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P R O C E E D I N G S

1:00 p.m.

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3 CHAIR SADHWANI: Good afternoon and welcome to this  
4 meeting of the California Citizens Redistricting  
5 Commission. My name is Sara Sadhwani. And I'll be  
6 chairing today's meetings along with my vice chair,  
7 Antonio Lemons, who we are very excited to welcome back  
8 to the Commission with some very exciting news and -- of  
9 a recent nuptials. So our congratulations to  
10 Commissioner Le Mons and welcome back. We're happy to  
11 have you back.

12 Over the course of the next three days, we will be  
13 reviewing visualizations prepared at the regional level.  
14 As you might recall, last week we were reviewing  
15 visualizations based on communities of interest testimony  
16 and taking a look at those -- that testimony in light of  
17 the census data that has been released.

18 Today, our All-Star line drawing team Haystaq, Q2,  
19 has prepared visualizations for us based on the feedback  
20 from the Commission last week that begins to put some of  
21 those ideas into something closer to districts at the  
22 Assembly, Senate, and congressional level. And so we  
23 will be reviewing those today and providing comment.

24 As a reminder, we will not be taking public comment  
25 at the opening of this meeting. Instead, on the third



1 day, on Friday afternoon, we will reserve time for public  
2 comment at that point in time. Before we get started,  
3 Ravi, would you like to take roll?

4 MR. SINGH: Yes, Chair, thank you.

5 Commissioner Sinay?

6 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Here.

7 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Taylor?

8 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: I am here.

9 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Toledo?

10 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO? Present.

11 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Turner?

12 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Here.

13 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Vazquez?

14 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Here.

15 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Yee?

16 COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.

17 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Ahmad?

18 Commissioner Akutagawa?

19 Commissioner Andersen?

20 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Here.

21 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fernandez?

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Presente.

23 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fornaciari?

24 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Here.

25 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Kennedy?



1 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.

2 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Le Mons?

3 VICE-CHAIR LE MONS: here.

4 MR. SINGH: And Commissioner Sadhwani?

5 CHAIR SADHWANI: Here.

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

7 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thanks so much, Ravi. Before we  
8 get started, I had a couple of announcements that I  
9 wanted to share. First of all, many of the  
10 commissioners, staff consultants are -- via our amazing  
11 videography team, are here in Los Angeles. So I wanted  
12 to welcome everyone to Los Angeles.

13 And big thank yous to L.A. Trade Tech, who's hosting  
14 us today, as well as big thank you to Marcy Kaplan, our  
15 director of outreach, Alvaro Hernandez, our executive  
16 director, and our entire staff who has worked around the  
17 clock to make this -- these hybrid meetings possible.

18 It's an incredible opportunity for many of us to be  
19 able to meet in person after spending the entirety of a  
20 year in a virtual space. So I'm really excited to be  
21 here with so many of you and still looking forward,  
22 hopefully to an opportunity to meet others in the future.

23 In addition, I wanted to share a little bit of news.  
24 Last week, it came with great surprise, but we found out  
25 that our -- a member of our legal team, Marian Johnston,



1 would be leaving the Commission. So I wanted to extend  
2 our greatest thank you on behalf of the entire  
3 commission. Marian has had worked in support of the 2010  
4 Commission and of course served as our interim chief  
5 counsel to the CRC. She brought with her a significant  
6 amount of expertise on the Voters FIRST Act, as well as  
7 the Bagley-Keene rules here in California.

8 She certainly has had a long career in the state and  
9 has provided a significant amount of service to  
10 independent redistricting here in in The State of  
11 California. And so on behalf of all of the  
12 Commissioners, I wanted to wish her and her family well.  
13 And I'm sure -- I hope that we'll continue to hear from  
14 you.

15 In addition, I wanted to just acknowledge a number  
16 of letters and comments that have come in regarding the  
17 Voting Rights Act and our analysis around the Voting  
18 Rights Act and just to assure everyone that we have every  
19 intention of having as transparent a process as possible  
20 today as we did last week.

21 We will be reviewing the VRA analysis that we, the  
22 Commission, are receiving in open session, and that will  
23 be our process moving forward. I see our VRA counsel,  
24 David Becker and Fred Woocher are here. I don't know if  
25 either of you would like to say a few words regarding our



1 approach to the VRA. Mr. Becker?

2 MR. BECKER: Yeah. I'll just speak briefly. We  
3 absolutely agree with making this process as transparent  
4 as possible and as available for public input and  
5 understanding as possible. If there is need to maintain  
6 confidentiality because there is a possibility of  
7 information which may be relevant to potential  
8 litigation, we'll raise that as a possibility and attempt  
9 to minimize the degree to which any closed session is  
10 necessary. That's certainly our intention, and we'll  
11 continue to operate that way.

12 CHAIR SADHWANI: Wonderful. Thank you so much, Mr.  
13 Becker.

14 And with that, we're going to be moving into a  
15 review of L.A. County visualizations posted online is a  
16 schedule of events for over the next three days, also  
17 identifying which regions will be discussing when along  
18 with our break and lunch schedule.

19 Last week, as I mentioned, as we were -- as we were  
20 looking at individual visualizations this week, we're  
21 really pushing towards districts and what possible  
22 districts might look like. And so here we'll really have  
23 the opportunity to be thinking about tradeoffs that we  
24 might need to make between the communities of interest,  
25 testimony that we received and the numerous criteria that



1 we will be working to meet.

2 So I see a question from Commissioner Sinay. And I  
3 will take your question Commissioner Sinay. And then  
4 after that, I'll turn it over to Karin MacDonald and the  
5 line drawing team. Commissioner Sinay?

6 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thanks. I just wanted to ask  
7 this before I forget that I had this question and it  
8 comes up again in my head later. But when it comes to  
9 VRA, the districts that were created in 2010, if they  
10 were created -- those districts were created and the  
11 communities may have had the opportunity to vote who they  
12 wanted in.

13 And so when you do the analysis that goes back ten  
14 years, they would no longer qualify, right, for the  
15 Gingles, the Gingles tests number 3? I might be asking a  
16 complete wrong order, but I'm just trying to understand  
17 all these different pieces.

18 CHAIR SADHWANI: So your question is because a  
19 portion of the analysis might look at elections going  
20 back as long as ten years?

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Right. And they were already  
22 in a VRA district, they may no longer qualify for VRA. I  
23 guess that's easier for a VRA district. A VRA district  
24 from 2010 may no longer qualify for a VRA District in  
25 2020.

1 CHAIR SADHWANI: Potentially -- I'll let Mr. Becker  
2 answer this, but certainly we recognize that communities  
3 will shift over time. And so the new census data might  
4 bring new light to that.

5 But Mr. Becker, do you want to -- I'm not the lawyer  
6 here. Do you want to take a stab at that?

7 MR. BECKER: Yeah, sure. So remember, the racially  
8 polarized voting analysis that's done is done at the  
9 precinct level now. So we are -- so we're assessing at  
10 the precinct level whether racially polarized voting  
11 exists amongst both the both the protected minority group  
12 and others who might be voting in a potential district.

13 We have the existing elections that are relevant  
14 that we need to look at because that's all we have is  
15 looking at the past. But just because a -- an existing  
16 in other words, the last ten years district minorities  
17 were able to elect candidates of their choice under the  
18 protection of VRA.

19 That would not -- that would not prevent the drawing  
20 of a future VRA district. If we're still seeing racially  
21 polarized voting that satisfies both the second Gingle's  
22 precondition, minorities are cohesive for the same  
23 candidates. And the third jingles precondition, others  
24 are voting cohesively for opposite candidates.

25 So if that's still existing at the precinct level,

1 it's still -- they could still be protected. But it's  
2 also possible that demographic and election and electoral  
3 changes have happened over time and that one of the  
4 preconditions might not be there anymore. Populations  
5 might have shifted in a variety of ways. So we're trying  
6 to give you highly specific fact-based inquiries on each  
7 individual area on the map.

8       So yes, there might have been a district that was  
9 drawn before, and it no longer -- that area no longer  
10 satisfies all three Gingles preconditions. And it's also  
11 true there might have been an area that didn't satisfy  
12 all three Gingles preconditions ten years ago, but does  
13 now. And so we're trying to assess each of those based  
14 on the current state of the -- I hope that makes sense.  
15 Okay.

16       COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thanks.

17       CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. Thank you. Important  
18 questions. And with that, I want to turn it over to  
19 Karin McDonald and the line drawing team to get us  
20 started and kick us off for our reexamination of Los  
21 Angeles County.

22       MS. MACDONALD: Thank you so much, everybody.  
23 Thanks for having us. It's wonderful to be here with you  
24 in person. I thought I might start by walking us through  
25 a little bit of how we got here and then maybe talk about

1 what we're going to do today and then where we would like  
2 to land in the next couple of weeks or so.

3       So with that, I'd like to remind you that last week  
4 we had three days of hearings -- meetings, and you gave a  
5 lot of directions while we were showing you  
6 visualizations. So we looked at visualizations of  
7 communities of interest, of a lot of public input, of  
8 areas that you had told us you wanted to explore a little  
9 bit further.

10       We showed those to you, and then you gave us  
11 directions on how to perhaps put some of these things  
12 together. So essentially we were starting to move from  
13 the very small picture to a little bit larger picture.  
14 And we were moving from talking about perhaps public  
15 input or an idea to actually looking at something that  
16 was available to see on a map and with all the direction  
17 that we got, and it was a lot of direction that we got  
18 for each area, we didn't count it.

19       But I think we're talking hundreds, hundreds of  
20 pieces of direction that we got. And of course, some of  
21 it was not going into the same direction. So some  
22 directions were actually -- could not be visualized in  
23 the same -- in the same district because they were  
24 completely opposite to each other.

25       So what we tried to do is we tried to put district



1 sized visualizations together for you this time using all  
2 of that direction, working with VRA counsel, of course,  
3 and getting direction from the VRA counsel, and then  
4 trying to figure out how to fit those things together.  
5 So these basically district sized shapes, how to put them  
6 together.

7       And I've been talking about them as quarter plans.  
8 They really are kind of regional plans that we've put  
9 together. And I'm only using plan because we're talking  
10 about Assembly, Senate, Congress. So that's a new set of  
11 terminology also that we're going to start using in this  
12 space. And if anybody, of course, has a better idea,  
13 then we're open to that.

14       So that is where we're at today. You saw that we  
15 posted -- we sent up some maps for your review and for  
16 the public's review. And we're going to go through these  
17 over the next three days. So today and then tomorrow and  
18 day after tomorrow.

19       The expected outcome of this set of meetings is  
20 hopefully going to be to move us toward enough direction  
21 by you to then take the next couple of weeks and put an  
22 entire statewide plan together that we can then start  
23 working off of to then arrive at the draft maps by your  
24 selected deadline, which I believe is the 10th of  
25 November.

1           So today let me let me just emphasize something that  
2 I think is important in this space, because obviously, as  
3 you know, there's a lot of redistricting going on  
4 nationwide. And I think it might be helpful for me to  
5 emphasize that we're not using the same process that a  
6 lot of other commissions and a lot of other states are  
7 using.

8           A lot of -- a lot of other commissions in other  
9 states are looking at plans from consultants that perhaps  
10 are recommended plans that the consultants put together.  
11 That's not what we're doing here. We're not recommending  
12 anything. And I thought that might be a good thing to  
13 just remind everybody of. These are not recommended  
14 plans. These are not your recommended plans, our  
15 recommended plans, anybody's recommended plans.

16           These are basically options that we tried to put  
17 together that we can now explore and that we can move  
18 from. And we made our best effort to incorporate all of  
19 the direction that we received from you, from VRA  
20 counsel. And these are not and were never intended to be  
21 proposed lines for adoption.

22           There's probably some things in these maps where  
23 people are going to look at it and are going to probably  
24 have a half a heart attack because it's just not quite  
25 there yet. And we don't want that to happen. So please,



1 everybody, these are not proposed lines. They're not  
2 going to be adopted like this. These are basically our  
3 first attempt in this iterative process that we're  
4 starting on to get to some good maps. So these are for  
5 discussion purposes.

6 We're going to start working off of these and  
7 hopefully the commission will look at these and just say,  
8 well, this doesn't work at all, which is really good to  
9 know for us. So if there's something that doesn't work  
10 at all, please just let us know. That's just not what  
11 you want to see. Fantastic. That's a really important  
12 piece of information.

13 If there's something where you think that's almost  
14 there, that is also a really good piece of information.  
15 So these pieces of information will allow us to -- help  
16 you to construct something that we can then in a very few  
17 weeks, come back with and then live line draw. And then,  
18 work on the edges, make changes in public, and then, make  
19 exchanges and whatever you wish to do so.

20 So at this point today, today is and tomorrow and  
21 day after tomorrow are big structural days. So these are  
22 the days to hopefully figure out what the structure of  
23 these regions is going to look like. So which way are  
24 the districts flowing?

25 You may see some communities of interest that have



1 spoken out and they really wanted to be perhaps with  
2 somebody else and they may not be reflected in these  
3 maps. Very well possible. We can most likely work on  
4 those later, as long as we can get just the structure  
5 together and then we can go back in a couple of weeks and  
6 we can start from the big picture and then start  
7 narrowing things down.

8       So that's where I'm hoping, if that all makes sense  
9 and that's okay with you, that we could perhaps implement  
10 that process today. So with that little caveat or big  
11 caveat here's the plan for today, and I'm hoping that all  
12 makes sense.

13       So Jaime's going to start with Los Angeles. And of  
14 course, the not doctor, but the fabulous Mr. Becker is  
15 here also to help us with our VRA issues. And also, of  
16 course, Mr. Woocher, thank you so much, who actually I  
17 think is a doctor -- is a doctor. Okay. So Dr. Woocher  
18 and Mr. Becker are both here to help us today. And thank  
19 you very much for that.

20       Jaime has prepared two visualizations for each plan.  
21 So when I say plan, again, I mean Assembly, Senate,  
22 Congressional, again, not recommended, just needs to have  
23 a name. So it's called a plan. And each visualization  
24 is going to incorporate many of the directions that you  
25 gave last week.



1           It's also incorporating, as I said, input and  
2 guidance from VRA counsel, and it adhered to -- all these  
3 plans adhered to the Constitutional criteria as much as  
4 possible. The plans are not perfectly balanced at this  
5 point. So you're going to see some deviations that  
6 perhaps don't look good.

7           And definitely for Congress, it just made no sense  
8 to balance them at this point because, again, we're at  
9 the beginning stage and going down to just very few  
10 people, that's just going to take a while. And that's  
11 going to take a lot of hard decision making also, just  
12 foreshadowing.

13           Not all the directions could be incorporated in each  
14 visualization, which is why there is more than one plan  
15 or one version for each plan. And if directions could  
16 not be incorporated in one of the assembly plans, then  
17 what we tried to do is we tried to incorporate it in the  
18 Senate plans, for example, or in the congressional plans,  
19 because, as you know, those are larger.

20           So sometimes if you just can't do it in a smaller  
21 district, then you may have that potential to do it in a  
22 larger district. Each of the mappers is going to walk  
23 you through where your directions were incorporated, so  
24 basically where they land it.

25           And if they were not specific to a particular plan,

1 if they -- if your direction was specific to a particular  
2 plan and if they couldn't incorporate it, then they will  
3 let you know. But if it was specific to a particular  
4 plan, then it was most likely it ended up in that plan.  
5 So again, plan equaling ED, CD, or SD.

6 We did not draw Board of Equalization plans for this  
7 round and happy to talk about that. We had a discussion  
8 with the Line Drawer Subcommittee about this this topic.  
9 And most likely for Board of Equalization, we can rely on  
10 testing later. So that would be nesting of Senate  
11 districts.

12 So once we have some decent Senate districts that  
13 perhaps you can live with for draft maps, then we can  
14 engage in a process of nesting those and putting together  
15 a BOE and then figuring out what to do from there. So  
16 that will be our visualization to work from later on in a  
17 different meeting.

18 So what we're going to do, I think -- what Jaime's  
19 going to do today, she's going to take just a few minutes  
20 to walk you through the general logic of the mapping  
21 approach that I just described. And she's going to start  
22 in one area of Los Angeles. And so she can kind of show  
23 you how direction that was not incorporated in one plan,  
24 perhaps landed in another one.

25 And Jaime's going to start with her visualizations



1 of the Assembly. And I think then you're moving to  
2 Senate, right? Yes. And then she's going to move to  
3 Senate. So after she's done with Assembly -- so the idea  
4 is today she'll move you through both of the versions of  
5 the assembly plans and then perhaps we'll stop and  
6 discuss the assembly plans.

7 And then once we have direction from you about how  
8 to move forward with the Assembly, we can do the same  
9 thing for Senate and then again discuss and get direction  
10 from you and then move on to Congress. We can see how it  
11 goes. If today doesn't go that well, of course, we're  
12 happy to pivot. We can figure something else out. That  
13 is our best recommendation at this point for the process.

14 So I would say let's stick our heads together and  
15 see how this all comes together. If that's all right  
16 with you. And just one more little reminder. This  
17 week's focus is really on the structure of the plans and  
18 not on the micro decisions, such as like small COIs or  
19 balancing populations perfectly. We'll do that later.

20 So please, just as you're looking at everything,  
21 just keep the big picture in mind every step of the way.  
22 So with that, I did a lot of talking and I'm going to  
23 move it over to Jaime. Thank you so much.

24 MS. CLARK: Thank you and good afternoon. So just  
25 sort of a general framework for Los Angeles County. Many



1 of the visualizations are driven by potential district  
2 visualizations that we drew in coordination with the VRA  
3 team. For all three sets of the district types, these  
4 districts that were drawn -- district size  
5 visualizations, drawn in coordination with the VRA team,  
6 create sort of a hard line between the Los Angeles and  
7 Orange County border between Hawaiian Gardens and La  
8 Habra Heights. So that's where that line is coming from.

9       Additionally, you may have noticed that The City of  
10 Pomona is not included in any of the visualizations in  
11 Los Angeles County. That will be presented with the  
12 Southern California visualizations. And in  
13 visualizations that also in that area were created in  
14 collaboration with the VRA team.

15       And yeah, and additionally, many of these  
16 visualizations demonstrate a line also between northern  
17 L.A. County and San Bernardino County that was based on  
18 feedback that -- and direction that we got from you last  
19 time. And also in some levels of districts, potentially,  
20 again, districts that are -- district size visualizations  
21 that were drawn in collaboration with the VRA team.

22       I'm going to turn on the layer for -- it's called  
23 V-A-D-A, so that's Visualization Assembly District A, and  
24 that's kind of the naming convention that we used for all  
25 of the areas of California, for all of the



1 visualizations. So V standing for visualization, AD, SD  
2 or CD for Assembly, Senate or Congressional District, and  
3 then A or B. One moment, please.

4 So in the Assembly visualizations, they do use two  
5 different sets of visualizations created in coordination  
6 with the VRA team. So there are some differences in that  
7 way. Maybe I'm wondering if it would help if I like  
8 highlighted them in a yellow or so.

9 So then we can all kind of know which ones those are  
10 and reference them throughout the process. Would that be  
11 helpful? Seeing some nod. Okay. One moment, please,  
12 while I make that happen. Okay. This one, this one, and  
13 this one.

14 So and of course, all of them are drawn in  
15 collaboration with the VRA team. And these are ones that  
16 areas that we're specifically looking at. Yeah, that's.  
17 Oh, and this one. Almost left this one out. So just for  
18 point of reference, this is a really big block in Los  
19 Angeles County, right? So these areas are kind of  
20 driving and are driving visualizations for other areas.

21 And then just sort of like a quick review of how  
22 this can kind of play out. For example, we got direction  
23 to include Los Alamitos, Rossmore, and then also Catalina  
24 Island with Long Beach and Signal Hill area. We were  
25 able to accomplish that in both -- actually in all of the



1 visualizations and they do include Catalina Island. And  
2 if anybody would like to see it, I can zoom out to show,  
3 but they do include Catalina Island.

4 And then here, there's -- just because of the way  
5 that the other direction was implemented here. This Long  
6 Beach Harbor area includes, you know, part of Wilmington  
7 and San Pedro area. I'm going to turn this one off and  
8 look at Visualization B.

9 So in this version, Wilmington is included and then  
10 parts of San Pedro are included in this visualization.  
11 And that is, again, sort of driven by the areas that were  
12 created in collaboration with the VRA team and then also  
13 based on other direction that was implemented from the  
14 Commission in terms of the cars in Compton, West Carson,  
15 Gardena area.

16 So I'll switch back and forth one more time. But  
17 it's essentially to demonstrate their -- the way that the  
18 way that we were able to implement these directions from  
19 the Commission is going to have ripple effects throughout  
20 and is going to influence what is possible in terms of  
21 configurations for district size visualizations given all  
22 the population.

23 So I'll turn this one on one more time. You can  
24 take a look here at the just different sort of size and  
25 shape of these district size visualizations. And then

1 I'm going to -- and again, this is Version A. For the  
2 Assembly District size visualizations, this is Version B.  
3 And I'm going to move to the sort of downtown area.

4 And for example -- and this is just going to  
5 demonstrate an example of how in some sets of districts  
6 we might not have been able to implement all direction,  
7 for example, population, percent deviation purposes, or  
8 just taking all of the -- all of the criteria into  
9 consideration.

10 So if we look here -- one moment, let me check my --  
11 great. So if we look here, there was request to keep  
12 sort of downtown, Little Tokyo, Chinatown area together  
13 with Koreatown. And in the Assembly versions that -- for  
14 population purposes and also in consideration of areas  
15 drawn in collaboration with the VRA team, that wasn't  
16 possible for the Assembly District sized visualizations.  
17 And here in the Congressional sized visualizations that  
18 was possible.

19 So just sort of a demonstration of how all of these  
20 different directions were received and will play out.  
21 And we will find out more -- we can dig in any time that  
22 you would like. And happy to begin sort of with a tour  
23 of Assembly District Version A, if you would like.

24 CHAIR SADHWANI: I think, Jaime, before we get  
25 started, there's a couple questions from Commissioners.

1 I'll start with Commissioner Sinay.

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you. Just be patient  
3 with us as we get used to this new way of looking at  
4 things and looking at it big picture versus -- we've been  
5 going for such a long time at looking at them at the  
6 micro and we're going into big picture. You keep saying  
7 in in concert or in consultation with the VRA and that's  
8 actually confusing me more because I don't know what that  
9 means.

10 And we don't have our VRA analysis yet, correct?  
11 And so I'm still struggling. And it's the same struggle  
12 I had before of how can we do all of this if we're not  
13 putting down our VRA pieces first? And so if I -- if you  
14 can just let me understand what it means to say in  
15 concert with VRA counsel?

16 MR. BECKER: Jaime, if you like, I can try to  
17 address this point. Commissioner Sinay, the -- so what  
18 it basically means is we've been talking with the -- with  
19 Jaime and Karin and the rest of the team over the  
20 weekend, and since the last meetings, getting really down  
21 into the weeds of the specific data in each area.

22 And we're getting more and more racially polarized  
23 voting analysis as we suggested before. I think we now  
24 have completed all of the -- Dr. Gall has completed all  
25 of the Assembly District analysis and is in the process





1 of being close to finishing the State Senate and  
2 Congressional District analysis.

3 We have pretty good idea -- I think the Gingles 1  
4 analysis is complete. It has been complete for some  
5 time. Gingles 2 and 3 is closer than it's ever been.  
6 It's almost complete. There's still some preliminary  
7 analysis. There are places where it's pretty clear  
8 Gingles 2 and Gingles 3 both have been satisfied along  
9 with Gingles 1.

10 And we can tell you that when we get into the  
11 specifics, there are places where we're still trying to  
12 assess whether or not one or both of Gingles 2 and 3, are  
13 met. There are places where it's pretty clear that  
14 neither or one or the other is not met, and we'll be able  
15 to tell you that.

16 So that's that those are the kinds of things we've  
17 been having conversations with to prepare for these--  
18 this this set of three-day meetings to advise you on  
19 where we are right now. If we get new data in that  
20 contradicts the preliminary analysis that we've looked at  
21 so far or changes our analysis, we will let you know as  
22 we go.

23 But when we get down into the specific district  
24 level, what we'll be able to see -- what we ought to see  
25 is we are now moving from what I've called the liability



1 phase. Does the VRA apply to a particular area, because  
2 all three Gingles, preconditions and the totality of the  
3 circumstances apply?

4 And then moving into, okay, if it applies to a  
5 minority group in this area and that minority group is  
6 protected by Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, what  
7 kind of characteristics should a district have to allow  
8 for that minority to elect candidates of choice, which  
9 gets into overall population numbers, crossover voting of  
10 the nonminority community, et cetera.

11 So all of those considerations will play into where  
12 some of these lines are starting to be drawn. We're in  
13 the middle of this process, as Karin said, not at the  
14 end, but we're going to -- we want to keep you -- want to  
15 keep you moving with as much information as we have. So  
16 nothing here is conclusive.

17 As Karin said, these are not the final lines. We  
18 are very much in the middle of the trial-and-error  
19 portion. And we've got more information to share with  
20 you specifically than we have in the past. And we'll  
21 have even more during the next set of meetings.

22 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you for that, Mr. Becker.  
23 Commissioner Andersen?

24 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you.

25 Jaime, could you please go through with a map up?



1 You said there's a couple of areas which are kind of  
2 anchoring where we're doing our trial VRA areas, which  
3 are the yellow. Could you kind of walk us through that  
4 again in terms of -- because the puzzle pieces are  
5 shifting and you're kind of putting some of them in.

6 And if you could kind of walk us through because  
7 there's a lot of things which we wanted which are not  
8 showing up. And so can you walk us through -- see this  
9 area is kind of -- and that area is this? So we can kind  
10 of go -- because we might want to go nope, we're going to  
11 turn it from -- that's at 6 o'clock to that's at 5  
12 o'clock, something like that.

13 Could you kind of walk us through that again,  
14 please? Does that make sense? Because you said there  
15 are a couple of communities which -- great. Thanks.

16 MS. CLARK: Sure. So these areas highlighted in  
17 yellow --

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Um-hum.

19 MS. CLARK: -- represent the visualizations that  
20 were drawn, I guess, with more specific attention from  
21 VRA team.

22 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Right.

23 MS. CALRK: As you can see, this is a huge block in  
24 L.A. County. I'm going to zoom out just so that we can  
25 really get a sense of -- this is a significant area and a



1 significant population, like I a significant number of  
2 people in L.A. County.

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Right.

4 MS. CLARK: And because these are areas that are --  
5 and David, please weigh in, because these are areas that  
6 are -- we're paying particular attention to, then -- and  
7 the populations within, then there may be some less  
8 flexibility here in terms of -- which city goes in or out  
9 or as you put it, Commissioner Andersen, this is at 5  
10 o'clock. Let's see if we can adjust it to 6 o'clock  
11 because they're in a big block together. So for all of  
12 these visualizations, any line that's moved is going to  
13 impact the next-door neighbors --

14 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Right.

15 MS. CLARK: -- the visualization neighbors. So that  
16 would be why in in areas around San Gabriel Valley, for  
17 example, if there were -- there's feedback on  
18 visualizations like, oh, let's add -- adding, X, Y, Z,  
19 city to Visualization A, then that's why that may not  
20 have happened is because of just the considerations  
21 for --

22 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Right. Yeah, no, I  
23 understand that. But in here you were saying that there  
24 are a couple of cities. It's like those were sort of  
25 almost like the anchor cities in this was like.



1 MS. CLARK: So I understand.

2 MR. BECKER: If I can just -- yeah. If I can just  
3 chime in real quickly. So when we get -- when we start  
4 zooming in on some of these cities and looking at the  
5 specific character visualizations of the specific  
6 characteristics --

7 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

8 MR. BECKER: -- I think what you'll see is there are  
9 areas where for voting rights and compliance reasons,  
10 there are natural concentrations of minority groups that  
11 do appear --

12 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

13 MR. BECKER: -- to be protected by the Voting Rights  
14 Act because Gingles 1 is met as we know, there are  
15 significant concentrations here where they can easily  
16 form fifty percent of a district, whether it be Latinos  
17 or in some cases, Asians.

18 And then we will advise -- specifically, I'll go  
19 into the details of what we know about Gingles 2 and 3  
20 when we get into the specifics. In most of these places,  
21 I could go back -- we're getting to the point where  
22 there's so much information here, I actually have to go  
23 back to notes --

24 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Um-hum.

25 MR. BECKER: -- rather than just doing this from



1 memory. But when we get into specifics, I'll go into it.  
2 Most of these places, my recollection is Gingles 2 and 3  
3 does appear to be present from what we have so far. So  
4 where you see intense concentrations of Latinos or Asians  
5 in this area in particular, it probably -- there will  
6 be -- there will not be as much ability to split those  
7 areas because you're going to want to keep those together  
8 as a core of a district to -- in order to comply with the  
9 Voting Rights Act.

10 I don't know if that fully answered your question,  
11 Commissioner Andersen.

12 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: No, it hasn't.

13 MR. BECKER: Okay.

14 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I appreciate all the  
15 information. But no, I'm actually asking for a little  
16 bit more specific in terms of -- I think you mentioned  
17 Hawaiian Gardens, right. And so that was Hawaiian  
18 Gardens really doesn't work with -- what was the other --

19 MS. CLARK: Thank you. Yeah, I'm so sorry. I did  
20 not understand the question and answering a different  
21 question completely. So thank you for that. So I  
22 mentioned that here on the L.A. and Orange County border  
23 where the hand is running now, because they're all of  
24 these visualizations that kind of go right up against the  
25 border, there between Los Angeles and Orange Counties,

1 there's sort of a -- I don't want to say like a hard line  
2 there, but there is in all of these visualizations, none  
3 of the visualizations really cross between L.A. and  
4 Orange County in these areas to be able to create these  
5 visualizations that are here.

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. Got it.

7 MS. CLARK: And that's true of every single set --  
8 every single plan, Assembly District A, Assembly District  
9 B, Senate Districts A and B, and Congressional Districts  
10 A and B.

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. And in the districts  
12 we have here, can you tell us, like, are they kind of the  
13 same different -- the minority group that we're  
14 predominantly looking at, are they the same next to each  
15 other or opposite in terms of like is -- like if one  
16 district is more like it's Latinos the dominant and the  
17 next one is Latina dominant, you can mix and match a bit  
18 from those areas. Where if it's Asian Latina, then you  
19 could be eliminating the Gingles 1 criteria by switching  
20 anything. So could you kind of --

21 MS. CLARK: Yeah, I --

22 COMMISSIOENR ANDERSEN: -- do that.

23 MS. CALRK: I think that David could give more  
24 context to it. And also, just to add a little bit to  
25 that, is that in these areas, there's different

1 concentrations and also different populations. And these  
2 were really drawn to the extent possible, keep cities  
3 together --

4 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Right.

5 MS. CLARK: -- and work with your directions and  
6 work with the public input. And so yes, I guess just to  
7 answer that question.

8 MR. BECKER: Yeah, that's exactly right. So as you  
9 look at this, one of the things you'll note -- and I  
10 think that -- I think having this very high-level macro  
11 level before we start zooming in on these districts is  
12 really helpful, you can really see how county boundaries  
13 and city boundaries were -- are respected to the -- to  
14 really probably the greatest degree possible here that  
15 that might mean deviations are a little bit higher than  
16 where you will have to balance all of that out as  
17 Commissioners how you want to do it.

18 This is just a visualization to show if we use some  
19 of the hard boundaries of the county lines, the city  
20 lines in particular where we are -- and you're quite  
21 right, most of these -- most of these districts, I  
22 believe, are Latino majority. There will be  
23 opportunities to move lines and still maintain the kind  
24 of Voting Rights Act protections that would be there.  
25 That's absolutely true. These are just visualizations.





1 Jaime, am I right that the -- is it the East San Gabriel  
2 Valley District or the West San Gabriel Valley District,  
3 are those both Asian majority or they -- or is only one  
4 of them.

5 MS. CLARK: Just the West San Gabriel Valley.

6 MR. BECKER: Just the West San Gabriel Valley.

7 There's the west side here. So there's probably a little  
8 bit less opportunity to do a lot of that with the Asian  
9 populations because there's just not as many Asians as  
10 there are Latinos in this area.

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay.

12 MR. BECKER: But that is when we start zooming in  
13 and you start giving instruction to the line drawers,  
14 it's absolutely appropriate while you're balancing out,  
15 particularly think about those criteria for  
16 characteristics, the county lines, the city lines, the  
17 political geography, the COIs.

18 Those are the kinds of things that you can  
19 absolutely move around and probably still protect the  
20 minority populations consistent with the Voting Rights  
21 Act. That's absolutely true. These are not none of  
22 these are set in stone by any means. There's probably a  
23 lot of a lot of ways to protect the minority populations  
24 in these areas while moving lines in a variety of  
25 different ways.

1 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. And just quickly.

2 And this is visualization A; is that correct?

3 MR. BECKER: Yes.

4 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. Thank you.

5 CHAIR SADHWANI: Very good.

6 Commissioner Fernandez?

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair. I  
8 probably missed this in the beginning, Jaime, because I  
9 was trying to slip through my hard copies and then I  
10 wasn't unable to find it. But first of all, it -- was  
11 the wrong one posted last night? Because I thought I  
12 went up there and it was visualization B was completely  
13 different area. So do we know if it was posted  
14 incorrectly on the website last night? I notice that now  
15 it's correct. So okay.

16 My other question was I appreciate all the  
17 deviations and trying to balance it out. And I am  
18 curious as to like how many cities were split up and are  
19 cautious about the deviations of your positive eight  
20 versus negative eight.

21 But what I would also like to see, and this is  
22 great, is I'd like to see overall what the deviation is.  
23 And if my numbers are correct for A, I'm hoping I got  
24 them right, it would be a negative twenty deviation  
25 because there's more negative than positive. And when I

1 say negative twenty, it would be negative twenty of an  
2 Assembly District, not overall.

3 So that's something that I'm looking for as well as  
4 we move forward, like from area to area to ensure that  
5 there isn't too much under and over where another area  
6 may be shorted or -- you know what I mean? So thank you.  
7 Thank you very much for that -- the information that  
8 you've provided.

9 MS. MACDONALD: Yeah. Would you like me to comment  
10 on that perhaps a little bit? Yeah. So thank you for  
11 that. And yes, a twenty percent total deviation is  
12 horrible. And obviously, that's not where we're going to  
13 land. But as I said, these are -- today's big picture  
14 day. And we didn't perfectly balance them.

15 And I think sometimes what you're going to see here  
16 is that there may be a district or visualization of a  
17 district that has a really high deviation because a city  
18 was kept together. And then, note to self, is that,  
19 okay, if we want to get that down, then they may need to  
20 be a split there.

21 So if you decide to move that way, and if the  
22 general -- I talk about the architecture of a map -- if  
23 that's the way that the map is flowing and that's the way  
24 that the districts are generally going to be put  
25 together, then we may need some more information from

1 people about this needs to be split. Where could we  
2 potentially split if we have to to get down to an  
3 acceptable deviation? So yeah, so they're not --

4 MR. BECKER: Karin, can I just.

5 MS. MACDONALD: Yeah, please.

6 MS. BECKER: I totally agree with what you just  
7 said. This is really a map to kind of show you. The  
8 criteria for the cities and counties are very heavily  
9 abided here and that's really good. And it's just to  
10 give you a visualization of what happens when that  
11 occurs, recognizing that equal population plus and minus  
12 five percent on the Senate and Assembly Districts, near  
13 equal population, as close to zero as you can have in  
14 Congressional and VRA are one and two and are above these  
15 other criteria.

16 So just start showing you -- I think this is a  
17 really good indication of the kind of trade-offs and  
18 balancing that you're going to have to adopt. Back to  
19 Commissioner Andersen's point, if you look at a couple of  
20 these districts next to each other, what you can see is,  
21 you know, there might be an underpopulated Latino  
22 majority district next to an overpopulated Latino  
23 majority district.

24 And you probably can easily maintain a more equal  
25 population while maintaining Voting Rights Act

1 protections for the Latino population in those districts.  
2 While at the same time, you might need to make some  
3 choices about splitting cities or things along those  
4 lines -- not counties in this case, because it's almost  
5 entirely within Los Angeles County. But I think these  
6 visualizations are really useful to start showing you the  
7 balancing that you're going to need to do in later  
8 stages.

9 CHAIR SADHWANI: I'll jump in with just one final  
10 question before we start our tour of Los Angeles County.  
11 And just asking if you can talk a little bit about the  
12 black community. From what I can tell, it doesn't look  
13 as though there was an Assembly District identified for  
14 the black community under our VRA obligations. Wondering  
15 if you can talk a little bit about the analysis that's  
16 been done thus far, if that's correct, and how you came  
17 to that to that conclusion.

18 MR. BECKER: So I think there's a couple of  
19 challenges there with the black community where -- and I  
20 think mainly talking about South Los Angeles. On the  
21 one, it -- it's possible but difficult to get to Gingles  
22 1. It's possible though. It just would cross a whole  
23 lot of different places. So Gingles 1 is theoretically  
24 met.

25 I think the problem there is Gingles 2, with the

1 black community alone that there is a lot of crossover.  
2 I'm sorry, did I say Gingles 2? I meant Gingles 3.  
3 Gingles 3 is hard there because there has been -- what  
4 we're seeing initially -- and I'm sorry, I'm just going  
5 to just kind of look at my notes real quick to confirm  
6 I've got this right, what we're seeing initially is that  
7 the -- we're going to need to-- we're looking a little  
8 more, but it looks like Gingles 3 might be difficult to  
9 demonstrate there, that there is significant crossover  
10 for African-American candidate of choice.

11 So that might not be a Voting Rights Act protected  
12 area, which doesn't mean that various communities of  
13 interest don't exist there. And there might also be the  
14 possibility of a Voting Rights Act coalitional district  
15 there, where Latinos and blacks together can form a  
16 majority and are consistently voting cohesively. We're  
17 still looking at that. That's a little trickier  
18 analysis. So I hope to get a little more information on  
19 that.

20 If it appears that Gingles 1 can be met, I'm almost  
21 certainly that -- certain that it can between Latinos and  
22 blacks and that blacks and Latinos are voting cohesively  
23 together for the same candidates that would satisfy  
24 Gingles 2. And then Gingles 3 would be would other  
25 voters, non-Latinos and blacks, be voting cohesively

1 against the Latino and black candidates of choice? If we  
2 see all of those three things then it might be that  
3 that's an area for a Voting Rights Act coalition  
4 district.

5 But even if that doesn't exist and that might be a  
6 that that that might not be where the data leads us.  
7 There might be communities of interest there that can  
8 lead to significant community cohesion.

9 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you for that.

10 Karin and Jaime, I think we're ready to get back to  
11 you.

12 MS. MACDONALD: Mr. Becker, if you're ready to go  
13 through the yellow districts, then we could put perhaps a  
14 CVAP on there or the previous lines. What would you like  
15 to see on the map, please?

16 MR. BECKER: So I think start with whatever one you  
17 want to. And if you can, keep the deviation and the CVAP  
18 up as we zoom in on a particular area and we can talk  
19 about it and the former the existing Assembly District  
20 lines, which will help provide some of the racially  
21 polarized voting analysis.

22 MS. CLARK: Sure. Just a heads up to everybody, the  
23 way that the map is formatted right now, it's going to  
24 change the labels from saying percents, to having just  
25 decimals. And that's going to be true for all of the

1 different CVAP. And I will do my best just to read all  
2 of those out so it's really clear. And one moment while  
3 I make that change. One moment, please. One moment.  
4 Thanks.

5 So for this area and the East SGV -- and I'm sorry,  
6 I should say that the -- again, the way that this map is  
7 set up and the layer itself I'm looking at, I can't pull  
8 up the label -- can't change the label right now and  
9 apologize. And for this area, east SGV East San Gabriel  
10 Valley, the percent deviation of this area is negative  
11 4.55 percent.

12 It includes a Azusa part of the city of Glendora,  
13 Charter Oaks, Covina, Baldwin Park, West Covina, Belinda,  
14 Mayflower Village, South Monrovia Island and Duarte. The  
15 percent deviation is negative 4.55 percent. The percent  
16 Latino citizen voting age population is 56.87 percent.  
17 The black citizen voting age population is 3.89 percent.  
18 The percent Asian citizen voting age population is 17.58  
19 percent. Indigenous CVAP is 0.4 percent and White CVAP  
20 is 20.34 percent.

21 MS. MACDONALD: Okay. Can we please just take a  
22 couple of minutes to figure out how the postings on the  
23 website correspond with what we have on the map? Because  
24 I would love to walk you through this and there's a lot  
25 of confusion right now. So could we just have maybe five



1 minutes?

2 CHAIR SADHWANI: Yes, absolutely. Shall we break  
3 for five minutes, actually?

4 MS. MACDONALD: I think that would be great. Thank  
5 you.

6 CHAIR SADHWANI: Kristian, can we can we take a  
7 five-minute break, please?

8 (Whereupon, a recess was held)

9 CHAIR SADHWANI: Welcome back to the California  
10 Citizens Redistricting Commission. For those out there  
11 watching, thanks for your flexibility here. We ended up  
12 going to our break a little bit early, which adjusts our  
13 schedule slightly for the rest of the day. We'll  
14 continue now from 2:30 till 4 o'clock. And at 4 o'clock,  
15 take a 45-minute lunch break. I'll call out the varying  
16 times later on in the day, but I think we'll still be  
17 able to go and finish at 8 p.m.

18 So with that, I think we during the break, we were  
19 joined by Commissioner Akutagawa, who's now with us. I  
20 also had the opportunity to learn a little bit more about  
21 my fellow Commissioners, including Commissioner Yee, who  
22 earlier this week finished the Boston Marathon.

23 Commissioner Yee, you want to tell us a little bit  
24 about that? Very good. Congratulations to you. So  
25 before the break, we were just sorting through all of the



1 documents. We recognize there are a lot of  
2 visualizations for us to get through today. There's a  
3 little bit of confusion just about the ordering of the  
4 pages. So I want to turn it back over to Karin MacDonald  
5 and her team just to lead us through where we should  
6 begin for our analysis.

7 Karin?

8 MS. MACDONALD: Yeah, thank you so much and  
9 apologies for requesting this break. I would just like  
10 everybody to know that the visualizations that we're  
11 going through are posted on [wedrawthelinesca.org](http://wedrawthelinesca.org). And if  
12 you go to meetings and then go to today's meeting and  
13 then look at handouts, under handouts you will find a  
14 whole list of documents.

15 And the one that we are going through now that has  
16 the visualizations that Jaime will be discussing are in  
17 the set that is labeled L.A. County Assembly  
18 Visualizations A. And after that we're going to L.A.  
19 County Assembly Visualizations A-1. So L.A. County  
20 Assembly Visualizations A-1 starting with L.A. County  
21 Assembly Visualizations A.

22 And I will let you know what page the particular  
23 district visualization or district size visualization  
24 that we're going to be discussing is on in the document  
25 so that hopefully everybody can follow along. And I



1 think we're starting with page 5, please. And it says --  
2 up at the top it says District West SGV.

3 MS. CLARK: So this visualization includes Arcadia,  
4 North El Monte, El Monte, Rosemead, South San Gabriel,  
5 Monterey Park, Alhambra, San Gabriel, East Gabriel, and  
6 San Marino, and Temple City. The percent deviation is  
7 negative 3.02 percent. The Latino citizen voting age  
8 population is 31.48 percent. The percent Black CVAP is  
9 1.25 percent, Asian CVAP is 53.04 percent, Indigenous  
10 CVAP, .31 percent and the White CVAP is 12.8 percent.

11 MR. BECKER: And I'll just quickly add -- and if we  
12 do, I don't know if we can get the CVAPs actually  
13 displayed on the live maps, that would be helpful. This  
14 is a -- this is a majority. Let me just make sure I have  
15 the numbers right. Yeah, this is a majority Asian CVAP  
16 district. The Gingles 1 is definitely met.

17 And the preliminary analysis we've done, it's still  
18 some preliminary because all of the Assembly District  
19 elections have been reviewed and we still have a few  
20 Senate and Congressional districts to review, Dr. Gall is  
21 working on those, but we are seeing both the 3rd and --  
22 2nd and 3rd Gingles preconditions met.

23 The Non-Asian population, the white population is  
24 voting cohesively against the Asian candidate of choice.  
25 So this would be an area where we'd advise that the

1 Voting Rights Act protects Asian voters.

2 MS. CLARK: Okay. Moving on to the -- it's called  
3 in the handout South SGV, I believe, page 8. The percent  
4 deviation of this visualization is four percent. It  
5 includes South El Monte, Avocado Heights, La Puente, part  
6 of the City of Industry, Hacienda Heights, La Habra  
7 Heights, Rose Hills, Montebello, Pico Rivera, Whittier,  
8 South Whittier, East Whittier, La Mirada, and San Dimas  
9 Heights.

10 The Latino citizen voting age population of this  
11 visualization is 65.98 percent. The black citizen voting  
12 age population is 1.34 percent. The Asian citizen voting  
13 age population is 13.09 percent. Indigenous CVAP .38  
14 percent, and White CVAP 18.62 percent.

15 MR. BECKER: And I get the old Assembly District  
16 lines up on the map, please?

17 MS. CLARK: Could you repeat that, please?

18 MR. BECKER: The existing Assembly Districts for the  
19 last ten years. Can I get those boundaries overlaid?  
20 Thank you. Yes. This is another area as you can see,  
21 we've got well over fifty percent Latino citizen voting  
22 age population here.

23 And we are showing, again, I want to suggest  
24 everything is preliminary because we haven't completed  
25 all of the elections that we can look at and they're

1 going to be done shortly. But it does appear that both  
2 Gingles 2 and 3 are likely met. Latinos are very  
3 cohesive. And it appears that other voters are voting in  
4 ways that are not consistent with the Latino voter's  
5 candidates of choice. So again, we would advise this of  
6 an area where the Voting Rights Act applies.

7 CHAIR SADHWANI: Well, I'll jump in and just ask a  
8 question on this area. Of course, we're seeing that the  
9 Latinos CVAP is over sixty-five percent. Is there a  
10 concern here? And of course, we're also noticing that  
11 we've taken a strict approach to not crossing -- from  
12 what I can tell, not crossing county boundaries.

13 Is there a sense that our assessment or analysis  
14 here might change if we were to start crossing  
15 boundaries? I'm concerned just about potentially packing  
16 the Latino district in this area when -- if we start  
17 thinking about crossover between Rowland Heights, Diamond  
18 Bar, other areas, La Habra Heights, potentially, what  
19 that might -- how that might change the outcomes of this  
20 District.

21 MR. BECKER: Yeah, that's a very good point. So as  
22 you can see, this is a slightly overpopulated district.  
23 If I'm reading this correctly, I think it's about four  
24 percent over the ideal population, which is still within  
25 the realm of equal population, but it's on the higher

1 end.

2       And I think it's very hard to pinpoint exactly what  
3 percentage Latinos would need to be at in order to  
4 continue to have the opportunity to elect candidates of  
5 their choice here under the Voting Rights Act  
6 protections. But I think it's fair to say that sixty-six  
7 percent is above whatever they would need to have.

8       So this is an area where you could balance out the  
9 various criteria, shift some Latino population into  
10 another area and still maintain Latino voter's ability to  
11 elect candidates of their choice. I don't want to say  
12 exactly how many it would take, but this is on -- this is  
13 on the high end. There is some flexibility here that you  
14 have as you give instructions to reduce the Latino  
15 population in this District a little bit and still  
16 maintain Latino voter's ability to have a candidate of  
17 choice in that District.

18       CHAIR SADHWANI: Very good. And I think this is a  
19 question for the line drawers, but are you looking for  
20 that kind of instruction at this point in time, or do you  
21 want to wait until we get further into this process?

22       MS. MACDONALD: I think it might be good just to go  
23 through both of the plans and then.

24       CHAIR SADHWANI: Perfect. Thank you so much.

25       MS. CLARK: Okay. I'm going to move on to the next

1 visualization. This is BADA (phonetic) Southeast five  
2 corridor. It's page 9. And the percent deviation of  
3 this visualization is negative 4.95 percent. This  
4 includes East Los Angeles, Vernon, Commerce, Downey,  
5 Norwalk. And this is Bellflower.

6 MS. MACDONALD: The Latino CVAP for this  
7 visualization as 71.77 percent, Black CVAP is 5.57  
8 percent, Asian CVAP is 8.40 percent, indigenous CVAP is  
9 0.30 percent, and white swab is 13.15 percent.

10 MR. BECKER: Can I get the Assembly Districts  
11 overlaid again, the existing ones? I'm just confirming.  
12 This is an area we're still getting some information.  
13 There is some evidence in some of the areas of  
14 significant white crossover, but less in other areas. So  
15 we're not entirely sure and can't give a definitive  
16 advice on whether Gingles 3 is met. We're still  
17 evaluating that.

18 Regardless, this is a very high percentage of  
19 Latinos. And given that it's in the middle of the  
20 section, it's it would be it would be difficult to get it  
21 down to below fifty percent in all likelihood. This is  
22 one of those areas I'd probably just say whether we  
23 conclusively find Gingles 3 to be met or not, and whether  
24 the Voting Rights Act strictly applies or not, it's very  
25 likely this is going -- this area is going to comprise a

1 majority Latino district. And we do see strong Latino --  
2 Gingles 2 is definitely met. There is strong Latino  
3 cohesion around Latino candidates of choice.

4 MS. CLARK: So for the next visualization, it's on  
5 page 11. It includes: Walnut Park, Southgate, part of  
6 the city of Linwood, Paramount, this northern area here  
7 in City of Long Beach, Lakewood, Hawaiian Gardens,  
8 Cerritos, and Artesia. The percent deviation of this  
9 visualization is negative 2.65 percent.

10 MS. MACDONALD: The percent Latino CVAP is 54.32  
11 percent, percent Black CVAP is 11.32 percent, percent  
12 Asian CVAP is 16.13 percent, percent Indigenous CVAP is  
13 0.40 percent, and percent White CVAP is 16.32 percent.

14 MR. BECKER: Okay. This is an area where we do --  
15 where we do think based on the Assembly Districts we've  
16 analyzed that both the 2nd and 3rd Gingles preconditions  
17 are met there. Clearly, the first is already met. So  
18 likely Voting Rights Act protections apply to Latino  
19 population here.

20 This is a -- this is a slightly -- this is probably  
21 in the area that we're going to -- we're going to want to  
22 do some further analysis as to whether -- if I'm reading  
23 this right, it's about 54.3 percent; is that right,  
24 Latino CVAP?

25 MS. CLARK: That's correct.



1 MR. BECKER: Okay. So that's probably right  
2 around -- we'll look more at some of the data to see if  
3 this were to be adopted in this in this construct or if  
4 that percentage was about where we end up or where you  
5 instruct the line drawers to end up -- whether or not  
6 that's sufficient to elect candidates of choice.

7 We'll have to take a closer look at some of the  
8 crossover voting and see what we find -- and turnout  
9 differentials. Probably not far off is my early and my  
10 early advice based on what we're seeing. But that's that  
11 might be an area, particularly since you're adjacent --  
12 this District -- the South Gate District is adjacent to  
13 the SA-5 corridor district above it, which has a very  
14 high Latino population.

15 There might be some ability to adjust populations to  
16 ensure that where Voting Rights Act protections apply, as  
17 it does appear to here, that the Latinos have adequate  
18 ability to elect their candidates of choice.

19 CHAIR SADHWANI: It looks like we have a question  
20 from Commissioner Toledo.

21 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah, I'm just wondering if we  
22 can see the current boundaries for this area -- the  
23 current assembly boundaries? And then also were whether  
24 previously VRA protections in this area for the Latino  
25 population or is this new or would that potentially? I

1 don't want to say that there are.

2 MR. BECKER: Someone else might know the answer to  
3 that because I wasn't involved the last time around. But  
4 given the population concentrations which are significant  
5 here, the Latino population concentrations, and that  
6 isn't significantly different from what it was ten years  
7 ago and the voting patterns we're seeing, I honestly, I'd  
8 be somewhat surprised if the Voting Rights Act didn't  
9 apply to this area ten years ago. And there might be  
10 someone who was involved and addressed who has a better  
11 memory.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: 8063 was denominator VRA  
13 District last time around.

14 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you. Appreciate it.

15 CHAIR SADHWANI: And I think if we recall back to  
16 our community education period, I believe Rosalind Gold  
17 had presented a number of Latino VRA districts from  
18 the -- coming out of the 2010 redistricting in a  
19 presentation that she had done for the Commission as  
20 well.

21 Commissioner Sinay?

22 COMMISSIONER SINAY: This is more out of curiosity,  
23 because I've noticed it now on both maps. But when  
24 you -- when you're looking at Lakewood at the bottom left  
25 corner, why does it loop -- have that little circle at



1 the bottom on the left side? No, no. Keep going.

2 There.

3 MS. CLARK: That is --

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Is it water?

5 MS. CLARK: -- part of the city limits. I'm going  
6 to zoom to this area. This is just the boundary between  
7 those stretches.

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: But it doesn't touch it. Okay.

9 MS. CLARK: It does connect. It does touch. But  
10 it's very itty -- pardon me. It's itty bitty. And this  
11 is just the city boundary between the cities of Lakewood  
12 and Long Beach.

13 MR. BECKER: Yeah. And I'll just note, that's the  
14 Long Beach airport there. So it might be that that's  
15 what causes that to some degree, that -- the lengths of  
16 the runways, et cetera. But I'm just speculating based  
17 on what I'm seeing on the map.

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thanks. Sorry for that  
19 distraction.

20 CHAIR SADHWANI: Not a distraction at all. Good  
21 question.

22 Commissioner Akutagawa?

23 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I have a question  
24 for Mr. Becker. I'm just looking at this particular  
25 visualization in -- thinking to the other one, I hear --

1 it's a question that I put to myself to ask. I am kind  
2 of curious, though, if you remove like, let's say a  
3 portion of this district that's being proposed like  
4 Cerritos and Artesia, they're very different from the  
5 rest of the cities that are being proposed for this  
6 district, does that -- I don't know -- I guess, does that  
7 affect how you look at this particular district or this  
8 proposed district as a VRA district given some of the  
9 other numbers that we're seeing?

10 I'm just kind of curious as to what we should be  
11 thinking about in terms of looking at the proposed  
12 changes that we might suggest. Because for me, I mean, I  
13 look at this and the needs of -- I mean, if you think  
14 about like some of the preconditions around Gingles, and  
15 being able to elect a candidate of their choice, I could  
16 tell you that they're going to have very different  
17 candidates of choice or preference in this district as  
18 it's drawn right now.

19 So I just -- I'm just trying to understand, how do  
20 we -- how do we also navigate this, given what your --  
21 the analysis that you're doing?

22 MR. BECKER: Yeah. So what the data is suggesting  
23 is that in this area, you have a lot of flexibility to  
24 decide to weigh other factors while maintaining Latino  
25 majorities here so that Latinos can have the opportunity

1 to elect candidates of their choice.

2       Because what we're largely seeing is that the non-  
3 Latino voters in this area tend to -- throughout most of  
4 this district, I think it's fair to say, tend to  
5 consistently display Gingles 3 conditions. In other  
6 words, they tend to vote in ways cohesively against  
7 Latino candidates of choice. Where you'd have to be  
8 really careful and where flexibility might be somewhat  
9 limited is where the nonminority populations are  
10 depending upon where you are in the District are voting  
11 differently.

12       So there might be some places where Gingles 3  
13 doesn't exist or where crossover is so large, and if you  
14 replaced it with different nonminority populations, the  
15 percentage that you would need to continue the  
16 opportunity to elect for the minority population would  
17 change because the nonminority populations have different  
18 voting behavior.

19       I think down here what we're seeing is there's  
20 fairly consistent voting behavior by the nonminority  
21 population. So I think you have some flexibility to move  
22 things around. And of course one of the -- some of the  
23 other things you're going to want to consider is this  
24 goes right up against the Orange County line. How much  
25 you're going to honor -- or honor is not the right

1 word -- how much weight you're going to apply to that.

2 And the overall balancing of the various criteria is  
3 really important. You've got a highly concentrated  
4 Latino area just to the north of this as well. And so  
5 there might be both some flexibility and some  
6 considerations there about how you do that.

7 Now we're getting into the harder balancing  
8 interests, and what we'll be able to advise you on is if  
9 you start drawing -- once we get to -- from  
10 visualizations to something that looks more like draft  
11 districts, are those districts at a level where the  
12 protected minorities -- and as I say, we're pretty sure  
13 that we're advising that this is a protected Latino  
14 minority here, are the percentages sufficient to enable  
15 them to continue to have the opportunity to elect  
16 candidates their choice while also not being so great  
17 that they're being packed in so it diminishes their  
18 opportunity in other adjacent areas. Does that make  
19 sense?

20 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes. And I guess I'm going  
21 to do a yes, but here -- and I guess I just want to ask  
22 you, what if you have multiple protected minorities that  
23 don't necessarily vote cohesively?

24 MR. BECKER: So first, we look at the Gingles 1. So  
25 is there one predominant one that is sufficient to form a

1 majority? What we're seeing in this area is this is a  
2 really good illustration. This is basically where that  
3 question is most relevant, this particular area of  
4 California. And you can see we've -- the illustrations  
5 have both Latino majority districts and Asian majority  
6 districts even adjacent to each other.

7 I think it's the West San Gabriel Valley District,  
8 Jaime, correct, a little bit north is the Asian majority,  
9 if I'm not mistaken. So what if they're -- if they're  
10 all living in close proximity and they can satisfy  
11 Gingles I, we do our best or advise to do your best to  
12 create districts where each minority can continue to  
13 elect candidates of their choice, particularly whether or  
14 not voting cohesively with each other.

15 I think this is the exact opposite of the kind of  
16 coalition district issue we were discussing in South  
17 L.A., where it doesn't appear that blacks are easily  
18 drawn into a majority black district by themselves. But  
19 there does appear to be sufficient, particularly Latino  
20 crossover, where a coalition district might be possible  
21 there. I think this is a great illustration of how you  
22 navigate those -- the multiple minority groups in close  
23 proximity challenge.

24 CHAIR SADHWANI: That's great. Was that sufficient  
25 for you, Commissioner Akutagawa? Okay. Great.

1 MR. BECKER: And can I just add one --

2 CHAIR SADHWANI: Yeah, please.

3 MR. BECKER: -- quick thing also, when we get to the  
4 Bay Area and the Asian populations there as well, that  
5 one of the -- one of the issues with Voting Rights Act,  
6 just as a kind of a tease for later in the week, is we  
7 just see a lot of crossover from Non-Asian communities  
8 for those Asian candidates in the Bay Area.

9 So it's unlikely they're going to satisfy all three  
10 Gingles preconditions in a place like that. Whereas in  
11 the West San Gabriel Valley, we're definitely seeing the  
12 Gingles preconditions met.

13 CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. Thank you. And my guess is  
14 will continue to think about this area when we move into  
15 Orange County as well, and also be thinking about some of  
16 these areas that might be able to cross over in from  
17 districts and in the North O.C.

18 Jaime?

19 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

20 Commissioner Akutagawa, just to also specifically  
21 about Artesia and Cerritos, and this visualization for  
22 the other set of assembly district sized visualizations  
23 that we'll look at today, Cerritos and Artesia are in a  
24 in a visualization with Downey, Norwalk, et cetera.  
25 There is definitely some room, wiggle room, I guess, in



1 in these areas. Thank you.

2 CHAIR SADHWANI: Very good. Thank you so much.

3 Jaime, I think we can continue on.

4 MS. CLARK: Sure. Thank you. Next, I'm just going  
5 to move on to this visualization which is called  
6 VADA\_central L.A. This is on page 10 and this  
7 visualization includes Maywood, Bell, Huntington Park,  
8 Florence-Firestone, West Athens, Westmont, Empowerment  
9 Congress South West, Empowerment Congress Central, other  
10 areas -- or other neighborhoods in this area. And the  
11 percent deviation of this visualization is negative 4.48  
12 percent.

13 MS. MACDONALD: The percent Latino CVAP is 62.62  
14 percent, percent Black CVAP is 33.39 percent, percent  
15 Asian CVAP is 0.85 percent, percent indigenous CVAP is  
16 0.11 percent, and percent White CVAP is 2.39 percent.

17 MR. BECKER: And I'll just say this is an area -- I  
18 mean, you can see this is a strongly majority Latino  
19 district. And whether this is an area that requires a  
20 Voting Rights Act district to be drawn, we're still  
21 getting some additional data.

22 And the Assembly District analysis is somewhat  
23 inconclusive on Gingles 3 on crossover voting. So we're  
24 looking at some additional Senate, Congressional  
25 elections and statewides to see what we can find there.

1           Regardless of the percentage, this is just like --  
2 this is similar to the SE-5 corridor district in the  
3 sense that the percentages are so high and the  
4 concentrations are so high that whether or not the Voting  
5 Rights Act requires a district to be redrawn, likely  
6 other factors are going to lead to a majority Latino  
7 district here regardless.

8           CHAIR SADHWANI: Commissioner Akutagawa, did you  
9 have your hand raised?

10           Commissioner Fernandez?

11           COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you. I was just  
12 looking at the CVAPs for the blacks for this district,  
13 the district above, and the District below, and it's  
14 actually pretty high. So I'm just wondering if there's a  
15 possibility of having a black district instead of it  
16 being so heavily Latino.

17           MR. BECKER: What I'd suggest -- I don't know the  
18 answer to that right now. I don't know if the  
19 populations are in close enough proximity to do that. My  
20 understanding, and Jaime and Karin, you might want to  
21 chime in here, it's not impossible to draw such a  
22 district.

23           I can tell you the evidence of a -- of Gingles 3  
24 meanings being in existence with regard to the black  
25 voter's choices is not particularly strong based on what

1 we're seeing right now. So to be a -- that might that  
2 might result in advice that the Voting Rights Act doesn't  
3 require a black majority district to be drawn here. It  
4 may also be the case -- what we had seen in this area is  
5 significant Latino crossover for similar candidates that  
6 blacks were supporting.

7 Which again, it's -- as we're trying to draw  
8 districts that give everyone the kind of representation  
9 they want. I just want to point out, it's actually a  
10 really good thing. It shows it shows kind of an  
11 evolution that's happened in this area that's very  
12 positive. But keep that in mind as you're looking at the  
13 lines in the potential future visualizations and draft  
14 districts that you might want to draw there.

15 CHAIR SADHWANI: Commissioner Toledo?

16 COMMISSIOENR TOLEDO: And with that in mind as well,  
17 as we looked through the data, were you able to identify  
18 any area where there might be a coalition district  
19 between -- with African-Americans and potentially other  
20 groups, whether it's Latino or Asian in this area?

21 MR. BECKER: Yeah, the short answer is we can't  
22 conclusively say it's there yet. We're not quite there.  
23 But this is probably the area that most looks like a  
24 potential coalition district in California where -- the  
25 preliminary analysis does seem to indicate blacks and

1 Latinos are voting cohesively together generally and in  
2 this area.

3 And so there might be the -- there might be the  
4 prospect of that. We're going to give you some future  
5 advice on that as we look a little closer at some of  
6 that -- some of that information. But we see -- we are  
7 seeing pretty significant Latino crossover for black  
8 candidates of choice.

9 And if I'm not mistaken, I believe someone might be  
10 able to remind me here. I think Assembly District 64 is  
11 represented by an African-American. Am I right about  
12 that? So anyway, so again, we're -- it's a great point  
13 that you're raising. And we're going to continue to look  
14 closely at this and give you some further advice on that.

15 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you.

16 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you for that.

17 Commissioner Vazquez?

18 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Sorry. Pass. I'm not ready  
19 yet.

20 CHAIR SADHWANI: No problem.

21 Commissioner Akutagawa?

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I think I kind of  
23 want to follow up on what Commissioner Toledo was asking  
24 about. And I guess I had written a note to myself around  
25 this. In splitting off Maywood, Bell, and Cudahy, and

1 perhaps creating more of what I would see as a 710-  
2 corridor district because those cities plus some of the  
3 other cities, I think on the map that we just saw, and  
4 then some to the little bit to the north that was called  
5 the SE-5 corridor.

6 They all share a similar kind of characteristic in  
7 that they're all very industrial. They all deal with a  
8 lot of the issues around just pollution related to the  
9 big trucks in a lot of the big warehouses in those areas.

10 And so my thought was that if you were to move  
11 Maywood, Bell, and Cudahy out of this area and then  
12 perhaps pick up some of the other regions of Los Angeles,  
13 that could also include places like Watson, the  
14 Empowerment Congress, or perhaps even dipping a little  
15 bit more further west, it may be possible to create one  
16 that could be a coalition district, but is still perhaps  
17 a black VRA district.

18 I don't know if that's possible, but I mean, that  
19 would be something that I would be curious if you see  
20 that in the analysis that you're seeing, because I think  
21 from a -- just looking at some of the kind of patterns in  
22 The City of L.A. and also thinking about some of the COI  
23 input testimony that we were hearing from, particularly  
24 from the black African-American community, I know that  
25 they're very concerned about ensuring that the core of

1 their community be kept together.

2 And I think what we're doing is we've kind of  
3 removed some of those cores. And so I'd like us to at  
4 least just look at what that would look like and I think  
5 there are ways to build that would also not  
6 disenfranchise Latino communities that surround them as  
7 well too. So thank you.

8 CHAIR SADHWANI: Perfect. Thank you for that. And  
9 just as a as a reminder, at this stage where we're  
10 getting the broad overview of these areas, we're actually  
11 going to go back through district by district in due  
12 course.

13 Commissioner Taylor?

14 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Thank you. I think I'm just  
15 going to piggyback on what Commissioner Akutagawa is  
16 leaning towards. There's some similarities communities  
17 of interest between Commerce, Vernon, Maywood, Bell,  
18 Cudahy that share. And then we combine that with the  
19 potential to go south with the black community. I think  
20 it might get some of our interest. So again as an  
21 iteration, but just food for thought, I think that is  
22 something that should be considered. Thank you.

23 CHAIR SADHWANI: Very good. Thank you. And I think  
24 just as a reminder, we do have Kimberly from our staff, I  
25 think, taking some of these notes, although we're trying

1 to keep it keep it at high level right now and then we'll  
2 dig further, deeper into it. But I know, of course, as  
3 we're going through, this is sparking a lot of interest  
4 and curiosity for commissioners.

5 Commissioner Vasquez, did you want to go again?

6 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah. Commissioner Akutagawa  
7 and Taylor beat me to my points. I really was -- it just  
8 is very striking for me to break up Bell Gardens in  
9 particular away from Maywood, Bell, and Cudahy in  
10 particular. So I just wanted -- glad other folks have  
11 noticed it too.

12 CHAIR SADHWANI: Perfect. So why don't we go back  
13 to finishing up the overview and then we'll dig deeper  
14 into the actual visualizations and be giving them that  
15 specific feedback.

16 Jaime?

17 MS. CLARK: Sure. Thank you. And a lot of what was  
18 just discussed is in visualization A, D, B, so we'll have  
19 time to look at that after this. Next, going to move on  
20 to the visualization that is called Central and Downtown  
21 L.A. This includes Mid-City, West Adams neighborhoods  
22 along the 10, including Pico Union Empowerment Congress  
23 North, Historic South Central, Zapata King, and also  
24 includes parts of Koreatown. The percent deviation of  
25 this visualization is negative 4.62 percent. This is on

1 page 7.

2 MS. MACDONALD: The Latino CVAP for this particular  
3 visualization as 53.08 percent. The Black CVAP is 20.80  
4 percent, Asian CVAP is 12.96 percent, Indigenous CVAP is  
5 0.28 percent, and White CVAP is 11.64 percent.

6 MR. BECKER: So this is an area once again where  
7 Gingles 1 is definitely met. Gingles 2, the Latino  
8 community does tend to be cohesive here. Gingles 3 is  
9 still inconclusive. We're getting some more information  
10 here, but there does appear to be some significant  
11 crossover. And we're trying to look at some more  
12 elections to determine whether or not we can get a better  
13 sense of that.

14 If Gingles 3 is meant that another thing we'll need  
15 to consider is we -- we're currently at a fifty-three  
16 percent Latino district here that whether that is going  
17 to be sufficient given the crossover that we have and  
18 that's -- we don't have a conclusive piece of advice on  
19 that yet. But that's we'll try to get that shortly for  
20 you and also give more comprehensive advice as to whether  
21 the 3rd Gingles precondition is met when definitely the  
22 first two are.

23 CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay. As a reminder, we're not  
24 giving direction yet. Just reviewing the overview.

25 Commissioner Akutagawa, did you have a clarifying



1 question or comment?

2 MS. CLARK: Okay. Thank you so much. I am going to  
3 zoom out and I think just given the area that we just  
4 looked at, start in the Long Beach area and review. I'm  
5 going to take the current district lines off. We can  
6 start in the Long Beach area and then move west and north  
7 through sort of the coastal visualizations into more of  
8 City of Los Angeles and go from there.

9 CHAIR SADHWANI: Perfect.

10 And so Jaime, do you want to present like multiple  
11 districts and then we stop and give --

12 MS. CLARK: Yeah.

13 CHAIR SADHWANI: -- feedback and direction?

14 MS. CLARK: Yeah, if I could, I think a good way to  
15 proceed could be just to -- I'll do a total overview --

16 CHAIR SADHWANI: Um-hum.

17 MS. CALRK: -- and then maybe we could switch to  
18 visualization A, D, B and give an overview of that set of  
19 visualizations and then discuss.

20 CHAIR SADHWANI: Very good. Thank you. So at this  
21 stage, only if there are like clarifying questions,  
22 that's what we should be asking; is that correct?

23 MS. CLARK: Could you please repeat?

24 CHAIR SADHWANI: Sure. No problem. Just at this  
25 stage, we're just doing the full overview of this first

1 map, A, Assembly District A, not providing specific  
2 instruction yet. We're going to look at A and B and then  
3 have a discussion about the trade-offs between the two;  
4 is that correct?

5 MS. CLARK: Yes, please.

6 CHAIR SADHWANI: Perfect. Thank you so much.

7 MS. CLARK: Okay. And I think in terms of the  
8 handouts, we're still on the A map right now, ADA-1 -- OR  
9 no, just ADA. One moment. We're finding the --

10 MS. MACDONALD: We're looking. So we are still on  
11 the handout page on L.A. County Assembly Visualizations.  
12 A one, I believe, is what we've moved into now.

13 MS. CLARK: Okay. Okay. So right now we are  
14 looking at Long Beach Harbor area. This visualization  
15 includes Los Alamitos, Rossmore, Long Beach -- part of  
16 The City of Long Beach, Signal Hill, and through this  
17 southern area of Wilmington. This is along the 405,  
18 including San Pedro area.

19 And the percent deviation of this visualization is  
20 negative 0.3 percent. This is on page 10. So it's  
21 difficult to see because it includes those islands that  
22 are part of the school district that we heard about.

23 MS. MACDONALD: Yeah. And if you thought you were  
24 on the wrong page, I also thought I was on the wrong  
25 page. So this is a formatting issue and we will be

1 working on -- with new formatting moving forward. So  
2 apologize for that. And drinking to our software  
3 provider here. Percent Latino CVAP for that  
4 visualization is 29.88 percent, percent Black CVAP is  
5 11.61 percent, percent Asian CVAP is 13.26 percent,  
6 percent Indigenous CVAP is 0.69 percent, and percent  
7 White CVAP is 43.04 percent.

8 MR. BECKER: And I won't be chiming in on -- to save  
9 time on districts where there aren't significant Voting  
10 Rights Act concerns. And that's certainly one of those  
11 areas.

12 MS. CLARK: And next, looking at the visualization  
13 called South L.A., this is page 11 of A-1. And this  
14 visualization includes: Watts, Compton, West Rancho  
15 Dominguez, cities of Carson, West Carson, Harbor, Gateway  
16 South, and Wilmington, north of 405. This visualization  
17 is, of course, based on direction provided by the  
18 Commission last time we met, and the percent deviation of  
19 this visualization is 3.86 percent.

20 MS. MACDONALD: The percent Latino CVAP in this  
21 visualization is 50.37 percent, percent Black CVAP is  
22 28.90 percent, percent Asian CVAP is 11.5 percent,  
23 percent Indigenous CVAP is 0.26 percent, percent White  
24 CVAP is 7.06 percent.

25 MR. BECKER: And I'll just add, I think we've



1 already discussed this, but this is an area where  
2 certainly the Commissioner should consider potential  
3 instructions that may relate to coalitions and things  
4 of -- things along those lines, particularly with the  
5 black and Latino communities.

6 MS. CLARK: And next visualization, this is on page  
7 9 of Assembly District A-1 handout. This is a South Bay  
8 area, including El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Mimosa  
9 Beach, Redondo Beach, Lawndale, Gardena, Torrance,  
10 Lomita, Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills, et cetera. And the  
11 percent deviation of this visualization is negative 1.81  
12 percent.

13 MS. MACDONALD: The Latino CVAP for this  
14 visualization is 19.36 percent, Black CVAP is 6.75  
15 percent, Asian CVAP is 22.18 percent, Indigenous CVAP is  
16 0.55 percent, White CVAP is 49.75 percent.

17 MS. CLARK: And moving north, this visualization is  
18 called VADA\_L.A.X. It includes L.A. area, and this is on  
19 page 4 of A-1. This visualization includes Hawthorne,  
20 Del Aire, Lenox, Inglewood, View Park, Windsor Hills, all  
21 of Culver City, Del Rey, Marina Del Rey, and Westchester,  
22 Playa. And the percent deviation of this visualization  
23 is negative 0.49 percent.

24 MS. MACDONALD: The percent Latino CVAP for this  
25 visualization is 29.22 percent, percent Black CVAP is

1 34.89 percent, percent Asian CVAP is 8.26 percent,  
2 percent Indigenous CVAP is 0.33 percent, and percent  
3 White CVAP is 25.68 percent.

4 MS. CLARK: Moving to this visualization called  
5 Westside. This is still seeking the page number. This  
6 includes Palisades, Santa Monica and Venice, Mar Vista,  
7 West Side, Westwood Neighborhood council, South  
8 Robertson, and City of Beverly Hills. This is page 7 of  
9 A-1. And the percent deviation of this visualization is  
10 negative 4.41 percent.

11 MS. MACDONALD: The percent Latino CVAP of this  
12 visualization is 12.5 percent, Black CVAP is 6.05  
13 percent, Asian CVAP is 13.83 percent, Indigenous CVAP is  
14 0.45 percent, and White CVAP is 66.07 percent.

15 MS. CLARK: And next, moving on to sort of a west  
16 Los Angeles County, East Ventura County visualization.  
17 This, of course, was created based on direction from  
18 Commission. That was it. Yeah. This is on page 2 of A-  
19 1.

20 This visualization includes Malibu, Topanga,  
21 Calabasas, Aurora Hills, Westlake Village, Hidden Hills,  
22 these neighborhoods and very west San Fernando Valley.  
23 In Ventura County, it includes Bel Canyon, Santa Susana,  
24 Simi Valley, Oak Park, Thousand Oaks, Casa Canejo, Santa  
25 Rosa Valley and Moorpark. The percent deviation of this



1 visualization is negative 1 percent.

2 MS. MACDONALD: Percent Latino CVAP for this  
3 visualization is 14.45 percent. Sorry, 14.45 percent,  
4 percent Black CVAP is 2.28 percent, percent Asian CVAP is  
5 9.86 percent, percent Indigenous CVAP is 0.63 percent,  
6 and percent White CVAP is 72.23 percent.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Now, I'm not going to go into  
8 San Fernando Valley.

9 MS. CLARK: And moving east into San Fernando Valley  
10 areas. We did get direction to try and use five or  
11 excuse me to use a 405 as a boundary and just for  
12 population purposes, that was not quite possible, but we  
13 did as close as we could in this set of visualizations.

14 This visualization is called West San Fernando  
15 Valley. This is on page one of the A-1 handout. It  
16 includes Canoga Park, Tarzana, Encino, part of Sherman  
17 Oaks, Van Nuys, Lake Balboa, Northridge South, and  
18 Reseda. This boundary, of course, is Mulholland, and the  
19 percent deviation of this visualization is 0.96 percent.

20 MS. MACDONALD: The percent Latino CVAP for this  
21 visualization is 32.46 percent, percent Black CVAP is  
22 6.25 percent, percent Asian CVAP is 11.93 percent,  
23 percent Indigenous CVAP is 0.41 percent, and percent  
24 White CVAP is 48.25.

25 MS. CLARK: Okay. And little bit further east,



1 looking at this visualization, which includes Bel Air,  
2 Studio City, part of Sherman Oaks, NOHO, or Greater  
3 Toluca Lake, City of West Hollywood, Mid City, Greater  
4 Wilshire and Olympic Park, Neighborhood Councils. This  
5 represents 1.61 percent deviation. And we are looking  
6 for the page number. There it is. It's in A,  
7 Visualization A and it's on page 3.

8       And the percent Latino CVAP for this is 17.42  
9 percent, percent Black CVAP is 7.56 percent, percent  
10 Asian CVAP 12.45 percent, Indigenous 5.38 percent, and  
11 White CVAP 61.25 percent.

12       Next, moving on to this visualization, VADA\_Burbank,  
13 Glendale, North L.A. This includes Burbank, much of the  
14 City of Glendale also includes Los Feliz and Atwater  
15 areas. And it's on page 5 in A-1. It also includes East  
16 Hollywood. And this is a negative 7.94 percent  
17 deviation.

18       MS. MACDONALD: The percent Latino CVAP for this  
19 visualization is 21.75 percent, Black CVAP is at 4.34  
20 percent, Asian CVAP at 13.18 percent, Indigenous 0.51  
21 percent, and White CVAP 59.23 percent.

22       MS. CLARK: Okay. I'm going to zoom out and next  
23 look at this 210-corridor visualization and then we'll go  
24 back north. So this includes areas along the 210  
25 corridor. It is on page 6 of Visualization A-1. It

1 includes areas from this very northern part of Glendale  
2 through Pasadena. It does include Eagle Rock, part of  
3 Glendale, South Pasadena, Sierra Madre, Monrovia,  
4 Bradbury, the northern part of Duarte, northern part of  
5 Glendora, San Dimas, all the way out to Claremont, and  
6 also includes areas of Angeles National Forest. This is  
7 a negative 3.22 percent deviation.

8 MS. MACDONALD: The percent Latino CVAP of this  
9 visualization is 24.1, percent Black CVAP is 7.59,  
10 percent Asian CVAP is 17.3, percent Indigenous CVAP is  
11 0.44, percent White CVAP is 49.58.

12 MS. CLARK: Okay. And now kind of back to San  
13 Fernando Valley talking about the other end of 210, this  
14 is East San Fernando Valley. And this includes Sylmar  
15 uses five and 405 as a western boundary, includes  
16 Panorama city, follows the city lines for Burbank and  
17 Glendale and includes all of this area east of 405 pretty  
18 much in San Fernando Valley, including Pacoima and City  
19 of San Fernando. This is on page 1 of Visualization A  
20 and includes a percent deviation of 4.31 percent.

21 MS. MACDONALD: The percent Latino CVAP of this  
22 visualization is 60.67 percent, percent Black CVAP is  
23 4.23 percent, percent Asian CVAP is 9.79 percent, percent  
24 Indigenous CVAP is 0.39 percent, and percent White CVAP  
25 is 24.31.



1 MS. CLARK: And I will zoom out. This is including  
2 this sort of north western part of San Fernando Valley,  
3 including Chatsworth, Porter Ranch, those neighborhoods  
4 and includes Santa Clarita Valley, including Acton and  
5 Agua Dolce. This is called SCV and represents a  
6 population deviation of negative 3.59 percent. And we  
7 are looking for that page number for you. Page 2 of  
8 Visualization A. Moving on --

9 MS. MACDONALD: Percent Latinos CVAP for this  
10 visualization is 24.99 percent, Black CVAP is 5.33  
11 percent, Asian CVAP 14.71 percent, Indigenous 5.72  
12 percent, and White CVAP 53.36 percent.

13 MS. CLARK: Okay. And moving to the Antelope Valley  
14 area, this includes the rest of L.A. County, that's north  
15 of San Fernando Valley. And the 210 corridor  
16 visualizations. This does include City of Tehachapi,  
17 California City, Mojave, Rosemond, Edwards Air Force Base  
18 area. And this is a percent deviation of negative 4.39  
19 percent. It is on page 3 of A-1.

20 MS. MACDONALD: The percent Latino CVAP here is  
21 39.51 percent, blacks CVAP 15.34 percent, Asian CVAP 4.37  
22 percent, Indigenous 0.98 percent, and whites CVAP 39.04  
23 percent.

24 MS. CLARK: And lastly, for this visualization,  
25 going down to the Walnut, Diamond Bar area, this

1 visualization includes Walnut, part of the City of  
2 Industry, Diamond Bar, Rowland Heights, Chino Hills,  
3 Yorba Linda, Placent -- I actually don't know how to  
4 say that one, Placentia. Okay. Great.

5 CHAIR SADHWANI: Placentia.

6 MC. CLARK: Northern part of City of Fullerton, La  
7 Habra, Brea. And this is a population deviation of 7.93  
8 percent. And we're looking for that page number for you,  
9 A-1, page 8.

10 And the percent Latino CVAP of this visualization is  
11 24.8 percent, percent Black CVAP 2.87 percent, Asian CVAP  
12 31.85 percent, Indigenous CVAP 0.62 percent, and White  
13 CVAP 39.09 percent.

14 And next, going to move on to visualization ADB.  
15 One moment, please. ADB. Okay. So this is a different  
16 set of Assembly District sized visualizations. And we  
17 can go through them just as we did before.

18 David, if you would like to, we could go through the  
19 visualizations that we created and in close collaboration  
20 first.

21 MR. BECKER: That sounds good. And if you can  
22 overlay the existing assembly districts again.

23 MS. CLARK: Absolutely.

24 CHAIR SADHWANI: And so Jaime, can you just point us  
25 to the correct handouts?



1 MS. CLARK: Hopefully, yes. Or we can all try.  
2 This can be a team effort to track it.

3 MS. MACDONALD: It's still there on page  
4 Wedrawthelines.ca.org under the 10\_13\_21 handouts. So  
5 basically those are right under the meeting. And we're  
6 now going through -- we will be going through L.A. County  
7 Assembly Visualizations B and L.A. County Assembly  
8 Visualizations B-1. And apologies in advance for making  
9 you hop around between these a little bit. We'll try to  
10 make it easy.

11 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you so much. Just before we  
12 get started, just a friendly reminder that we'll be going  
13 till 4 p.m. and at 4 o'clock we'll take a 45-minute  
14 break.

15 MS. MACDONALD: Thank you. So this visualization  
16 that we'll start with is V-A-D-B, East SGB, very similar  
17 to the last version that we saw. This includes Azusa,  
18 part of Glendora, Citrus, Charter Oak, Covina, West  
19 Covina, South San Jose Hills, West Puente Valley, Baldwin  
20 Park, Irwindale, Mayflower, South Monrovia Village, and  
21 part of Duarte. This is a percent deviation of negative  
22 4.51 percent.

23 MS. MACDONALD: It's page 4.

24 MS. CLARK: And this is on page 4 of B?

25 MS. MACDONALD: Yes.



1 MS. CLARK: True.

2 MS. MACDONALD: Yeah.

3 MS. CLARK: Okay. And we need to --

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible).

5 MS. CLARK: It looks like those are the CVAP --

6 MR. BECKER: We're getting the CVAPs up right?

7 MS. CLARK: One moment.

8 MR. BECKER: Okay.

9 MS. MACDONALD: Is this it?

10 MS. CLARK: That's it.

11 MS. MACDONALD: Okay. Here we go. So the Latino  
12 CVAP for this visualization is 56.87 percent, Black CVAP  
13 is 3.89 percent, Asian CVAP is 17.58 percent, Indigenous  
14 0.40 percent, and White CVAP is 20.34 percent.

15 MR. BECKER: And I'll just remind you, this is an  
16 area where we did see Latinos likely protected by the  
17 Voting Rights Act. All three Gingles preconditions  
18 appear to be met.

19 MS. CLARK: And I added the percent CVAP to this as  
20 well. Next, we'll go to this West San Gabriel Valley  
21 Visualization. This is page five on B. And this  
22 includes parts of the City of Arcadia, North El Monte, El  
23 Monte, Temple City, East San Gabriel Valley, San Marino,  
24 Alhambra, San Gabriel, Monterey Park, South San Gabriel,  
25 and Rosemead. This represents a percent deviation of

1 negative 3.02 percent.

2 MS. MACDONALD: Latino CVAP here is 31.48 percent,  
3 Black CVAP 1.25 percent, Asian CVAP 53.04 percent,  
4 Indigenous CVAP 0.31 percent, and White CVAP 12.80  
5 percent.

6 MR. BECKER: And thoroughly, as we indicated before  
7 in our visualization set A this is an area where it's  
8 highly likely that Asians are protected by the Voting  
9 Rights Act and all three Gingles preconditions are met  
10 with regard to Asian voters.

11 MS. CLARK: And next, this is page 7 of  
12 Visualization B. This visualization is called 605 and 60  
13 that interchanges in this visualization. This includes:  
14 South El Monte, Avocado Heights, La Puente, the western  
15 part of City of Industry, Hacienda Heights, La Habra  
16 Heights, Rose Hills, Whittier, East Whittier, La Mirada,  
17 San Demas Heights -- yeah, South Whittier, Pico Rivera,  
18 Montebello. And this is a four percent deviation.

19 MS. MACDONALD: The citizen voting age population of  
20 this visualization is for Latinos, 65.98 percent, blacks  
21 CVAP is 1.34 percent, Asian CVAP is 13.09 percent,  
22 Indigenous CVAP is 0.38 percent, and White CVAP is 18.62  
23 percent.

24 MR. BECKER: And as with Visualization, A, this is  
25 an area where Latinos are likely protected by the Voting



1 Rights Act. All three Gingles preconditions appear to be  
2 met. And I'll note similar to the last set of  
3 deviations, this is a particular concentration of Latino  
4 voters. So there's probably some flexibility to reduce  
5 the percentage. As you're balancing other factors,  
6 sixty-five percent is likely higher than is necessary to  
7 elect -- to give Latinos an opportunity to elect  
8 candidates of their choice.

9 MC. CLARK: And now moving on to page 8 of  
10 Visualization B, this is where we're going to start  
11 seeing some of these trade-offs and differences in these  
12 visualizations that we were discussing when we were  
13 looking at Visualization A.

14 So this visualization Southeast 5 corridor, again,  
15 is page 8 of Visualization B includes: Cerritos,  
16 Artesia, Norwalk, Bellflower, Downey, Bell Gardens, Bell,  
17 Maywood, Vernon, and Commerce. And it's a negative 3.78  
18 percent deviation.

19 MS. MACDONALD: Latinos CVAP is 60.24 percent, Black  
20 CVAP 6.78 percent, Asian CVAP 16.39 percent, Indigenous  
21 CVAP 5.33 percent, and White CVAP 15.32 percent.

22 MR. BECKER: And this is an area you'll recall that  
23 we're still compiling some information on whether Gingles  
24 three is met. There's some indications that it may be --  
25 but there's some in some of the assembly districts that

1 currently comprise it. There's less than what we're  
2 seeing in others. So we're still getting some other --  
3 more information on that Gingles 1 and 2 are definitely  
4 met here.

5 And as you can see, again, just like the previous  
6 district, this is a particularly high Latino  
7 concentration in this District. And it's likely that  
8 sixty percent is probably on the higher end of what is  
9 necessary to give Latinos an opportunity to elect  
10 candidates of their choice.

11 CHAIR SADHWANI: Looks like there's a question from  
12 Commissioner Sinay.

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you.

14 Are we going to be putting the two options side by  
15 side on the screen at some point?

16 MS. CLARK: We absolutely can, yes.

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. Because I'm like, yeah.  
18 Yeah.

19 MS. CLARK: Understandable. Yeah.

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Because you keep saying, as you  
21 remember, I'm like, no. Yeah.

22 MS. CLARK: Okay.

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thanks.

24 MS. CLARK: Next, moving to page 10 of  
25 Visualizations B. This visualization includes: Hawaiian

1 Gardens, Lakewood, northern part of City of Long Beach,  
2 all of City of Lynnwood and Southgate, all of Huntington  
3 Park. This visualization represents a percent deviation  
4 of negative 1.44 percent.

5 The percent Latino CVAP is 65.15 percent, Black CVAP  
6 10.86 percent, Asian CVAP 7.85 percent, Indigenous CVAP  
7 7.36 percent, and White CVAP 14.41 percent.

8 MR. BECKER: And preliminary indications are that  
9 all three Gingles preconditions here are met and that the  
10 Latino population is likely protected by the Voting  
11 Rights Act here. And similarly, I'm reading this -- I'm  
12 sorry, these numbers are so small and my eyes are on what  
13 they used to look like, sixty-five percent --

14 MS. MACDONALD: Yes.

15 MR. BECKER: -- Latino CVAP. I guess that that's  
16 almost certainly on the higher end of what is necessary  
17 to give Latino voters in this visualization an  
18 opportunity to elect candidates of their choice.

19 MS. CLARK: And next, moving to the -- okay, this is  
20 page 9 of Visualizations B. This visualization is called  
21 South L.A. and includes: Westmont, Harbor Gateway North,  
22 Watts, Walnut Park, Florence-Firestone, Zapata King,  
23 Empowerment Congress, Central Area, Neighborhood Council.  
24 And this represents a percent deviation of 2.38 percent.

25 The Latino CVAP is 57.67%, Black CVAP is 38.80





1 percent, Asian CVAP 0.84 percent, Indigenous CVAP 7.13  
2 percent, and White CVAP 1.67 percent.

3 MR. BECKER: And we don't need to go over it too  
4 much. But this is an area where we're not sure that  
5 Gingles 3 exists because Latinos and blacks tend to be  
6 voting for similar candidates. And we'll continue to  
7 look at possibility of some coalitions here.

8 MS. CLARK: Okay. And I think next, this is on B-1,  
9 page 10. Sort of looking at areas along a 10 corridor in  
10 City of Los Angeles. This includes: Mid-City, West  
11 Adams, Empowerment Congress North, most of Pico Union,  
12 historic South Central, Boyle Heights, downtown Los  
13 Angeles, including this area north of 101, and Westlake,  
14 South, MacArthur Park area. This is a .57 percent  
15 deviation.

16 MS. MACDONALD: Latinos CVAP here is 51.96 percent,  
17 Black CVAP 20.07 percent, Asian CVAP 12.10 percent,  
18 Indigenous CVAP 0.41 percent, and White CVAP 14.33  
19 percent.

20 MR. BECKER: And similar to the last piece of  
21 advice, this is an area where we're not necessarily  
22 seeing evidence yet of the 3rd Gingles precondition being  
23 met, largely because of black and Latino crossover and  
24 cohesion for similar candidates.

25 MS. CLARK: The page number on that one was page 10

1 of B-1. And now we're going to page 8 of B-1 back down  
2 to the Long Beach area. It includes: Long Beach Harbor,  
3 Los Alamitos, Rossmore, Southern part of the -- yeah,  
4 bulk of City of Long Beach, all of Signal Hill, much of  
5 Wilmington, and parts of San Pedro. And this is 2.98  
6 percent deviation.

7 MS. MACDONALD: Latino CVAP here is 33.56 percent,  
8 Black CVAP 11.41 percent, Asian CVAP 12.82 percent,  
9 Indigenous CVAP 0.67 percent, and White CVAP 40.04  
10 percent.

11 CHAIR SADHWANI: I'm wondering, I don't know if  
12 anyone else is having this issue, but Jaime, could you  
13 maybe, with the cursor, just show us exactly where this  
14 area was? I looked at the page. It looks like three  
15 little islands, but I know that's not probably not the  
16 case. Right? Yes, I think the part of -- that is  
17 actually a part of Long Beach was -- it looks like an  
18 island on this beach as well. Okay. Great. Thank you  
19 very much.

20 MS. CLARK: Thank you. Next, we are going to page 9  
21 of B-1. This visualization includes: Carson and West  
22 Carson, Compton, Willowbrook out to Gardena, West Athens,  
23 Hawthorne and Del Air. This represents a percent  
24 deviation of negative 2.83 percent.

25 MS. MACDONALD: The Latino CVAP for this



1 visualization is 41.32 percent, Black CVAP is 32.24  
2 percent, Asian CVAP is 14.40 percent, Indigenous CVAP  
3 0.24 percent, and White CVAP 9.69 percent.

4 MS. CLARK: And next, moving to page 7 of B-1. This  
5 is again looking at the South Bay area, including Harbor  
6 Gateway, Lomita, Rolling Hills, Palos Verdes, Torrance,  
7 Lawndale, Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, and Manhattan  
8 Beach. This is a percent deviation of negative 2.87  
9 percent.

10 MS. MACDONALD: Latino CVAP here is 20.76 percent,  
11 Black CVAP 4.71 percent, Asian CVAP 21.39 percent,  
12 Indigenous CVAP 0.56 percent, and White CVAP 51.31  
13 percent.

14 CHAIR SADHWANI: And it looks like we have a  
15 question from Commissioner Akutagawa.

16 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Just a clarification. I  
17 just wanted to ask, just in terms of the CVAP numbers  
18 that you're showing where, if anywhere, I guess maybe  
19 there's the question, where do Native Hawaiians and  
20 Pacific Islanders fall? Are they all lumped in with  
21 Asian in this particular case, or are they included as  
22 part of the indigenous numbers?

23 MS. CLARK: They're including indigenous numbers.

24 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Thank you.

25 MS. CLARK: Moving to page --

1 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Before you move, can you say a  
2 little bit more about that? You said that they're part  
3 of the Native Americans?

4 MS. CLARK: I believe, ACS CVAP does identify  
5 Pacific Islanders, but I could be wrong about that. We  
6 might just not be showing -- I don't know. I wasn't sure  
7 how this was put together.

8 MS. MACDONALD: Let me just verify that answer. I  
9 will let you know after the break. I just want to verify  
10 this.

11 MS. CLARK: Moving to page 7 of Visualization B-1.  
12 This LAX area includes: El Segundo, Lennox, Inglewood,  
13 Park, Mesa Heights, View Park, Windsor Hills, Culver  
14 City, Holmes, Mar Vista, and Venice, and Del Rey,  
15 Westchester. This represents a percent deviation of 4.53  
16 percent.

17 The Latino CVAP is 23.52 percent, Black CVAP 29.24  
18 percent, Asian CVAP 9.37 percent, Indigenous CVAP 0.44  
19 percent, and White CVAP 35.87 percent.

20 Yep. I know we're going -- and moving to sort of  
21 West Side area. This is page 3 of Visualization B-1  
22 includes: Santa Monica, Palisades, Bel-Air, West  
23 Hollywood, Beverly Hills, Mid-City, South Robertson, West  
24 Side, Westwood, Neighborhood Councils. And this is 8.58  
25 percent deviation.

1 Latino CVAP is 10.73 percent, Black CVAP 5.95  
2 percent, Asian CVAP 12.53 percent, Indigenous CVAP 0.36  
3 percent, and White CVAP 69.24 percent.

4 It looks like the West L.A. is -- next, the West  
5 L.A., East Ventura Visualization. This is page 1 of B-1.  
6 This is quite similar to this version of the  
7 Visualization A. Again, it includes: Malibu, Topanga,  
8 Calabasas, Aurora Hills, Westlake Village, Hidden Hills,  
9 neighborhoods on the very west end of San Fernando  
10 Valley, Bell Canyon, Santa Susana, Simi Valley, Oak Park,  
11 Thousand Oaks, Santa Rosa Valley, and Moorpark. This is  
12 a negative 3.72 percent deviation.

13 MS. MACDONALD: Latino CVAP is 14.45%, Black CVAP is  
14 2.22 percent, Asian CVAP is 9.83 percent, Indigenous CVAP  
15 is 0.64 percent, and White CVAP is 72.31 percent.

16 MS. CLARK: To West San Gabriel Valley, this is page  
17 5 of Visualizations B. Again, sort of trying to maintain  
18 a boundary at 405. That's later. No, no. We're on page  
19 5 of Visualizations B. Includes: Canoga Park, Tarzana,  
20 Encino, Sherman Oaks, Lake Balboa, North Hills West,  
21 South Northridge South, and Reseda. This is a percent  
22 deviation of negative 5.23 percent.

23 MS. MACDONALD: Latino CVAP 31.48 percent, Black  
24 CVAP is 1.25 percent, Asian CVAP is 53.04 percent,  
25 Indigenous is 0.31 percent, and White CVAP is 12.80

1 percent.

2 MS. CLARK: Okay. And moving to page 4 of  
3 Visualization B-1. This is -- includes -- excuse me.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Which page was that?

5 MS. CLARK: On which page, please?

6 CHAIR SADHWANI: Go ahead, Commissioner Fernandez.

7 MS. CLARK: For the West San Gabriel --

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Sorry, the one you just  
9 did. Maybe I was reading the wrong one. Which one was  
10 it?

11 MS. CLARK: West San Gabriel Valley Visualization.  
12 This is page 11 of Visualization B. So the percent  
13 deviation of this visualization is negative 5.23  
14 percent. Latino CVAP is 28.23 percent, Black CVAP 5.97  
15 percent, Asian CVAP 11.96 percent, Indigenous CVAP 0.4  
16 percent, White CVAP 52.73 percent.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ:. Thank you, Jaime. I think  
18 it was the wrong numbers that were given, but those were  
19 the right ones you gave. Thank you.

20 MS. MACDONALD: I apologize.

21 MS. CLARK: Page 4 of B-1 includes: Studio City,  
22 Hollywood Hills, Greater Wilshire, Olympic Park,  
23 Koreatown, East Hollywood, Atwater, and part -- southern  
24 part of Glendale. The percent deviation of this is  
25 negative 0.61 percent.

1 MS. MACDONALD: The Latino CVAP here is 24.64  
2 percent, Black CVAP is 7.1 percent, Asian CVAP is 19.95  
3 percent, Indigenous CVAP is 0.47 percent, and White CVAP  
4 is 46.64 percent.

5 MS. CLARK: Next, Northeast L.A. This is page 6 of  
6 Visualization B. This includes: Eagle Rock, the El  
7 Sereno area, Lincoln Heights, Echo Park, Silver Lake  
8 areas, and the percent deviation is negative 4.77  
9 percent.

10 MS. MACDONALD: Latino CVAP here is 54.73 percent,  
11 Black CVAP is 2.96 percent, Asian CVAP is 15.55 percent,  
12 Indigenous CVAP is 0.43 percent, and White CVAP is 25.54  
13 percent.

14 MS. CLARK: Okay. I'm going to move to the 210-  
15 corridor visualization for this set. This, again, goes  
16 from this northern area of Glendale following 210  
17 including Pasadena -- south Pasadena, all the way out to  
18 Claremont. It's the bottom one. This is page 10 of  
19 Visualization B-1. And the percent deviation of this  
20 visualization is negative 7.86 percent. Page 11 --  
21 thank you -- of B-1.

22 And the Latino CVAP is 23.65 percent, Black CVAP is  
23 7.92 percent, Asian CVAP 16.64 percent, Indigenous CVAP  
24 0.42 percent, and White CVAP 50.39 percent.

25 Now we're going to go back to sort of the North

1 Hollywood, Burbank, and Glendale area. This  
2 visualization includes much of City of Glendale, Burbank.  
3 It's page 3 of Visualization B. Includes: North  
4 Hollywood area, part of Sun Valley. This is the 5 -- is  
5 the boundary. And the percent deviation of this area is  
6 negative 5.41 percent.

7 MS. MACDONALD: Latino CVAP is 29.3 percent, Black  
8 CVAP is 5.04 percent, Asian CVAP 9.57 percent, Indigenous  
9 0.40 percent, and White CVAP 55.0 percent.

10 MS. CLARK: And Moving to the north east San  
11 Fernando Valley, I can't see the page number, but this is  
12 includes areas of the 210, Sylmar, San Fernando, Pacoima,  
13 again following 405 as a boundary. Includes: Van Nuys,  
14 Sun Valley, Foothills Trail District. And the percent  
15 deviation of this visualization is negative 2.13 percent.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Is that the San Fernando  
17 Valley?

18 MS. CLARK: This is page 1 of Visualization B. And  
19 I'm going to zoom out so we can see the visualization  
20 that includes Santa Clarita Valley with sort of this  
21 northwest San Fernando Valley area. This is page 2 of  
22 Visualization B. The percent deviation is negative 4.34  
23 percent.

24 MS. MACDONALD: Latino CVAP is 24.98 percent, Black  
25 CVAP 5.35 percent, Asian CVAP 14.65 percent, Indigenous



1 CVAP 0.71 percent, and White CVAP 53.42 percent.

2 CHAIR SADHWANI: On this map, if I may, could we  
3 just zoom in to the southwest corner there? I just want  
4 to see what those cities are beneath Santa Clarita.

5 MS. CLARK: Southwest in San Fernando Valley?

6 CHAIR SADHWANI: Yeah. Yeah, it's great.

7 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

8 CHAIR SADHWANI: Granada Hills, Porter Ranch,  
9 Chatsworth. Got it. Thank you very much.

10 MS. CLARK: And next, moving on to Antelope Valley  
11 area. This visualization is on page 2 of B-1. And  
12 again, includes: Tehachapi, California City, Mojave,  
13 Rosemont, Edwards Air Force Base. And this is negative  
14 3.76 percent deviation.

15 MS. MACDONALD: Latino CVAP is 39.37 percent, Black  
16 CVAP is 15.23 percent, Asian CVAP 4.36 percent,  
17 Indigenous CVAP 1.04 percent, and White CVAP 39.27  
18 percent.

19 COMMISSIONER YEE: Question?

20 CHAIR SADHWANI: Commissioner Yee?

21 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you. So a district like  
22 this where there is a potential I mean, just looking at  
23 numbers for a coalition district, I'm just wondering, Mr.  
24 Becker, I mean, how did we approach systematically either  
25 looking at that or not looking at that just at first

1 glance?

2 MR. BECKER: Jaime, can I get the assembly districts  
3 overlaid? So I don't know that we're seeing -- we're  
4 going to have to look and get some more evidence on that.  
5 We should absolutely -- if you want to give an  
6 instruction and to look at that, we can absolutely do  
7 that. I think we have to do some additional racially  
8 polarized voting analysis to see if the -- so this  
9 district is -- am my right? I'm trying to read this.  
10 It's not quite forty percent Latino, correct. And it's  
11 about fifteen percent?

12 MS. CLARK: That's correct.

13 MR. BECKER: That's fifty percent black.

14 MS. CLARK: Yeah, that's correct.

15 MR. BECKER: That's going to be really tough. So  
16 it's going to be really close. Even assuming that  
17 there's cohesion, whether that percentage is sufficient  
18 to maintain the ability to elect is something we should  
19 look at and we will. I'll get some more advice on that.

20 COMMISSIONER YEE: And that would be true of other  
21 districts. I mean, for instance, I think LAX District  
22 earlier was at a similar black, Latino -- potential  
23 coalition. And I'm just very systematic how we're  
24 approaching whether or not to look at these.

25 MR. BECKER: It was high. There were higher

1 percentages. Again, we -- does this mean sorry, my dogs  
2 are barking in the background. Does this meet Gingles 1,  
3 assuming cohesion between Latinos and blacks? The answer  
4 is it does appear it gets above fifty percent.

5 I don't have an answer for you right now based on  
6 the analysis has been done as to whether the cohesion is  
7 there between the black and Latino communities and we can  
8 absolutely look at that. The numbers were higher down in  
9 the South L.A. area. So I think that that's something we  
10 would -- we'll take a look at that and give you some  
11 advice on that.

12 COMMISSIONER YEE: Okay. Thanks.

13 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you.

14 Jaime, we're right up against the break. Do you  
15 have a sense of how many additional districts?

16 MS. CALRK: Just one more.

17 CHAIR SADHWANI: Oh, perfect. Very good.

18 MS. CLARK: This is the Walnut, Chino Hills, Orange  
19 County areas. This is similar to the last version we  
20 showed you. It is on page 5 of B-1, and the -- includes  
21 Walnut, the parts of Eastern end of City of Industry,  
22 Diamond Bar, Rowland Heights, La Habra, parts of Buena  
23 Park and Fullerton, Brea, Yorba Linda, Chino Hills area.  
24 This is a 7.81 percent deviation.

25 MS. MACDONALDS: Latinos CVAP here is 24.86 percent,

1 Black CVAP 2.86 percent, Asian CVAP 31.89 percent,  
2 Indigenous CVAP 7.62 percent, and White CVAP 39.08  
3 percent.

4 MS. CLARK: And that's visualization ADB.

5 CHAIR SADHWANI: Perfect. So we're up against a  
6 break. I'm wondering if, Karin, if you could just walk  
7 us through when we get back, what is that process going  
8 to look like? How should Commissioners be thinking about  
9 comparing these two sets of visualizations for potential  
10 assembly districts?

11 MS. MACDONALD: Yeah, so thank you for that  
12 question. I think, piggybacking on to a question that  
13 Commissioner Sinay was asking earlier, if you would like  
14 to have them overlaid, we can, of course, do that. So  
15 you can see some of the differences.

16 And then perhaps we can get a sense from you about  
17 whether there is one that may fit a little bit better --  
18 your ideas a little bit better than the other. And then  
19 we can start giving perhaps direction on that particular  
20 one and/or if you see something in one visualization that  
21 you didn't like in the other one, but one of the  
22 visualizations is actually better, you just like a  
23 particular piece of the other visualization, then I think  
24 let's have a conversation about whether or not that could  
25 be implemented and what the trade-offs might be or what

1 the ripple effects might be.

2 So I would say, let's start looking at that. And  
3 again, not looking at the very small, little COIs or so  
4 but rather just looking at the way that the districts are  
5 flowing and the overall architecture of the plans.

6 So what makes more sense to you right now based on  
7 these two? Is there anything that makes sense in there?  
8 And let's start just picking it apart that way and trying  
9 to put it back together after that.

10 CHAIR SADHWANI: Very good. Lots to think about  
11 during our break. With that, we're going to go to a  
12 lunch break for 45 minutes. It's 4 p.m. right now.  
13 We'll be back at 4:45. Thanks, everybody.

14 (Whereupon, a recess was held)

15 CHAIR SADHWANI: Welcome back to the California  
16 Citizens Redistricting Commission and our review of our  
17 second set of visualizations. We left off having looked  
18 at two visualizations, looking at potential ideas for  
19 Assembly Districts based on community of interest  
20 testimony and much of the analysis that we have received  
21 thus far.

22 I will hand it back to our line drawing team just to  
23 remind us one more time of the kind of conversation that  
24 we should engage in, any parameters for comparing and  
25 contrasting the trade-offs between the two Assembly

1 District visualizations that we have just reviewed.

2 Karin?

3 MS. MACDONALD: Yeah. Thank you so much. So just  
4 to remind you, as we started off today talking about what  
5 might happen today, it -- the purpose of today's  
6 conversation really should be to figure out what the  
7 structure -- the architecture of this piece of an  
8 assembly plan might look like.

9 So you've seen a couple of variations. And I know  
10 this was pretty quick and it was a lot of different  
11 district bite sized pieces for that area. And there  
12 were, of course, differences there. And as Commissioner  
13 Sinay pointed out earlier, it might be helpful to overlay  
14 both of these plans to just kind of compare them that way  
15 and see what the major differences are.

16 And then if you might be able to give us some  
17 specifics about what did you really like? What did you  
18 really hate? Are there some things that should  
19 absolutely not be considered? Are there some areas where  
20 perhaps you would like to explore some of the edges a  
21 little bit, for example, asking us to -- whether it would  
22 be possible to move outside of the borders of this  
23 particular region and perhaps go into another region a  
24 little bit with some of these plans to see what's going  
25 on there.

1           Again, reminding you that there are voting rights  
2 considerations. And of course, Mr. Becker is here and  
3 can talk about that a little bit. But we just like to  
4 get some general direction so that we can, again,  
5 continue to work within the parameters that we've had and  
6 come to perhaps one regional plan that Jaime can then  
7 work with her colleagues on putting together into one  
8 overall assembly plan.

9           And of course, just to remind you, you will most  
10 likely see Kennedy tonight starting off, hopefully, if  
11 that works out with our time frame. And then tomorrow  
12 you'll be -- so Kennedy's working on northern California,  
13 Inland mountainous area, Central Valley. And then  
14 tomorrow will be going into Southern California and  
15 Inland Empire and so forth.

16           So everybody will be here in the next -- today and  
17 then the next couple of days. So you'll see the other  
18 pieces. And then the goal again is on big picture. So  
19 big picture, how do we put these regions together? And  
20 so kind of -- I wouldn't say ignoring, but perhaps just  
21 keeping your notes on communities of interest and so  
22 forth, smaller communities of interest in particular and  
23 reserving those for a little bit later once we have a  
24 complete plan because then we can really work on those  
25 and figure out what the trade-offs there are, where these

1 changes might be, and where we can just move the lines a  
2 little bit to make sure that people are kept together if  
3 they want to. And I hope that made sense.

4 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you so much. And I see a  
5 couple of Commissioners are prepared and ready to jump in  
6 here on this conversation. I'll start with Commissioner  
7 Turner.

8 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Um-hum. Thank you, Chair.  
9 And thank you so much for that, Jaime -- I mean, Karin.  
10 Question, if I understood the schedule correctly, we're  
11 going to go into perhaps if we have time, northern  
12 central tonight and then we're going to go back to a  
13 different part of Southern and then go back to the  
14 northern central. I'm just wondering if you can say a  
15 little bit more about why we're splitting that out, that  
16 part of the conversation like that?

17 MS. MACDONALD: Yeah, of course. Thank you for that  
18 question. And the very simple answer is travel  
19 schedules. We came up with the agenda. It just with the  
20 more detailed agenda just in the last couple of days, and  
21 people had already booked their travel.

22 So essentially we -- if we had talked about it a  
23 little sooner, then we may have been able to start with  
24 Southern California. It just didn't work out that way  
25 because John's actually on a plane right now, so he won't



1 be able to make it here tonight. So that's the idea.

2 But that's pretty much it.

3 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I think even more so though,  
4 about the split of the northern central valley because it  
5 seems like we do that part and then we go somewhere else  
6 and we come back to it.

7 CHAIR SADHWANI: We could certainly talk about  
8 whether or not we could start tomorrow and finish off  
9 Northern and Central Valley. I'm happy to help  
10 coordinate that, if that's the preference of the  
11 Commission, if that works for everybody.

12 MS. MACDONALD: Yeah, no, that works for us.

13 CHAIR SADHWANI: Yeah.

14 MS. MACDONALD: That's really your preference.

15 CHAIR SADHWANI: Yeah.

16 MS. MACDONALD: We were really just looking at the  
17 schedule so you know three days and four big regions and  
18 how do we put that together? And we usually have the  
19 most time on the first day. So who's available? Who's  
20 available is our fantastic colleague Kennedy. And so she  
21 has very graciously agreed to just jump the line and  
22 basically just help us out tonight if we get there.

23 CHAIR SADHWANI: Yeah, yeah. So we can work on  
24 that. I wanted to be really responsive though to -- I  
25 know there were requests to make sure the Southern

1 California region had ample amounts of time as well. And  
2 every region is going to have their fair time. So we can  
3 work that out, though. And if it makes sense, if we get  
4 to Northern California today to rearrange the schedule a  
5 little bit. Okay.

6 Commissioner Fornaciari?

7 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I guess I will jump in.  
8 So sort of high level, 30,000-foot reaction to what we've  
9 seen. For the most part, if we start San Gabriel or 210  
10 North Antelope Valley, San Fernando Valley, Malibu, down  
11 the coast, I like B better. I think B better represents  
12 what we've heard -- as a starting point what we've heard.

13 For me, it kind of goes a little bit off the rails  
14 when we get down to the Harbor Gateway area. Got an  
15 awful lot of feedback on that area recently and it was  
16 pretty clear that they were different than Long Beach and  
17 really didn't want to be with Long Beach.

18 And so I guess I would I would ask -- and we also  
19 got a lot of feedback for Lakewood to be with Long Beach  
20 and Bellflower too to some extent. But so I know there's  
21 a lot of VRA considerations in here and that's important.  
22 I think that once we look at the interface between L.A.  
23 County and Orange County, that might help guide and  
24 clarify some of that VRA consideration there, because I  
25 know there was -- tried really hard to honor the border

1 there.

2       And then once we get into the -- to the middle  
3 there, I got to be honest, I kind of get lost. I'm going  
4 to have to defer to my colleagues who are much more  
5 familiar with that area of L.A. But that's just kind of  
6 my 30,000-foot impression.

7       CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you for that. In terms of  
8 the line drawers, do you need any specific direction on  
9 that or any specific clarification?

10       MS. CLARK: Thank you so much, Commissioner  
11 Fornaciari. That was a really good start. That's the  
12 exact type of direction and feedback that we're looking  
13 for. And also just a note to commissioners and anybody  
14 watching from home, VADA, the boundaries on the map, and  
15 the labels are going to be just like they were before,  
16 they're -- they are black lines with sort of like a black  
17 label.

18       And then just to make it really clear, if we're  
19 looking at both at once the VADB is like this, it's the  
20 green boundary and the green label. So that's the  
21 difference, again, between Version A and Version B of the  
22 Assembly for Los Angeles County.

23       CHAIR SADHWANI: My eyes are about to pop out of my  
24 head looking at all of those lines. Thank you very much  
25 for sharing that.

1 Commissioner Andersen?

2 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you. It's really  
3 wonderful to see all this together. And I really  
4 appreciate all the work that's gone into making this for  
5 us. I completely agree with Commissioner Fornaciari.  
6 And I would like to -- actually starting up with I think  
7 it's called South SGV with La Habra -- the La Habra  
8 Heights, Whittier, although all the Whittier ones -- oh,  
9 yeah, that guy.

10 I would like to see that blend into -- because  
11 that's Latino. I'd like to see that blend into Orange  
12 County. And like so basically here it is. I'd like to  
13 kind of see it shift. In terms of flow, I'd kind of like  
14 to see that flow eastward a bit and then have the  
15 southeast corridor -- I can't quite read the one below  
16 that -- Artesia, Norwalk, that shift up into the part of  
17 Whittier.

18 And then going down, that would allow Long Beach to  
19 basically join with what Commissioner Fornaciari was  
20 saying, like sort of shift Lakewood into Long Beach,  
21 maybe, you know, lift that kind of up and blend into  
22 Orange County with considering VRA issues.

23 And going a little bit further west, I'd like to see  
24 in the Carson -- West, Carson, the whole San Pedro, they  
25 are specific. They want either the Harbor Gateway that's

1 been kind of cut off and thrown in with Torrance. But  
2 the only comments we ever heard is like they want to be  
3 with Carson. So I'd like that actually more to be  
4 together and then going north.

5 But as Commissioner Fornaciari said, it gets a bit  
6 murky in here. And the one thing I would really like to  
7 see possible -- and I think either Commissioner Sinay and  
8 Commissioner Taylor brought this up, can we see in that  
9 area rearranging -- if we've shifted these others a  
10 little bit east, does that allow a district in here which  
11 might be coalition, but it could be putting more of the  
12 Black CVAP together in like the Compton, the South --  
13 that in that kind of area in through there and Inglewood  
14 in that area through there.

15 And that's kind of as I see it. I did like a lot of  
16 things. I agree, again, I agree with Commissioner  
17 Fornaciari. I also liked in some of the ones in B, I  
18 think it was up on the 210. I think that was -- we kind  
19 of captured everything we were trying to get to on that.  
20 So that's what I have to say. Thank you.

21 MS. CLARK: Thank you so much. And if I may -- and  
22 all Commissioners have given feedback so far, I've done a  
23 really good job of saying which visualization they're  
24 talking about and what the -- like, what specific  
25 feedback is. And if everybody could please continue to

1 do that for my brain and for the note takers, please.

2 Thank you.

3 CHAIR SADHWANI: Very good. Oh, was there more?

4 MS. CLARK: I just wanted to make a quick note about  
5 all of the direction that Commissioner Andersen just  
6 gave. Again, thank you so much. And as you noted, when  
7 you began giving input -- or feedback, excuse me, you  
8 were already talking about areas where there might be  
9 potential VRA considerations, specifically around  
10 Lakewood. That is something that we will continue to  
11 look at. And I'm not entirely sure it can be moved out  
12 of that visualization.

13 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: No, I realize that. It's  
14 just if you just look at that. So that's why I -- thank  
15 you.

16 CHAIR SADHWANI: All right.

17 Commissioner Akutagawa?

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Actually, I guess Jaime and  
19 Karin, how -- you know me. How do you want me to do  
20 this? I think I have two main areas that I'd like to  
21 comment on, but I do have maybe questions and comments on  
22 some other -- some maps.

23 And then also to what Commissioner Sinay had asked,  
24 is it possible to do kind of a side by side because one  
25 of the Central Valley ones I'm trying to kind of toggle

1 between both and I'm trying to figure out what is  
2 different between them. They look almost exactly the  
3 same. So it's the one that says West SGV and then that  
4 is under ADA\_ --

5 MS. CLARK: I'm sorry to interrupt you.

6 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah.

7 MS. CLARK: This visualization is identical.

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Okay.

9 MS. CALRK: And additionally, the East SGV is also  
10 identical. They're just in, again, this very early stage  
11 of this. There was just not a ton of wiggle room in  
12 those areas. And I think part of that is because it's on  
13 the edge of this big cluster of visualizations.

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. That's helpful,  
15 because that that I guess for me was one of the comments.  
16 I guess it goes back to some of the earlier conversations  
17 about what size is actually needed to be able to achieve  
18 a VRA district. And like, for example, like this West  
19 SGV district, it has a over fifty percent. I mean, it  
20 may be fine.

21 Just one thought that I have and I think this  
22 relates to the other adjoining map is would it make sense  
23 to maybe add salt in El Monte to this so that all of the  
24 El Montes are all together? And then that would bring  
25 down some of the -- I think it'll probably bring down

1 some of the Asian numbers, but it may also help in terms  
2 of bringing down the -- I think it was the one that had  
3 Montebello. Yeah, it's the one that's San Gabriel --  
4 it's SGV South.

5       And that particular one had a pretty high Latino CVP  
6 and -- yeah -- CVAP and I think that's the one that also  
7 Mr. Becker was saying that there's some wiggle room there  
8 that is going to need to be brought -- maybe bring down  
9 that number because they probably don't need that high of  
10 a number to be able to achieve the kind of voting that  
11 they need to be able to elect a candidate of their  
12 choice. So that was my thought, is that looking at maybe  
13 bringing together the South, well, all the El Montes.

14       The other one that I really wanted to talk about and  
15 you heard some of my comments earlier was around the  
16 Gateway Cities. There are some interesting choices that  
17 were made, particularly as I asked about the placement of  
18 Cerritos in the context of some of these cities, doesn't  
19 really make sense given the kind of characteristics and  
20 the focus and the needs of some of those gateway cities  
21 versus Cerritos.

22       And so I guess what would be the easiest way because  
23 there's several visualizations. I won't say that I put  
24 notes on every one of them. I mean, they all kind of  
25 come down to the same thing. One is removing Cerritos



1 and adding -- like I'm looking at Southeast 5 corridor or  
2 core. I guess it's like following the 5. But I had  
3 asked about what if there was something that followed  
4 more the 710 that included the cities of Maywood, Bell,  
5 Cudahy or Cudahy, and put them all together, perhaps  
6 including up to a portion of the 5, so that then you  
7 could remove Cerritos in Artesia from that mix.

8 I know that there was a COI request about maybe  
9 including Bellflower, but I don't think it was really  
10 absolutely necessary. And then the other questions that  
11 I had had to do with some of the other ones. And I'm  
12 sorry, there's like a lot, so I'm just kind of just  
13 generalizing.

14 MS. CLARK: Could I --

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGWA: Yeah.

16 MS. CLARK: Could I just ask a clarifying question  
17 for Cerritos, and I think you said Cerritos --

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGWA: Yes.

19 MS. CLARK: -- and Artesia.

20 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGWA: Yes.

21 MS. CLARK: Where would you put them instead?

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGWA: I would probably put them  
23 with some of the Orange County cities like --

24 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGWA: -- Buena Park. It depends

1 on the COI. I mean, I think for me, I think it would be  
2 also included with some of the other. You could even  
3 move out La Habra from some of those. On that particular  
4 one, I would suggest moving them and crossing county  
5 lines. They have more in common together than they do  
6 trying to keep them within L.A. County lines.

7 I think you're going to find tensions in that  
8 District between two competing -- very different  
9 competing needs amongst that region. And also I would  
10 also suggest that going back to looking at some of the  
11 South L.A. communities as it borders some of the gateway  
12 cities, I think there may be, depending on how some of  
13 that could be, maybe, again, like think about it as a  
14 puzzle piece, bringing them together.

15 You may be able to create possibly what could be a  
16 VRA district -- and I think that's what Mr. Becker was  
17 talking about, that does enable that that black African-  
18 American community core to stay as close to intact.  
19 They're not monolithic either, just like many of the  
20 other communities here in Southern California are not  
21 monolithic.

22 But I think there is enough of a core that if you  
23 use them as a base and also with the Latino communities,  
24 you may be able to create some of those coalition  
25 districts. But I don't know how specific you want me to

1 get. Just kind of direction right now, I guess.

2 MS. MACDONALD: Yeah. So thank you for that. I  
3 think again, big picture. So we'll continue to work with  
4 VRA council, of course. And as you know, additional  
5 information comes in from VRA counsel and our VP  
6 analysts, they can advise on what is possible and what is  
7 not. And if Mr. Becker is there and would like to weigh  
8 in, I will move this over to him.

9 MR. BECKER: I don't have anything to add. I think  
10 we I think we received the instruction and we'll all work  
11 with Karin and Jaime to see what can be drawn there and  
12 what the characteristics are.

13 MS. MACDONALD: Yeah. In general, what, would be  
14 helpful to us is are you -- does option B look better to  
15 you than option A and then we can start working off of  
16 that and incorporating and see what we can do.

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I mean, I'll just be  
18 honest. I mean, neither one of them looks really great  
19 to me. I think that's where I'm also coming from. I  
20 mean, I think I would suggest something a little bit more  
21 drastically different. I think that's where the level of  
22 detail like when and where do we get to that?

23 So that I guess, yeah, if I had to choose, yeah, one  
24 is slightly better because it has more the cities. But  
25 in all it's -- I think there's a lot more work that needs

1 to be done on some of those visualizations there. Just  
2 to also have another just general question in terms of --  
3 I'm trying to look for the map on it -- but there is one  
4 particular visualization that you showed that includes  
5 places like Bel Air, West L.A., and some other  
6 communities like that. And those are basically ones that  
7 I would consider pretty affluent, like really affluent  
8 communities.

9       And then there's this little corner of L.A. that's  
10 called Pico. And I know that the issues that they're  
11 dealing with has nothing to do with the issues that the  
12 folks in Bel Air and Hollywood Hills or like Santa Monica  
13 and some of those areas, very, very different.

14       And I think the question I have is, do we want to do  
15 that to that that particular neighborhood, that they're  
16 the sole neighborhood that is dealing with like housing  
17 insecurity and other things like that. And then you have  
18 the rest of this really uber affluent community where  
19 they're going to be completely disenfranchised.

20       The other comment -- one last comment, and then I'll  
21 stop where the placement of the Koreatowns are there.  
22 They're a little odd in some cases. Some of them are put  
23 together with like the -- I would call the very, you  
24 know, valley-ish cities of Studio City and some of those  
25 other kind of places. Again, very different from

1 Koreatown in terms of needs, in terms of priorities.

2 I do know that the Koreatown community has been  
3 really looking to -- and really advocating for a way  
4 where as a unified region, they will have better  
5 enfranchisement in terms of their vote and in terms of  
6 their representation.

7 I do also want to say there was another  
8 visualization that put them with what I would call more  
9 predominantly black and Latino communities. And while  
10 they may share certain things, I think there is going to  
11 be some tension. And I'm just going to say that out  
12 loud, because I think both are trying to retain -- in one  
13 case retain and the other one gain some type of political  
14 representation.

15 And I think they're looking -- I don't know if  
16 that's going to be the right way to draw a line that is  
17 going to be able to enable two historically  
18 underrepresented communities in this process and help  
19 them gain the kind of political enfranchisement that  
20 they're looking for. And so I just want to just say that  
21 out loud and just be really thoughtful about that piece  
22 as well too.

23 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you so much for that,  
24 Commissioner Akutagawa. I share many of those concerns.  
25 Commissioner Taylor?

1           COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Thank you. And I think we've  
2 already sort of touched on it before when we were going  
3 through the visualizations. I guess one of the things  
4 that caught my eye is, I probably would prefer option B  
5 as it relates to the Westmont, West Athens, Florence area  
6 and putting that that same community similar to what  
7 Commissioner Akutagawa said, Maywood, Bell, Cudahy,  
8 Vernon, Commerce, I think those are shared interests and  
9 I think that will keep those communities intact.

10           And I think it also will give those communities  
11 opportunity to coalesce together and work together. So I  
12 think I would prefer option B, but I think that it still  
13 can be worked to where we can get greater populations of  
14 people to give them opportunity to vote, to elect the  
15 candidate of their choice. Thank you.

16           CHAIR SADHWANI: Other want to weigh in? I have  
17 some -- oh, let me go to the hands that are raised and  
18 I'll raise my own hand.

19           Commissioner Sinay?

20           COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you. So I agree  
21 completely with those who've spoken for the San Pedro and  
22 Harbor area. They were very clear that Long Beach and  
23 San Pedro are two different -- one is L.A. Harbor and one  
24 is Long Beach Harbor and that they're -- compete against  
25 each other.

1 I was the one who put the call out to say, Hey, do  
2 you guys want to be in a district together or not? So I  
3 feel like I should be the one saying they said no. And  
4 Long Beach was very clear -- both of them were pretty  
5 clear that they wanted to go north, not west or east, to  
6 create those districts.

7 But you know, having said that, we also know that  
8 VRA is the second or the second criteria we need to  
9 follow. And counties, cities, and communities of  
10 interest are the fourth. So we definitely understand  
11 that. I wrote down WLDBRH. I guess that's one of the  
12 maps. But I was curious that if we move more from L.A.,  
13 is there a way to -- yeah, that one.

14 And I think that this is where Commissioner  
15 Akutagawa already spoke, that if moving it either more  
16 towards L.A. or more down to Orange County, that could be  
17 an Asian majority community. And the final one is --  
18 it's still Malibu. I know I'm the one who kind of  
19 recommended this one, so I'll take that.

20 I think, the hard thing about Malibu is Malibu likes  
21 to be separate from everybody else and geographically and  
22 yeah. But I'm wondering if the Santa Monica community.  
23 I agree Pico doesn't quite fit in there. And if we need  
24 more population, if it could go up the coast and capture  
25 Malibu in that area.

1 I still kind of see it. In the way it's set up, I  
2 see it, but I'm not sure they would see it. So that's  
3 just some thoughts I had. Thank you for this. This is  
4 it's tough going from granular to bigger, but thank you.

5 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you for that.

6 Commissioner Kennedy?

7 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair.

8 The two areas that struck me most, I think, were  
9 that Long Beach ends up in three different districts and  
10 Glendale ends up in three different districts. And I  
11 would like to see further visualizations to see if we can  
12 reduce that number at least to two, if not to one, in  
13 both cases.

14 And I agree with the sense that if we start in San  
15 Pedro and Wilmington and go north -- so we would have  
16 kind of the South Bay District coming down from Manhattan  
17 Beach to Palos Verdes -- Rancho Palos Verdes, I think  
18 that's pretty well done at this point. I mean, it's not  
19 complete, but it generally reflects my sense of what we  
20 were looking for.

21 And if we could, as I say, start in San Pedro and  
22 Wilmington and go up and include Carson and West Carson,  
23 Harbor Gateway, and Harbor City, and Compton, and those  
24 sorts of things, I think that would probably be closer to  
25 what I was expecting to see in this.



1           And the third thing is, yes, I agree with  
2 Commissioner Akutagawa. I think some adjustments in the  
3 Southeast Gateway area, the 5 corridor, the 710 corridor,  
4 there are opportunities, good opportunities to cross the  
5 Orange County line and have a more coherent community  
6 from a representational point of view. I don't want to  
7 get into specifics now, but generally, I think there are  
8 some good opportunities to cross that line. Thank you.

9           CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you, Commissioner Kennedy.  
10           Commissioner Sinay, did you have another comment,  
11 no?

12           Commissioner Vazquez?

13           COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah. Apologies if I  
14 missed -- if I'm going out of our scope. But I did want  
15 to look at the region. I have a northeast L.A. Is that  
16 part of where we are right now? Great. This is going to  
17 be another tough area, I think, for us. I understand --  
18 and seeing the CVAP reporting for this area as having  
19 majority Latino.

20           And that being said, I'm just -- I'm not sure that  
21 this visualization sort of makes sense in practicality  
22 for me, having East L.A. in the same sort of political  
23 interest as Silverlake and even part -- Glassell Park,  
24 even Highland Park is also rapidly gentrifying.

25           And I'm just -- I'm really concerned that this

1 region -- I know we have to go -- I know we have to go by  
2 the information that is now and not sort of what it could  
3 look like in five years. But I'm just really concerned  
4 that even the sort of electoral information that we have  
5 on these precincts in the previous ten years is just not  
6 reflective of what will -- what the reality will be in  
7 even the next election, just given how much that the  
8 demographics in some of these areas is shifting.

9       So I don't know if I have a solution, but I would I  
10 would invite my colleagues to help me think through if  
11 there are different ways of visualizing this particular  
12 area of sort of East Los Angeles and Northeast Los  
13 Angeles to help that through. I wanted to call attention  
14 to this piece and maybe invite a conversation amongst my  
15 colleagues.

16       CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you for that. Commissioner  
17 Vazquez. I've actually had my hand raised, so I'm going  
18 to jump in here because I had a similar concern. And I  
19 won't go through all of the -- all of my notes here  
20 because I think many of my colleagues have raised similar  
21 concerns.

22       I think I'm having a hard time, in all honesty,  
23 looking at these maps as individual areas, and I think  
24 would be really helpful to get like a full map of L.A.  
25 County with these districts on it to really be thinking

1 about these areas in conjunction with one another. I  
2 don't know if that's possible, but that would be very  
3 helpful for me.

4 In particular to Commissioner Vazquez's point around  
5 this area, I believe in both A and B, Boyle Heights is  
6 separated from East L.A. I think that that is correct.  
7 It certainly is separated in this visualization as well  
8 as I believe in the other. Yeah, that seemed odd to me.  
9 Those are two different neighborhoods to be certain. But  
10 at the same time, I think there's a lot of connectivity  
11 between the two.

12 And I think that that might be a VRA analysis as  
13 well of certainly we don't want to overpacked the Latino  
14 community in that area. But I agreed with Commissioner  
15 Vazquez that this joining of Silverlake and some of these  
16 areas with East L.A. does seem a bit off. I think part  
17 of that might be stemming, though, from what's happening  
18 further north of this area. And I believe both  
19 visualizations maintained that 210 corridor.

20 And while I know that we've received a whole lot of  
21 testimony asking for such a district, I drive that  
22 District -- the 210 corridor almost every single day from  
23 my home to work. It's a very long, long area spanning  
24 across very different kinds of cities. So I would still  
25 like to see something that could potentially break this

1 into two potential districts. I'm not exactly sure how  
2 that's going to play out, right?

3       So I think there was concern raised, I believe it  
4 was, by Commissioner Kennedy about Glendale. And  
5 Glendale could be paired with some of the areas that are  
6 included in that that 210-corridor visualization at this  
7 point, including the La Crescenta, Montrose, potentially  
8 parts of Altadena, Pasadena, maybe it looks like Glendale  
9 itself is split in half, which would have implications  
10 further south in the Eagle Rock area, which is where  
11 Commissioner Vazquez was raising.

12       While I have the floor, a couple other points that I  
13 just wanted to raise. I think certainly we should be  
14 paying really close attention to these visualizations for  
15 South L.A. I understand it's a very difficult  
16 neighborhoods to conceptualize.

17       I can certainly understand that the RPV analysis is  
18 going to show significant crossover voting, but I would  
19 like to take a closer look at what it might look like if  
20 we increase the percentage of Black CVAP in potential  
21 districts. I am not going to put a specific number on  
22 that.

23       I think I'd like to generally take a look at what  
24 our options might be to increase the influence of the  
25 black community in those districts. I think I'll also be

1 really curious to see -- I don't know exactly who all  
2 presenting next week when community groups kind of share  
3 their district ideas with us. But I'd be curious to see  
4 what kinds of analysis we receive from the communities  
5 themselves.

6 In addition, I want to stress this point that it's  
7 okay to break county lines while the -- certainly we  
8 don't want to do it everywhere. I think in a lot of  
9 areas, particularly around the L.A. region, it's going to  
10 make sense to do so. And Commissioner Akutagawa did a  
11 great job pointing out some areas where crossing into  
12 Orange County or potentially even San Bernardino, I think  
13 Commissioner Anderson mentioned that as well, would make  
14 a whole lot of sense.

15 I think we're going to be talking more about that in  
16 the southern California regions. But I think also I know  
17 we've heard some testimony about the Antelope Valley and  
18 Victor Valley. I would be really interested, though, to  
19 know, looking at the CVAP numbers that we've seen on the  
20 Antelope Valley visualizations that we've received, I'd  
21 be curious to take a look at what the percentage of  
22 Latinos would look like if we were to actually bring  
23 those two communities together.

24 And I know that we'll probably get a lot of comments  
25 on that after I make a statement like that, because I

1 know we've certainly heard a lot. But in the pursuit of  
2 leaving no stone left unturned at a minimum I'd like to  
3 see some of those crossovers.

4 Again, in terms of those county crossovers, agree  
5 with Commissioner Sinay seeing alternate options for  
6 Malibu I think would make a whole lot of sense and  
7 connecting it to Santa Monica, at least as an option. I  
8 would be open to having it connect Thousand Oaks and the  
9 Ventura County areas, but I think we should take a look  
10 at other options as well. I will stop there.

11 Commissioner Akutagawa?

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Thank you very much,  
13 Chair Sadhwani. I wanted to just follow up on what  
14 Commissioner Vazquez was asking and talking about. I'm  
15 glad that you brought that up. I do agree with you. I  
16 was noting some of the kind of maybe odd, interesting  
17 pairings with that one.

18 In particular, I guess I would -- I guess for me,  
19 some of the notes that I put on it is that whether it's  
20 easily also Lincoln Heights, and L.A. 32 Neighborhood  
21 Council particularly, I think those should remain  
22 together and perhaps separate from places like  
23 Silverlake, Glassell Park, and Eagle Rock.

24 Maybe those could either be put in similar to a  
25 district that is with -- whether it's the San Fernando

1 Valley, depending on how one wants to look at it, maybe  
2 even with the West Hollywood or Hollywood districts or --  
3 and/or perhaps like in the case of maybe Glassell Park  
4 and Eagle Rock, maybe with like Glendale and/or the  
5 Foothill Glendale communities. I think there's a lot  
6 more similarities or at least commonalities with those  
7 communities.

8 I also want to just point out in that kind of  
9 northeast L.A. area that Commissioner Vazquez was  
10 pointing out, there is a visualization that is -- I guess  
11 it's ADA and it says the District is any L.A., which I  
12 assume is Northeast L.A. I found it interesting, too,  
13 that the historical cultural neighborhoods of L.A., which  
14 I assume includes Chinatown, Olvera Street, and Little  
15 Tokyo, is in a district again, also with Silverlake,  
16 LaSalle Park, and even Highland Park. Very, very  
17 different kind of communities, very different kind of  
18 needs.

19 The gentrification issues maybe is what could bind  
20 them, but still very different, let's just say  
21 populations in those areas. I think it is interesting  
22 and I'm glad that Commissioner Sadhwani pointed out that  
23 East L.A. and Boyle Heights are also separated. It could  
24 be that this -- I don't know if this neighborhood council  
25 also includes Boyle Heights, but I think we should be

1 looking at that.

2 I do want to point out that there was one  
3 visualization that I thought was not too bad, and this is  
4 ADB1, and it's the one that says 10 corridor. And that  
5 does include the historical cultural neighborhoods as  
6 well as Boyle Heights. It also includes MacArthur Park,  
7 Pico Union, Westlake South.

8 I think they have some shared similarities that one  
9 could also add on east L.A. There is also a possibility  
10 in terms of balancing out. I think, in terms of the  
11 numbers, you have some real nice kind of balanced  
12 numbers.

13 However, for a South L.A., maybe kind of like the  
14 historic black community core, it may be worthwhile to  
15 look at either moving the West Adams Neighborhood Council  
16 and or the South-Central Neighborhood Council to also  
17 then be added to some of the other visualizations that we  
18 see that does, again, honor some of the core that that  
19 that community members had also asked for as well, too,  
20 to be able to then find that balance for this particular  
21 visualization. So thank you.

22 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you.

23 Commissioner Kennedy?

24 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. In  
25 response to Commissioner Vasquez and Commissioner





1 Akutagawa, I was thinking of East L.A. as part of that  
2 potential 710 corridor with Commerce and some of the  
3 other cities in that part of the county. And just to  
4 say, also, in response to your interest in seeing the  
5 Antelope Valley with the Victor Valley. I've done some  
6 more reading on this.

7 And because I thought I had remembered something in  
8 materials that I had read from SCAGs, Southern California  
9 Association of Governments, and sure enough, I mean, it's  
10 a project on the drawing board. We don't know how long  
11 it would take to get this in place.

12 It's not anywhere near completion, but there is at  
13 least a project that has been developed for a high desert  
14 corridor linking the Victor Valley to the Antelope  
15 Valley, because there does seem to be a good deal of  
16 demand to move freight and people back and forth between  
17 those areas. So just something to keep in mind. Thank  
18 you.

19 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you for that. Commissioner  
20 Kennedy. I just want to also jump in and provide a  
21 reminder to folks who might be watching at home this  
22 evening that we do have available on our web site a form  
23 where you can provide feedback to the commission, we'll  
24 receive it in real time. It will be posted to our  
25 website as soon as you submit it. So if you're looking



1 to weigh in on this discussion, please feel free to do so  
2 that way.

3 Commissioner Akutagawa, did you have another hand?

4 No?

5 Commissioner Taylor?

6 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Thank you, Chair.

7 I think to sort of piggyback on what you said,  
8 Commissioner Sadhwani, it does seem like that 210  
9 corridor is so expansive. And we've received, although  
10 not to the same extent as the far north, but I remember  
11 listening to numerous inputs stating that the seat of  
12 government is so far away from the outskirts of each  
13 given district.

14 So I would think -- and I know it might be at the  
15 expense of splitting a city, maybe to an extent. But I  
16 would think that we should look a little further south on  
17 that 210 corridor, maybe expanding south as opposed to it  
18 expanding east to west. It might sort of reduce the  
19 expanse of that neighborhood.

20 And I think it still would keep those VRA  
21 considerations intact. Those communities have some of  
22 the same populations of people. And I think it solves  
23 the same issue without having the expanse of that 210  
24 corridor.

25 And to Commissioner Vazquez's point, and I'm glad

1 that she named it, because every time I saw East L.A. on  
2 one of those iterations, it just seemed to fit funny.  
3 It's the uniqueness of East L.A., the characteristic of  
4 East L.A. and Boyle Heights is almost working against  
5 itself.

6 But I think that, again, that might be an instance  
7 where we look south too as opposed to north, and that  
8 there's some commonalities in Commerce and Vernon that  
9 speak to East L.A. not that all these places don't have  
10 similarities and communities of interest shared, but it  
11 might be advantageous and more appropriate to look to  
12 those cities just south of East L.A. Thank you.

13 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you for that.

14 Commissioner Vazquez?

15 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah. I appreciate those  
16 comments, Commissioner Taylor. And I am liking this  
17 conversation. What I would like to make sure -- I'm  
18 sorry to California for my cat in the background. I want  
19 to make sure that Lincoln Heights in particular, but  
20 probably even L.A. 32 Neighborhood Council also doesn't  
21 get left out.

22 It's probably also sort of on its way to  
23 gentrifying. But at least right now, I still feel like  
24 that those two communities are closer in likeness to East  
25 L.A. and Boyle Heights than their neighbors of Glassell



1 Park and Eagle Rock, et cetera.

2 So I would also, especially as we're starting to  
3 make decisions about where exactly these lines go, I  
4 don't want to sort of orphan those two areas to a  
5 district that's largely not like them. So I'm just  
6 thinking as we create these visualizations, hoping not to  
7 leave those two out of conversations about East L.A. as  
8 well. Thanks.

9 CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. Thank you for that.

10 Commissioner Taylor, did you have another comment?  
11 No?

12 Commissioner Kennedy?

13 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. Just a  
14 clarifying question for Commissioner Vazquez. You  
15 mentioned two neighborhoods, but you had spoken of three,  
16 including Boyle Heights. So just wanted to get your  
17 thoughts on the three and -- plus East L.A. and how we  
18 might best deal with those.

19 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah, it's exactly where the  
20 marker is circling around. So it's like L.A. 32 Lincoln  
21 Heights, Boyle Heights, East L.A. for me, sort of --  
22 they're there together-ish. And so just for me, I just  
23 want to make sure that we don't orphan any sort of one of  
24 those to a community that's not very much like them.

25 CHAIR SADHWANI: Additional comments from

1 commissioners?

2 Commissioner Akutagawa?

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I guess I'll just  
4 comment on what Commissioner Vazquez just said. I do  
5 agree in terms of Lincoln Heights and L.A. 32  
6 Neighborhood Council.

7 I do see, at least in terms of my understanding of  
8 just kind of like how the folks who live in those  
9 communities, I think they -- East L.A. is kind of like in  
10 this kind of funny place. It's kind of like partly L.A.,  
11 but it's also kind of partly outside of L.A., too,  
12 depending on what part of East L.A. you're kind of  
13 traveling through.

14 I do see L.A., the L.A. 32 Neighborhood Council,  
15 Lincoln Heights, Boyle Heights, and the Historical Core,  
16 be more aligned together with each other. And I guess  
17 that would include the historical cultural north. So it  
18 includes the broad swath of downtown L.A., as well as  
19 some of the other cultural, historical neighborhoods of  
20 L.A.

21 East L.A., is kind of in a interesting place. It  
22 kind of straddles The City of L.A., but it also kind of  
23 straddles -- again, it's kind of that that middle place  
24 between The City of L.A. and The San Gabriel Valley. So  
25 it's kind of like proximity to Monterey Park and its

1 proximity to Montebello, it's kind of -- it kind of plays  
2 an interesting place.

3 Some would say, yeah, as you go to more the south  
4 part, in terms of its proximity to Commerce. But I think  
5 it just complicates what we're talking about. But I just  
6 wanted to make that comment about East L.A.

7 CHAIR SADHWANI: Commissioner Vazquez?

8 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah. Thanks for that. I  
9 think I agree with you. And I would again, this is just  
10 going to be a really complicated part of Los Angeles to  
11 redistrict because sort of as you were as you're talking,  
12 I do -- I can see the sort of association that you made  
13 with L.A. 32, Lincoln Heights, and the Historic Cultural  
14 Center.

15 And so like, how do we make sure that those folks  
16 then can stay together and aren't -- their political  
17 power isn't diluted with, again, more upper middle  
18 income -- upper income areas of L.A. that are its  
19 neighbors. So yes, I agree.

20 Again, I wanted this conversation and I hope this is  
21 okay. And thank you to the rest of the Commission for  
22 indulging, because this is just -- it's going to be  
23 really complicated. So I appreciate us uplifting all of  
24 the complications.

25 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you so much for this

1 conversation. I think as we're seeing, the -- L.A. is a  
2 complex place. I think we're going to get additional VRA  
3 analysis throughout these regions as well. I think with  
4 that, I'd like to move on. And I believe Jaime is going  
5 to load up the Senate plans for us to review.

6 MS. CLARK: Yes, that's right.

7 CHAIR SADHWANI: Jaime?

8 MS. CLARK: One moment, please.

9 CHAIR SADHWANI: No problem. And then just process-  
10 wise, I don't know if Jaime or Karin wants to answer,  
11 will we take a similar process, take a review of various  
12 areas and all districts and ask only clarifying questions  
13 and then go to --

14 MS. MACDONALD: Yes, please.

15 CHAIR SADHWANI: -- to direction? Very good  
16 clarifying questions only. Thank you. And just as a  
17 reminder, we're going to be taking a break at 6:15.

18 MS. CLARK: So first, looking at this Senate sized  
19 visualization, it looks like this is Senate  
20 Visualizations A, page 3. This includes Alhambra,  
21 Monterey Park, Montebello, Pico Rivera, Rose Hills, much  
22 of Hacienda Heights, La Habra Heights, west part of The  
23 City of Industry, West Covina, Covina, Charter Oak,  
24 Azusa, Baldwin Park Area, and El Monte, Rosemead.  
25 everything in between those areas. And this is --

1 represents a percent deviation of 0.24 percent.

2 MS. MACDONALD: Latinos CVAP here is 56.1 percent,  
3 Black CVAP 2.26 percent, Asian CVAP 28.44 percent,  
4 Indigenous 0.28 percent, and Whites CVAP 12.19 percent.  
5 And Mr. Becker, the current Senate District lines are on  
6 the page.

7 MR. BECKER: Thanks. Yeah. We don't have the  
8 racially polarized voting for the Senate races are still  
9 being run, so I don't have analysis on Gingles 2 or 3.  
10 Clearly, this meets Gingles 1, so we are going to be  
11 taking a close look at the elections in this area and  
12 reporting back.

13 MS. CLARK: Thank you. Next, looking at the  
14 visualization called Gateway, page 8 of B. No, the one  
15 called Gateway, which is page -- oh, it's listed in both.  
16 I don't know -- A. I think it is A. No, B. We can go  
17 to page 8. Page 8-A. Okay. Okay. All right. Page 8-  
18 A.

19 This includes Whittier, South Whittier, East  
20 Whittier, La Mirada, Cerritos, Artesia, Lakewood,  
21 Hawaiian Gardens, Bellflower, Paramount, Downey, Bell  
22 Gardens, Vernon, Huntington Park, Commerce Areas. And  
23 this is a percent deviation of negative 3.51 percent.

24 MS. MACDONALD: And the Latino CVAP here is 60.63  
25 percent, Black CVAP 5.54 percent, Asian CVAP 12.74



1 percent, Indigenous 0.40, and White CVAP 19.79 percent.

2 MR. BECKER: And similar to the last one, Gingles 1  
3 is clearly met over sixty percent Latino CVAP. This is  
4 an area we have seen in the Assembly Districts racially  
5 polarized voting. So we'll take a close look at The  
6 State Senate election and confirm that we're seeing that  
7 for Gingles 2 and 3.

8 MS.CLARK: Thank you. Next, page 6 of A, Central  
9 L.A. area includes: Inglewood, Lenox, Hawthorne, Bel-  
10 Air, Lawndale, Gardena, Compton, let's see, Brentwood,  
11 Southgate, Florence, Watts, Empowerment Congress South  
12 East, Westmont and West Athens area. And this represents  
13 a percent deviation of 4.8 percent.

14 MS. MACDONALD: Latino CVAP here is 55.37 percent,  
15 Black CVAP 32.83 percent, Asian CVAP 4.35 percent,  
16 Indigenous CVAP 0.24 percent, and White CVAP 5.92  
17 percent.

18 MR. BECKER: This is an area similar to what we're  
19 looking at with the assembly districts where we've got  
20 it's very heavily Latino and black together. There has  
21 been significant -- in assembly races, we're still going  
22 to look at the Senate races. There's been significant  
23 cohesion between those groups. So we'll take a look and  
24 see if we're seeing that.

25 But at a minimum, we certainly seem to have Gingles

1 1 met here with regard to Latinos alone. And we'll take  
2 a look at the voting patterns in The State Senate races.

3 MS. CLARK: And next, this is page 7 of A. Okay.  
4 And this is called SD East L.A. It includes Mid-City,  
5 West Adams, Zapata King, historic South Central, Downtown  
6 Boyle Heights, East L.A., L.A. 32, all of these areas,  
7 Echo Park, et cetera. And this is the percent deviation  
8 of 1.55 percent.

9 MS. MACDONALD: Latino CVAP here is 58.54 percent,  
10 Black CVAP 15.62 percent, Asian CVAP 11.33 percent,  
11 Indigenous CVAP 0.35 percent, and White CVAP 13.24  
12 percent.

13 MR. BECKER: I'm sorry, Karin, I missed that.  
14 What's Latino CVAP in this visualization?

15 MS. MACDONALD: Apologies. It was 58.54 percent.

16 MR. BECKER: Okay. So similar to what we said in  
17 the other districts. Clearly, Gingles 1 is met. We'll  
18 look at The State Senate Districts to see if we're seeing  
19 racially polarized voting. This is an area where  
20 racially polarized voting in the Assembly Districts has  
21 not been as stark as other places.

22 But that, we'll look at the what's called the  
23 indigenous elections, which are State Senate elections  
24 are going to be the most relevant here. So we'll take a  
25 look at those and report back. But clearly, you can make

1 a district that is majority Latino here.

2 MS. MACDONALD: And that concludes the Senate  
3 Districts that -- where Gingles 1 was met.

4 MS. CLARK: Thank you. So now I'm just going to  
5 kind of go through the rest of the visualizations for  
6 SDA. I'm going to start in the Long Beach area. This  
7 includes: Cypress, Los Alamitos, Rossmore -- this is  
8 page 1 of A -- including all of Long Beach and Signal  
9 Hill, Carson, West Carson, Harbor Gateway, San Pedro, and  
10 Palos Verdes, and Lomita.

11 Next, moving to it's called L.A. Shoreline. This is  
12 page 5 of A, includes basically from Torrance, Redondo  
13 Beach, Manhattan Beach, El Segundo, View Park, Culver  
14 City, Pico, including Beverly Hills, Westwood, Palisades,  
15 Santa Monica. And the deviation of this is 4.94 percent.

16 MS. MACDONALD: Latino CVAP 14.57 percent, Black  
17 CVAP 11.98 percent, Asian CVAP 15.16 percent, Indigenous  
18 0.45 percent, and White CVAP 56.57 percent.

19 MS. CLARK: Okay. Then moving to the West San  
20 Fernando Valley, Ventura, Malibu area. This is page 4 of  
21 A. And it includes, again, Malibu, Topanga, Calabasas,  
22 Hidden Hills, Agoura Hills, Westlake Village. This  
23 boundary here is Mulholland and following mostly 405 --  
24 to a large extent, following the 405. And then it  
25 includes Santa Susana, Simi Valley, Bell Canyon, Oak

1 Park, Thousand Oaks, Casa Conejo, in Ventura County. And  
2 this is a percent deviation of four percent -- 4.79  
3 percent.

4 MS. MACDONALD: Latino CVAP here is 22.25 percent,  
5 Black CVAP 4.33 percent, Asians CVAP 12.53 percent,  
6 Indigenous 0.46 percent, and White CVAP 59.79 percent.

7 MS. CLARK: Thank you. And then moving to a little  
8 east to this area, which is -- includes parts of San  
9 Fernando Valley with parts of City of Los Angeles. So  
10 this is -- this visualization includes North Hollywood  
11 area, Studio City, Sherman Oaks, Bel-Air, West Hollywood,  
12 Greater Wilshire, Koreatown, Silverlake.

13 These areas here, it's on page 9 of A and is  
14 represents a percent deviation of 5.06 percent. Yeah.  
15 Yeah. This is not on page 9. This is page 2 of A.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Is that right?

17 MS. CLARK: Yes. Page 2 of A.

18 MS. MACDONALD: Latino CVAP here is 27.18 percent,  
19 Black CVAP is 6.78 percent, Asian CVAP 14.40 percent,  
20 Indigenous CVAP 0.38 percent, and White CVAP 50.24  
21 percent.

22 MS. CLARK: And following what we did in the order  
23 we went in for Assembly, this is now looking at 210  
24 Corridor Visualization, which is page 10 of Visualization  
25 A. It includes all of Burbank, Glendale, Pasadena, South

1 Pasadena, San Marino, San Gabriel, Altadena, moving east  
2 to Duarte, and then all of Glendora, San Dimas, Claremont  
3 and parts of Angeles National Forest. This is a percent  
4 deviation of 4.73 percent.

5 MS. MACDONALD: Latino CVAP here is 23.76 percent,  
6 Black CVAP 5.12 percent, Asian CVAP 21.67 percent,  
7 Indigenous 0.44 percent, and White CVAP 48.04 percent.

8 MS. CLARK: Thank you. And moving to basically  
9 North L.A. County. This is page 9 of Visualization A and  
10 includes -- I'll zoom into this area of San Fernando  
11 Valley. It's includes Pacoima, Mission Hills, Sylmar,  
12 City of San Fernando, and then Santa Clarita Valley,  
13 Antelope Valley, and ends at the L.A. County border. And  
14 those are the visualizations in SD A -- oh, and I keep  
15 forgetting this part. It's a 4.74 percent deviation.

16 MS. MACDONALD: Latino CVAP is 43.46 percent, Black  
17 CVAP 8.89 percent, Asian CVAP 7.57 percent, Indigenous  
18 0.80 percent, and White CVAP 38.53 percent.

19 MS. CLARK: And those are the visualizations that we  
20 have for SD-A. And now I'm going to move on to SD-B.  
21 And the areas that we really collaborated with VRA  
22 counsel or excuse me VRA team on are the same. They're  
23 identical in this visualization.

24 And so if it's okay, I'll go through all of the  
25 other ones since we just reviewed the -- those four that

1 we looked at together with Mr. Becker in the very  
2 beginning. So this one is -- oh, now I get it. That's  
3 why. Okay. So this one -- got it.

4 The Long Beach Harbor and L.A. Harbor area is page 2  
5 of B. And it includes, again, Cypress, Los Alamitos,  
6 Rossmore, Olive, Long Beach, Signal Hill, Carson, Harbor  
7 Gateway South, and includes Torrance, and San Pedro does  
8 not include Palos Verdes. That's difference there. And  
9 the percent deviation of this visualization is 3.16  
10 percent.

11 MS. MACDONALD: Latino CVAP is 31.79 percent, Black  
12 CVAP 12.57 percent, Asian CVAP 18.59 percent, Indigenous  
13 CVAP 0.62 percent, White CVAP 34.47 percent.

14 CHAIR SADHWANI: Commissioner Akutagawa, did you  
15 have a question?

16 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I guess I'm just  
17 wondering, is next time you do one of these  
18 visualizations where it's Long Beach plus these little --  
19 these islands, I mean, the islands are huge and we can't  
20 see any of the detail on the areas that we should be  
21 looking at.

22 I mean, I would never have guessed that it included  
23 like Cypress. And I forgot where some of the other  
24 cities that you included and it -- it's I think it's hard  
25 to just make any kind of -- give any kind of guidance

1 without seeing at least a little bit more detail. So I  
2 don't know if there's a better way.

3 I mean, is it because of the PDF, but there's a  
4 number of these visualizations where it's just like a big  
5 old mask, but no, no clue as to what's included. And so  
6 I don't feel like we could give like really adequate  
7 guidance or direction on it.

8 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you for that.

9 MS. MACDONALD: May I please respond to that?

10 Commissioner Akutagawa, we post twenty-four hours in  
11 advance and we basically had less than a week to develop  
12 all of these visualizations. Making these PDFs takes  
13 well over a day. And we had significant technical  
14 problems here, which basically meant that nobody was  
15 sleeping.

16 And people are actually right now still PDFing for  
17 some of these. So we will absolutely try to get you  
18 better visualizations so that you can see more. But  
19 we're just really squeezed for time this particular week.  
20 I just wanted to let you know that that was not on  
21 purpose.

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: No. And I appreciate what  
23 you all are doing. I think it's just -- I guess it is a  
24 little frustrating not being able to see it and then wait  
25 for you to show us. So we just want to work with you to

1 be able to give you the best directions so that we're  
2 being as efficient and as thoughtful as possible. But I  
3 do understand and I appreciate what your team is doing.

4 CHAIR SADHWANI: I do also wonder if it's -- if it  
5 would be possible to get a PDF of the full region to see  
6 where all of those lines kind of generally fall. I think  
7 that would -- I know that would be helpful for me and  
8 maybe an alternative for us to think about. Thank you so  
9 much. But we can continue on.

10 MS. CLARK: Yeah, we can definitely do that moving  
11 forward. And for some of these, the regions and the  
12 state, it's so like geographically diverse that it might  
13 look different for different regions, right? Like for  
14 L.A., I would maybe even suggest doing like four that  
15 they're so small, like small area wise compared to some  
16 of the more rural parts of California. So yeah, we can  
17 definitely do that moving forward. Thank you for that  
18 suggestion.

19 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you so much.

20 MS. CLARK: I am going to move on to this Los  
21 Angeles Bay area. Tough to name all of these districts  
22 as well. This is page 5-B. And basically this  
23 visualization goes from Palos Verdes, includes: Redondo  
24 Beach, Manhattan Beach, El Segundo, West Chester, Marina  
25 del Rey, Venice, Santa Monica, including View Park, West



1 Side, Neighborhood Council, Westwood Neighborhood  
2 Council, Bel-Air, and Palisades. This represents a  
3 percent deviation of negative 5.36 percent.

4 MS. MACDONALD: Latino CVAP here is 13.75 percent,  
5 Black CVAP is 11.99 percent, Asian CVAP is 13.74 percent,  
6 Indigenous CVAP is 0.44 percent, and White CVAP is 58.95  
7 percent.

8 MS. CALRK: Thank you. And in this -- for this  
9 visualization, Malibu would -- I think Tamina will  
10 present on this. Malibu will be with central coast and I  
11 think it would essentially be with all of Ventura County.  
12 And that is driven by the visualization request to have  
13 just Bell Canyon as part -- with parts of San Fernando  
14 Valley.

15 So this is Bell Canyon and Hidden Hills with this  
16 area of San Fernando Valley, including West Hills,  
17 Tarzana, and Encino, Sherman Oaks, Studio City, Valley  
18 Village, NoHo, moving up 5 and this is 405 and includes  
19 Reseda, et cetera. This is on page 3 of visualizations B  
20 and the percent deviation is 2.42 percent.

21 CHAIR SADHWANI: Commissioner Akutagawa, did you  
22 have another comment? No?

23 MS. MACDONALD: Just to let you know with the Latino  
24 CVAP here is or what the general CVAP in this  
25 visualization is. Latino CVAP is 32.59 percent, Black

1 strap is 5.84 percent, Asian CVAP is 11.20 percent,  
2 Indigenous CVAP is 0.35 percent, and white CVAP is 49.37  
3 percent.

4 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you so much. It's 6 p.m.  
5 we're up against a break. Do we have a sense of how many  
6 more districts we have to review?

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Two or three.

8 MS. CLARK: I think we have three -- four -- four.

9 CHAIR SADHWANI: Why don't we take a pause here?  
10 We'll take a fifteen-minute break. And when we come  
11 back, we'll finish those last four and move into  
12 discussion. Thanks, everybody. 15 minutes.

13 (Whereupon, a recess was held)

14 CHAIR SADHWANI: Welcome back to the California  
15 Citizens Redistricting Commission. As we continue our  
16 discussion of Los Angeles County, we left off with our  
17 review of visualizations for potential Senate District  
18 ideas.

19 Karin and Jaime, I will hand it back to you. I  
20 think we had four Senate Districts to continue to review.

21 MS. MACDONALD: Thank you so much, Commissioner  
22 Chair Sadhwani. And again, just to remind everyone, we  
23 are looking at the handouts that are posted on  
24 wedrawthelinesca.org under 10\_13\_21\_handouts. And we are  
25 currently on L.A. County State Senate Visualizations B.

1 And we have, I believe, four Senate District sized areas  
2 left to review. And we're going to --

3 MS. CLARK: Hollywood. This visualization includes:  
4 Hollywood Hills, West Hollywood, Beverly Hills -- it's on  
5 page 1 of B -- Wilshire Center or Greater Wilshire,  
6 Koreatown, Silver Lake, LaSalle Park, Eagle Rock,  
7 Glendale, Burbank. These areas this represents a  
8 population deviation of negative 6.56 percent.

9 MS. MACDONALD: Latino CVAP here is 21.27 percent,  
10 Black CVAP is 6.09 percent, Asian CVAP 16.93 percent,  
11 Indigenous CVAP 0.46 percent, and White CVAP 54.14  
12 percent.

13 MS. CLARK: Thank you. And now looking at the 210  
14 corridor. This is page 10 of B. This on the eastern end  
15 of 210 corridor includes: Claremont, San Dimas, Glendora  
16 and moving west Monrovia, Arcadia, Pasadena, San Gabriel  
17 and all the way up through San Fernando Valley to where  
18 210 and 5 meet. This represents a population deviation  
19 of negative 1.93 percent and includes of course, the  
20 Angeles National Forest area to the north.

21 MS. MACDONALD: This visualization has a Latino CVAP  
22 of 34.06 percent, Black CVAP of 5.64 percent, Asian CVAP  
23 of 19.95 percent, Indigenous 0.45 percent, and White CVAP  
24 38.94 percent.

25 MS. CLARK: And I think this is the last



1 visualization for this set. It's Antelope Valley plus  
2 Santa Clarita Valley and north western San Fernando  
3 Valley. This is on page 9 of Visualizations B. I'm  
4 going to zoom out because this also includes in Kern  
5 County: Bear Valley Springs, Tehachapi, California City,  
6 Edwards Air Force Base, Mojave Rosamond area.

7 MS. MACDONALD: The deviation here is 0.37 percent.  
8 Latino CVAP 31.67 percent, Black CVAP 9.82 percent, Asian  
9 CVAP 9.94 percent, Indigenous 5.86 percent, and White  
10 CVAP 46.86 percent.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That's it.

12 MS. CLARK: And those are the Senate District  
13 Visualizations A and B.

14 MS. MACDONALD: So again, if you'd like to go  
15 through the same process and -- just one moment.

16 CHAIR SADHWANI: Sorry about that. Thank you,  
17 Jaime. I see a number of hands.

18 Commissioner Toledo?

19 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah. Just on the Senate  
20 District Visualizations --the A's, page 9 on the A  
21 visualizations. If you can bring that up?

22 MS. MACDONALD: One moment, please. This is --

23 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you. Page 9.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It's page 9.

25 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: -- of the A, just north L.A.

1 County.

2 MS. MACDONALD: Just Northern L.A. County? In  
3 Northern L.A. County?

4 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah, in Northern L.A. County.  
5 I'm just curious I just want to make sure, though, that  
6 the -- that any potential demographic that may -- or  
7 coalition demographic that could potentially be covered  
8 under -- that we're not missing a demographic that may  
9 need to be protected here, given the numbers for this,  
10 potentially, if this was drawn slightly different. So I  
11 just want to make sure that if we looked at it the whole  
12 area to make sure that we're not missing a demographic  
13 here given that the numbers are close.

14 By my looks out of forty-three percent Latino, eight  
15 percent African-American a potentially coalition,  
16 especially if the District were if we looked at it a  
17 little slightly different. So just looking at various  
18 variations of it to see if there aren't any populations  
19 that need protection. Thank you.

20 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you for that.

21 Commissioner Yee?

22 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you. Thank you to our line  
23 drawers for all these visualizations. I had a question  
24 about nesting. Of course, that's number 6 in our ranked  
25 criteria. And just wondering how much of that you were

1 able to do here and how -- not looking to find out. Not  
2 pushing it one way or another. Just wondering how it  
3 went as you drew these Senate Districts and compare them  
4 to the Assembly Districts you had drawn over in the same  
5 areas?

6 MS. MACDONALD: The answer is we haven't looked at  
7 nesting. We're trying to, at this point, again, we're  
8 really at very big picture. And in particular,  
9 considering that we don't have all of the data in for VRA  
10 and this is again, it's an iterative process.

11 I think for us it's been a challenge to put some  
12 visualizations together that respect your direction --  
13 that respect the criteria as much as possible and also  
14 incorporate that. So nesting has just not -- has just  
15 really not been on the agenda at this point.

16 COMMISSIONER YEE: And that's fine. Just wanted to  
17 know. Yeah.

18 MS. MACDONALD: Thank you for that question.

19 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you for that.

20 Commissioner Fernandez?

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair. Yes.  
22 I'm just going to go back to what Commissioner Toledo  
23 mentioned, because I did want to bring that up as well in  
24 terms of the North L.A. County District -- Senate  
25 district visualization from A.

1           Mr. Becker, you had noted earlier in the meeting  
2 that if you wanted us -- if we wanted to look at possible  
3 coalition districts, that we could give that direction to  
4 you. I guess my question at this point is -- I know I  
5 mentioned it last week that we -- I wanted to make sure  
6 we looked at that. And I still want to look at that as  
7 well. But I also -- I guess I need more direction from  
8 you in terms of what direction you need from us.

9           I mean, do you need it for each specific district or  
10 just -- can I give you a general throughout the whole  
11 state? I would like this analysis to be done in terms of  
12 possible coalitions throughout all of California to make  
13 sure that we capture that information.

14           MR. BECKER: So we are looking at this throughout  
15 California no matter what, but it's always good if you  
16 reinforce particular areas you'd like us to look at. So  
17 I don't think it's an or it's an and. I'll also point  
18 out that with regard to -- there are going to be areas  
19 where you can barely get to fifty percent even as a  
20 coalition, but you can't draw a district in which that  
21 coalition can consistently have an opportunity to elect  
22 its candidates of choice because the percentages aren't  
23 high enough.

24           And so you might have areas where VRA protection  
25 might be theoretically possible, but practically not

1 possible. And those are things -- this is one of those  
2 areas, especially where, I mean, your best-case scenario  
3 probably barely going to get over fifty percent here. We  
4 don't we haven't looked at the Senate district elections  
5 here.

6       So I'm not sure what we'll find in terms of racially  
7 polarized voting. But something to keep in mind that  
8 that's there's -- when you have especially with minority  
9 groups where there's strong, racially polarized voting,  
10 it might be not particularly possible to draw a VRA  
11 remedial district, but it's absolutely something we can  
12 look at.

13       COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. Thank you for that  
14 clarification. And I know that it didn't -- maybe in  
15 this District that we both brought up, but definitely in  
16 some of the Assembly Districts that we looked at, there  
17 could be a higher probability for that possible coalition  
18 because it is a lower number that we're trying to get to.  
19 So thank you.

20       CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you for that.

21       Commissioner Yee, did you have another? No?

22       COMMISSIONER YEE: No, I did not. Sorry.

23       CHAIR SADHWANI: Commissioner Akutagawa?

24       COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I was just wondering  
25 if you could just maybe zoom in a little bit more on that



1 southern part of that -- of this visualization. I'm just  
2 curious what cities those are that -- it looks like it's  
3 along the southern most --

4 MS. CLARK: In San Fernando Valley?

5 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Yeah, in that San  
6 Fernando Valley area.

7 MS. CLARK: Sylmar, San Fernando, Mission Hills.  
8 Pacoima, Part of Sun Valley, Sunland.

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. And then could you  
10 also scroll up north? I think I'm just trying to  
11 understand the CVAP numbers, too. And I was just curious  
12 what was to the south. And then you just --

13 MS. CLARK: Want to see the other --

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. If you could just  
15 scroll through the whole district, I'm --

16 MS. CLARK: Sure.

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- kind of just curious as  
18 to the cities. Okay. Got it. All right. Thank you.  
19 That was helpful.

20 CHAIR SADHWANI: Very good.

21 Commissioner Sinay?

22 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you. And I just -- it  
23 just popped out on me that in one of the visualizations,  
24 we had separated Simi Valley and Moorpark. And that is  
25 one thing we've heard over and over again, is keeping

1 Simi Valley and Moorpark together. And that might be  
2 more granular than we're supposed to be telling you now.

3 So I apologize. I think on the West Side -- and I  
4 don't know which one of the two -- was the West Side,  
5 L.A., I think I would -- Torrance is cut in in half in  
6 one of them, I believe and maybe I was wrong. And maybe  
7 I was just looking at that.

8 MS. CLARK: Yeah, Torrance is whole in both  
9 visualizations.

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: But in this one right here it  
11 is cut because Torrance goes --

12 MS. CLARK: You're right.

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- all the way to the beach.

14 MS. CLARK: Yes. Pardon me.

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And that happens often that  
16 people cut off the beach side from the rest of Torrance.  
17 But ideally, Torrance would -- it's hard because Torrance  
18 beaches, tiny little piece of Torrance. But if we can  
19 keep Torrance together, that would be great for that West  
20 Side.

21 I was also looking at, if we can include Malibu,  
22 think about going to the north to capture Malibu on this  
23 one, like we did with the Assembly. And I believe this  
24 one was a little over. And so the question was, can we  
25 use -- go closer to the four -- 405 for that? Does that

1 help us get us closer to the to the numbers that we need?

2 And that might be -- and then I was looking at that --

3 MS. CLARK: I'm sorry. Sorry. Can I just ask a  
4 clarifying question?

5 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Please do.

6 MS. CLARK: In general, so we've -- I've heard  
7 feedback like move Malibu maybe with Palisades or West  
8 Side areas for a couple of different visualizations.  
9 Does that include then, like all of Topanga, all of  
10 Calabasas? Or would --

11 COMMISSIONER SINAY: No, no, just -- that's just --

12 MS. CLARK: Just Malibu?

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Because Malibu is --

14 MS. CLARK: Part of Topanga. Because it also --

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah. Malibu is considered  
16 L.A. Is Topanga considered L.A.?

17 MS. CLARK: Yes. Yeah.

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay.

19 MS. CALRK: They're in L.A. County. Yeah.

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: It's all L.A. I got you. Now  
21 I see why you're asking. Yeah, that's a good question.  
22 I'll leave that one to Commissioner Sadhwani to answer.  
23 Sorry, I was just putting that on you because --

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Wow.

25 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Let's play with it and see how



1 it works and how we need it for numbers. And then on the  
2 210 corridor, it looked -- the way it's set up now, it's  
3 at 25 -- I was just curious if there was a way to expand  
4 it in any direction to capture either more Latino or more  
5 Asian vote -- I mean, right now -- or is or to look to  
6 see if that's a coalition group -- district. But that  
7 those, in fact, I thought these to me made more sense.  
8 But maybe because you've already trained us on the  
9 Assembly. Thank you.

10 CHAIR SADHWANI: Anyone else looking to weigh in?  
11 Oh, yeah, Karin, you want to jump in?

12 MS. MACDONALD: Yeah, if I -- if I may, could just  
13 ask if anyone perhaps has a preference for either Version  
14 A or B, or would you like to see them maybe on top of  
15 each other? Or is there anything that sticks out just to  
16 kind of move us to the big picture again one more time so  
17 we have something to work off of?

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Can you put them on top of each  
19 other?

20 MS. CLARK: Can do.

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Please.

22 MS. CLARK: Yeah, I can do. Just going to -- give  
23 me one second so I can make them two different colors so  
24 it's easy to tell the difference. So just give me one  
25 second, please. Okay. So Version A is going to keep

1 having the black outline and the black boxes around the  
2 labels and Version B is red.

3 So again, a lot of similarities here in this area  
4 that the hand is circling and then differences throughout  
5 the rest of the map. I know. I'll Zoom out first to get  
6 sort of a big picture idea of some of the differences,  
7 then zoom back in to sort of cruise around.

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: The red is B and the black is  
9 A, right?

10 MS. CLARK: That's correct, yeah.

11 MS. MACDONALD: If you don't have a preference, by  
12 the way, if I just may offer this, if there's no general  
13 preference, we could continue to work with VRA counsel  
14 and continue to incorporate the feedback that we received  
15 today and just try to improve upon these maps per the  
16 direction that we've received.

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I would say I like the red one  
18 better. I'm not going to even guess on numbers at this  
19 point. And part of it -- I'm looking at the west side of  
20 the map and I like that part better -- how it's  
21 representing that that part. I didn't look as much on  
22 the inside part, so others may have another other end  
23 input.

24 CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay. Thank you for that. I see a  
25 number of hands. So let's move to some other folks.

1 Commissioner Akutagawa?

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. On this map, if  
3 you're asking us to make a -- I guess a choice or a  
4 preference, Karin, I'm going to say that without being  
5 able to, again see the details at the top -- I'm not  
6 sure -- does that include Beverly Hills? And does it cut  
7 off at Malibu or is that including Malibu? I guess that  
8 that's one question.

9 But just in general, I think I do like -- or my  
10 preference is for B, Map B, because it goes down to  
11 Rancho Palos Verdes and it includes the area that I think  
12 should be included as part of the South Bay. That area  
13 should not be included with Long Beach or the Harbor  
14 Gateway Cities that want to go north. I think B is the  
15 cutoff.

16 However, I guess the questions that I have to do  
17 with those communities that are too -- it looks like to  
18 the east it says View Park, Windsor Hills -- but again,  
19 does that include like some of those communities like  
20 Pico and some of those other ones? Because, again, this  
21 is a very different kind of community than some of those  
22 other communities.

23 One of the one of the things I did not like about  
24 Map A is the fact that you have Beverly Hills and Santa  
25 Monica. I'm not really thrilled that Torrance is cut in

1 half. I think it should go down further. I am curious  
2 again, I'm looking at -- on the Version A and this is on  
3 page 5, it'll say Culver City. And again, there's like  
4 these unnamed cities, which I assume are some of those  
5 neighborhood councils.

6 And if I recall -- I'm just trying to recall what  
7 those neighborhood councils are. But again, I think it's  
8 kind of reminds me of that Pico example where you have  
9 that lone community that is very different from the rest  
10 of the communities. And at that point, does it make more  
11 sense to go further north and further south to capture  
12 some of the population that might be needed?

13 But this one already is at 4.9 percent deviation.  
14 So if you if you remove some areas, then it might not be  
15 that bad. I mean, it'll bring it down closer to a zero  
16 percent deviation. But on that note, I do kind of like B  
17 better.

18 CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay. Commissioner Kennedy?

19 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yep. I also had a pretty  
20 strong gut reaction preference for B. There are clearly  
21 areas that we're going to want to work on, but I think  
22 conceptually I definitely prefer B to A. Thank you.

23 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you, Commissioner Kennedy.  
24 Commissioner Turner?

25 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. I kept putting my

1 hand up and down for this same -- I'm looking at number 5  
2 and I wonder if -- I like B. And I'm wondering if B --  
3 if there was a way that we can include all of Torrance,  
4 what would it do to the CVAP numbers? Because we were  
5 talking a bit about trying to discern where there are  
6 opportunities for coalition districts.

7 And I think as it's currently drawn, knowing that it  
8 is a little bit over the count that we need, I think  
9 we're at about a forty, forty-two percent or so CVAP.  
10 But I wonder in including Torrance, what does that do to  
11 the CVAP numbers?

12 And then for someone that's a little bit more  
13 familiar with the territory, can see if that means  
14 perhaps losing Beverly Hills or what would make sense on  
15 the other end. But I would just love to see what it  
16 would look like to include the whole of Torrance.

17 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you, Commissioner Turner.

18 I'll just note also, if I'm reading this correctly  
19 on the -- our website, we have about 170 comments that  
20 have come in. So commissioners, please do keep an eye on  
21 that as you -- as we move along.

22 Commissioner Fernandez?

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair. And  
24 thank you for all that are coming along, this  
25 visualization with us and commenting. I do like B and I



1 like it kind of for a different reason. I like going --  
2 I know early on we tried to decide, are we going to cross  
3 county boundaries, city boundaries? And as we can see,  
4 we're going to have to count -- we're going to have to  
5 cross county boundaries, especially in some of the bigger  
6 counties that -- where you've got some communities that  
7 are further away from the populous and from the central  
8 of the county and all of the population, that -- they  
9 will have more in common with their neighbors and it  
10 could be their neighbors to the neighboring county.

11 And also, numbers person, Finance and Admin  
12 Subcommittee, B has a overall deviation of 4.82 and A has  
13 a positive 23. So that's right where we would want to  
14 be. And I just again, want to reiterate that we're going  
15 to have to cross those counties and unfortunately  
16 sometimes break up some of those cities as well, because  
17 as we saw in the Assembly Districts, they were well over  
18 and under some of the deviations that we were looking at.

19 And I just want to make sure -- and yes, I do want  
20 to continue to work with VRA because that will definitely  
21 change what some of these current visualizations look  
22 like. But thank you so much for bringing this forward  
23 and for sharing the information and explaining it to us.  
24 Thanks.

25 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you.



1 Commissioner Toledo?

2 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you. So I feel like I'm  
3 in -- like I'm in an optometry visit where you're  
4 choosing A or B, right. A or B, which one is better.  
5 And sometimes C is better, right? It's A, B and then  
6 you -- but ultimately it's an iterative process until you  
7 get to the right ability to see clearly.

8 And so I guess I know that you created these maps  
9 with the input that we gave you over the last couple of  
10 weeks and with the input from VRA counsel, and VRA  
11 consultants. And I'm wondering, as I'm looking at B and  
12 A, because I'm a patterns type of person, I'm looking at  
13 the patterns, right.

14 I'm wondering if you prioritize certain things in  
15 the A maps versus the B maps, or is there some kind of --  
16 or from the input that we gave you, is there some kind  
17 of -- some kind of strategy, maybe strategy is the wrong  
18 word, for some kind of factors that were prioritized in  
19 some over the others?

20 And if you could walk us through that or maybe there  
21 isn't, but I'm trying to maybe I'm trying to find a  
22 pattern where there is none. But so if you could -- and  
23 in just high-level terms and --

24 MS. CLARK: Sure.

25 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: -- high-level terms, yeah, I



1 don't need specifics, but --

2 MS. CLARK: Absolutely.

3 So we began with sort of outlining where Gingles 1  
4 could be met with the VRA team. And from there, I  
5 started with sort of Long Beach area just because looking  
6 at the whole map knew that there could sort of be a  
7 bubble created if I started somewhere else, where then  
8 there'd be a whole pocket of population that wouldn't  
9 have anywhere to go, wouldn't have any districts to  
10 belong to, that would meet the population criteria.

11 And then really kind of just began looking at the  
12 direction that was given from the visualizations last  
13 time. There was different -- differing direction about  
14 the same area. So in this case, like, where would  
15 Torrence go? We got different feedback about that.

16 Kind of started there. And the differences ripple  
17 through throughout, of course, trying to keep public  
18 input that has been received so far together. We keep  
19 respecting input that has been received so far,  
20 respecting requests for visualizations that the  
21 Commission gave last time.

22 And going with that, we can be heard in San Fernando  
23 Valley, for example, last time that there was interest in  
24 seeing the boundaries being around 405. So in a lot of  
25 visualizations, 405 is sort of a boundary there and then

1 also heard interest in seeing more like east to west  
2 styles of visualizations for this round in addition to  
3 seeing the east to west split the 405.

4 So sort of trying to implement that type of feedback  
5 and balancing all of the feedback and again, keeping in  
6 mind all of your criteria in creating these  
7 visualizations for your consideration.

8 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: So just a follow up to that.  
9 So what I'm hearing -- and I wanted to make sure I'm  
10 hearing this correctly, so where there was conflict, you  
11 try to separate the conflict out when conflict and  
12 mapping or whatever -- and certainly separate that out in  
13 A or B so that there so you can reconcile the conflicts.

14 MS. CLARK: Yeah, absolutely. And sometimes there  
15 was direction that was given last time that just for  
16 population and deviation requirements was sort of a no-  
17 fly zone or like wasn't -- just that the areas and the  
18 numbers wouldn't add up.

19 And so sometimes direction or requests were not  
20 implementable and largely they were additionally,  
21 sometimes. Again, there were requests that could perhaps  
22 create tension when considering VRA considerations. And  
23 again, those also were not implementable for this round.

24 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: And my last follow up question  
25 is, since you're the most familiar with data having

1 delved into it so much, is there a -- preference is maybe  
2 the wrong word, but maybe is the one set of maps that you  
3 think are better than others or --

4 MS. CLARK: No.

5 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: -- what's your thought process  
6 on that? Maybe better is the wrong word too, but that --

7 MS. CLARK: I think --

8 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: -- they meet the criteria a  
9 little bit better than others maybe?

10 MS. CLARK: I think that here you're all discussing  
11 merits that you see and happy to go off of the merits  
12 that you see.

13 MS. MACDONALD: Yeah. And if I may add to that, you  
14 were talking about being at the optometrist and A or B,  
15 and sometimes there's a version C and D and E and F. And  
16 actually, I think we're really just looking for another  
17 starting point today, something we can work off of to get  
18 to Version C.

19 And I pretty much bet you and I think I'm going to  
20 win if somebody is going to bet against me that we're  
21 going to get to all these other versions also. Because  
22 what Jaime just described is exactly how this works, sees  
23 ripple effects based on a decision point or a particular  
24 direction.

25 And some of these things and this is where I've been

1 saying let's just really look at just the structure  
2 today, because some of these smaller decisions about  
3 whether a particular community goes here or there, that  
4 is something we can probably implement later. We can do  
5 it in live line drawing and so forth.

6 Doing all of these structural changes takes an  
7 enormous amount of time, in particular, when you're  
8 looking at hundreds of pieces of direction and then also,  
9 VRA guidance and all of that. So it can just change  
10 things dramatically. So I didn't mean to in any way  
11 imply that you only have these two choices at A or B?

12 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: No, I didn't think that was  
13 the case. Just because we're looking at them side by  
14 side, sometimes it's easy to think we only have two  
15 choices when actually it's going to be an iterative  
16 process with a lot of a dynamic process, right.

17 And I appreciate for the clarification and the  
18 thought process, it really is helpful, especially  
19 learning that it started in Long Beach, which makes  
20 sense. Right. We got a tremendous amount of feedback  
21 from Long Beach. Thank you.

22 CHAIR SADHWANI: It's dynamic, it's iterative, it's  
23 innovative. It's all those good things. Any final  
24 thoughts on these Senate plans before we move on to  
25 congressional plans? I mean, if we move on now, we might

1 even be done by 8 o'clock. I don't know. Let's see what  
2 the future holds. All right. I think if no other  
3 comments, we will move forward to the Congressional  
4 plans.

5 MS. CLARK: Okay. Thank you. I will begin  
6 presenting CDA -- VCDA, Visualization CDA. And just like  
7 in the Senate visualizations, there's sort of one set of  
8 visualizations that we really worked very closely with  
9 your VRA team on. So those are consistent for each set  
10 of visualizations.

11 And I'm going to start going through those first.  
12 This one is on page -- this is on page 4 of one A. This  
13 includes: Azusa, Covina, West Covina, western part of  
14 City of Industry, La Habra Heights, Whittier, Rose Hills,  
15 South El Monte, El Monte. These areas. And the percent  
16 deviation of this visualization is negative 3.14 percent.  
17 And we are coming at you soon with the rest of the  
18 breakdown. It's A.

19 MS. MACDONALD: Okay. Okay. So this is page 1  
20 of --

21 CHAIR SADHWANI: Hey, Karin?

22 MS. MACDONALD: Yeah?

23 CHAIR SADHWANI: I think -- I apologize for  
24 interrupting.

25 MS. MACDONALD: No.



1 CHAIR SADHWANI: I'm sorry. I actually think  
2 Commissioners might even need a minute or two; is that  
3 correct, to get our pages in order.

4 Yeah. Commissioner Fernandez?

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: If you can like -- Jaime,  
6 once you bring it up and your -- can you give us like a  
7 minute to find it? Because I realize some similar  
8 looking on the computer and some of us have hard copies,  
9 so we're trying to find it. So just a few seconds. It'd  
10 be great.

11 CHAIR SADHWANI: If we just want to take maybe two  
12 to three minutes really quickly and let everybody get  
13 their bearings on documents.

14 MS. MACDONALD: And maybe the public also.

15 CHAIR SADHWANI: Yeah.

16 MS. MACDONALD: So this is -- we've now moved on to  
17 [wedrawthelinesca.org/10\\_13\\_21\\_handouts](http://wedrawthelinesca.org/10_13_21_handouts). And we are  
18 looking at L.A. County Congressional Visualizations B and  
19 L.A. County Congressional Visualizations B-1.

20 MS. CLARK: Oh, we're on B?

21 MS. MACDONALD: I got them wrong. I'm sorry. A and  
22 A-1.

23 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: There's no A-1 for Senate  
24 District.

25 CHAIR SADHWANI: For Congressional. Does this make





1 any sense to you?

2 MR. BECKER: And they're both plan A, but it's  
3 just -- they're just a continuation.

4 CHAIR SADHWANI: Could we break just for five  
5 minutes and we can get ourselves together here? Eight  
6 minutes? Okay. We could do that. Thanks, everybody.

7 (Whereupon, a recess was held)

8 CHAIR SADHWANI: All right. Welcome back to the  
9 California Citizens Redistricting Commission and our  
10 review of Visualizations for Los Angeles County. We just  
11 took a short break just so that we could get our bearings  
12 on all of the paperwork and districts to examine  
13 Congressional plans. And I will turn it back over to  
14 Karen and Jaime to lead us through that.

15 MS. MACDONALD: Yes. Thank you so much. Apologies.  
16 I managed to confuse everybody right before we went on  
17 break. So we are actually looking at Congressional  
18 Visualizations A and A-1. So those are two files that  
19 were separated. So it's one file, actually.

20 So it's one big visualization consisting of multiple  
21 Congressional sized visualizations that were just  
22 separated into two files because of file size  
23 constraints. So with that, I think we are going first to  
24 page 4 of A-1, please.

25 MS. CLARK: Yes. And this visualization includes:



1 El Monte, South El Monte, Rose Hills, Whittier, La Habra  
2 Heights, Hacienda Heights, western part of City of  
3 Industry, Covina, and West Covina, Azusa, Irwindale and  
4 such areas. This represents a percent deviation of  
5 negative 3.14 percent.

6 MS. MACDONALD: Latino CVAP here is 59.97 percent,  
7 Black CVAP 2.5 percent, Asian CVAP 20.52 percent,  
8 Indigenous CVAP 0.28 percent, and White CVAP 15.91  
9 percent.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Do Gateway next.

11 MS. CLARK: Next --

12 MR. BECKER: And as with the Senate Districts, we'll  
13 just note this is very clearly a district that comprises  
14 the first Gingles precondition with regard to the Latino  
15 population close to sixty percent. We have not run -- or  
16 are still getting data on racially polarized voting in  
17 Congressional races as well as Senate races in this area.  
18 But we have seen racially polarized voting in existence  
19 in the assembly races, so it's very likely that would be  
20 present here.

21 And I'll just remind everyone, as we look at  
22 Congressional district races, deviation is going to be a  
23 larger concern here because we have to try to get as  
24 close to actually equal population as is reasonably  
25 practicable. So just keep that in mind.



1           It's likely to result in more splits than otherwise  
2 because to get that level of equal population is going to  
3 require a lot more precision at the census block level.  
4 So keep that in mind as we're looking at this. But these  
5 are all very good starting points.

6           MS. CLARK: Thank you. And next, looking at page 4  
7 of A. And this is urban Harbor Gateway Cities area  
8 consisting of: La Mirada, East Whittier, South Whittier,  
9 West Whittier, Pico Rivera, Downey, Paramount,  
10 Bellflower, Lakewood, Hawaiian Gardens, Artesia,  
11 Cerritos, Norwalk areas. And this represents a percent  
12 deviation of negative 2.84 percent.

13           MS. MACDONALD: Latino CVAP here is 56.8 percent,  
14 Black CVAP 6.35 percent, Asian CVAP 15.02 percent,  
15 Indigenous CVAP 0.38 percent, and White CVAP 20.46  
16 percent.

17           MR. BECKER: And ditto. If anyone needs more  
18 explanation is exactly the same as the previous one. We  
19 have Gingles 1 here. We're still looking at Gingles 2  
20 and 3 and keep an eye on deviation.

21           MS. CLARK: Thank you. And next, this visualization  
22 is on page 2 of A, and includes Carson, West Carson,  
23 Harbor Gateway Areas, Gardena, Compton, Lynwood, Watts,  
24 Southgate, Bell, Bell Gardens, and is a percent deviation  
25 of negative 3.29 percent.

1 MS. MACDONALD: Latino CVAP in this visualization is  
2 58.30 percent, Black CVAP 23.77 percent, Asian CVAP 9.76  
3 percent, Indigenous CVAP 0.25 percent, White CVAP 6.39  
4 percent.

5 MR. BECKER: And the only difference here is that  
6 we've seen somewhat more crossover by the nonminority  
7 population. So we'll get better data, more data on the  
8 racially polarized voting here to assess this, but  
9 clearly the first Gingles precondition is met.

10 MS. CLARK: Next, moving to central L.A., this is  
11 page 2 of A-1 and this includes: Empowerment Congress  
12 South East, Florence-Firestone, Huntington Park, historic  
13 South Central, Zapata King, and then some neighborhood  
14 council areas along the 10, including Pico Union, Mid-  
15 City, West Adams, also including Empowerment Congress  
16 West Area and Neighborhood Council. This represents a  
17 percent deviation of negative 2.57 percent.

18 MS. MACDONALD: Latino CVAP here is 57.5 percent,  
19 Black CVAP 30.63 percent, Asian CVAP 4.52 percent,  
20 Indigenous 0.16 percent, and White CVAP 6.27 percent.

21 MR. BECKER: And similar to the previous district,  
22 there's been significant crossovers. You can tell that  
23 this is a very heavily diverse but overwhelmingly  
24 minority district. So we'll take a close look at it from  
25 a racially polarized voting perspective. Certainly

1 Gingles 1 is met with regard to the Latino population.

2 MS. CALRK: And lastly, before we move on to the  
3 rest of the visualizations looking at east of L.A., this  
4 is Visualization A, page 7. This visualization includes  
5 Vernon, Commerce, Montebello, South San Gabriel,  
6 Rosemead, East San Gabriel, San Gabriel, Alhambra, L.A.  
7 32, Lincoln Heights, and Boyle Heights areas. And this  
8 is a percent deviation of negative 3.42 percent.

9 MS. MACDONALD: Latino CVAP here is 58.03 percent,  
10 Black CVAP 1.75 percent, Asian CVAP 28.75 percent,  
11 Indigenous CVAP 0.33 percent, White CVAP 10.43 percent.

12 MR. BECKER: And as with the first couple of  
13 districts, this is clearly a -- Gingles 1 is satisfied  
14 with regard to the Latino population. This is an area  
15 that at least in Assembly races, we have seen more  
16 pronounced racially polarized voting likely to satisfy  
17 Gingles 2 and 3. We'll look at the Congressional -- the  
18 Indigenous races to see if we confirm that.

19 MS. MACDONALD: That was the last area where Gingles  
20 1 applied in this particular set of visualizations. And  
21 we're now moving on to page 3 in Visualization A, please.

22 MS. CLARK: This visualization includes: Los  
23 Alamitos and Rossmore, plus Long Beach, Signal Hill,  
24 Wilmington, San Pedro area, including Palos Verdes.

25 CHAIR SADHWANI: Could you just repeat the page

1 number one more time?

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: A-1.

3 MS. CLARK: A-1. Page 3 of A-1. And again, this is  
4 Los Alamitos, Rossmore, Signal Hill, and Long Beach,  
5 Wilmington, San Pedro, and Palos Verdes areas. This  
6 includes a percent deviation of negative 0.49 percent.

7 CHAIR SADHWANI: Looks like Commissioner Akutagawa  
8 has a question I think.

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I actually had a  
10 question on the previous map. And this is actually more  
11 for Mr. Becker. You've mentioned about the Gingles  
12 conditions. I am curious -- and this is going to be  
13 similar to that earlier question that I asked about  
14 Cerritos.

15 You have essentially portions of what would be at  
16 least from an Assembly District, an Asian VRA district.  
17 And then you also have portions that are likely to be a  
18 Latino district. Again, how is this going to be balanced  
19 out? Because the way I see this -- I mean, one, I think  
20 some of these cities, again, don't necessarily share  
21 commonalities in terms of both interests and just kind of  
22 other issues.

23 Also, if you go further, a little bit further east  
24 and maybe pick up a couple other cities to the north like  
25 Arcadia and then maybe even San Marino. I mean, is it

1 possible to create an Asian VRA Congressional District  
2 that satisfies the Gingles conditions?

3 MR. BECKER: First of all, the first Gingles  
4 precondition is where we're going to start. And I don't  
5 know that we have been able to find a way to draw a  
6 district that -- where Asians can form fifty percent or  
7 more of the district itself.

8 If there are -- if you have some instructions or  
9 suggestions, we can try to look at it a little more. And  
10 that might be the beginning of what you just suggested.  
11 If we can't find a Gingles 1 precondition, then there's  
12 no point in looking at the second and third Gingles  
13 preconditions. The Latino community here definitely  
14 satisfies Gingles one in in most of these areas.

15 And Jaime, is it four or five districts in which the  
16 Latino community satisfies Gingles 1. Five, I think.

17 MS. CLARK: Yes.

18 MR. BECKER: Okay. So if we can't meet Gingles 1  
19 with the Asian communities, then the Voting Rights Act  
20 does not apply to drawing a district for Asians  
21 specifically. However, if there are communities of  
22 interest here that could be combined, the Voting Rights  
23 Act would not prevent consideration of those communities  
24 of interest.

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. And I think it's

1 likely that -- yeah, I think you're right. It probably  
2 it could be that it won't meet the Gingles, the very  
3 first one. I don't know. I mean, part of it is I think  
4 that's why we're doing this, to see -- do the population  
5 numbers justify it?

6 I know that historically this particular area and  
7 specifically I'm referring to the cities of Alhambra,  
8 Singapore, Rosemead, Monterey Park. And then others  
9 going further east have also formed very distinct  
10 coalition districts between Asians and Latinos to elect  
11 the first Asian congresswoman.

12 And so I guess I'm just thinking about it in that  
13 context. I also want to just say that I think you have  
14 like Highland Park and L.A. 32 Neighborhood Council, as  
15 well as what I think is Lincoln Heights, those are also  
16 not typical kind of pairings that would make sense for  
17 multiple reasons that we've talked about, I think.

18 And the same goes with Vernon, Maywood, Commerce,  
19 very different kind of distinct industries, very distinct  
20 kind of other issues. I mentioned, East L.A. kind of  
21 straddles kind of both The City of L.A. and then going  
22 out towards the San Gabriel Valley, similar to  
23 Montebello, I think you have a mix of Asian and Latino  
24 communities in there. And then as you go a little bit  
25 further eastward, you're going to find that as well, too.



1           So maybe it's better to look at it as more of a  
2 coalition -- a possible coalition district that may have  
3 the possibility of enabling an Asian candidate to have a  
4 chance of being elected. I think that that's what's  
5 happened traditionally in that particular district.

6           And so that's why I wanted to just call that out,  
7 because when I first saw this, this just didn't make any  
8 sense at all to me at all. I mean, just in terms of the  
9 combination of the cities, it's not one that I would see  
10 that as it makes sense.

11           MR. BECKER: And I just point out my advice. So we  
12 have five districts in which Latinos make up -- satisfy  
13 the first Gingle's precondition and several of those at  
14 least it's highly likely the second and third Gingles  
15 preconditions are going to apply, if not all of them.

16           A coalition district might be possible and it could  
17 be looked at. But if it takes population away from one  
18 of those districts and it's lost, that could violate the  
19 Voting Rights Act. So it's one -- I'm not saying for  
20 sure it would, but we'd have to.

21           If it's a choice between accommodating those  
22 minority groups that are clearly by themselves satisfying  
23 Gingles 1 as well as 2 and 3 in the totality, the  
24 circumstances, or building a coalition district for a  
25 minority that does not meet Gingles 1, I'd advise you

1 give preference to the former.

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, that makes sense.  
3 I'm also though wondering as we looked at some of the  
4 other numbers, if you go -- in terms of looking at the  
5 entirety of, let's say, including The City of L.A., does  
6 that satisfy Gingles 1, 2, and 3?

7 MR. BECKER: Yeah, absolutely. Absolutely something  
8 we can look at. And certainly if you want to give  
9 instructions to the line drawers to see what they can do  
10 with regard, I think that that's a very good idea.

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. And I mean, at the  
12 very least, I mean, I think you're right. I mean, I  
13 think it would be good to see both. And I also want to  
14 honor the communities of interest inputs that we've also  
15 gotten as well too.

16 And I think, also in terms of thinking about where  
17 there are commonalities amongst the communities so that  
18 we ensure that communities also then have that  
19 opportunity to elect a candidate of their choice, too,  
20 so. Thank you.

21 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you for that, Commissioner  
22 Akutagawa. Jaime, you want to continue on? Oh, was  
23 there something else? I think, Jaime, we can continue  
24 on.

25 MS. CLARK: So when we last left off, we were



1 looking at page 3 of A-1. This visualization includes:  
2 Los Alamitos, Rossmore, Long Beach, Signal Hill,  
3 Wilmington, San Pedro, Lomita, and Palos Verdes areas.  
4 This is a percent deviation of negative 0.45 percent.

5 MS. MACDONALD: And Latinos CVAP here is 32.97  
6 percent, Black CVAP 11.45 percent, Asian CVAP 14.32  
7 percent, Indigenous CVAP 5.64 percent, and White CVAP  
8 39.01 percent.

9 MS. CLARK: Now moving to South Bay, LAX area. This  
10 is page 6 of A-1. This includes Torrance, Redondo Beach,  
11 Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, El Segundo, Lawndale,  
12 Hawthorne, Del Aire, Lennox, Inglewood, Westmont Park,  
13 Mesa Heights, View Park, Windsor Hill, and Westchester.  
14 This is a percent deviation of negative 0.98 percent.

15 MS. MACDONALD: Latino CVAP here is 26.07 percent,  
16 Black CVAP 24.74 percent, Asian CVAP 12.71 percent,  
17 Indigenous CVAP 0.44 percent, and White CVAP 34.43  
18 percent.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: West Side.

20 MS. CLARK: Okay. Moving to West Side, L.A. This  
21 is A-1.

22 MS. MACDONALD: Page 1.

23 MS. CLARK: Right, A, page 1. And this includes:  
24 Palisades, Santa Monica, Venice, Marina del Rey, Del Rey,  
25 Culver City, Mar Vista, Palms, Westside Neighborhood



1 Council, Westwood Neighborhood Council, South Robertson,  
2 Greater Wilshire, Mid-City, West Hollywood, Beverly  
3 Hills, Bel-Air. This includes, or rather represents a  
4 percent deviation of negative 2.29 percent.

5 MS. MACDONALD: And Latino CVAP here is 13.36  
6 percent, Black CVAP 6.94 percent, Asian CVAP 13.62  
7 percent, Indigenous CVAP 0.38 percent, and White CVAP  
8 64.58 percent.

9 MS. CLARK: Moving to the Malibu, Camarillo, San  
10 Fernando Valley Visualization. This is on A-1, page 5.  
11 This visualization includes Malibu, Topanga, Calabasas,  
12 Hidden Hills, Western neighborhoods in San Fernando  
13 Valley. In Ventura County it includes: Santa Susana,  
14 Simi Valley, Moorpark, Somis, Camarillo, Thousand Oaks,  
15 Santa Rosa Valley, Oak Park. This is a percent deviation  
16 of negative 1.71 percent.

17 MS. MACDONALD: Latino CVAP here is 19.14 percent,  
18 Black CVAP 3.12 percent, Asian CVAP 10.9 percent,  
19 Indigenous CVAP 0.62 percent, and White CVAP 65.6  
20 percent.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: San Fernando Valley.

22 MS. CLARK: Moving to the visualization called SFV.  
23 This is visualization A, page 5. This includes: Granada  
24 Hills, North Porter Ranch, Northridge, Reseda, Tarzana,  
25 Encino, Sherman Oaks, North Hollywood, Van Nuys areas.

1 And it's a percent deviation of 3.98 percent.

2 MS. MACDONALD: Latino CVAP here is 33.32 percent,  
3 Black CVAP 5.97 percent, Asian CVAP 13.09 percent,  
4 Indigenous CVAP 0.29 percent, and White CVAP 46.62  
5 percent.

6 MS. CLARK: So next, moving to the visualization  
7 downtown L.A., Hollywood and North L.A., City of L.A.  
8 areas, this is Visualization A-1, page 1. This includes  
9 Studio City, Hollywood Hills, Koreatown, Downtown, Echo  
10 Park, Atwater Village, also including Eagle Rock.  
11 Outlining it with the hand now, labels covering a lot in  
12 there. And this represents a percent deviation of  
13 negative 1.9 percent.

14 MS. MACDONALD: Latino CVAP here is 28.23 percent,  
15 Black CVAP 78.79 percent, Asian CVAP 19.28 percent,  
16 Indigenous CVAP 0.63 percent, and White CVAP 41.91  
17 percent.

18 MS. CLARK: Next, moving to 210 corridor. This is  
19 page 7 of A-1. And this represents, let's see, Pasadena,  
20 South Pasadena, Arcadia, Monrovia, Glendora, out to  
21 Claremont. And then also for population purposes,  
22 including Walnut, Diamond Bar, Rowland Heights, Chino  
23 Hills. This is negative 2.75 percent deviation.

24 MS. MACDONALD: Latinos CVAP here is 25.41 percent,  
25 Black CVAP 5.04 percent, Asian CVAP 30.12 percent,



1 Indigenous CVAP 0.52 percent, and White CVAP 37.83  
2 percent.

3 MS. CLARK: Moving to the East San Fernando Valley  
4 area. This is Visualization A, page 3 in the handout.  
5 This is also along 210 from Sylmar through Glendale,  
6 Altadena area. This represents a percent deviation of  
7 negative 3.73 percent.

8 MS. MACDONALD: With the Latino CVAP of 37.42  
9 percent, Black CVAP of 4.79 percent, Asian CVAP of 11.28  
10 percent, Indigenous CVAP 0.44 percent, and White CVAP of  
11 45.37 percent.

12 MS. CLARK: And moving to the Antelope Valley, Santa  
13 Clarita Valley areas. This does not include any of City  
14 of Los Angeles. So none of San Fernando Valley. This is  
15 Visualization -- on the handout a page 6. This includes  
16 Gann, Santa Clarita Valleys, Antelope, Valleys, and goes  
17 all the way up through Kern County to China Lake area.

18 CHAIR SADHWANI: Sorry, what page is this again?

19 MS. CLARK: This is A-6. And the percent deviation  
20 is four percent.

21 MS. MACDONALD: Latino CVAP is 33.49 percent, Black  
22 CVAP 11.07 percent, Asian CVAP 7.27 percent, Indigenous  
23 CVAP 1.06 percent, and White CVAP 46.29 percent.

24 CHAIR SADHWANI: Would it be possible to zoom in  
25 here? The visualization doesn't have any of the --

1 MS. CLARK: One moment.

2 CHAIR SADHWANI: -- the cities on it.

3 MS. CLARK: Yeah. So I'm starting on the northern  
4 end. This is Inyo, Kern, China Lake, Ridgecrest area.  
5 Moving south, this includes California City, Mojave,  
6 Rosemond, Edwards Air Force Base, the Antelope Valley,  
7 Lancaster, Palmdale area, Santa Clarita Valley. And that  
8 is the Congressional District A visualizations.

9 I'm going to move on to Congressional District B  
10 visualizations? Before we even start it, I put them in  
11 blue. And the percent deviations are -- one moment,  
12 please. Got to adjust some of these labels. While  
13 Jaime's

14 MR. BECKER: doing that, I'll just quickly. A lot  
15 of the same considerations will be the same things we  
16 discussed last time. So in the interest of time, I will  
17 probably just forgo saying the same things again. But if  
18 anyone has questions, I am here to answer them when the  
19 districts come up.

20 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you for that, Mr. Becker.  
21 And we acknowledge that it is much later on the East  
22 Coast. So we appreciate you sticking with us this  
23 evening.

24 MS. CLARK: And so again, these -- we worked with  
25 your VRA team for these same sense of districts. So if

1 it's okay with everybody, we're just going to start in  
2 the Long Beach area. So this is page B -- or  
3 Visualization B, page 7 of the handout. This includes  
4 Cyprus with this visualization. So it's Cyprus, Los  
5 Alamitos, Rossmoor, Long Beach, Signal Hill, and San  
6 Pedro areas. Moving to the South Bay area -- oh, don't  
7 want to skip that. The percent deviation of negative  
8 5.56 percent.

9 MS. MACDONALD: Latino CVAP 34.48 percent, Black  
10 CVAP 12.12 percent, Asian CVAP 14.09 percent, Indigenous  
11 CVAP 0.65 percent, and White CVAP 36.90 percent. If  
12 you'd like to see any zoom ins here, we realize that  
13 there was not much on the page that you got.

14 MS. CLARK: Moving on to the South Bay area's  
15 visualization. This is page 2 of B-1. This includes:  
16 Palos Verdes, Torrance, Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach,  
17 El Segundo, Lawndale, Hawthorne, Westmont, Inglewood.  
18 This represents a percent deviation of negative 5.93  
19 percent.

20 MS. MACDONALD: Latino CVAP 26.3 percent, Black CVAP  
21 19.32 percent, Asian CVAP 15.01 percent, Indigenous CVAP  
22 0.46 percent, White CVAP 37.41 percent.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: West side. West Side.

24 MS. CLARK: Next, is this West Side Area  
25 Visualization. It's page 6 of B-1 on the handout. This



1 includes: Santa Monica, Venice, West Chester, Park, Mesa  
2 Heights, View Park, Culver City, Palms, West Side,  
3 Westwood, Bel-Air, West Hollywood, and Beverly Hills.

4 This is the percent deviation of negative 5.56 percent.

5 MS. MACDONALD: Latinos CVAP 14.2 percent, Black  
6 CVAP 11.41 percent, Asian CVAP 12.78 percent, Indigenous  
7 CVAP 0.41 percent, and White CVAP 59.98 percent.

8 MS. CLARK: Next, we're moving on to page 5 of B-1,  
9 handout B-1. This includes: Malibu, Westlake Village,  
10 Agoura Hills, Oak Park, Bell Canyon, Calabasas, Topanga,  
11 Palisades, Sherman Oaks, and then uses 405 here as a  
12 boundary and includes West San Fernando Valley areas.  
13 I'll zoom in to get a little bit of detail on this. It  
14 does include Chatsworth and Granada Hills. And it's a  
15 percent deviation of 3.37 percent.

16 MS. MACDONALD: Oh, again. Sorry. This keeps  
17 turning off. Latino CVAP 22.73, Black CVAP 5.27, Asian  
18 CVAP 12.26, Indigenous CVAP is 0.39, and White CVAP is  
19 58.65.

20 MS. CLARK: Next, moving on to the downtown L.A.,  
21 Hollywood areas. This is page 7 of B-1. This includes  
22 Pico, Mid-City, Hollywood Hills, Atwater area, Glassell  
23 Park, Eagle Rock, Echo Park, Downtown, Greater Wilshire,  
24 Koreatown. This represents eight percent deviation of  
25 0.16 percent.

1 MS. MACDONALD: Latino CVAP is 27.15 percent, Black  
2 CVAP is 9.7 percent, Asian CVAP is 20.55 percent,  
3 Indigenous CVAP 0.58 percent, and White CVAP 40.79  
4 percent.

5 MS. CLARK: Okay. I'm going to zoom out and go to  
6 the east San Gabriel Valley, some parts of Orange County,  
7 and Chino Hills. This is page 3 of Handout B for  
8 Congressional District Visualizations. And this includes  
9 sort of Fullerton, Yorba Linda, Chino Hills, Rowland  
10 Heights, Diamond Bar, Walnut, San Dimas, Claremont,  
11 Glendora, and then parts of Angeles National Forest.  
12 This is negative 1.02 percent.

13 MS. MACDONALD: Latino CVAP here is 27.58 percent,  
14 Black CVAP is 3.08 percent, Asian CVAP 25.49 percent,  
15 Indigenous CVAP 0.65 percent, and White CVAP 42.37  
16 percent.

17 MS. CLARK: Moving on to this North West San Gabriel  
18 Valley visualization. This includes from the Handout B,  
19 page 1: Burbank, Glendale, Pasadena, South Pasadena,  
20 Temple City, Arcadia, Duarte, Bradbury, Monrovia,  
21 Altadena, La Canada-Flintridge, and areas north of that.  
22 And this is negative 0.75 percent.

23 MS. MACDONALD: Latino CVAP is 20.71 percent, Black  
24 CVAP 6.04 percent, Asian CVAP 21.58 percent, Indigenous  
25 CVAP 0.37 percent, and White CVAP 50.32 percent.

1 MS. CLARK: So next is on Handout B, page 4. This  
2 is sort of East San Fernando Valley areas. It includes:  
3 Studio City, North Hollywood, Van Nuys, Panorama City,  
4 Tujunga, Sunland areas, Pacoima, San Fernando, Sylmar.  
5 This represents a percent deviation of 4.14 percent.

6 MS. MACDONALD: With the Latino CVAP of 49.08  
7 percent, Black CVAP 5.41 percent, Asian CVAP 8.78  
8 percent, Indigenous CVAP 0.39 percent, and White CVAP of  
9 35.69 percent.

10 MS. CLARK: And last but not least, looking at our  
11 Santa Clarita and Antelope Valley Visualization. This is  
12 Handout B, page 6. It does include Porter Ranch in  
13 Granada Hills North. And again, Santa Clarita Valley's  
14 Antelope Valley. And the boundary here is the county  
15 line. This is a percent deviation of 0.08 percent.

16 MS. MACDONALD: Latino CVAP here is 33.47 percent,  
17 Black CVAP 10.69 percent, Asian CVAP 9.21 percent,  
18 Indigenous CVAP 0.88 percent, and White CVAP 44.93  
19 percent.

20 MS. CLARK: And those are visualizations for  
21 Congressional District Size Visualizations A and B. And  
22 just as with the other sets of visualizations, we'd love  
23 to hear feedback and direction for moving forward.

24 CHAIR SADHWANI: Very good. Thank you so much.  
25 Commissioner's responses?

1 Commissioner Akutagawa?

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I guess I feel like -- I  
3 don't know, Pico is just kind of getting moved around and  
4 placed in just all different kinds of not so random  
5 places, but it's just -- anyways, I do just want to just  
6 say I think we really have to -- I really think we have  
7 to really look at where is Pico being placed in context  
8 of the other cities that are being placed.

9 And I'm just going to point out this is on  
10 Visualization A, page 1, but there was another one. It  
11 was in one of the B groups. I forgot, which -- I was  
12 trying to -- oh, here it is. It's the one -- it's B-1,  
13 page 7. It's the one that's downtown L.A. in Hollywood.

14 I was just thinking, it's like -- okay, for me, I  
15 think it's -- I don't know, including like Koreatown and  
16 the historic cultural parts of downtown L.A. with what,  
17 again, is a very different kind of part of L.A. that has  
18 little in common, doesn't necessarily make sense.

19 And then and then I just kind of look to the left  
20 and there's Pico again. I just think that it's -- I  
21 mean, I know that there's a need to pull population, but  
22 I think we need to really think about just in terms of  
23 the makeup of some of these communities, what kind of  
24 things do they have in common? What are some of the  
25 issues that are -- that they're facing?

1 I think Pico, Koreatown, Westlake, and the historic  
2 cultural neighborhoods, including Echo Park, but Echo  
3 Park is gentrifying, and I think I'm going to guess that  
4 that probably also includes Lincoln Heights as well as  
5 that L.A. 32 Neighborhood Council, because it's big, I  
6 think they would have more in common, but I just don't  
7 see them having a lot in common with the people who are  
8 part of Hollywood Hills particularly, or Silverlake, or  
9 Central Hollywood, even Atwater, and Los Feliz.

10 I think we can also look at in some of these kind of  
11 visualizations, perhaps looking at can we combine maybe,  
12 Los Feliz and Eagle Rock, although they may disagree,  
13 places like Glendale, Burbank, maybe Altadena, Pasadena,  
14 Sierra Madre, La Canada-Flintridge for Eagle Rock  
15 anyways.

16 But I think, there are more similarities, single  
17 family homes, things like that. Many of the people who  
18 live in some of these other areas, I would say maybe the  
19 ones Pico and in the in the cultural cause, a lot of them  
20 are renters. A lot of them live in like multi-family  
21 units.

22 I think we really need to think about where some of  
23 the commonalities for some of the people who live in some  
24 of these areas and the issues that they face. So I just  
25 wanted to point that out and I'm sure someone else will

1 bring something else that I could comment on, so I'll  
2 stop here.

3 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you. No problem.  
4 Commissioner Akutagawa, I just wanted to confirm you're  
5 talking about Pico, not Pico Union?

6 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Not Pico Union, but it's --  
7 I know that there's a name for it, but it's the Pico  
8 Neighborhood Council and I think --

9 CHAIR SADHWANI: Yeah.

10 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- it's like Pico something  
11 community. Anyway, so I just wanted to pointed out it  
12 just seems to be punted around all over the place, so.

13 CHAIR SADHWANI: Gotcha. Okay. Thank you.  
14 Commissioner Fernandez?

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, chair. So I'm  
16 going to B-4. That's the CDBEF SFV, the East San  
17 Fernando Valley. B-4. Visualization B, page 4. There  
18 all still Congressional right now. Wait, where are you?

19 MS. CLARK: Is this --

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: B.

21 MS. CLARK: Okay.

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: B-4. I'm sorry. It's the  
23 East San Fernando Valley.

24 MS. CLARK: Yeah, I apologize.

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah, that one. On this



1 one, the Latino CVAP was 49.08. So I'd like to see if we  
2 can take a look at that either coalition or maybe move  
3 some of the population or the areas around -- the  
4 boundaries around to get that to a fifty percent plus  
5 possibly.

6 CHAIR SADHWANI: Can we just take a closer look at  
7 that area? I'm just trying to understand what -- the  
8 visualization only has San Fernando on there. So I just  
9 want to take a closer look on the screen of what that  
10 incorporates.

11 MS. CLARK: Sylmar, Pacoima, Foothill Trails  
12 District, Sun Valley, Mission Hills, Panorama City, Van  
13 Nuys, North Hollywood, Studio City, Valley Village,  
14 Greater Valley Glen Council.

15 CHAIR SADHWANI: Yeah. Commissioner Fernandez, I'm  
16 almost wondering if that little piece of Glendale that's  
17 up there might do the trick, but then you'd have to  
18 remove something like Studio City. Okay. Thank you. Do  
19 you have anything additional? No?

20 Commissioner Sinay?

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I just wanted to see if you  
22 could put the two maps on top of each other like you did  
23 in the past, please?

24 MS. MACDONALD: Also, if I may, if it would be  
25 helpful for Jaime to just give you a very brief overview

1 of the major differences in these two maps. We're very  
2 happy to do that.

3 CHAIR SADHWANI: I think that would be very helpful  
4 with that.

5 Commissioner Sinay, would that --

6 MS. MACDONALD: Okay.

7 CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. Thank you.

8 MS. MACDONALD: Thank you.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No.

10 MS. CLARK: Okay. So I'm just going to have four  
11 lines for A on right now. And some differences here. So  
12 if we just start kind of looking in southern -- the  
13 southern end of L.A. County is that this visualization,  
14 which includes Los Alamitos, Long Beach, et cetera,  
15 includes Palo Verde Estates as well, or Palos Verdes  
16 area.

17 I'm going to turn that off, turn on B and here we  
18 added Cypress was included, which means that this goes to  
19 Palos Verdes. Kind of causes -- because again, there are  
20 a lot of VRA consideration areas in L.A. County, really  
21 just a small change like that can cause ripples  
22 throughout.

23 So additionally in BDCA, I'm going to keep both of  
24 them on so we don't have to keep switching back and  
25 forth. In A, this sort of shoreline district goes from





1 Torrance to Marina del Rey. Whereas with version B, it  
2 goes from Palos Verdes and then includes -- it sort of  
3 ends at El Segundo, for example.

4       Additionally, moving towards western L.A. County --  
5 and this was this was based on some direction that was  
6 given in more Northern California in the Central Coast in  
7 collaboration with the other line draws Tamina had  
8 communicated to me that there was sort of a line here in  
9 one of her visualizations.

10       So these also will complement some -- to some extent  
11 the other visualizations in other regions of Oak Park and  
12 Bell Canyon being sort of like a line in terms of  
13 population that would work for visualizations that you'll  
14 see later in the week, which of course causes really big  
15 changes throughout the rest of Los Angeles.

16       Whereas with version A, this includes Camarillo,  
17 Thousand Oaks, Simi Valley. And I'm just going to turn B  
18 off. So you can kind of see some of these ripple effects  
19 through San Fernando Valley area versus B where you can  
20 see just a really different configuration as a result.

21       Of course, the sort of 210 area looks pretty  
22 different in the different versions. I'm going to turn  
23 them on and off again just in terms of how far out this  
24 goes. And Mr. Becker might be able to speak more on  
25 this, but there may be VRA considerations in San

1 Bernardino County as well, sort of causing a line there  
2 for now. So that's also driving some of these  
3 visualizations.

4 MR. BECKER: Yeah. We'll take a look at. I  
5 actually haven't seen the visualizations yet for similar  
6 congressional districts, but given population  
7 concentrations, that actually is pretty likely.

8 CHAIR SADHWANI: Was there any more, Jaime?

9 MS. CLARK: That sums it up.

10 CHAIR SADHWANI: Perfect. Great. Thank you so  
11 much. Can you remind me? I think it's getting late in  
12 the night. Blue is A or B.

13 MS. CLARK: Blue is B.

14 CHAIR SADHWANI: Blue is B. Okay. Very good.  
15 Thank you.

16 Commissioner Akutagawa?

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: All right. I guess I'll  
18 just bring up another one. Just, Jaime, can you just  
19 tell me this is on B-1, page 1, and A-1, page 4. Are  
20 they the same map? I been trying to see if they're the  
21 same or if they're different?

22 MS. CLARK: So for the -- is this the East San  
23 Gabriel Valley area?

24 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, one says East - one  
25 says SGV and the other one says CDA South SGV. The CVAP

1 numbers are slightly different, but the maps look almost  
2 identical. I'm just --

3 MS. CLARK: So there's a really small -- I think  
4 this is like one census block group difference. So  
5 they're very, very similar. Yes. And this is an area  
6 that was drawn in collaboration with the VRA team. So  
7 that's why they're so similar.

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Okay. Okay.

9 CHAIR SADHWANI: Was that the conclusion of your  
10 comment, Commissioner?

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: No. I mean, I was just  
12 kind of curious because, again, I guess -- I mean, I  
13 guess, yeah, I understand the VRA considerations. I  
14 guess, where do you-- and I don't know if this is maybe a  
15 question more for Mr. Becker. I mean, I know we have to  
16 consider the VRA, but I mean, there's different ways in  
17 which the VRA can be taken into account thinking about  
18 the common interests of different communities.

19 And I'm just kind of looking -- just eyeballing  
20 this. I don't see like, for example, Azusa, Citrus,  
21 Covina, and Irwindale having a lot in common with like La  
22 Habra Heights and Whittier. And so how do we ensure that  
23 there is proper representation?

24 And I would say that also about -- I understand  
25 what, Jaime, what you're saying about the line drawer and

1 the VRA and other things like that. But on the last  
2 visualization that -- I think it was the commissioners  
3 and I was just asking about in terms of the inclusion of  
4 Rancho Palos Verdes to with the beach cities to the north  
5 along the coast versus like including them with the  
6 harbor gateway cities. Very, very different, just  
7 socioeconomic kind of demographics. And I can't see that  
8 that is really going to serve either communities well by  
9 putting them into one community, because it satisfies  
10 other VRA kind of considerations that I think we those  
11 are the kind of I know that's what we have to think  
12 about. But I think we need some help in terms of how do  
13 we ensure that some of these districts also make sense  
14 that we eventually do where there's going to be  
15 commonalities that will meet also the needs of VRA. And  
16 I think, I guess I just want to those are like a lot of  
17 my comments. There is one other one that I really want  
18 to comment on. It is the weirdest looking thing. It  
19 looks like a hourglass. And I think you did talk about  
20 that. But I just -- it is a really odd shape. And  
21 what's the city in the middle that kind of connects the  
22 two parts of the hourglass together?

23 MS. CLARK: Are you talking about this --

24 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah.

25 MS. CLARK: -- Orange County overlap area. So



1 that's Walnut.

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Is that Walnut? Okay.

3 MS. CLARK: Yeah, it's it was just -- it was just  
4 such a odd shape. And I was just curious about that  
5 particular one. And again, I think we run into the same  
6 kind of things that I've been saying. So I think I'll  
7 just stop there. Most of my other comments about the  
8 maps are related to the same things I've already said.  
9 So I'll stop now.

10 CHAIR SADHWANI: Yeah. I would agree with a lot of  
11 the comments that you just made.

12 Commissioner Vazquez?

13 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah, for this -- for the  
14 Antelope Valley and this set of visualizations, I would  
15 really like some additional VRA analysis to look at  
16 portions of Congressional District visualization that  
17 includes parts of San Bernardino County, that Victor  
18 Valley area, and excluding the San -- I think that's  
19 Santa Clarita.

20 In particular, I just again, knowing how much I do  
21 about the Antelope Valley community, particularly the  
22 black and Latino populations, I'd be really, really  
23 curious to see if we could get a VRA coalition district  
24 by including portions of the Victor Valley -- into that  
25 District and finding another home for Santa Clarita.

1 CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay. And was that the end of your  
2 comments, Commissioner Vazquez?

3 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes. All right. Great.

4 Commissioner Akutagawa, did you have another  
5 comment? No? I'm going to go to Commissioner Kennedy  
6 next. But before I do so, I just wanted to make one  
7 little comment about our schedule here. We worked it out  
8 with staff. ASL, unfortunately, is going to need to  
9 leave us at 8 o'clock, so I think we'll go back and add  
10 the ASL interpretation later. So my apologies for that.

11 But with staff, I think we've decided that it's  
12 feasible to go till 8:30 before we need to take another  
13 break. Perhaps we could even finish by 8:30. So let's  
14 see, how this goes. But I wanted to just give that  
15 update to everybody.

16 Commissioner Kennedy?

17 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. I just  
18 flipped back through all of the visualizations or I think  
19 I flipped through all of them. I'm finding it odd that  
20 we're looking at L.A. County and Pomona seems to have  
21 been excluded from every single visualization. So I'm  
22 wondering if we can see a couple of options that actually  
23 includes Pomona with neighboring L.A. County communities?  
24 Thank you.

25 MS. CLARK: Yeah, if I could just respond to that

1 really quickly. I apologize if I didn't mention this in  
2 the beginning. I believe I did that for all of these  
3 visualizations, Pomona is not included because of  
4 potential VRA consideration areas that are mainly based  
5 in San Bernardino County. And so when you go through San  
6 Bernardino or excuse me, Southern California,  
7 visualizations Pomona will be presented with those areas.

8 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you for that. Commissioner  
9 Vasquez, did you have another comment? No?

10 Commissioner Sinay? Actually, one quick question  
11 for Commissioner Vazquez. I think a question about  
12 direction for Antelope Valley to be combined with Victor  
13 Valley is -- does that also include not only  
14 Congressional Districts but also Senate Districts?

15 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes, to the extent possible.  
16 I'd like to -- I'd like to see visualizations in both  
17 areas that exclude Santa Clarita and then go into San  
18 Bernardino County.

19 CHAIR SADHWANI: Very good. Thank you very much.  
20 Commissioner Sinay?

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you. I think of the  
22 two -- I'm going back to being the big picture person.  
23 I'm working really hard at this, you guys -- you girls.  
24 No, I'm just kidding. I think I like this B better than  
25 A overall. I feel like we keep saying B. And one of the

1 litmus tests I use is the South Bay area just because  
2 that's the area I know best and L.A.

3 I did find interesting for that Congressional  
4 District for South Bay the high -- the CVAP for the black  
5 community being so high and that's a good thing. But my  
6 concern comes kind of to what Commissioner Akutagawa  
7 said, that I'm not sure that Inglewood and Hawthorne and  
8 that area would want to be in a Congressional District  
9 with the coastal communities, the whiter, more affluent  
10 coastal communities.

11 And I hear what Commissioner Akutagawa was saying,  
12 and that's why I keep being thankful that we were given  
13 six criteria and we have to follow them in the order they  
14 were given to us, because that helps make some of these  
15 decisions for us.

16 But in this case, it feels like we might be able to  
17 create a VRA -- a better Congressional District by  
18 connecting Inglewood and Hawthorne with Watts, kind of  
19 Southgate, the similar conversations that we've had in  
20 the past then. Then keeping it just -- that the  
21 difference between the north communities and the south  
22 communities and the east communities and the west  
23 communities is big in this one.

24 I think in general, what we've heard and is  
25 usually -- just like we heard, San Pedro wants to be --



1 San Pedro wants to go north, Long Beach wants to go  
2 north. I would say that Palos Verdes makes the most  
3 sense going north and west. So even though I consider  
4 San Pedro part of Palos Verdes, they don't consider  
5 themselves. So those are just that the demographics, as  
6 we were talking about last week, are really critical and  
7 we don't have all the data in front of us. We're basing  
8 this on communities of interest and what we know from  
9 personal experience.

10 But at some point, it may be helpful for us to have  
11 just the demographics, meaning the socioeconomic  
12 demographics as well as I said last week, the ages,  
13 because those are really critical when think about  
14 representation. Older communities don't necessarily vote  
15 for schools. Younger community -- there's just different  
16 needs. That was the main thing on these. Thank you.

17 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you so much.

18 Commissioner Andersen?

19 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you. I really like  
20 what the -- Commissioner Sinay just said in that -- and  
21 that Commissioner Kennedy brought up, that we seem to be  
22 kind of sort of locking a little bit, not really, but  
23 sort of starting at, okay, here's the Orange County line  
24 and here's San Bernardino County line.

25 And then kind of shifting -- thinking that way. And



1 then, okay, we can go a little bit in. But I'd like us  
2 to kind of shift starting what Commissioner Sinay said  
3 about the Palos Verdes going up the L.A. coastal side,  
4 combining Inglewood. And then where do you get -- if you  
5 go up there, what happens those areas in between here?

6       And I'd like to see that again, like the San Pedro  
7 going north, Carson moving up that area because  
8 ultimately go up to the hourglass one which is the -- if  
9 you move up a little bit. On that one, what I -- I don't  
10 quite see -- I really don't see what Chino Hills and that  
11 area, Walnut, et cetera, have anything to do with the  
12 other areas with the mountains.

13       And I'd rather see the areas like -- that we're  
14 like -- if the coast area goes up, where do we get the  
15 population for the interior? A little bit from that  
16 Walnut area shifted all over because I'd like to see the  
17 hourglass part just go into San Bernardino County.

18       So essentially move things, take the lines that --  
19 starting at the east, move them -- on the east side and  
20 move them further east. So you can move these as opposed  
21 we've kind of created these kind of round districts in  
22 the middle and kind of like that's the Gateway one.

23       And then the Signal Hill, which just keeps on  
24 running down like you're going clockwise. I'd like you  
25 to go rather than going clockwise, actually go vertical

1 in that southern area, going vertical up. And then  
2 Inglewood wants that whole area across and it would push  
3 everything from the -- Whittier further east into --  
4 essentially those districts shift them. If that makes  
5 sense.

6 And I understand we haven't done VRA on this yet  
7 except that we're talking about a lot of Latino areas.  
8 And so we keep on kind of lumping like Cerritos. It's  
9 not the same area. So let's look at a little bit more of  
10 the areas as well as where the numbers are.

11 And I think the numbers might shift east a bit and  
12 create also good districts. Now that I might not -- that  
13 might not be true, but I'd really like to see some  
14 visualizations that way. Kind of a -- sort of a shift,  
15 which I can get a bit more detail, but that's kind of big  
16 picture on it. So thank you.

17 CHAIR SADHWANI: Commissioner Akutagawa?

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I lied about seeing  
19 the last thing I realized. That there's one more thing I  
20 want to just speak about, and that's the Gateway cities.  
21 I'm looking specifically at, it looks like B-1, page 4.  
22 And I think it's the same -- is it the same exact match  
23 map as, as the one on A, page 2? It says CRSNTOS Gate.

24 MS. CLARK: Yeah. This again was one of the  
25 visualizations that was created in collaboration with

1 your VRA team and those for the Congressional  
2 Visualizations are the same.

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. I guess, I -- again,  
4 I guess I'm just wondering if I understand, based on what  
5 Mr. Becker said about whether or not in some cases are  
6 the numbers high enough and is it too high? And I guess  
7 I would like to look at this particular area as one of  
8 those areas to look at it from a VRA perspective.

9 And if we shift some of the cities, like, for  
10 example, I'm thinking about -- if we were to remove Bell  
11 and Bell Gardens from this particular visualization and  
12 perhaps expand it to -- for example, maybe expand it  
13 to -- does that include the Harbor -- like the Gateway  
14 Cities? Because, for example, like the Harbor Gateway  
15 Cities, which included like San Pedro, they said that  
16 they would rather go up and go north.

17 I'm wondering if you included some of them, would  
18 that also not completely throw off the numbers from a VRA  
19 perspective, but would it also create the potential for a  
20 coalition district if you were to incorporate it in like  
21 the Harbor Gateway Cities, but also perhaps dipping down  
22 into like Lomita and also into like San Pedro. I'd be  
23 interested in seeing if that would be doable.

24 I'm also thinking about in this particular area,  
25 there is a somewhat substantial black community. There's

1 a substantial Latino community. There's also a fairly  
2 sizable or at least a visible Pacific Islander community  
3 in this area, too, in which they -- I believe they  
4 would -- they all share similar kinds of interests and  
5 challenges. And so it could be something that could be  
6 inclusive of -- still meet the VRA needs, but also be  
7 inclusive of communities that have similar interests.

8         And the reason why also is I'm thinking shifting  
9 Bell and Bell Gardens to more of the other Gateway cities  
10 that included like Maywood, Cudahy, and Vernon and some  
11 of those areas because Bell is also another one of those  
12 that, again, part of the 710 corridor shares a lot of the  
13 same kind of issues from the kind of industries and  
14 transportation that is taking place in those areas.  
15 Southgate kind of is the straddling kind of city for  
16 those -- the kind of the 5, 7, 10 freeway cities and then  
17 going down further south so. And just wanted to note  
18 that.

19         Also Huntington Park is this -- I'm going to switch.  
20 Central L.A. it's A-1, page 2. It feels like kind of  
21 Huntington Park just got kind of tacked on there because  
22 of population. It doesn't seem to match with this. And  
23 this is also another one of those that, again, I just  
24 want to encourage us to look at are there ways in which  
25 we can maybe move westward and incorporate in the kind of

1 needs that might be possible to also create VRA districts  
2 that could -- or a coalition district that could serve  
3 both the black and Latino communities moving westward  
4 instead of eastward and maybe cutting off Huntington  
5 Park. And now that was my last one.

6 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you.

7 Commissioner Sinay? No?

8 Commissioner Andersen?

9 CHAIR SADHWANI: I'm in there too, but I'll allow my  
10 colleagues to go first.

11 Commissioner Toledo?

12 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Sorry. Thank you. First, I  
13 wanted to just appreciate all the hard work that went  
14 into putting -- doing all of these maps. It's just a  
15 tremendous amount of work. And it's, of course, getting  
16 the -- and it's sort of just the beginning for you.

17 But I guess in looking at this, I'm wondering, since  
18 you guys are so familiar with this, is there any -- I  
19 mean, I'm just trying to think of as you been working  
20 through this, and I did appreciate the comment about the  
21 Long Beach map, right, where the map connected, where  
22 there were the two variations and the differences between  
23 the A and the B one regarding the cut off, I believe it  
24 was at Harbor, if I remember correctly.

25 But I'm just wondering if there's anything that --



1 in the conflicts that you looked at, conflicts and  
2 conflicting information that we gave you, is there  
3 anything that you would say that you that you would think  
4 that we should look at a little bit closer that we're not  
5 potentially bringing up at this point?

6 If there's anything that -- because you've been  
7 looking at this so closely, looking at the neighborhood,  
8 putting these together. So I'm just wondering if there's  
9 anything that we're potentially missing at this point  
10 that you kind of saw or in terms of things that would  
11 make this easier or -- maybe not easier, but at least,  
12 putting the puzzle together.

13 MS. MACDONALD: Thank you very much for that  
14 question. I don't think I can make it easier or have a  
15 suggestion about how to make it easier or sadly. I think  
16 what we're all waiting for is just a little bit more  
17 direction from our VRA team on these particular  
18 districts, because that is our second criterion.

19 And many of the direction and of the comments that  
20 we're hearing really -- also really, frankly speaking,  
21 has to do with the fact that these are really big  
22 districts. And so when you have big districts, you need  
23 to put people together that sometimes don't have anything  
24 in common.

25 And you add to that an incredibly complicated area



1 where there's a lot of people, a lot of protected  
2 communities and VRA is your second criteria. And that  
3 all creates just a lot of complexity, and that's what  
4 we're working through. So I mean, I can very much  
5 appreciate that some of these things don't make sense.  
6 And we're showing it to you.

7       This is, again, a visualization. It's a very  
8 decent, I think, first stab at a very complicated area.  
9 And we're very appreciative of the feedback. And we'll  
10 take it all back and we will try to figure out what we  
11 can do with it. But I don't want to overpromise because  
12 not only is this particular region incredibly complex,  
13 there are also regions around it that are also push in.

14       And so these hand-off areas and how, for example,  
15 John's Southern California area below and around Los  
16 Angeles is going to impact these districts. That's also  
17 a consideration that we have to have to account for. So  
18 there's just nothing easy about it. California is an  
19 incredibly complicated state. I mean, we probably could  
20 have done some of these other states in a week.

21       COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Well, thank you for all your  
22 help and guidance through this process. Right.  
23 Especially, as we go through this. So appreciate it.  
24 And we'll look forward to working with you on this  
25 iterative process to get the best map we possibly can.





1 Thank you.

2 CHAIR SADHWANI: Iterative, dynamic, innovative.  
3 Commissioner Fornaciari?

4 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. I just have an  
5 observation. You notice almost all these Congressional  
6 Districts are significantly negative. I did a rough  
7 calculation. It's like a half a Congressional District  
8 negative. So the big picture for me is we're going to  
9 have to be comfortable spilling over county lines in all  
10 different directions.

11 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you for that. Were there  
12 additional comments? I will give you a couple of mine.  
13 Many of them have already been mentioned, but I want to  
14 uplift a couple of them. I'm in agreement. I think that  
15 this blue map, which I think is B is probably a fairly  
16 good starting point in general.

17 I want to uplift a lot of the pieces that have been  
18 raised around the South Bay area and Long Beach,  
19 including San Pedro northward, the coastal cities. I  
20 don't see Inglewood being a part of those areas. So I'm  
21 thinking using the 405 as kind of a benchmark not to  
22 break cities apart, for example, I think 405 runs through  
23 that north eastern corner of Torrance, keeping cities  
24 together where possible.

25 But in general, thinking about the 405 as a general

1 marker, as we're moving through keeping cities together  
2 where possible. But Inglewood and some of those areas,  
3 Hawthorne, make a little bit more sense potentially in  
4 some -- being combined elsewhere and having that Beach  
5 Cities district extend further north, which I think would  
6 in the long run have potential implications for Malibu  
7 and all the way up the coast.

8       Similarly for San Pedro, going northward, I think,  
9 makes a whole lot of sense, given a lot of the testimony  
10 that we've received and maintaining the Long Beach-  
11 Lakewood area.

12       On the eastern side of the county, I want to point  
13 out some of the pieces and just uplift some of those  
14 concerns that have been raised by my colleagues. The  
15 reverse of the western side of the county, where I feel  
16 like there's a lot of North-South relationships between  
17 areas, I think in the east, however, where we're making  
18 North-South connections, when I think they're actually a  
19 little bit more east west.

20       So that hourglass one, that seems a little off for  
21 me. Similarly, the Azusa -- I think it was the Azusa or  
22 maybe that was in the other map. I apologize I'm doing  
23 my best to go back and forth, the Azusa to Whittier piece  
24 again. It's cutting a really large area north-south  
25 across the county. It doesn't feel like that goes

1 together.

2       So I'm wondering where we can think about more of  
3 East Western locations for those kinds of areas. I  
4 wanted to point out also that Antelope Valley area seeing  
5 a whole lot of comments coming in through the -- through  
6 that live stream of comments.

7       I just want to really uplift -- I think this  
8 iteration does a pretty good job of maintaining some  
9 county boundaries, of hitting very close to our target  
10 population. So I just really want to uplift the number 1  
11 criteria being equal population because I actually think  
12 that this iteration does a pretty good job of that in  
13 keeping together communities.

14       And we've, of course, heard a whole lot of different  
15 COI input in that area. But I think this is looking  
16 pretty good and I would feel comfortable maintaining  
17 something like this as we move forward.

18       Oh, the one last component I had. And I forget if  
19 this was on the blue map or the black map. I think it  
20 was Commissioner Vazquez or maybe Commissioner Akutagawa  
21 that had raised early on a concern about the Eagle Rock  
22 kind of area, Glendale, Los Feliz, cutting into K-Town  
23 Pico Union, I believe.

24       I wanted to just provide some input here. It's  
25 never ideal to cut a city, but I think one of the trade-

1 offs that we're seeing in -- at least that I feel like  
2 I'm seeing and looking at these maps is sometimes it has  
3 to happen. Glendale, I lived in Glendale for a very long  
4 time. A key marker in the city of Glendale is the 134  
5 Freeway. There is a very real difference between South  
6 Glendale and the northern parts of Glendale.

7       So I think if we're looking to think about adding  
8 parts of Glendale towards that Eagle Rock, Los Feliz  
9 area, even into Silverlake, I would say the 134 Freeway  
10 would make a whole lot of sense as a region to do that.  
11 I'd even be curious to take a look at CVAP numbers just  
12 for the south Glendale area, those census blocks in that  
13 region.

14       It is it's a very diverse area. And I'd be curious  
15 to take a look at some visualizations that might use the  
16 134 Freeway as that cutoff point. And I think that's all  
17 that I have at this point in time.

18       Definitely looking forward to seeing more of the --  
19 more of the visualizations for that eastern area --  
20 eastern regions of Los Angeles County, including Pomona,  
21 and seeing what that -- what the possibilities might be  
22 as we move into the rest of Southern California tomorrow.

23       I'm seeing, Commissioner Vazquez.

24       COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah. Thank you. Just  
25 wanted to agree and echo that I think looking especially



1 in the San Gabriel Valley, looking at Congressional  
2 Districts, more of an east west flow in that part of the  
3 county makes a lot more sense to me, especially because  
4 in this area we've got so many freeways that sort of run  
5 that direction and so much of our communities are sort of  
6 in relationship to the freeways that run there through  
7 those regions.

8 I did just want to add a few more comments to my  
9 question about the Antelope Valley. Recognizing that  
10 word that that this that this part of the county, I  
11 think, is going to elicit a lot of strong opinions one  
12 way or the other.

13 And I know I was initially and still generally  
14 trying to avoid crossing county boundaries, especially in  
15 this area with the Antelope Valley is just truly, truly  
16 unique. Especially when I think about sort of the  
17 political power in historically marginalized communities  
18 in that area, there is a very strong cultural divide  
19 between Santa Clarita and the rest of the Antelope  
20 Valley.

21 Cultural divide, I would even say racial divide,  
22 income divide for sure, that there's a lot of folks who  
23 live in Santa Clarita, who work in the Antelope Valley.  
24 And I think while we're thinking about sort of where do  
25 you live, work, and play, I think a lot of folks would

1 say that where you live is not necessarily where you  
2 work. And they think your stake -- your stake and your  
3 commitment to the community is often where you live,  
4 where you're sort of raising your kids and your families,  
5 et cetera.

6 So and just for me, it's just really important to  
7 make sure that we do right by all these communities and  
8 thinking about, especially if we're going to be serving  
9 these -- all these communities well, sometimes it feels a  
10 bit like Santa Clarita to use Commissioner Akutagawa's  
11 sort of, I think, pithy words that it feels like it's  
12 been used for population.

13 And I just -- I would just like to see a bit more  
14 about how we can associate the Antelope Valley with maybe  
15 folks who have similar experiences living in a high  
16 desert community away from the populous metro urban  
17 areas. Hence the why I would just really like to see  
18 something that includes Los Angeles and San Bernardino.

19 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you for that.

20 Commissioner Kennedy, I'm going to call on you.  
21 That's going to be our last comment for tonight, if  
22 that's okay. Oh, Commissioner Turner wants to get in  
23 there, too. We were hoping -- I think we're going to  
24 need to take a break at 8:30. But we also need to have,  
25 Kimberly, who has been behind the scenes taking notes,



1 read off those notes to us. And if I recall from last  
2 week, that was a process that took at least thirty  
3 minutes. So I'll check in with staff about breaks and et  
4 cetera.

5 Commissioner Kennedy.

6 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. And  
7 following on very directly from what Commissioner Vazquez  
8 said, I had raised the possibility of putting Antelope  
9 Valley and Victor Valley together a couple of weeks ago,  
10 I think.

11 And I've heard the input since then from  
12 particularly from the San Bernardino County side of that  
13 potential area, saying, we don't want to be -- we don't  
14 want to be outvoted, outweighed by the Los Angeles County  
15 segment of what that might eventually be.

16 So I would be very -- I mean, I remain interested in  
17 looking at the possibilities, but I would be very  
18 sensitive and want to make sure that the Victor Valley  
19 side and the Antelope Valley side were as balanced as  
20 possible as far as population, so that there's -- so that  
21 we give both communities a chance of electing candidates  
22 of their choice and so that the winner isn't always from  
23 Los Angeles County. Thank you.

24 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you for that, Commissioner  
25 Kennedy.



1 Commissioner Turner, did you have one?

2 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah, I do. Just brief --  
3 thank you, Chair -- and just, I think generalized. And  
4 want to thank again the line draws and everyone for all  
5 of the visualizations. But I request, I think, going  
6 forward -- so looking through some of the input and just  
7 when we had the visual visualizations that appeared, it  
8 seems to me that there is a bit more detail and  
9 specificity in the L.A. County and in the Southern  
10 California maps. And so for the -- as I'm looking at  
11 the ones for central and northern, they're much more  
12 broad, particularly when it gets to Fresno, Kern, some of  
13 them has almost no detail. And I think it would be  
14 beneficial and helpful for me as well as the community,  
15 to have a little bit better information. We actually  
16 have freeways in the Central Valley too, and there's no  
17 freeways on -- or any markings on any of those maps. And  
18 I just think it would be helpful in trying to determine  
19 what's being depicted and being able to comment on them.  
20 Kind of a request and comment that we spend a little bit  
21 more time on those maps as well.

22 CHAIR SADHWANI: Perfect. Thank you for that,  
23 Commissioner Turner.

24 Any final comments from commissioners? Give me one  
25 minute. I'm just getting guidance from staff on whether





1 or not to read the -- read back the notes at this point  
2 in time. Hang on one second. Okay. All right. So with  
3 that, we will be reviewing the notes that Kimberly very  
4 kindly was taking behind the scenes today. We're going  
5 to review those tomorrow.

6 We have a packed agenda for tomorrow. We're going  
7 to be covering Southern California, including all of  
8 those fun counties, Orange, San Diego, Imperial, San  
9 Bernardino, Riverside, a very large area, my friends. So  
10 we've got some homework in front of us this evening and  
11 early tomorrow morning to review the visualizations that  
12 have been posted.

13 We also have received an extraordinary amount of  
14 public comment through our live feed, so I encourage my  
15 colleagues to take some time to review that this evening  
16 as well. I'm guessing more will probably start trickling  
17 in. I'm seeing it from other parts of the state also.  
18 So we'll take a look at the schedule for tomorrow and  
19 come back tomorrow morning and share some of that. But  
20 we will read those notes back tomorrow.

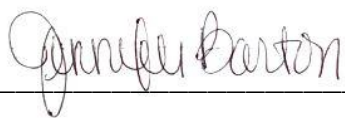
21 With that, we will stand in recess until tomorrow at  
22 11 a.m. Thanks so much to everyone. Get some rest and  
23 we'll see you tomorrow.

24 (Whereupon, the Live Line Drawing Meeting  
25 adjourned at 8:00 p.m.)



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