take out Chino.

14 Commissioner Akutagawa, for the Inland Empire, LA,
15 San Bernardino Counties' visualization said to do it as
16 is, but add San Dimas and La Verne.

17 Commissioner Kennedy, for the San Gabriel Valley,
18 Angeles Mountains visualization, said to take out
19 Pasadena, take out Altadena, take out San Pasqual, and
20 take out the National Forest immediately adjacent to
21 Altadena, but include the mountains adjacent to the
22 Sierra Madre, Monrovia, et cetera.

23 Commissioner Akutagawa, for the San Gabriel Valley,
24 Angeles Mountains visualization, said to add La Canada,
25 Flintridge, Crescenta (sic), and the Angeles mountains

1 that extend into that area. Go into Glendale above the
2 210 and to Sunland-Tujunga area.

3 Commissioner Sinay, for the San Gabriel Valley,
4 Angeles Mountains visualization, said to include
5 Altadena, Pasadena, South Pasadena, Glendale, La Canada,
6 Flintridge, and Burbank.

7 Commissioner Andersen asked for a new visualization
8 request that asked to start at Sierra Madre, and Arcadia,
9 include mountains north, but go east all the way until --
10 including Upland, San Antonio Heights, and Rancho
11 Cucamonga. Stop at the mountains above Upland and Rancho
12 Cucamonga, just south of Lytle Creek.

13 Commissioner Akutagawa, for the AD East San Gabriel
14 Valley visualization, asked to add La Puente, Industry,
15 Avocado Heights.

16 Commissioner Akutagawa, for the Central San Gabriel
17 Valley visualization, asked to remove Sierra Madre,
18 Monrovia, Bradbury, Irwindale, and Baldwin Park; and ask
19 to add Alhambra, San Marino, South Pasadena, and
20 Montebello, and East LA.

21 Commissioner Akutagawa, for AD West San Gabriel
22 Valley, asked to add Montebello, South El Monte, El
23 Monte -- and El Monte West of the 605. If you have to
24 remove to make the Assembly district numbers work, she
25 suggested, starting with removing El Monte west of the

1 605 first, and then move to removing South El Monte.

2 Those are the notes I have.

3 CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. Kimberly, thank you so
4 much. That was no small undertaking. So I really
5 appreciate, overall.

6 I saw -- I know Commissioner Vázquez has had her
7 hand up. If any Commissioners heard anything that was
8 not reflective of your original comments also, please,
9 please do let us know.

10 Commissioner Vázquez.

11 COMMISSIONER VÁZQUEZ: Yes. Thank you for that
12 wonderful summary. I just wanted to flag for the group
13 as a whole, because this came up during one of the
14 mapping sessions that there is a neighborhood council
15 just south of Downtown Los Angeles, called South Central.
16 That's its formal -- formal name. And there is an area
17 now named South LA in Los Angeles that used to be South
18 Central. And so many of the public comments have
19 referred to South Central, and keeping South Central
20 whole.

21 And I just really wanted to impress upon the mappers
22 and the Commissioners, when we're reviewing community of
23 interest input, to be very mindful of that distinction
24 because they're two pretty different geographies of Los
25 Angeles, and different communities so -- and there may

1 not be that distinction within the community of
2 interest -- within every community of interest input; so
3 just wanted to flag that for the future.

4 CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. Thank you for that,
5 Commissioner Vázquez. A really important distinction to
6 make as we move forward and try to untangle LA.

7 Any other response to the notes?

8 With that, we have come to an end of our discussion
9 of Los Angeles visualizations.

10 Tomorrow, we're going to be back at it looking at,
11 let's see, the coastal areas, and the Bay Area in the
12 morning, beginning at 11 a.m. We're going to -- you
13 know, we spent a lot of time on LA. We specifically
14 started in Los Angeles and allocated the entire day.
15 It's a huge area. And we also knew we were new to this.
16 And so we, of course, opened with a lot of process
17 questions and discussion about how we were going to move
18 forward.

19 My hope and sense is that as we move forward, we'll
20 have a better -- a better idea of where this process is
21 going, and that we'll move a little bit quicker but
22 still, certainly, give adequate time to all of those
23 areas.

24 So our agenda for tomorrow will be the Coastal --
25 Coastal California in the morning, two ninety-minute

1 blocks with a fifteen-minute break in between, followed
2 by lunch in the afternoon. And into the evening, we'll
3 take a look at inland -- Northern California and the
4 Central Coast, again, two ninety-minute blocks. And I'll
5 do my best to keep us on track in terms of that time
6 allocation.

7 On Wednesday, we'll be back at it at 9:30 a.m., in
8 which we will take a closer look at Southern California,
9 Orange County, San Diego, Imperial, and Inland Empire.
10 Again, I've also allocated the same amount, two ninety-
11 minute blocks there, but certainly if we need to go into
12 that time period after lunch, there's a little bit of
13 flexibility there to complete any unfinished work before
14 we move on to taking public comment.

15 Commissioner Yee.

16 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you, Chair. I just wanted
17 to make a comment on the suggestion made earlier about
18 the population table for our target populations for
19 districts, and the idea of adding a range based on Safe
20 Harbor percentages. In the Mapping Playbook draft, there
21 was actually a range included in the Assembly and Senate
22 districts, and VRA Counsel actually suggested that we
23 take that out.

24 The reason being, as they said, it's better to think
25 of the target, really, as zero percent, and the range

1 well established by, you know, case law, and such has
2 been -- come as Safe Harbor, that shouldn't be construed
3 as like guardrails. And you can just stay anywhere
4 within that range without really having to think very
5 much about it. Rather, the range is more to use when you
6 have good reason to use it in a specific case.

7 So I don't know if there's more to say about that.
8 It looks like Mr. Woocher or Mr. Becker may still be with
9 us. I don't know if either of them might have a thought
10 on that.

11 But I don't know. Maybe it's better not to have
12 just the set of numbers out there, and to make it appear
13 that anything in that range is just okay. At the same
14 time, of course it's useful to be able to think about the
15 numbers when you need to.

16 CHAIR SADHWANI: Yeah.

17 COMMISSIONER YEE: So I'm not quite sure about how
18 to get that --

19 MR. WOOCHEER: I mean, the issue was --

20 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah.

21 MR. WOOCHEER: -- whether or not to make a -- to have
22 a range that was acceptable. And we advised against
23 that. But to know what the numbers are, I don't see a
24 problem with that. If you just want to translate what
25 one percent or two percent is in terms of numbers of

1 people, so people have some sense of that in their mind.

2 That's fine.

3 COMMISSIONER YEE: Uh-huh. Mr. Becker?

4 MR. BECKER: Yeah, I agree. I just, if you wanted
5 to -- if you wanted to just put the Safe Harbor plus or
6 minus five percent out there, I think that'd be fine.
7 That doesn't mean it's a target. That doesn't mean
8 anything other than the fact that that's mathematically
9 what's plus or minus five percent of these -- of the
10 districts. That's a fact. That's certainly not a
11 privileged fact.

12 I mean it's math is math -- I know you were told
13 there'd be no math, you probably weren't told that, I'm
14 pretty sure, but there's plenty of math. But yeah, I
15 think it'd be perfectly fine to -- for each of the
16 ideal -- each of ideal districts with what -- with the
17 exception of Congress, of course, where plus or minus
18 five percent would be; Congress, that would be not a
19 relevant fact.

20 COMMISSIONER YEE: Very good. Thank you.

21 CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. Thank you for that. So we
22 will work to add those ranges to that document then, with
23 the reminder that that's a very broad range.

24 Commissioner Fernández.

25 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Thank you, Chair. So I'm

1 just -- as you mentioned earlier, this is new to us and
2 we're just trying to, you know, work our way through
3 this. So with these visualizations, and then we provided
4 direction on new visualizations, which we'll see next
5 week, so I'm trying to understand and grasp the process.

6 So the visualizations we saw today, will those go
7 away, and we have a new set? And there was also, at the
8 beginning, when Jaime walked us through, I think it was
9 five or six that were some that were developed in
10 conjunction with the VRA team.

11 So I guess I'm just trying to understand what the
12 process is. Do we start whittling it down, and then when
13 the actual live line drawing process will begin for us?
14 I'm just trying to see where we're headed, and you
15 probably already said it maybe last week, and maybe I
16 wasn't paying as close attention as I should have been
17 paying. But thank you.

18 CHAIR SADHWANI: Not paying attention, Commissioner
19 Fernández. I wonder if Karin or Jaime might want to jump
20 in here and provide a little insight in terms of process
21 and what we can expect from the visualizations from --
22 for next week, given the feedback that we've -- that
23 you've received?

24 MS. MACDONALD: Yes. Hello. And thank you very
25 much for giving us this opportunity to weigh in.

1 So the idea is to take all of your input, and take
2 the continued -- and all your direction, I should say,
3 and take the continued direction or input from VRA
4 Counsel also. And try to stitch things together into a
5 more full, overall visualization for the area that Jaime
6 has presented today.

7 So hopefully you will see something that, you know,
8 somewhat fits together, and then you can start working
9 based on that. So things are not just going to be
10 floating in space, but rather be a little bit better
11 connected along the lines of what you saw this morning
12 when Jaime started to present the first few
13 visualizations; if that makes sense at all.

14 CHAIR SADHWANI: Commissioner Fernández, do you want
15 to ask a follow up?

16 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: So just for -- just to make
17 sure I understood. So the ones -- the visualizations
18 that we saw today for LA County, those will be -- we'll
19 have new ones next week, right? So it's not like we
20 continue to carry on like this, you know, are LEGOs,
21 building blocks, and we'll have like 300 visualizations
22 at some point. Okay. Wonderful.

23 MS. MACDONALD: Yeah.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: I was starting to get just
25 a little bit overwhelmed with --

1 MS. MACDONALD: Yes.

2 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: -- trying to keep track of
3 everything. Okay. And then well also -- what about the
4 ones that you showed in the beginning; those were just
5 examples, I'm guessing? The ones that you built that
6 were in conjunction with the VRA team that actually were
7 the size of what an Assembly district could look like?
8 So are we doing away with those as well? Are we going to
9 be able to keep and maybe go back to them? So I'm
10 just --

11 MS. MACDONALD: Yeah. So Jaime is going to be
12 building the entire area, basically. So you will
13 probably see some things that will be very reminiscent of
14 what you saw this morning because those already did fit
15 together, but you also gave additional direction, so all
16 of that direction will be factored into it. And you
17 know, there may also be additional -- additional analysis
18 forthcoming from VRA Counsel. So we'll try to fold that
19 all in, and you know, give you the best visualizations
20 that we can develop by next week.

21 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Great. Thank you.

22 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you so much for that, Karin.
23 And great question, Commissioner Fernández.

24 Commissioner Kennedy.

25 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. Yeah. The

1 purpose of adding the ranges to the population document
2 is to help us get to the starting points, not ending
3 points. You know, my recollection from reports from the
4 2010 Commission was that they started with somewhat
5 broader bands that they were working with, and
6 progressively narrowed it down. So yeah, this is
7 intended to be a statement of mathematics rather than a
8 statement of intent. Thank you.

9 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you. Commissioner Sinay.

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you. Building on that,
11 we heard two -- well, we've heard; when asked about
12 creating a range, Fred said, plus or minus one or two.
13 And then David said, plus or minus five.

14 Last week, when we were talking about the playbook,
15 I said, should we discuss what the plus or minus should
16 be? And we were told not to discuss it because the goal
17 is to get to zero. So now I'm wondering do -- you know,
18 should we discuss, do we want one, two, or five? Or
19 maybe there's a reason why legal counsel had two
20 different answers.

21 CHAIR SADHWANI: If Mr. Becker or Mr. Woocher have
22 any thoughts on this, or if you want to come back to us?

23 MR. BECKER: So I'm not aware that we've ever had
24 two different answers. I think the -- I continue to
25 refer to the plus or minus five percent as a Safe Harbor.

1 If you if you exceed plus or minus five percent, you're
2 off -- you've got a prima facie case of not following
3 equal protect -- equal population requirements.

4 If you're within plus or minus five percent in the
5 Legislative districts, there's a presumption that you
6 have probably equal protect -- equal population
7 requirements. Now, there could still be plans have been
8 invalidated that were within plus or minus five percent
9 for other reasons, whether it's Voting Rights Act
10 concerns, or otherwise.

11 But for the equal population requirement, plus or
12 minus five percent has been the Safe Harbor. I think
13 that's all I'd want to say in open session about this, in
14 terms of giving you legal advice. If we want to discuss
15 this in closed session beyond that, I'm happy to do, so.

16 I don't know, Fred, if you have anything else to
17 add.

18 MR. WOOCHEER: Yeah. I mean, I was just saying one
19 or two so you could see what the numbers are. You can
20 multiply it by five, you know, and figure out what the
21 number is. But we're avoid -- specifically avoiding
22 telling you in advance that there's any particular range
23 that you should be shooting for, other than trying to
24 shoot for, you know, nearly equal as possible, and then
25 work from there.

1 CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay. Great. Thank you for that.
2 Commissioner Turner.

3 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. I just wanted to
4 try this on. The way I saw the directive, or the
5 discussion as was being had, is that when Commissioner
6 Kennedy spoke about us working on a statement of math as
7 opposed to a statement of intent, the mapping playbook is
8 an actual roadmap of what we intend to do. So it makes
9 sense that we don't want to talk ranges in the mapping
10 playbook.

11 But for purposes, a statement of math, just trying
12 to figure out districts here, to have numbers that can
13 kind of lead or direct us until we can narrow it down,
14 seems to be something totally different; and that's kind
15 of where I saw the discussion. So not necessarily
16 conflicting, that just is the way -- a matter of how
17 we're going to proceed. Thank you.

18 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you for that.
19 Commissioner Andersen.

20 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Oh. Thank you, Chair. I
21 completely agree with Commissioner Turner. That's
22 exactly the idea. And the one thing, don't forget.
23 Remember that these ranges, Safe Harbor ranges, those are
24 for the Assembly and the Senate, well, probably BOE, but
25 not the Congressional. The Congressional, it really is

1 one or two people. So that's a completely different
2 ballgame.

3 And we can put together on the document, we can
4 have, you know, what the number -- what the ranges are
5 for, you know, one, two, three, four and five percent
6 just for -- and I think it helps. I mean, I have the
7 numbers written down plus or five percent for me, myself,
8 right here. I think it's very helpful because you can
9 immediately kind of go too big, not too big, yeah close,
10 just for elimination purposes. So we can put that on the
11 document for tomorrow.

12 CHAIR SADHWANI: Commissioner Sinay. And I think,
13 Commissioner Sinay, just FYI, we are up against a break
14 in three minutes. We're also potentially very close to
15 the end of our meeting.

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Just to clarify. I wasn't
17 saying that what we -- I understood exactly the
18 difference between the playbook -- you know, putting it
19 in the playbook, and why we were advised that way. My
20 comment was just that, that Mr. Woocher had said one or
21 two, and Mr. Becker had said five. And I still feel that
22 we should have some -- I mean, I hear what Commissioner
23 Andersen is saying, that we can have all the numbers, you
24 know, one -- plus or minus one, plus or minus two, plus.

25 I don't know how helpful that would be. Maybe I'm

1 missing the point of having all -- you know, all those
2 different ranges instead of having just one range. But I
3 will go along with the flow and learn, learn as we go.

4 CHAIR SADHWANI: That sounds great.

5 Commissioner Turner, did you have -- no? Good.
6 Great.

7 So with that, I wanted to close out for today. A
8 couple of reminders; we do have visualizations up for
9 tomorrow's meeting. So for the public, please feel free
10 to contact us. Director Kaplan is here and has some new
11 possible avenues in which you can contact the Commission.

12 Marcy, do you want to -- are you going to walk us
13 through that real quick?

14 DIRECTOR KAPLAN: Yeah, I just wanted to highlight
15 to everyone in the public that we are just piloting a
16 community feedback form, based on some feedback from the
17 Outreach and Engagement Subcommittee. So right now, on
18 the Meetings page we also list ways to provide input to
19 the Commission on visualizations.

20 And so it's a two-question form where the public can
21 label -- you know, note which visualization they're
22 providing feedback on, and include the feedback. And
23 they can send an email to VotersFIRST, or call in on
24 October 6th in the afternoon. So we're trying to make it
25 really clear for the public with these series of meetings

1 how they can provide input to the Commission.

2 And this form will also just -- will allow -- just
3 we thought it might be an easier way for the Commission
4 to also be able to review, and the public to review the
5 input that's coming in. So we're going to try it out and
6 see how it goes this week.

7 CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. Thank you so much for
8 that, Marcy. That's really helpful.

9 For Commissioners, we have our homework cut out for
10 us for tonight and tomorrow morning to continue to review
11 visualizations as posted, and the public comment, review
12 of COIs from the past as well, where that might be
13 helpful to jog our memories.

14 And with that, we are going to stand in recess. We
15 are on still on agenda item number two, we will continue
16 and agenda item number two tomorrow, as well as on
17 Wednesday before we advance on to the public comment
18 section.

19 So with that, we're in recess till 11 a.m. tomorrow.
20 Thanks, everybody.

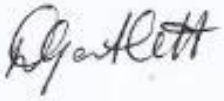
21 (Whereupon, the California Citizens
22 Redistricting Commission Line Drawing Meeting
23 adjourned at 8:00 p.m.)

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