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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
4 this Business Meeting of the California Citizens
5 Redistricting Commission. Today is Wednesday, October
6 20th, 2021. My name is Sara Sadhwani, and I'll be
7 serving as your chair today. And later we will be joined
8 by our Vice chair, Commissioner Antonio Le Mons.

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10 Before we get started, I'll ask Ravi to please take
11 the role.

12 MR. SINGH: Thank you, Chair.

13 Commissioner Sinay.

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Here.

15 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Taylor.

16 Commissioner Toledo.

17 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yes.

18 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Turner.

19 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Here.

20 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Vázquez.

21 Commissioner Yee.

22 COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.

23 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Ahmad.

24 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Here.

25 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Akutagawa.

1 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Here.

2 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Andersen.

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Here.

4 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fernández.

5 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Presente.

6 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fornaciari.

7 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Here.

8 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Kennedy.

9 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.

10 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Le Mons.

11 And Commissioner Sadhwani.

12 CHAIR SADHWANI: Here.

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

14 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you so much, Ravi.

15 Before we get started today, I wanted to point to
16 the schedule which is posted in today's handouts for
17 today, we will begin -- I wanted to specifically note a
18 few changes to our typical schedule.

19 First, given the enormous amount of public comment
20 that we've been receiving, and public input, on our line
21 drawing process, we're going to reserve public comment
22 for the end of today's meeting, just to make sure that we
23 can get through all of the pieces of the meeting, and
24 that we can make sure we have enough time for public
25 comment.

1 We'll start off today with Director's Reports and
2 Subcommittee Reports.

3 At 2:45, Karin Mac Donald from the Q2 Line Drawing
4 Team will join us as we debrief the visualization
5 process, thus far, and talk about changes as we move
6 forward in this process.

7 At approximately 5:00 p.m., we'll anticipate
8 taking maybe about fifteen to twenty minutes in Closed
9 Session, and finish up any additional business before we
10 move to public comment at the end of the day. So please
11 note that schedule which is posted online.

12 A few other general announcements that I wanted to
13 make; first, I know we've received a number of inquiries
14 about our District Map Input Meetings which will be held
15 later this week, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. We're
16 very excited to be welcoming the public on those days to
17 share with us their ideas for district maps. We worked
18 long and hard on our process to ensure that there was an
19 equitable opportunity for people to present those ideas,
20 those district ideas.

21 We discussed this back in September, I believe it
22 was on September 23rd, in which the Commission reviewed a
23 number of recommendations provided by the Line Drawing
24 Subcommittee, and adopted a fair and equitable process
25 for submitters to provide such submissions.

1 As a reminder, those were based on submissions, not
2 on individuals, not on organizations, and we did that
3 specifically for the purposes of equity.

4 So we wanted to just uplift that message, and ensure
5 that even if you didn't get a time slot, or multiple time
6 slots, if you may have wanted them, that there are a
7 number of ways to continue to submit your information and
8 your district ideas to the Commission.

9 You can most certainly use the online tool that we
10 have created, or send via email, or on our website we
11 have a submission form where you can submit to us even
12 during today's meeting as well. So we encourage public
13 comment throughout this process.

14 That being said, I wanted to also just note that we
15 have been in a process of visualizations. We do not have
16 any draft maps yet. We are simply thinking about what
17 are the possibilities.

18 And I know Commissioner Kennedy wanted to say a few
19 words about that process. Commissioner Kennedy.

20 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. Yes. I
21 did want to take a moment to address, in general terms,
22 some of the feedback that we've received on the
23 visualizations that we reviewed last week.

24 The visualizations were the work product of our
25 mappers based on broad parameters established by

1 Commission; things like, keep cities together, as well as
2 input from our VRA attorneys, and public input through
3 our community of interest input sessions, email, and
4 postal mail, as well as the Draw My CA Community tool
5 that was released earlier this year.

6 As the Chair said, these are not maps approved by
7 the Commission. We are still several weeks away from
8 that point. And some of the practical implications of
9 the broad parameters that we set are as much a
10 disappointment to us as they are to the public. And we
11 are eager to address the problems that they generate.

12 So I hope that Californians will be patient with us
13 as we go through the various stages of this process. Not
14 every member of the Commission is familiar with every
15 community in the state. We've tried to learn as much as
16 we could about the state's communities, but the pandemic
17 has not allowed us to do as much as we would have wanted
18 to in this regard.

19 You are the experts on your community, and we
20 continue to rely on your input to help us find the best
21 way forward.

22 We really do appreciate any and all constructive
23 input into this process as we work to deliver the best
24 possible redistricting plans to the people of California.
25 We are not the enemy. We are not seeking to disempower

1 any community, though we all must recognize that
2 redistricting involves tradeoffs. We're seeing those
3 tradeoffs as we discussed these visualizations.

4 And we're not seeking to empower ourselves as
5 legislators in many states do. We are a diverse group of
6 Californians doing this work on your behalf, working
7 within the limits of the Constitutions and laws in place,
8 doing our best to put the voters first, not those already
9 in office. Thank you, Chair.

10 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you so much, Commissioner
11 Kennedy.

12 Are there any other general announcements from
13 Commissioners or staff at this time?

14 All right; seeing none, we will move on in our
15 agenda, and begin with Director Reports, starting with
16 our Executive Director, Alvaro Hernandez.

17 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair; and good
18 afternoon, Commissioners.

19 I want to go ahead and start today by introducing a
20 few new staff. First, I wanted to introduce our new
21 Budget Officer, Terri Isedeh. She joins us from the
22 Franchise Tax Board, where she was the project manager
23 and the advocate trends specialist, in the Taxpayer
24 Rights Advocate's Office. She managed the day-to-day
25 activities, and was responsible for tracking the

1 Advocate's Office budget, tracking expenditures,
2 preparing budget reports, and budget drills as needed.

3 Terri is a graduate from SAC State, with a BA in
4 communication studies. She brings strong leadership and
5 communication skills. She is a great problem solver, and
6 has extensive experience working in a fast-paced
7 environment that has changing priorities like this
8 Commission.

9 So I wanted to introduce you to her. Terri.

10 MS. ISEDEH: Hello, everyone. I just wanted to say
11 that I'm super excited to be here, to work with all of
12 you, and to contribute my skills and abilities to help
13 you do this very important work for the State of
14 California. So thank you very much for the opportunity
15 to join the Commission.

16 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Terri. I also
17 wanted to take this time to introduce some additional
18 folks that have joined our Data Management Team; looking
19 to see if our data manager, Toni Antonova, has joined us.

20 Hey, Toni, you can introduce the new members.

21 MS. ANTONOVA: Hello. Hi. We're very excited. We
22 have two new members joining the Data Management Team.
23 Karina and Madison (ph.) are going to be helping us with
24 the data digitization and ingestion, along with things in
25 the office.

1 Madison, would you like to introduce yourself?

2 MS. LEWIS: Of course. Hello. My name is Madison,
3 I am currently a junior at Pomona College, majoring in
4 public policy analysis and minoring in Spanish. And I
5 have a bit of background professionally in political
6 organizing work, and local government community
7 engagement. I'm very passionate about this process, and
8 excited to be part of the team.

9 MS. ANTONOVA: And Karina, would you mind,
10 introducing yourself.

11 MS. GUTIERREZ: Hi. My name is Karina Gutierrez. I
12 am a recent graduate of St. Mary's College of California
13 in Moraga. I am a double major in Spanish linguistics,
14 and ethnic studies, with a politics minor. And I am on
15 board, and very excited to be working with the
16 Commission, and reading all public input from the State
17 of California. I am very excited to read all of the
18 stories, and counter stories telling narratives that will
19 be sent in.

20 MS. ANTONOVA: Thank you. Thank you, both.

21 And Commissioners, some of you may see Karina in the
22 office if you are up in Sacramento today. So feel free
23 to say hi.

24 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Toni. Thank you,
25 Madison and Karina. Welcome, and welcome, Terri. We are

1 very excited to have you all on board. So thank you for
2 that.

3 Now, I'd like to move on to a couple of new things
4 that we have to talk about today. You'll find under the
5 Handouts a Meeting Schedule. It's been updated to
6 include all of December. There have been some minor
7 changes to the names of some of the meetings that we had
8 previously posted. So I wanted to make sure that you had
9 a chance to take a look at that.

10 We are still going to possibly have to fine tune
11 some of the times, and there may be some additional
12 adjustments that we have to make as we move forward. So
13 we'll keep you informed as changes are coming up. We'll
14 be posting the agendas, and they will provide additional
15 information.

16 I did want to ask the Commission to consider one of
17 the dates, and the time scheduled for one of the dates,
18 given that it is a Public Input Meeting for November
19 20th. It's a Saturday event, and we have it schedule
20 from 3:00 to 8:00, and I was wondering if that could be
21 changed or moved to earlier in the day.

22 Given that in the past when we've had Saturday
23 events, we have a lot more participation and engagement
24 earlier in the morning than we do in the latter part of
25 the day. So I was hoping that we could consider moving

1 that to an earlier time.

2 CHAIR SADHWANI: That seems reasonable, but I see a
3 few hands.

4 Commissioner Fernández.

5 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Thank you, Chair. Yes, I
6 think maybe like a 10:00 to 3:00 would be appropriate.
7 Like a five-hour block I think is a good time frame. And
8 then I was just going to -- I know you said that you're
9 going to change some of the times, potentially.

10 In December most of the meetings are at from 9:30 to
11 4:30, and those of us that'll be driving back and forth
12 every day, if we could maybe make it 10:00 or 11:00 start
13 time, because I anticipate our meetings going late and
14 for some of us who have to drive home and then come back,
15 it'd be nice to have a later start. But I don't want to
16 be very -- too selfish about it, just consideration.
17 Thank you.

18 CHAIR SADHWANI: A reasonable request.

19 Commissioner Andersen.

20 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you. That's exactly
21 what I would like to propose. And can we -- do we need a
22 vote on that? Or could we actually do 10:00 to 3:00 on
23 the 20th of November? And I think it's from the 11th or
24 12th on, 10:00 to 5:00. Do we need to do --

25 CHAIR SADHWANI: I don't believe that we need a

1 vote. I think it would make sense to make those changes.

2 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Great.

3 CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay.

4 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: All right. Thank you very
5 much.

6 CHAIR SADHWANI: Perfect.

7 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: So I'll go ahead and repost
8 those -- the updated schedule for everyone to have. Are
9 there any other questions in regards to the schedule?

10 CHAIR SADHWANI: I don't believe so.

11 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: All right. Well, thank you.

12 CHAIR SADHWANI: Was that the end of your report?

13 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: No. Not yet.

14 CHAIR SADHWANI: Oh. Okay. Actually, I see some
15 questions coming in.

16 Commissioner Turner.

17 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. Thank you. I don't
18 have a question. I just wanted to say thank you to
19 Alvaro, and Ravi, and whoever else got the schedule out
20 through to the end of the year. It's extremely important
21 that I have them. And so I just wanted to say -- express
22 my appreciation for you doing that work of getting it in.
23 Thank you.

24 CHAIR SADHWANI: Indeed. And I share that
25 appreciation very much.

1 Commissioner Akutagawa, were you trying to get in
2 there?

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes. Again, too many
4 buttons to push right now; like, "lower hand", "raise
5 hand", and all that stuff. Can I just ask a quick
6 question in terms of clarification around changing the
7 times?

8 I know that we have to do the fourteen-day
9 notification. So does that mean -- because I do support
10 starting a little bit later, does that mean that then
11 from the November 4th meeting on, that we would actually
12 change the time? Because then we could still notice
13 within the fourteen days; because the fourteen days is
14 November 3rd, but I'm just trying to get some
15 clarification on understanding time schedules?

16 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: That's right, Commissioner
17 Akutagawa, we would try to do it within the fourteen
18 days, and the Executive Director and I are definitely
19 making sure that we hit that mark.

20 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. So then are we
21 saying that any 9:30 meeting is going to now move to
22 possibly 11:00 a.m., or 10:00 a.m., or something like
23 that?

24 CHAIR SADHWANI: Commissioner Fernández.

25 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Yeah. That was not my

1 recommendation. My recommendation was for the December
2 meetings, like from the 11th through the 19th, where they
3 all start. I'm just anticipating long nights. So those
4 were the only ones that I was recommending that we
5 possibly change.

6 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Oh. Okay. Okay. Thank
7 you. I guess, can I just then add on that; could we
8 consider that for the -- even the November meetings?
9 Because I think we're finding that times are taking
10 longer. And so even if it's to start at, say -- yeah, I
11 maybe an 11:00 a.m. start would be good, just in terms of
12 those whom -- whether it's in LA, or whether it's here, I
13 think just having -- just been able to avoid some of the
14 traffic too, especially if we're going to be looking out
15 later nights too. Yeah.

16 CHAIR SADHWANI: Director Hernandez, perhaps we
17 could take a look at them off-line. And I'm happy to
18 work with you to make those kinds of adjustments.

19 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: That sounds like a perfect
20 idea.

21 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you.

22 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: All right. So I will continue
23 with my report here. I wanted to let you all know that
24 we have secured a location in San Diego, and we'll be
25 sending the Commissioners detailed information with --

1 for that meeting set, which is from November 7th through
2 the 10th.

3 The other thing I wanted to mention, as we're moving
4 forward with some of these meetings, we're moving them
5 back should we need to go longer; you know, if we have
6 them at 8:00 that puts us at, you know, let's say two
7 hours later, we don't end until 10:00; if we go until
8 5:00.

9 And so those are some of the considerations that I'm
10 looking at, because we do have vendors, our
11 videographers, ASL folks, that we have to kind of
12 coordinate with.

13 So I am going to suggest that we have hard stops, if
14 at all possible, for these meetings. I know that public
15 comment goes sometimes longer than we anticipate, and we
16 can make adjustments at that point. But it really is
17 important because of our staffing requirements that we
18 have, our contractual obligations that we have with those
19 vendors, that we stick to somewhat of a schedule that
20 doesn't constantly change.

21 So I'm going to suggest that, and as we change and
22 make modifications to this meeting schedule, just keep
23 that in mind as we move forward. I appreciate that.

24 CHAIR SADHWANI: Yeah. If I may, I just wanted to
25 again, give a huge thank you to some of our vendors who

1 were able to support us last week as we did go late many
2 days, not just last week, and the week prior. I think it
3 does put a huge burden on much of our staff, so I
4 definitely want to uplift that message, Alvaro.

5 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Thank you. I also wanted to
6 give a couple of updates on the following topics to
7 respond to Commissioner Kennedy's requests at the last
8 meetings.

9 So I'll begin by giving an update on the paper COI:
10 The printing of the paper COI has started. And we
11 estimate the shipping will begin later this week and
12 early next week, to the incarcerated population
13 facilities. Staff will send out copies to the other
14 organizations. These large amounts of copies of the
15 paper COI will be sent directly from the printing office,
16 or from the Office of State Printing, directly to the
17 facilities, because they are such large volumes.
18 Anything else, we'll be doing them from our office.

19 I've also been working and talking with our Data
20 Management Team, so they are prepared to, when we start
21 receiving those paper COIs back, how to ingest them into
22 the database. So those conversations have begun.

23 I wanted to also give you a breakdown of -- a quick
24 summary of some of the other activities. So the video
25 that Fredy's staff has completed has gone out to the

1 facilities. So they probably have already shared that
2 information and are anticipating the receipt of these
3 paper COIs.

4 The breakdown of the incarcerated population, so for
5 the adult population there are thirty-six facilities, the
6 volume of paper COIs that will be going out is 99,550.
7 For the juvenile population, there're forty-two
8 facilities, and the volume for that will be 3,705. For
9 the county adult population, there's 116 different
10 facilities, and the volumes for those is 5,750. For the
11 county libraries, or city libraries, there are seventy-
12 three locations that have requested paper COIs, and
13 that's a volume of 16,870.

14 So we have quite a few going out, over 100,000 of
15 these paper COIs that will be going out. We also have it
16 available on our website, in multiple languages, for
17 those who wish to download it and send them in.

18 Any questions on the paper COI?

19 All right. I'll move on. In regards to the 2010
20 website, I shared with the Webpage Subcommittee that
21 Staff has been reaching out, or has reached out over the
22 last couple of months to the Secretary of State, State
23 Archives Office, the California Department of Technology,
24 and the State Auditor, to see if there are any options to
25 hosting or maintaining the 2010 website somewhere.

1 They don't have a vehicle for that. They don't have
2 options for us to have the entire website. There are
3 some other options, and that's something that I will be
4 looking into. But it's not looking like we're going to
5 have an active 2010 website available, or displayed
6 anywhere at this point.

7 We're still going to continue to work with the
8 subcommittee, and we'll be talking about whether other
9 options we might have, if not the webpage, maybe we have
10 a way to capture the documents, and maybe do a narrative.
11 Because I think, when I've looked at the website for the
12 archives, a lot of them are in a narrative format, so
13 they provide the context for the documents.

14 And so it appears to be much more than easy; just
15 move that website over there. It might be a little bit
16 more involved. So we're looking at those options.

17 I did want to remind everyone, and I'm going to
18 highlight a couple of the concerns and issues that we've
19 come across in regards to the 2010 website. One, and I
20 mentioned it before, it's not ADA compliant, and it would
21 require a complete overhaul which would -- you know, we
22 need to have someone who has the expertise to do it,
23 staff time, and other resources to do so.

24 The website is also unstable because it is
25 technology from 2010. So again, if we were to do a

1 complete overhaul, it would be with new technology, it
2 would look different, slightly different. But at this
3 point that website, as is, could potentially crash again.
4 It's already crashed one time before. So I wanted to
5 point that out.

6 And then finally, there is a minimum cost of \$500
7 per month to maintain the website. And that's something
8 that we haven't really discussed, and that's something
9 that, moving forward, and I raised this with the
10 subcommittee, for the 2020 Commission, that's something
11 that we'll have to discuss how we're going to do that
12 moving forward as well, and the maintenance of it.

13 You know, because this particular website is very
14 unique in that we have embedded the database, we have a
15 lot of things on there that need some type of support.
16 And in eight years, I don't know how that's going to
17 work. So that's a conversation that we have to have at
18 some point.

19 And I'll be working with the Webpage Subcommittee.
20 I believe this is probably going to be part of the
21 Lessons Learned Subcommittee, to really figure out how we
22 do that, moving forward, and what can we do now to ensure
23 that this website is available for the 2030 Commission?

24 Any questions on the 2010 website?

25 Okay. I'll move on to the next topic. Transcripts;

1 this is another topic that Commissioner Kennedy has
2 raised a number of times. And I have tried to provide as
3 much information as possible. What I can tell you today
4 is that we have a new vendor who will be starting next
5 week and will be doing the transcripts moving forward.

6 They're also going to be listening to the
7 transcripts from October and providing those -- listening
8 to the videos of this month and providing the transcripts
9 for October.

10 We are also working with our previous vendor to
11 provide those transcripts that have not already been
12 completed. And so I will apologize to Commissioner
13 Kennedy. I haven't had a chance to provide him a list of
14 those meetings that have received transcripts. I'm
15 working on it. And I will get to that as soon as I can.
16 Unfortunately, I haven't had the time.

17 And then finally -- well, let me stop there and see
18 if there are any questions in regards to the transcripts.

19 Okay. Let me move on to the last topic on my agenda
20 here. Database update: So the Commission has been
21 looking at visualizations, and they have been a little
22 bit hard to follow. So I hear. So I have been working
23 with our Data Management Team, and also the Line Drawers,
24 Karin, Jaime, Andrew, to figure out if there's an option
25 for us to display the Shapefiles, or the different

1 districts that are being provided, in easy-to-read, easy-
2 to-access way.

3 And so at this point, I wanted to turn it over to
4 Toni, to share what we have come up with. So Toni.

5 MS. ANTONOVA: Hello, Commission. I would like to
6 share my screen, to share with the Commission an exciting
7 interactive map that the Data Management Team was able to
8 put together, using the Shapefiles created by Q2 and
9 Haystaq. Paul, our data analyst, is very adept in
10 creating and designing maps. And so this is his work
11 I'll be presenting.

12 So Paul was able to create an interactive map, where
13 we can upload different Shapefiles of the visualizations
14 as the number of layers. This is what it will look like,
15 more or less, but I do want to give the caveat that this
16 is a first pass, and that we don't have the real data
17 yet. So this is a bit of a beta stage presentation.

18 Essentially, it's going to be a map like this that
19 you can zoom in on. The more you zoom in, the more
20 detail the map gives. You can see that Paul has uploaded
21 county lines, and incorporated places, and CDPs, but
22 those things can be turned on and off, if they're
23 crowding the screen.

24 As you zoom in, you know, you can go really in-
25 depth. If you really wanted to look at like street names

1 and things like that, that is available in the map. And
2 the idea behind that feature is that when you're looking
3 at the boundaries of the different district
4 visualizations you can -- you can get as detailed as you
5 would like.

6 So the way we are conceptualizing the visualizations
7 right now on the map, is to have them each as a different
8 layer in this panel on the right. Right now, we've
9 uploaded some dummy data of Assembly districts and State
10 Senate districts here, and these are going to be layers
11 that you can turn on and off, and play around with, zoom
12 in on, and so forth.

13 By the final web app stage, we should have layers
14 for every one of the district levels. And we'll be
15 creating that as soon as we receive the real data.

16 I hope that this makes the visualization interaction
17 process a lot easier. It's really exciting that we
18 actually have access to a tool like this, and Paul's
19 knowledge of maps and design. He really is able to
20 communicate a lot of information visually that I think,
21 you know, and this can really help the Commission, and
22 hopefully the public, have a better understanding of what
23 we're doing. Thank you. I'm happy to answer any
24 questions.

25 CHAIR SADHWANI: Perfect. I see there's a number of

1 hands; and so I put myself in there first, because I
2 wanted to just say, thank you. This is incredible. I
3 know that this District Viewer map was something that has
4 been in the works for some time, but we weren't
5 anticipating having it available until later on in the
6 process, in November, when we get closer to actual draft
7 maps.

8 On Monday, Commissioner Andersen and I met as a part
9 of the -- I don't know if the sound, did the sound just
10 go off, oh -- met as a part of the Line Drawing
11 Subcommittee, and said: We need this now. Today is
12 Wednesday, and this is an incredible mockup. So well
13 done to Toni, and the team, and Paul; thank you. Thank
14 you. Thank you.

15 We have a number of other changes that we're going
16 to talk about for the line drawing process and the
17 visualizations as well. But we'll save those for the
18 line drawing subcommittee.

19 Fredy.

20 DIRECTOR CEJA: Yes. Thank you, Chair. I just
21 wanted to add that, yeah, going through last week's
22 iteration of visualizations and posting that on our
23 website was a headache for everyone involved, I think I
24 can speak for. This was a great solution.

25 We no longer would be posting PDFs of visualization,

1 so this would allow folks to zoom in and out and see
2 multiple layers at the same time, without fumbling
3 through papers, or even the PDFs, which are very
4 limiting. So thank you so much for this. This is
5 amazing.

6 CHAIR SADHWANI: Awesome. Thank you.

7 Commissioner Ahmad.

8 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you for this. I echo the
9 sentiments of my colleagues. I just have a quick
10 clarifying question. Would each of the visualizations
11 have their own layer? Or are you planning to stitch them
12 together as shown in some of the more -- more later
13 visualizations?

14 CHAIR SADHWANI: Toni, you're welcome to answer it.
15 I can also just jump in to say, the next phase of this
16 process will be a statewide map. So the Line Drawing
17 Team is already planning to stitch everything together.
18 So we'll talk more about those details in the Line
19 Drawing Subcommittee Report back. But we will no longer
20 have individual regions, in any case, so it will be a
21 full map.

22 Toni, was there anything more you wanted to add to
23 that?

24 MS. ANTONOVA: No. That covered it. Thank you,
25 Commissioner Sadhwani. We'll be receiving statewide maps

1 of the district proposals.

2 CHAIR SADHWANI: Commissioner Turner.

3 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Chair. Again, echo
4 the same sentiments. This is amazing. I thought
5 Commissioner Ahmad was going in this particular way, and
6 maybe it took a turn. The question that I had was,
7 again, around the way the map will appear, and I'm asking
8 specifically about the different visualizations. So we
9 had visualization A and B, and then we also asked the
10 line drawers to go back and do a different visualization.

11 So on this map, would we be able to toggle off and
12 on, what does the connection look like if we choose
13 visualization A as opposed to visualization B? Or how is
14 that going to work? So that's -- so not necessarily
15 stitching together the entire state. That's going to be
16 wonderful. But I'm asking about the different choices or
17 options of districts that we currently have. How does
18 that work with -- by toggling off and on?

19 MS. ANTONOVA: From what I understand, we're going
20 to be receiving one visualization for each level, each
21 district level. If we do receive multiple variations,
22 then each one of those will be a different layer that can
23 be toggled on and off. Yes.

24 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Uh-huh. And with that, will
25 the tool, will the new District Viewer Map, will it have

1 an opportunity to show where there are either gaps in
2 what has been submitted, or if there is overlap? And
3 part B to that; does it tell you the count? Or will we
4 retain that somewhere else -- the total population -- or
5 will we retain that somewhere else?

6 MS. ANTONOVA: So as far as the web app
7 functionality, we do have the option to add metadata,
8 like population for each one of the districts. And so
9 you can see here when you click on each, you know,
10 proposed district, a little popup shows up and we can
11 populate a number of different statistics here. And
12 whether or not in this -- kind of first iteration of this
13 will have that, will depend on what is in the data that
14 we receive.

15 I think the line drawers are working to put together
16 all of the Shapefiles and send them our way. And until
17 that process is finished, I'm not sure what statistics
18 will be embedded in the data there.

19 CHAIR SADHWANI: I'll just add a couple thoughts
20 here. So Commissioner Turner, in terms of visualizations
21 A and B that we saw last week, it was not the intention
22 to go back and take the time to upload that here, largely
23 because we've already given feedback on that, and we've
24 given additional direction on the changes we'd like to
25 see.

1 So right now, to save the resource of time, we're
2 working towards next week. There's pros-and-cons to
3 that. But next week, the anticipation is that there will
4 not be a visualization A or B, there will be one Assembly
5 map, one Senate, one Congressional that we'll be working
6 off of. They will be visualizations, it is not a final
7 draft map, but it will just be one that we start working
8 off of. So that's what would be loaded on there.

9 And I think if there's request for additional
10 pieces; so for example, I think members of the public
11 have requested such a map that might have current
12 Assembly, or current Congressional districts, or
13 something, I think that's something that we could,
14 potentially, explore just so that we can make those
15 comparisons if we wanted to. But that is my impression
16 on that.

17 And Karin Mac Donald will be here at 2:45, and can
18 certainly help answer more of those questions, regarding
19 the CVAP and data.

20 Did you have a follow up? It looks like you have a
21 follow up. Yeah. You're on mute.

22 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Oh, I hit it. It didn't take
23 it. Thank you. I do have a follow up, and it may or may
24 not be for Toni in the map, but it just does make me
25 wonder, coming out of the space, I do know that there

1 were comments and suggestions on the visualizations based
2 on the other Commissioners, that some preferred A, some
3 preferred B, and that we've received input that -- like A
4 or B. And what I think, from a process perspective, we
5 didn't necessarily take the time to do, or did not do,
6 was to then kind of discuss together which one,
7 collectively, do we want to put forward to the line
8 drawers to pursue.

9 So it does make me wonder what this next process
10 will look like when we get one or the other back. And if
11 we've either -- if we've actually gained forward
12 momentum, or if there'll be consensus in what is being
13 presented. So I just wanted to name that.

14 CHAIR SADHWANI: I think that's a really, a really
15 valid point. And I'm going to say, let's hold on to
16 that, if you don't mind, making a note. Because I think
17 when we have this conversation with Karin, I think she'll
18 be able to give us better -- a better answer than I would
19 be able to at this point. So I think let's hold that
20 question for 2:45, and let's certainly plan to come back
21 to it, if you don't mind.

22 Commissioner Fernández.

23 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Yes. Thank you, Chair.
24 And thank you, Toni. This is wonderful. I am not sure
25 if this was what Commissioner Turner was referring to,

1 but what I would love to see, and I love this map, but I
2 would also like to see all of the input that we've
3 received, like within the map, so that when we drill
4 down, we can see: Oh, okay there's -- we got a community
5 input saying, don't split this, or split -- or keep these
6 communities together.

7 Because right now, it's a little bit challenging for
8 myself, and maybe the rest of the Commissioners it's not
9 an issue, but to have to look at how the maps are drawn,
10 and then go back to our database, and then try to compare
11 the two; it does get a little bit challenging. And plus,
12 with our time frames, in terms of the maps only coming
13 out like the day before, and then trying to review all of
14 that information again.

15 That's what I was kind of hoping for. And I wasn't
16 sure if this was what Commissioner Turner was referring
17 to in terms of gaps, because then we could see some of
18 the information that we do have, versus maybe don't have.

19 So I don't know if that's beyond the capability, but
20 it'd be great if we could do something like that.

21 CHAIR SADHWANI: Yeah.

22 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Hopefully, I made sense.

23 Thanks.

24 CHAIR SADHWANI: You made perfect sense. And I
25 would love that, too.

1 I don't know. Toni, do you have thoughts on
2 feasibility?

3 MS. ANTONOVA: Yeah. Thank you for that suggestion,
4 Commissioner Fernández. That's a really -- that would be
5 very helpful, I think, to do. I will have to think it
6 through with the team to see how possible it is to
7 connect the feedback to the map. It's definitely
8 something that's technically feasible. The connection
9 part, the linking of the feedback to the actual districts
10 that it's talking about, is the piece that may take a
11 little longer.

12 That will require a bit of a manual touch. But I
13 love that idea. So I will -- I will think it through,
14 and try to give you all an update as soon as -- as soon
15 as I have one. Thank you.

16 CHAIR SADHWANI: You're just so amazing, Toni.
17 That's why we think it's doable.

18 MS. ANTONOVA: Oh. Thank you.

19 CHAIR SADHWANI: Commissioner Sinay.

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you. First, I want to
21 say, Toni, your face just lights up, and it makes me so
22 excited that you get as excited as we are.

23 So Commissioner Turner and Commissioner Fernández,
24 both have touched upon what I wanted to say, which was,
25 you know, ideally -- ideally, I think we need to think

1 about how we tell our story of our process with our data,
2 and how do we go from COIs, to visualizations, to plans,
3 to maps, to whatever we're calling each time we keep --

4 MS. ANTONOVA: Okay.

5 COMMISSIONER SINAY: But I think we need -- we need
6 some of -- and it might not be the same tool. So it
7 might be we have one tool for today, and all the work
8 that we're doing on that day. But we also need to think
9 about how, how does the community look at the past
10 visualizations. So that they, if they're like: Someone
11 told me this was being cut, where is it?

12 And I don't like them as a handout for the meetings,
13 but an actual -- I hate to say this -- a new tab, or
14 something, on our website so people can find them, or
15 even under Data, you know, you can click on Past
16 Visualizations.

17 And we call them "Past Visualizations", people know
18 they're past visualizations. I definitely -- you know,
19 from the very beginning, I know Commissioner Turner has
20 mentioned this, too, you know how -- how we got to where
21 we are. So what COIs are informing that iteration of the
22 visualization. Wow. That's a lot of iterations, or
23 whatever the right word is.

24 The second thing I wanted to say is, how are we
25 digitizing all the input we got on Monday? Because those

1 were communities of interest as well, some of them were
2 on the actual visualizations, but sometimes it was people
3 who called in for the first time, and I don't want us to
4 lose that.

5 And right now, it is getting complicated to go --
6 you know, I just sat on the plane going through some of
7 the -- some of the reports I downloaded, and finally
8 figured out a system for myself. But how to keep track
9 of, even when we look at the visualization, or the map,
10 or the date -- whatever we're going to call this, we have
11 so many buzzwords.

12 But if we were going into today's visualization,
13 what you just showed, Toni, and we clicked on a region,
14 it wouldn't be just what COIs are feeding that, but also
15 what community district maps, and you know, all the data
16 that kind of went in there. So we can review all of
17 that. And then come back and say, okay, this is making
18 sense, or this isn't making sense.

19 And it might be by region. I don't know. But I'm
20 just -- that to me, is where I'm getting a little
21 overwhelmed of all the little scraps and pieces of
22 information. I feel like a hoarder of data, but not an
23 organized hoarder. You know, I'd like to be more
24 organized. And I want to be able to let the public know
25 we're hearing them, and I want to feel like I've heard

1 them, and I'm processing what they said in an organized,
2 systemic way.

3 And be able to say, you know -- and understand and
4 say: You know what, that's not going to -- you know, this
5 is where our conflicts are. We don't always know where
6 our conflicts are, because we're moving so quickly right
7 now, and our data in different places. Sorry, that was a
8 mouthful.

9 CHAIR SADHWANI: No. I think that was really
10 helpful. And I think one of the things I keep telling
11 myself is, this is like a sausage-making process, and
12 it's messy, and it's in full public view, and there's
13 lots of pieces to it, and we've got to get our hands
14 dirty, and pull up our sleeves. And I think that that's
15 a part of it. And I am also just incredibly amazed by
16 the technology that we do have available, especially in
17 comparison to ten years ago.

18 They were also receiving thousands of submissions,
19 and I think much of that was just being held in an Excel
20 spreadsheet. So I think we're definitely advancing this
21 process. Not perfect yet, but I think a lot of great
22 ideas there. So thank you.

23 Commissioner Andersen.

24 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. Thank you. I really
25 appreciate this, Toni. And Paul, I see is on line now,

1 thank you. And it's great. We love to do it. And
2 there's so much that, ultimately, we could do. But I do
3 want to have to say, we've got over 4,000, I think, COI
4 inputs. And because we asked this of the line drawers at
5 first, and unfortunately, their software, if you put all
6 those layers on, and all the other layers on, the
7 software crashes.

8 And so this might be, just as a map, we might be
9 able to do this, but we might have to do it, like, only
10 certain numbers at a time, or something like that.

11 And I know Toni and Paul will look at that and see
12 what we can do in terms of, you know, you're not --
13 you're not trying to all do all the bells and whistles
14 with the map -- with the software the line drawers are
15 doing, which gives you all kinds of other information as
16 you're going along.

17 And hopefully, that would be wonderful. But I just
18 want to kind of give us all -- we also have to put it on
19 our website. And so there might be some constraints
20 with, you know, just straight bandwidth on it. Hopefully
21 not, but I would -- I think it would be wonderful when we
22 get on there, but I kind of want to brace ourselves in
23 terms of, we're not quite like the -- you know, The
24 Avengers when he's throwing stuff up in the air. We're
25 doing it this way. We're not quite there yet, at least

1 not budget-wise.

2 But thank you very much for all of this. It's
3 great. And what you can do, we're really, really going
4 to appreciate.

5 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you for that.

6 Commissioner Fernández.

7 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Yes. Thank you. And I
8 wasn't sure when to talk about this, but I'm just going
9 to bring it up now. And it's probably not so much for
10 Paul and Toni, although you're so incredible.

11 Well, it might be for you as well. But the
12 visualization feedback that we're receiving, that is real
13 time, as well as district map input, as well as public
14 comments during our meetings; my recommendation and my
15 request is that -- although right now, it's like the
16 visualization feedback is on a different -- it's still on
17 our database, but on a different -- I don't know what you
18 want to call it -- I think they should all be transferred
19 as an input so that we have it all in one location,
20 instead of different locations.

21 Because they are all input. Regardless of them
22 saying: It's a bad map, it's a good map. It's all input,
23 and should be identified as such as.

24 And also, like I mentioned, the meetings we're going
25 to go into the next few days, those maps should also be

1 considered as input, and should also go into our
2 database. And I believe that's why we hired some student
3 assistants; and if we need more student assistants,
4 because for me, personally, at least having everything in
5 one location; and not having to look at three different
6 things, plus all my notes, makes it easier as we move
7 forward. Thank you.

8 CHAIR SADHWANI: That sounds great. Thank you. So
9 I think that's a really helpful suggestion that both you
10 and Commissioner Sinay have raised here, about making
11 sure that we're capturing public comment or public input
12 on the maps when it comes in. So for example, Monday we
13 had over sixty callers.

14 So Alvaro, perhaps we can work off-line to make sure
15 that that's happening with the Data Management Team and
16 being loaded into the COI input database. Yeah.

17 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: So my understanding is that the
18 information is being captured in our database. What
19 you're seeing in that grid view is just the view of that
20 information that has come in through there. It is all
21 still within the database. It's just a different view
22 that we have available for you.

23 And part of that was, I believe you've requested to
24 kind of break it out into different buckets, I guess you
25 would call them. You don't want them all mixed up

1 because then you can't decipher which one is which. So
2 you have the paper -- you have the COI -- I keep saying
3 "paper". That you have the COI information, then you
4 have the visualization feedback, we will have map
5 feedback, all of it which will be captured within the
6 database as well.

7 Now, we can look to combine it. I don't know.
8 We'll have to look and see how we can present that
9 information all together, all at once, which is what I'm
10 hearing, that you want to have it all in one place.
11 We'll have to look and see what we can do, and how we can
12 do that, so that you have all the information, and you
13 can better use it all in one place.

14 So we'll go back and brainstorm on that, and see
15 what we can come up with. But I welcome your
16 suggestions. I appreciate your comments. And I'm glad
17 that you like what you see so far.

18 And as we have done before, we'll continue to try to
19 impress you. Thank you.

20 CHAIR SADHWANI: You've been doing a good job.

21 Commissioner Fernández.

22 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Yes, I do realize that the
23 visualizations, they're all in the same database. But if
24 we're looking at a specific area in California, if I go
25 into the visualization feedback part of it, it doesn't

1 tell me what part of California the feedback is, versus
2 on the input one, you can actually drill down to the map
3 and it'll show you. And you can drill down, and you can
4 actually sort it by area.

5 Like if I wanted everything that references Yolo
6 County, then I could bring that up. So it just makes it
7 more challenging to have to go through the -- every
8 single visualization to try to sort that out.

9 CHAIR SADHWANI: I see. So I think the request then
10 is for the Data Management Team to go through that live
11 feed and use some tags, right. Whether those are county
12 tags, or other racial -- you know, racial tags, or
13 economic tags, or whatever, whatever tags that we had
14 had, and established in the -- in the other side of that
15 database.

16 Commissioner Sinay.

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I think the "tags" is a great
18 idea. I just want to remind everyone that the purpose of
19 the visualization was to get it in real time. And so
20 when we created it as a public -- yeah, the Outreach
21 Committee worked with Staff to create that, it was like:
22 We don't want to wait two to three weeks like we have on
23 the COIs, we want them right away.

24 And so it's not -- and we wanted to keep it simple
25 for the public. So the public was our audience, and we

1 were the audience, you know, it was a double audience,
2 and to keep it as simple. And I think staff did an
3 amazing job.

4 And I also want to say thank you, because for the
5 district map -- the ones for the next few days, I was
6 like: Wait, what organizations are submitting these?
7 Because that column was missing; and within like --
8 that's of me asking that -- that column was put in.

9 And you know, every -- I appreciate that we are
10 working collaboratively to figure this out. Some of the
11 things make sense for you all, for some reasons. And
12 then we still need other pieces, and we're just learning
13 from each other. So thank you so much to staff. And
14 just to keep reminding ourselves that this is an
15 iterative process, not only for the map making, but for
16 the data, and for collecting, and for working with the
17 public, and staff.

18 And so the visualization feedback form, and that
19 grid, just makes me giddy, because it is in real time.
20 And it, you know, it changes within five minutes it can
21 change. And so that's -- was exactly what we wanted.
22 And that was created within less than twenty-four hours
23 as well. So thank you so much, to everybody.

24 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you. With that, Alvaro, did
25 you have more on your Executive Director's Report?

1 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: I did. Believe it or not, I
2 have quite a bit -- no. Not a whole lot to go. But I
3 did want to mention a couple more things. Back to the
4 meeting schedule; we have the -- as I mentioned, the San
5 Diego location secured. That's on the 7th, 8th, and 9th,
6 and 10th. And so thereafter, the other meetings will be
7 either virtual, or you know, you're welcome to come to
8 Sacramento as well for those.

9 The meetings on November 22nd, 23rd, are as needed.
10 And so more information will come, I think we just want
11 to have it on the calendar. But as we get closer to
12 agendizing those, I'll be working with the Chair at the
13 time; and so to finalize the agendas for those meetings.

14 And with that, I wanted to also raise the question
15 about the chair rotations. And I think Commissioner Yee
16 was going to share some information on that.

17 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you, Director Hernandez.

18 Yes. So as we have gone into the visualization and
19 line drawing phase, obviously our meetings have become
20 more frequent and more numerous. And so this raises the
21 question of whether we should adjust the chair rotation
22 to adapt to that.

23 And Commissioner Le Mons, the incoming chair, asked
24 me to take a look at that rotation. And I'll go ahead
25 and share my screen, and talk you through some ideas.

1 So up to now, so a quick bit of history. You'll
2 remember we started off with a policy back in last
3 September, September 2020, that was strictly
4 alphabetical, and a strict political rotation. And we
5 turned out to be unhappy with that, just the way it
6 turned out.

7 So last December, almost a year ago, we started a
8 new policy. This created mixed gender pairs of
9 Commissioners for most pairings, and that's the rotation
10 we've been operating under up to now. We never had a
11 strict time length per segment. It started off as two
12 full agendas plus ancillary meetings, and that just ended
13 up being about three weeks -- three weeks, three-and-a-
14 half weeks. And that's been a general time frame for
15 most of these terms, for pairs of chair and vice chair.
16 Including the current chair, Commissioner Sadhwani, who
17 has powered through an incredible series of meetings, and
18 for a full three, three-and-a-half weeks now, as she
19 finishes up later this week.

20 So the question is: What to do from here? Two
21 considerations, one is, do we go to a shorter rotation?
22 So for instance, do we go to a two-week term? That would
23 still involve about three clumps of meetings? And as I
24 looked at it, that seems, you know, fair. On the other
25 hand, that is a more frequent turnover of chairs.

1 And Director Hernandez, if you have any thoughts on
2 whether that's -- you know, that makes life just a lot
3 harder for you, to have chairs changing more frequently.
4 We certainly want to hear that.

5 The other thing is that, going into early December
6 then, as the rotation is set out -- actually at the end
7 of November there, so upcoming we will have Commissioner
8 Le Mons after Commissioner Sadhwani; and then
9 Commissioner Turner after Commissioner Le Mons. And that
10 will actually end one full turn of this plan.

11 Now, of course, the thought was to simply go back to
12 the top and start all over again, but there's a catch
13 there, and that is that the top of the order goes back to
14 Commissioner Taylor. He's the one that started off this
15 current rotation. And as he shared with us, and I
16 actually checked with him last night; he said, especially
17 for that cluster of late night line drawing meetings,
18 December 12th through 19th, he can commit to most days,
19 but not all days --

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Sorry. Who was that?

21 COMMISSIONER YEE: Commissioner Taylor, yeah. So
22 this raises the question: Do we, nevertheless, power
23 through with the current rotation, or do we, in fact,
24 call it a rap with the rotation, when we wrap up the one
25 full turn, at the end of Commissioner Turner's upcoming

1 term? And maybe think about some other chair arrangement
2 for the rest of December, you know, as we do the final
3 line drawing crunch time, red zone, extra innings, you
4 know, period, or what?

5 Yeah. So thoughts? I don't have any proposal for
6 that. I'm not -- you know I would certainly support,
7 Commissioner Taylor, if he wanted to simply power through
8 and make the real use of vice chairs while he were
9 chairing that term. Or maybe we do just reopen the
10 question, see if maybe there's some other chair pairing
11 that might make more sense at that time. I don't know.
12 I'm wide open, so.

13 CHAIR SADHWANI: Very good. Thank you. It looks
14 like there's some feedback.

15 Commissioner Turner.

16 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes, Chair. Thank you,
17 Commissioner Yee. I love any iteration shift or change
18 that would have me not chairing next. I love it. I'm
19 like, let's start -- oh, wait, did he say after me? No,
20 how about we consider something before me? Yeah. I
21 think there are those individuals that just love to
22 chair, and I think we should give them every opportunity.

23 COMMISSIONER YEE: So one full turn of the rotation
24 would be after you, Commissioner Turner. But there's
25 absolutely nothing to prevent us from reconsidering the

1 rotation any time, so. And you have certainly served
2 ably in the past, so.

3 CHAIR SADHWANI: That's right. We love your
4 leadership, Commissioner Turner.

5 Commissioner Kennedy.

6 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. I would be
7 perfectly happy with Commissioner Taylor chairing those
8 that he's on there for, and to the extent that he's not
9 available, that is why we have a vice chair. So I'd be
10 perfectly happy with that. Thank you.

11 CHAIR SADHWANI: I would agree with that, in
12 general. And just to -- I will note that throughout the
13 time that I've been chairing, I really appreciated both
14 Commissioners Toledo and Le Mons supporting -- supporting
15 that process. I think that we do have to remember that
16 we are humans, we have other lives, we have other
17 responsibilities. So I definitely second that,
18 Commissioner Kennedy.

19 Commissioner Taylor.

20 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Hi. And please forgive me for
21 being a little bit camera-shy, as I'm in the parking lot
22 of my job. But attentive, I am here, and engaged.

23 That being said, you know, I find this a wonderful
24 experience. I would look forward to the opportunity to
25 chair when my turn comes. I believe that's part of the

1 team that we put together, and everyone pulling their
2 weight to the best way possible.

3 To that, though, I would -- you know, in full
4 disclosure, I would not be available for every single one
5 of those days, especially as we got to a point where we
6 might be meeting five or six times in a given week. So I
7 know that I would not be able to chair each and every one
8 of those events, although I'd be able to plug in at some
9 time during those days.

10 So I appreciate the words from Commissioner Kennedy.
11 If as vice chair, and decided to go that -- go that
12 route, I just would need the support of my vice chair
13 during that given time. Thank you.

14 CHAIR SADHWANI: Commissioner Akutagawa.

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Thank you. And
16 thank you, Commissioner Yee, for doing this. I'd like to
17 make a maybe a couple of alternate suggestions to what
18 you have here. I think given the -- kind of the number
19 of actual days for the meeting, perhaps -- suggestion one
20 is, instead of three different meetings, like, for
21 example, I think we have upcoming for Commissioner Le
22 Mons, Commissioner Turner, perhaps having Commissioner Le
23 Mons chair the two meetings,

24 And then starting with the November meeting, have
25 Commissioner Turner chair two separate meetings. Because

1 they're adding up to about, roughly, six days, and then
2 what that could do is then it may bring up -- it will
3 bring up then Commissioner Taylor, so that he is not
4 having to chair that longer stretch.

5 Because I do support -- you know, I think --
6 Commissioner Sadhwani, you're right, we're all human. We
7 all have things. And sometimes that is why a vice chair
8 is there. And you know, the vice chairs that have served
9 in place of chairs, when they cannot be available for
10 either a portion, or an entire meeting, is I think why we
11 had this.

12 And so I think -- I guess with my suggestion, I'm
13 just thinking then we would -- we would at least then
14 bring Commissioner Taylor up so that he would actually be
15 out of that range of that longer stretch. It would then
16 bring Commissioner Toledo into that long stretch, but it
17 may then be possible.

18 I also want to know, Commissioner Yee, I think we
19 should just keep with the current cadence, because I know
20 that even though our maps are due on December 27th, I
21 know that our work does not complete, or is finished, and
22 that there will be continued meetings to follow up even
23 after this. And so I think if we look out what those
24 meetings afterwards are and continue the cadence.

25 I think it just keeps things simpler, and it's just

1 one less thing that we have to try to figure out, what
2 are we going to do in terms of establishing who is going
3 to chair what meetings. So that would be my suggestion,
4 is that we just continue with the rotation as you have
5 established it. Thank you.

6 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you. Commissioner Sinay.

7 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you. Commissioner
8 Turner, I want you to know, I did hear you. And you
9 shouldn't feel like you -- you know, if -- I think the
10 one of the first things we need to do is really ask, who
11 still wants to chair, and not make anyone feel bad for
12 not wanting to chair.

13 I think we're all pulling our weights in different
14 ways, and we have different strengths. I've only chaired
15 when we had public input sessions and I -- you know,
16 people have asked me why I've never chaired, and I can't
17 even tell you why at the last minute I decided not to
18 chair meetings.

19 But I can tell you that I definitely feel like I've
20 pulled my weight, and I've done a lot of work in other
21 ways. And it was a more productive way of using my time,
22 than me chairing. And that you all may -- I'm a great
23 facilitator, but I may not be a good chair. I don't
24 know.

25 So I think we should all have -- listen to what

1 Commissioner Turner just said. And she said she needs a
2 break. And let's give her the break, if that's what
3 she's asking for.

4 I'm putting a few words in your mouth, so I
5 apologize, Commissioner Turner.

6 But I think that the first step is doing it the way
7 we started, and say who -- is there anyone who doesn't
8 want to chair between now and the maps being submitted,
9 please send your name to Commissioner Yee. And then we
10 look at it and we create it from there. But I don't feel
11 like people should feel like they have to chair to be
12 pulling their weight.

13 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you. Commissioner
14 Fornaciari.

15 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Oh. So I am not on.
16 Where do I put my dollar, is what I said. So let's see;
17 a couple of observations from my recent time as chair.
18 It was a grind, and it's even more of a grind for
19 Commissioner Sadhwani right now.

20 And the grind was that there were so many different
21 things happening, and the background time that I spent, I
22 mean, it took a ton of time just to plan the meetings, to
23 have conversations about how we're going to change things
24 down the road. And I found that it was really difficult
25 during the time I was chair, to focus on the work, right.

1 And it's all the background work, and you're
2 chairing the meeting, and you're focusing on chairing the
3 meeting, and the timing of the meeting, and everything
4 else, and it's really difficult to engage in the work.

5 And so I guess what's coming up for me is, the
6 meetings we'll be having in the near future, through the
7 end of our maps, are kind of going to be sort of similar.
8 There's going to be some tweaking as we go along, but
9 maybe somewhat similar.

10 So maybe a week rotation would be best. I know it
11 makes it a little more challenged for Director Hernandez,
12 but I think it makes it a little fairer to the chairs, so
13 that they get time to spend, and go through the input,
14 and digest; so just my thoughts.

15 CHAIR SADHWANI: Commissioner Andersen.

16 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you for that,
17 Commissioner Fornaciari. I appreciate what everyone's
18 been saying. I actually had a really specific thing I
19 was going to say, and I guess I would like to hear what
20 Commissioner Le Mons has to say later. Because what I
21 was going to propose is, basically, the next three sets
22 of meetings are similar in that, you know the -- or you
23 know, the twenty-seven to twenty-nine statewide maps,
24 November 1st to 4th, similar statewide visualizations,
25 November 7 to 10, it's live line drawing.

1 That I would propose that Trena does, because,
2 Commissioner Turner, you were so fantastic at public
3 input meetings that you held, that you chaired. You were
4 really, really very good at that. And the 17 through 20,
5 and the 22, 23 are public input. So I was thinking if
6 you chaired those that would be amazing.

7 And then Commissioner Taylor would take over,
8 similar to what Commissioner Akutagawa said, the November
9 29th to December 2nd, which is reviewing the material;
10 and then the December 6 through 8, do those two sets,
11 those two meetings as chair.

12 And then have Commissioner Toledo, the 11 through
13 19, and possibly the other -- the remainder, and I'd be
14 his vice chair. So that's what I was going to propose.

15 I understand what Commissioner Fornaciari said, in
16 terms of if it's, entirely too much. I'd like to hear if
17 those people really don't want to do it, then certainly
18 would like to hear about that.

19 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you. I added myself to this
20 line up here, because I did want to piggyback a little
21 bit off of Commissioner Fornaciari, and just note that in
22 chairing these past several sets of meetings, it is very
23 difficult to engage. And I often found myself, in the
24 evenings, working on the changing schedule, which changed
25 every single day, on every single meeting. The demands

1 of Commissioners and staff; of when they are going to be
2 at meetings, and when they're not going to be at
3 meetings, and can you rearrange this so that I can be
4 there at this discussion.

5 And that all takes a whole lot of time behind the
6 scenes, for that reason, I actually want to put out
7 something totally different. In our COI input meetings,
8 we had different people running them each and every day.
9 I think when it comes to line drawing meetings; one of us
10 could each take a day to run those meetings.

11 I think once we're working off of an actual
12 statewide map and not these visualizations, it will
13 become a little bit more formulaic. It's already
14 becoming a little bit more formulaic as we're moving into
15 this process. And that way, on any given day, people can
16 engage, people have the time to, you know, kind of do the
17 homework that's also necessary. And you're only away
18 from that really for one day at a time.

19 The chair could still be the chair, and we could
20 even follow the same, same schedule. There's always
21 other chair responsibilities in the background, having to
22 do with the business of the CRC. So certainly there
23 could still be a chair, and they could be really
24 important in putting this together, but that would be one
25 of my recommendations.

1 I see a number of hands here. Let's take them. I'm
2 also getting the sense that we're not moving towards any
3 consensus here. So I see Commissioner Yee collecting a
4 lot of ideas, and I'm going to say let's take the hands
5 that are up, collect those ideas.

6 And Commissioner Yee, if you want to come back with
7 some recommendations for us at the next meeting, I think
8 that that would be reasonable, because I don't think
9 we're going to come to a consensus at this point in time.

10 And we're still on the on the executive Directors
11 Report. And I think we promised we would not go over,
12 for Kristian, today.

13 So with that, Commissioner Toledo.

14 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I just wanted to say that I
15 would support the Commission any way that is needed in
16 whatever capacity. So I'm very flexible. And I did
17 clear my schedule for the month of December knowing that
18 it was going to be a very busy schedule. And I know in
19 terms of staff, there's still the staff function that
20 happens, right, and the need to have at least one -- to
21 have a chair for the staff in the background. Whether
22 it's in the -- in the virtual setting, or behind the
23 scene, there needs to be. Okay. Thank you.

24 CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. Commissioner Turner.

25 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes. Thank you for that. I'd

1 like to thank Commissioner Sinay for your kind words and
2 what have you, but for all of what have been said. There
3 certainly is, and I guess for the public, and my point
4 is, is there, I understand and I remember that there is a
5 lot of background, and home work, et cetera, work to be
6 done, in addition to just any Commissioner with the
7 research. And for those of us that are bi-vocational and
8 tri-vocational, it just does get to be a real time crunch
9 challenge to be able to feel like you're coming into the
10 space prepared.

11 And so that's a challenge that I have. Though
12 chairing is not a passion, I certainly am not opposed to
13 it. I like to have fun and have a good time, so I'm
14 going to make it my own regardless of when I chair, or
15 not. So I just want you to rest on that. And though I
16 appreciate the sentiments, and your words, Commissioner
17 Sinay, for hearing just again, if there are those, and
18 because there could be, that's like: Oh, no, I love
19 chairing, I want you to have your way.

20 And outside of that, I certainly will fall into a
21 rotation and just recognize that, again I don't have -- I
22 haven't been able to carve it out as the only thing that
23 I'm doing just yet. And so it just gets to be a
24 challenge, so that's all the pieces of parts that I want
25 to say.

1 And I love what Commissioner Andersen suggested, as
2 well, as shortening the sessions, depending upon the
3 havoc that wreaks with our staff. That sounded to me to
4 be something that was pretty doable. Okay.

5 So I'm open and flexible. Just be prepared to
6 receive me, if indeed I'm going to do this with zero
7 sleep.

8 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you for that.

9 Commissioner Akutagawa.

10 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Thank you. Well,
11 first off, I will just say, I think any of the ideas will
12 work.

13 So Commissioner Yee, whatever you kind of calculate
14 is going to work best for all of us, then I think -- you
15 know, I think I want to add myself to the group that is
16 just flexible, and will just go with whatever works best.

17 I do want to just maybe build upon a couple ideas.
18 One that Commissioner Fornaciari said, and what you,
19 Commissioner Sadhwani, said. I hear what Commissioner
20 Fornaciari is saying about just, you know, the amount of
21 work.

22 And it got me thinking that perhaps -- you know,
23 whether it's one time or two times, I think that's what I
24 proposed earlier, whether it's two meetings or one
25 meeting. Either one, I think, would make sense so that

1 it does free up the person who is going to chair, because
2 even if you do the rotation that you suggested,
3 Commissioner Sadhwani, there is still the business of
4 being the chair. And given how much busier it's going to
5 get, it may be just the most viable way to ensure that we
6 balance equal participation of the Commissioners, but
7 also making sure that there is the -- someone who's
8 continuing to usher the business through together with
9 the staff.

10 With that said, I think maybe building a little bit
11 upon what you're saying Commissioner Sadhwani. The
12 thought I had was, as we go through different
13 visualizations, and there're certain areas where, for
14 example, if let's say, Commissioner Le Mons is chairing,
15 and the day may be where we focus on Los Angeles. Maybe
16 he'll just ask Commissioner Turner to step in and chair
17 that meeting so that he could be a more active
18 participant in that conversation.

19 Because, you know, regardless of whether you're the
20 chair, or you call yourself the facilitator, your role is
21 to be the kind of removed party. And it's hard to
22 participate because you're watching everybody else. So
23 maybe on those days, that's where it makes sense that a
24 flip does happen, where, you know, the vice chair
25 takes -- you know, takes the role of being the chair.

1 So that then Commissioner -- I'm just using him as
2 the example. But even vice versa, where like if
3 Commissioner Turner is chairing but the focus is on the
4 Central Valley, it would make sense to have her then step
5 back, and let her vice chair step up, so that she could
6 be fully participative.

7 Because I think we all have our deeper knowledge of
8 some of the areas, and some of us may look at it and say,
9 I don't know enough to really be a more, full
10 participant. I could have my thoughts, but that may be a
11 way to ensure that equal participation. Thank you.

12 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you for that.

13 Commissioner Fernández.

14 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Yes. Thank you. And I
15 actually, I love your recommendation, Commissioner
16 Akutagawa. I like the going back and forth. I think
17 that would solve, and it make us all feel that we're
18 participating fully.

19 Again, I want to reiterate what Commissioner, I
20 think it was Fornaciari said. It's not so much to chair
21 a meeting, it's to chair -- it's to be responsible for
22 everything that happens outside of the meeting. And so
23 like one-week blocks would probably be good moving
24 forward, because it's just too much energy to take away
25 from being able to concentrate.

1 So if we rotate every week, I realize for staff that
2 might be a little bit challenging. But you know what?
3 We're also easy to work with, so that shouldn't be a
4 concern for you. I don't appreciate you laughing.
5 Director Hernandez.

6 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: So that is basically
7 interchangeable.

8 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Yes. And I like the idea
9 of just passing the baton. It's like: Oh, today we're
10 going to concentrate on northern, okay, you know,
11 Commissioner Akutagawa, can you take over, whatever the
12 case may be. But I love that concept. But I think one
13 week at a time will be sufficient. Thank you.

14 CHAIR SADHWANI: Why didn't we have this
15 conversation before I took over?

16 Commissioner Toledo.

17 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah. I like the one week and
18 I also -- I'm also thinking about staff, right, and
19 consistent messaging. Because every time there's a
20 rotation of chair, there is a different personality, and
21 different -- just different person, right; different
22 priorities, different strengths. And so I worry about,
23 especially at the last portion of our line drawing, to
24 have that.

25 I do like the concept of Commissioners Akutagawa,

1 and Sadhwani mentioned about, you know, potentially
2 having -- rotating the chairs who are on -- you know,
3 visible to the public during our line drawing process,
4 and having just the -- more of the business chair, right.
5 Like making sure that the staff have -- like, they have
6 one person to go to, and have consistent messaging. And
7 I just worry about causing too much -- you know, being a
8 little bit chaotic for the -- behind the scenes.

9 CHAIR SADHWANI: Yeah. I would agree with that.
10 And I think that there's -- certainly, I know I feel like
11 I've had the chance now to work with Alvaro over the last
12 few months, about planning things out. So even the
13 planning of meetings, especially now that we're in the
14 hybrid mode, there's definitely a lot that the staff is
15 doing to ensure that we're able to meet in person like
16 this.

17 So I'm going to let Commissioner Yee have the last
18 word here, and then we'll move on. If there're
19 additional comments, I think, perhaps, we can send to
20 Alvaro. Are you happy to collect those and send them to
21 Commissioner Yee, so that we can continue on in this
22 discussion?

23 Were there -- oh, everybody put their hand down --
24 were there additional? Okay. Commissioner Yee.

25 COMMISSIONER YEE: So please do email me,

1 Commissioners, and let me know how you feel about
2 chairing; want to, really don't want to, would love to.
3 You know, and just be frank, at this point we just need
4 to know. It would be a very helpful data point for us.

5 Then just wondering if -- maybe our Director is
6 present, Director Hernandez, and Ceja, and Kaplan, might
7 just say a word about what a one-week rotation would
8 look. I mean, how doable is that, really? I know you'll
9 say you'll just -- you'll do with whatever we give to
10 you, but maybe you can give us some concrete
11 considerations to think about.

12 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Sure. I would say at this
13 point things are moving rather quickly; so one of the key
14 things is planning for the next meeting fourteen days out
15 ahead of time, and getting the agendas posted. That is
16 moving along very quickly. So changes to any agendas
17 need to happen far in advance. That would be the only
18 consideration that I think will be challenging having the
19 one-week rotation because the continuity of what's going
20 on, what's being planned, has to be there. So that would
21 be my only concern with that.

22 But despite that, I enjoy working with all of you,
23 and my time working with each one of you as chairs, has
24 been very enjoyable, and we've gotten a lot done. So I
25 welcome the opportunity to continue to work with all of

1 you, whether it's a week, two weeks, or however long it
2 is.

3 I do like the idea, I will say this, I do like the
4 idea, similarly to what we did with the COIs, we have a
5 chair, but we have facilitators for those public input
6 meetings, or the line live line drawing meetings, where
7 it doesn't have to be the chair doing it. We have a
8 facilitator for those meetings, similar to what we did
9 with the COIs.

10 And that alleviates the chair from having to do all
11 of those meetings, which are a lot, and they're constant,
12 but it also gives some continuity to us, the Staff,
13 should something come up, we have a better -- we don't
14 have to start over again and explain what's going on in
15 the background.

16 So I think that would be very helpful, from my
17 perspective, if we were able to do something like that.
18 It's more of a hybrid of what's been discussed already.
19 Thank you.

20 CHAIR SADHWANI: Very good. And good answer, that
21 you like working with all of us. Thank you for that.

22 And any additional pieces for the Executive
23 Director's Report at this time? Alvaro, it might be the
24 longest Executive Director's Report that we have on the
25 books, but really good conversation.

1 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Indeed. Just two more things
2 that I have -- I know. I'm sorry.

3 CHAIR SADHWANI: Just an FYI. We are up against a
4 2:30 break.

5 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: I know. I will carry us to the
6 2:30 break.

7 CHAIR SADHWANI: So we've got ten minutes there.

8 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: I'll carry us to the 2:30
9 break. Now, for those public input meetings that we have
10 scheduled from the 17th to the 20th, you know, if we are
11 going to have someone facilitate those that would be
12 great.

13 One of the things I wanted to ask, did the
14 Commission want to -- or does the Commission want to have
15 appointments for those meetings? Or are we going to do
16 them where we just open the lines and take calls? I
17 think the appointments worked very well when we did the
18 COIs. It really kind of allowed us to plan ahead, and
19 keep the ball rolling, essentially.

20 So I would recommend that. If the Commission is on
21 board with that, that would be my preference. But I
22 wanted to ask if that's what you would like to do.

23 CHAIR SADHWANI: I think Commissioner Fornaciari in
24 the subcommittee has some recommendations.

25 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I think that was in the

1 recommendation, right, to have appointments. So it's to
2 run them like we ran the COI meetings, and that's what we
3 approved.

4 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Okay. I wanted to confirm
5 that. Just to make sure. And then the final note that I
6 have here -- actually, that was it, Chair. Can you
7 believe that?

8 CHAIR SADHWANI: Wow.

9 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Ahead of schedule.

10 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you.

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: So you know (indiscernible)

12 CHAIR SADHWANI: Fantastic. Director Ceja, do you
13 have something?

14 DIRECTOR CEJA: Yeah. I can power through my
15 report.

16 CHAIR SADHWANI: Perfect.

17 DIRECTOR CEJA: Seven minutes, right?

18 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you. Yeah. You've got it.

19 DIRECTOR CEJA: Yes. Thank you so much, Chair. I
20 wanted to update the Commission and the public. As far
21 as radio spots and billboards, everything is running in
22 all regions. So I posted the plans or reports for each
23 region. So you know which radio stations we're
24 advertising in, and where our billboards are, or bus
25 shelters for that matter, because they're all different.

1 And they're grouped in clusters. So A, B, D is one
2 vendor, C is another, E is another, F and G is coupled
3 together, H, J, and I, K. So you can find that
4 information on the handouts today.

5 As Director Hernandez mentioned, the PSA for
6 incarcerated populations was completed and sent to the
7 proper institutions to accompany the paper coil tool.

8 And I did want to also give kudos to Anne, from the
9 Outreach Team, because she managed to get another video
10 to help individuals fill out that paper COI tool, an
11 instructional video. So thank you for that.

12 I have been working with the Outreach Team to
13 develop a road map to the final maps, a one-pager, that
14 explains to the public how to get involved during these
15 next few weeks as we finish out our process, and what the
16 next few weeks will look like. So we're finalizing that,
17 and we'll put it out shortly.

18 Our social media ads are up and running on Google
19 ads and Facebook ads. If you see those, please give us a
20 "like", or share it with your sources so that we can get
21 more people to like our pages and our ads.

22 Print advertisements are running. So in addition to
23 billboards and radio advertisements, we did print
24 advertisements in local papers, and they've been running
25 in 48 daily newspapers in 26 counties, and 142 community

1 papers throughout the state.

2 And I did want to add, Commissioner Ahmad; that
3 Milpitas is one of the daily papers that we're
4 advertising in. So I found that interesting, when I saw
5 that.

6 We have replaced the "Contact Us" page on the
7 website with a form. Before, we just had a simple
8 comment space for individuals to leave feedback. We've
9 revamped that working with the Data Team. So we now have
10 a form that folks can fill out. They can attach
11 attachments, maps, or any other documents, PDFs, and that
12 goes straight into the Airtable.

13 And we wanted to do that in order to alleviate the
14 staff time that it takes to input all these -- all this
15 input, and also to standardize it, to make sure that
16 folks have direct process to get the information into the
17 Airtable. And then have Commissioners have it at their
18 disposal, to look over immediately. So that is taking
19 over the -- that form is on the Contact Us page on our
20 website.

21 Our social media feeds are also live on our website,
22 at the bottom of all pages.

23 So Commissioner Kennedy, you asked about the social
24 media feeds. They are now featured on every page on our
25 webpage. If you go down to the bottom, scroll down to

1 the bottom, you'll see all four or five of our social
2 media feeds.

3 We've also separated the past meetings into a new
4 tab to avoid visitors from scrolling all the way to the
5 bottom of our Meetings' page. I know that that was a --
6 some folks would get lost in there when they were looking
7 for previous meetings, so we've included an additional
8 tab, on its own, for Past Meetings.

9 And we will be importing the public comment directly
10 into our table, just like we are with the public input,
11 and create a view to appear on the Comment tab, so that
12 will get standardized as well, so that we get real-time
13 views of what people are commenting on.

14 We did hold an Ethnic Media Roundtable on October
15 11th. We got 86 RSVPs, 75 attended, and 60 were actual
16 media reporters. So this is our initiative to focus on
17 those hard-to-reach populations. And their next goal is
18 to continue with many town halls with those hard-to-reach
19 communities.

20 And they plan on visiting Fremont, and East Bay, and
21 targeting the API residents: Humboldt, Del Norte, or
22 [Del-Nort], with Native American populations; Fresno
23 County with the Hmong, Lao, and Cambodian communities,
24 Richmond, California, for the African-American community;
25 and then Los Angeles for immigrant communities.

1 And what they plan to do is, again, invite ethnic
2 media to be present, and listen firsthand to what
3 constituents are saying, and then translate that into a
4 comment and input for the Commission.

5 As far as interviews are concerned, we did speak to
6 the Northern California Record. We attended a Sac Bee
7 Editorial Board Meeting. We spoke to the San Francisco
8 Chronicle. We also attended an L.A. Times Editorial
9 Board Meeting. We spoke to KQED. Commissioner Sinay,
10 did an op-ed for San Diego Union-Tribune. We spoke to
11 KRON4, CapRadio, MPR, and then Bloomberg News tomorrow,
12 as well as KJLH with the Steve Harvey Show, that's
13 scheduled for tomorrow. So look out for those.

14 And as far as our website is concerned -- I have two
15 more minutes -- we have 17,662 contacts in our database.
16 And what's interesting is that we've now connected the
17 analytics for the website. This past month we had 89,758
18 views to the website. So that's a record. This does
19 include repeats of people going through different pages.
20 So it's different clicks. We had 17,784 visits to the
21 Homepage. And the visualizations for last week captured
22 14,103 visits.

23 So people are paying attention to what we're doing.
24 And I'm sure everyone's efforts around this table, and on
25 the screen, have everything to do with that. So thank

1 you so much.

2 As far as our e-blasts are concerned, we sent out
3 the October Newsletter that had a twenty-five percent
4 open rate. So that's increasing. Our Visualizations
5 Announcement with the plan for last week went out, and I
6 got twenty-seven percent open rate. So that's a record.

7 And then our explanatory e-blast for this week had a
8 twenty-three percent open rate. So we're breaking
9 records everywhere. So that's great.

10 Social media: We have the Facebook number is at
11 1,856, Instagram at 305, Twitter at 1,851, LinkedIn at
12 312, YouTube about 85 subscribers -- one more minute.

13 And what I did want to share, it was really amazing.
14 On YouTube, we have 85 subscribers, but our "Why
15 Participate" short video has been viewed 82,000 times.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Wow.

17 DIRECTOR CEJA: Yeah, that's pretty amazing. So all
18 that to say that, I think everything that we're doing is
19 gathering attention, and folks are paying attention, and
20 it's a perfect time for Californians to get involved; so
21 we welcome your input. And you have various ways to get
22 that to us.

23 CHAIR SADHWANI: Kristian, "time".

24 DIRECTOR CEJA: Yeah. Ten seconds. So thank you so
25 much for your participation. We're just getting started.

1 So continue participating. Thank you.

2 CHAIR SADHWANI: Very well done. Thank you, Fredy,
3 for all of your incredible work; and for staying on time.

4 With that, we're going to go to a break. When we
5 come back, we're going to skip forward to the Line
6 Drawing Subcommittee. Karin Mac Donald is going to be
7 joining us when we're back at 2:45. Thanks, everybody.

8 DIRECTOR CEJA: Awesome.

9 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 2:30 p.m.
10 until 2:45 p.m.)

11 CHAIR SADHWANI: Welcome back to the California
12 Citizens Redistricting Commission, at our Business
13 Meeting, on this Wednesday, October 20th.

14 We are going to jump forward in our agenda just a
15 little bit, to agenda item number 5, the Line Drawing
16 Subcommittee.

17 We have with us Karin Mac Donald from Q2, from our
18 Line Drawing Team. Welcome, Karin.

19 We wanted for the Subcommittee Report today, to
20 spend a little time debriefing from the last two weeks,
21 and also to offer some changes, and improvements that
22 we're making to the plan, as well as discuss what the
23 plan is, moving forward.

24 So in doing so, I actually just wanted to start a
25 little bit, and we have actually already begun to hear

1 about some of those plans. And Director Hernandez did a
2 really great job of kind of queuing us up for this
3 conversation with a presentation from Toni, of the
4 District Viewer that we anticipate being available.

5 So I just wanted to take a little bit of time and
6 walk through some of the pieces that we had heard, as
7 well as some of the changes that we discussed in the Line
8 Drawing Subcommittee Meeting earlier this week, before
9 opening it up to -- for further conversation.

10 And Karin is here to also answer questions, as well
11 as talking us through the next -- the next phase of this
12 process.

13 So we heard loud and clear, both from Commissioners,
14 as well as the public, that the public -- the viewing of
15 the visualizations was very difficult. I think that we
16 are all in agreement with that, on a number of levels.

17 And so some of the pieces that we've discussed for
18 improvements to that process include the District Viewer
19 tool that Toni shared with us earlier today, as well as
20 the PDFs; and I think Karin's team is working on ways to
21 improve some of the views that would be available on
22 those PDFs.

23 We recognize that, especially for a lot of
24 Commissioners, myself included, the PDFs were a really
25 helpful way of being able to print it out, write all over

1 them, write our notes down on it, kind of keep our
2 thoughts organized a little bit, and really do that
3 homework. So we really wanted to make sure both were
4 available. As well as, you know, and we saw that
5 improvement from the first week to the second week,
6 adding on the CVAP, the total population, all of those --
7 the population information, which is really important as
8 we move forward in doing this job, the population
9 deviation as well. So those are some of the improvements
10 just on the map piece, there's other pieces.

11 But Karin, or Commissioner Andersen, did either of
12 you want to jump in, just on that first component?

13 MS. MAC DONALD: Yes. Thank you so much. Hello,
14 Commissioners. Thank you for having me. And yeah, we're
15 definitely going to go back to old-fashioned PDF-ing one
16 at a time so that we avoid having visualizations that
17 look like donut holes, basically, on a map. That was not
18 helpful. So if we're doing them one at a time, then we
19 can actually control what goes on to the map.

20 And you know, again, apologies for that happening.
21 Also, again, CVAP, obviously, will be on there. And
22 yeah, we're going to be working with Fredy on finding a
23 better way of posting the individual visualizations so
24 that people can print them. There will be page numbers
25 on there. And we just had a little chat, and we will get

1 back together, Fredy and our team, to figure out how that
2 can be accomplished, within the framework of the website
3 that the CRC has set up.

4 So yeah, I'm pretty confident that we're going to be
5 able to give you a much better product.

6 CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. Perfect. Thank you.

7 MS. MAC DONALD: Yeah.

8 CHAIR SADHWANI: And I also wanted to just update.
9 You know, we've had numerous requests from the public for
10 the Shapefiles themselves. Thus, far, we have held off
11 on releasing the Shapefiles, not for any other reason
12 than it takes an enormous amount of time just to upload
13 the PDFs, let alone all the Shapefiles. And by the time
14 we would have had all the Shapefiles up, we've given
15 direction on how we want them changed.

16 So you know, especially when we're operating on
17 hundreds of visualizations, which is what the number has
18 been, we've held off on doing so. But the intention for
19 next week, for October 27th, I believe is the date, is
20 that we would, indeed, post those Shapefiles for the
21 public. At that point in time we'll be operating off of
22 one Assembly map, one Senate, and one Congressional map.
23 And so certainly we anticipate loading those Shapefiles
24 to our website as well.

25 So I just wanted to point that out and note that

1 that's another piece for Director Ceja to try and figure
2 out this week as well, as we continue to move forward in
3 this process.

4 So those were some general improvements that we've
5 talked about making to the visualization process. I
6 wanted to talk also a little bit about extending the time
7 of review. One of the things that came up, repeatedly,
8 last week, as well as the week before, was that we have a
9 lot to say. There's a lot to figure out, right? There
10 are many parts of the state that are new to us. We're
11 trying to get our bearings, and California just happens
12 to be a really large state.

13 So in doing so, to ensure that we have enough time,
14 we've actually moved the Business Meeting that was
15 originally scheduled for Saturday, to that following
16 Monday. And we anticipate that this is only an as-needed
17 meeting, so my apologies. We were up against the
18 fourteen-day timeline, so we didn't have a Business
19 Meeting in which we could discuss that as a Commission,
20 but we went ahead and made that change.

21 You already had Saturday the 30th on your schedules
22 in any case, so please continue to reserve Saturday the
23 30th. If we need to, we will issue a continuance and use
24 that Saturday as well. Maybe we won't. But I know that
25 we have a lot to discuss, and so I just wanted to put

1 that out there, that rather than putting the stress on
2 our vendors, on ourselves to try and have twelve-hour
3 days, and the public for that matter, to have to miss
4 Dodgers games in order to watch that Commission, we would
5 really like to keep to a schedule, and not to go over
6 time.

7 And you know, I said this earlier in today's
8 meeting, but we're only human, right? I mean, doing
9 these long days, with a ton of homework to do in between,
10 right? I don't know about you all, but after the
11 meetings I'm staying up reviewing the next day's
12 visualizations, trying my best to go back and look at the
13 COI input, trying to really wrap my head around all of
14 this. It's a lot to take in, as well as sitting in all-
15 day meetings.

16 So that's the plan for next week. And I think,
17 moving forward, I really want to want to push that we
18 have to be more time conscious. And it's a balancing
19 act. There's of course, everyone wants to be heard, and
20 everyone deserves to be heard. But we also, as
21 Commissioners, have to work on being as precise as
22 possible in our words.

23 So I wanted to throw out there, and we can talk
24 about it in a minute, just a recommendation, that as we
25 move forward in this process, that we actually set some

1 time limits for ourselves. It doesn't mean you can't
2 talk more at another point in time. But I think if we
3 put some time constraints on ourselves, the way we asked
4 for the public, it might push us to be a little bit more
5 concise in our -- in the comments that we're having, as
6 opposed to having a free, free-flowing thought during our
7 during our meetings, which ultimately leads to having to
8 extend the staffing time, and which does have financial
9 considerations as well.

10 I wanted to talk a little bit also about, just
11 finally, the approach. So for next week; you know, thus
12 far we have gone on this process of looking at
13 visualizations.

14 As Commissioner Kennedy so eloquently pointed out
15 earlier in the meeting today, we've been looking at the
16 districts based on populations, based on the communities
17 of interest testimony. We don't have maps yet. These
18 are ideas for maps. But this approach continues to be
19 refined each week. So the very first week of October, we
20 were looking at hundreds of possible visualizations and
21 we learned some ideas could not be districts, some really
22 could be.

23 In the second week, we were really thinking about
24 some of the tradeoffs that we would have to make if we
25 wanted to take one course of action versus another. And

1 so we had visualization A, versus visualization B.

2 Next week, we're going to be getting full maps. And

3 I know there were some questions actually about this.

4 Commissioner Turner had raised a question earlier today.

5 And so Karin, if you're okay with that, I want to
6 turn it over to you to talk through: What should we
7 expect for next week? How are we -- how, from a line
8 drawing perspective, do you take all of the feedback that
9 was given on visualizations A and B, and come up with a
10 statewide visualization for our consideration?

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Just a minute; one, Karin,
12 before you jump into that. I really want us to be
13 careful about visualizations. As Commissioner Sadhwani
14 ended her -- you were, so quickly say "maps", these are
15 statewide visualizations. We're not doing actual maps
16 until a couple of weeks from now. So remember, these are
17 visualizations. You know, we think this, we think that.

18 And now, I just want to make sure, I know it's a bit
19 of a wordsmith, but let's try to be really careful with
20 that. When you want to say "map", think: Am I actually
21 talking about draft maps, or am I talking about
22 visualizations? So a few other nice ways to think --
23 think of something as well, in how to say a few things,
24 we're trying to come up with that, to help us all through
25 this.

1 So please, carry on, Karin.

2 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you for that.

3 MS. MAC DONALD: Yeah. Thank you so much. So
4 perhaps we need another word that's in between. I think
5 where we are is full plans, and they are visualizations
6 of full plans. So what we're doing, and we're working on
7 this right now, and you know, I'm not going to tell you
8 that this is easy, because you were all in the same
9 meetings that we were in, and it was a lot of direction,
10 and there was conflicting direction.

11 And you know, we're sorting through that, and it's
12 actually going better than I thought it would, honestly.
13 So based on what I'm hearing from my colleagues, and what
14 I'm seeing, some of these things -- you know, some things
15 are just, you know, are very difficult, because they were
16 completely conflicting. So we have to just, you know,
17 figure out what fits with other direction, but we'll walk
18 you through it.

19 And by Saturday, we will start to put together the
20 four pieces into a full plan, and then, you know, figure
21 out the overlaps in the handouts from there. So that's
22 where we're at right now. And please, just remember that
23 we also reserved a little time over the next three days
24 to reach out to you if we need some clarifications. And
25 I will know by the end of the day today whether we're

1 going to need that time for tomorrow.

2 I am anticipating at least a couple of my colleagues
3 coming to you with some clarification questions on the
4 direction. So I'm glad that we have that time. And as
5 we move forward, we'll know whether or not we need that
6 time for Friday and for Saturday also.

7 So looking forward to that, and really looking
8 forward to seeing what your direction has resulted in,
9 you know, which we will see next week. I may see you it
10 a little bit before you do, since I'm working on it, but
11 really looking forward to showing this all to you.

12 We have in the last few weeks always, started with
13 Los Angeles. And I know we've had conversations about
14 why that is.

15 And the reason for it has been that Los Angeles is
16 the area that has the least flexibility because -- you
17 know, because of voting rights issues, and so forth. So
18 it was just -- it's just, frankly speaking, a little bit
19 more flexibility in some of the other areas. So we have
20 started in the least-flexibility area and then moved
21 outward.

22 I have not yet had the conversation with the Mapping
23 Team, with everybody on the Mapping Team about how they
24 feel about sticking with that plan. It may be that we
25 suggest to you that we take a different approach this

1 time, but if that's okay with you, I would like to
2 reserve that conversation for, maybe in a couple of days
3 or so, once I've had it with the Mapping Team, and once
4 we're seeing how everything is coming together.

5 I would again suggest that next week we start
6 perhaps with looking at the Assembly, because again,
7 those are just the most districts, and the most
8 individual visualizations, and we'll probably need the
9 most time for the Assembly.

10 And then, move either to Congress or the Senate, and
11 that's your choice, obviously, what you would like to
12 take next. You know, we've heard from some of you that
13 the Senate makes the most sense afterwards. But if there
14 were other opinions, then that's obviously fine, and
15 we're happy to go with whichever order you would like to
16 go with. We could also start with another plan type.

17 So that's my basic overview. I think what we should
18 probably do, again, is do an overview of what's happened,
19 so we can do this regionally again, so that we're not
20 walking you through an entire plan, because that would be
21 pretty overwhelming.

22 So essentially, start with one region, and walk you
23 through what's been happening, and then from that it can
24 flow into another region. Also, we will be providing you
25 with some detail on what went into the individual -- into

1 the individual visualizations of the districts that are
2 going to be on these plans.

3 So there will be some notes, probably not, you know,
4 a novella, or you know, War and Peace, but they will be
5 major points about how these individual visualizations
6 came together. Like what's the direction that's in
7 there. What's in there? What are you looking at?

8 Because even with the PDF, as you know, some of
9 these districts, they're just so large because we have
10 some areas that are not -- you know, not very densely
11 populated. So even, you know, with a PDF of just one
12 individual visualization you may not know exactly what's
13 in it, so I think these notes are going to be very
14 helpful.

15 And of course, Commissioner Yee brought this up last
16 week, and we're very happy to put something together
17 that's actually -- you can actually read, so it's not
18 handwritten, and we'll be able to send that up when the
19 visualizations are posted. So on Tuesday, you should
20 have all of that available. And we'd love to get it up
21 earlier to you, and we'll see how it goes.

22 CHAIR SADHWANI: Very good. Thank you so much. I
23 think that's super helpful. And unfortunately, we
24 haven't heard the report from Director Kaplan, yet, who
25 is going to give us a full update also on what's to come

1 this week.

2 So I think just for everyone, we heard Karin talking
3 about how we do have time reserved each day this week to
4 provide additional clarification to the line drawers if
5 they have questions. We will see how that -- how we end
6 up using that time.

7 I see some hands raised. So let's start with
8 Commissioner Sinay.

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you, Karin. And thank
10 you, Chair. A few questions; and maybe this is in the
11 report that you were just inferring, too. But how do we
12 get from last week to next week, jumping over this week
13 when we're getting a ton of different input, and we need
14 to process that?

15 And for the next three days, we chose not to ask
16 questions of the groups, and I think, Chair, last week
17 you said we also chose not to discuss it. And so I'm
18 really stuck and feeling like the line drawer -- like
19 we're going to be a week behind.

20 You know that the line drawers are already --
21 whatever they present, we've already gotten a week's
22 worth of input from the community and may have -- public,
23 and may have different views already. And so that is one
24 of my concerns, is that we're jumping over a whole week
25 worth of inputs. So that was number one.

1 Number two, when are we getting the official VRA?

2 You know, we were told from the very, very beginning,
3 from just then, you know, don't start mapping until you
4 have your VRAs in place, and then you put everything else
5 around it. And we you know -- so I wanted to kind of
6 know that piece.

7 And then building on that, you know, a lot of the
8 input that we've been receiving has been saying that
9 there are, potentially, a lot of VRA in San Bernardino
10 and Riverside. And so I think it's important to look at
11 Los Angeles, but also keep in mind that San Bernardino
12 and Riverside are going to be critical in building from
13 there.

14 So if we can -- you know, let's not just think of
15 Los Angeles, life has gotten complicated in other places
16 as well. And I just want to make sure that when we're
17 allocating time and thinking about this, that that piece
18 is connected as well. Thank you.

19 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you for that. Karin, did you
20 have any?

21 MS. MAC DONALD: Would you like me to respond?

22 CHAIR SADHWANI: Yeah. Sure. That would be great.
23 Thank you.

24 MS. MAC DONALD: Okay. So yes on San Bernardino and
25 Riverside, absolutely, have noticed; so yes, thank you

1 for that. Still a little bit less than Los Angeles -- I
2 didn't mean to say that, San Bernardino and Riverside are
3 not complicated, because most certainly that is a
4 complicated area that also does not have a lot of
5 flexibility. And I can tell you that Jaime and John are
6 working very closely together.

7 And again, we are working within an entire team.
8 And VRA Counsel, of course, is a big part of our team.
9 And I will let them address that with you, that
10 particular piece on how the communication should go with
11 you, separately, and I think perhaps later; if that's all
12 right.

13 And with respect to the meetings over the next three
14 days; super exciting that you've had -- you know, that so
15 many Californians are participating in this process, and
16 are submitting maps.

17 We've most certainly also looked at the submissions.
18 You know, I mean, it's just wonderful that this is such a
19 collaborative process. And my personal suggestion would
20 be, take a look at what people are doing, because there
21 are many ways to go. And if there is something that
22 stands out, take notes, you know, take notes and see how
23 they were explaining getting from A to B.

24 And maybe compare it to some of the visualizations
25 that we presented last week, and to your notes that you

1 took last week. And you know, just write it all down.
2 This is not -- you know, next week is not the last time
3 that we get a shot at these visualizations, these full
4 plans.

5 In fact, that's the first time we're looking at full
6 plans, and as you know, there are ripple effects. If you
7 do something over here, it can have an effect over there.
8 So I think once we have full plans, you know, ask
9 questions about why X, Y, and Z was visible, you know,
10 some place, and why we didn't do it. Is there a
11 particular area that we may be able to reconfigure?

12 But you know, just take notes on it. That would be
13 my that -- that would be my suggestion. And feel free to
14 ask us to explore things. But I will leave that to your
15 Counsel on how to instruct you, on how you work with
16 that.

17 But generally speaking, I mean, these are ideas.
18 And again, there's more than one way of looking at
19 things. There is more than one way of accomplishing
20 certain things. And it's always good to have other
21 people's ideas. And what a great process where you get
22 to look at this and compare it to what you're doing, you
23 know? So that's where I'm at on this.

24 CHAIR SADHWANI: Perfect. Thank you for that. And
25 I think if we recall back to our discussion about these

1 district map input meetings, from the very beginning, I
2 know we went back and forth of, do we have it -- while
3 we're doing this line drawing process, do we have it
4 after draft maps?

5 And we specifically opted to do it earlier on in the
6 process so that we could learn and get some ideas from
7 folks in communities, and on the ground, and who have
8 different perspectives. And some of them we might like
9 and want to use, some of them we might not. And that's
10 okay. That's kind of, you know, a big reason why we
11 opted to do it when we did.

12 Commissioner Turner.

13 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes. Thank you, Chair. And
14 this process, I think, is fascinating that we're going
15 through. We're all learning a lot. I think it's very
16 challenging. I think it's a complex process to be able
17 to follow. So just a couple of things I wanted to name
18 that I'm thinking through.

19 So number one, I'm wondering what is driven by the
20 inflexibility that's caused by the truth of the condensed
21 population in Los Angeles. That that's a factor, that's
22 a reality. But I'm also wondering what's driven, what's
23 caused by us, by us having to look at that. And then, of
24 course, we have our other criteria that we have to
25 consider. It just does seem that at some point, number

1 one, it is what it is. But at some point, we had Lessons
2 Learned, be it -- are we attempting this, are we coming
3 at this from the best perspective? Are we locking
4 ourselves into what will always be because of the
5 complexity of certain areas? Or the inflexibility of
6 certain areas based on population.

7 So it's things that I'm thinking out loud. That's
8 going to always be; does that mean other areas then, are
9 negatively impacted by shape and geography, as far as
10 representation? I'm thinking of that, because I'm
11 looking at some of the comments, some of the input that
12 we're receiving. There seems to me to be a developing
13 pattern of those that are saying: Bravo, you got it
14 right. I want my area exactly like you've done it, and I
15 love it, and don't change it.

16 And then there is a pattern of those that say: We
17 keep getting messed over. This is not right. I don't
18 like it. And so you're looking at that and then you fall
19 back on, we know the whys of why it's shaking out like
20 that. And it's almost feeling to me that there aren't
21 necessarily a lot of ready answers of how to fix that.

22 So then it starts to feel like: Is this a process
23 that we really can impact? Or is it not? And to what
24 degree can things not be changed? And if that's the
25 case, when will we name it so that everyone in California

1 will understand, this may never change, right? And so I
2 just feel like we need to name that and have that kind of
3 conversation.

4 And then the last part I guess I want to say for
5 right now is, is that this individual review part that we
6 do, this: Go home and do your homework, and look at what
7 has been submitted. I think part of the brilliance of an
8 Independent Commission in going through the whole process
9 that we did to get here, pulling from different
10 backgrounds, expertise levels, et cetera; I think the
11 beauty in that, it was for everyone to come together and
12 be able -- there's, my faith frame talks about, "The
13 wisdom of a multitude of council", right?

14 But we lacked the multitude of council, because I
15 feel like each of us is trying to come up with answers on
16 our own, as individuals, which means we're trapped in our
17 own thought processes, without benefiting from the whole
18 of the fourteen-Commission.

19 And there is not a space where we say: Hmm. This
20 map was just submitted by whoever submitted it, it
21 doesn't matter, this is what it makes me feel, and think,
22 and this is what I think about that. What are you
23 thinking, Commissioner Kennedy?

24 Well, you know, this is how I process it with what I
25 need. And there's not a space or time that I know of yet

1 that we do that. We're all looking at it as individuals,
2 and then we're coming to the table and we're -- because
3 of time, we're throwing up something really quick. This
4 is what I think should happen for this area based on what
5 I know and the background, which for the short time that
6 we've worked together, I can say: Okay, well, I trust
7 Commissioner Yee, he's worked in that area, and I know he
8 wants the best for Californians.

9 But I don't ever get a true sense, and understanding
10 of why he wants what he wants, which then makes it really
11 easy. As hard as we're trying to work for all
12 Californians, and be unified, and present the best maps,
13 a lot of it just is on trust that we really haven't had a
14 whole lot of time to build, because there's not a lot of
15 time to talk about the "whys" of what we're doing, and
16 why we're doing what we're doing.

17 And so I just wanted to name that. And I don't know
18 where the place is, and when we can fix it, but I feel
19 that there is, inherently, something wrong and broken
20 about the process of us trying to, individually,
21 determine, and research, and not be able to come together
22 as a whole with this information, and really be able to
23 kind of have a healthy debate and dialogue, and talk
24 about how do we represent the whole of California.

25 And so I don't necessarily, I'm looking for an

1 answer right now. I just am naming it because there is
2 something different, or something I feel is missing in
3 the process to be able to do that.

4 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you for that, Commissioner
5 Turner. And before we move on, I'll just say I feel you
6 on that, right? I mean, I think we're pushed to give
7 direction, be precise, be concise, be specific.
8 Sometimes we're not -- we don't know yet, right? And
9 there's not that -- and having sat in that position of
10 chair, of like: We got to go. We've got a time -- you
11 know, we've got time constraints.

12 Yeah. I think that this is, this is one of the
13 great challenges. And so I look forward to hearing
14 others' thoughts on how we best advance to create such a
15 space, while understanding our time constraints, and
16 while understanding our mapping time line, and all of
17 those important pieces as well.

18 Commissioner Fornaciari.

19 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. Let's see.
20 Commissioner Turner said, much more eloquently than I
21 could ever have said it; what is on my mind. And to
22 expand on what she said. You know, I think the "why" is
23 an important question that we haven't addressed, right?

24 You know, we all just give individual -- and
25 Commissioner Toledo brought this up the other day. You

1 know, we give individual input, but there's no "why"
2 behind it, or not much "why" behind it, and so we all are
3 just sort of in a space of trust and wondering.

4 But you know, and it's -- I'm going to go back to
5 the Mapping Playbook. And if we look at attachment 2 of
6 the Mapping Playbook, it talks about the line drawing
7 phases, right? Preliminary direction, visualization,
8 public plans, and statewide plans.

9 And then it talks about, you know, what is happening
10 in each of these parts of the process. And to some
11 extent, what are we supposed to be doing? How are the
12 Commissioners supposed to act? What is expected of the
13 Commissioners? How do we get to the point where we are,
14 you know, having these conversations? And so you know,
15 in here I see, you know, phase 1 and phase 2 lined out.
16 So that's a little bit retrospective, right?

17 And I'd really like to know what are your -- what
18 are the expectations of the Commissioners for when we get
19 together next week, ahead of time, so that we all have a
20 sort of process understanding of what we're going to do.
21 And how we're going to, you know, kind of get to the
22 point where we're addressing the issues that Commissioner
23 Turner brought up.

24 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you for that.

25 Commissioner Andersen.

1 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, I completely
2 understand. But again, you're right, Commissioner
3 Fornaciari. Commissioner Turner, put it much more
4 eloquently than I would. But there is a time for actual
5 full-on review: Why? What do we think, da, da, da?
6 That's after, you know, the draft maps we have
7 tentatively targeted for the November 10. And then that
8 following, the 17 to 20, in those next couple of days,
9 those are the public input on those draft maps.

10 When we come back, after Thanksgiving, that week is:
11 What do we see? As we're reviewing everything; what do
12 we see? What do we think? You know, we did that map.
13 Now, do we want to just, you know, throw sections out
14 completely? Why? It would be lovely to be able to do
15 this a little bit more. And then spend like the first
16 day, and really going over: Okay, what do you think, et
17 cetera? What did you hear?

18 We did get cut short. I mean, to put it bluntly.
19 We got -- our timetable got cut short. We don't actually
20 have time to do a second draft. And so you know what?
21 We could possibly put in a bit of -- one thing we
22 could -- I'm sticking to when I say: Hey, I'd like to see
23 this, this, and this. I could be saying why I want to
24 see this, this and this.

25 Be a little more concise. But because of this COI

1 input, that COI input this, you know, physical location,
2 et cetera, et cetera, et cetera. So I think that might
3 help. Now, people might not -- might disagree with that.
4 And we aren't having a space to actually say: That's not
5 what I heard. And I know it doesn't sound like: Oh,
6 that's lovely. No, we have to wait until November 29 to
7 actually discuss all this in public, with each other.

8 But I did want to say that there is time before we,
9 you know, okay, are we throwing out the first draft map
10 entirely? Or what are we doing? We will actually spend
11 all that time. And then when we get down to: Where we go
12 from there? For what that's worth.

13 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you. Commissioner Kennedy.

14 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. And I want
15 to thank Commissioner Andersen for pointing out where in
16 the timetable we're likely to have time for some of the
17 dialogue that Commissioner Turner pointed out the need
18 for.

19 My concern goes back to something that Ms. Mac
20 Donald had mentioned a week or two ago, which is, you
21 know, we're very quickly going to get into a situation
22 where making wholesale changes is going to be incredibly
23 difficult.

24 And so if we find ourselves in a point -- at a point
25 where making wholesale changes throws the entire thing

1 into chaos, and throws it of course, you know, I kind of
2 feel like Commissioner Turner does, that part of the
3 reason for that could be that we have not had sufficient
4 opportunity for that deep dialogue that she points out
5 the need for.

6 And I just -- I really want us to be aware of that
7 and to be aware of, you know, when doors start closing on
8 things. And you know, would certainly appreciate hearing
9 from Ms. Mac Donald, and the Line Drawing Subcommittee
10 on, you know, when we see certain doors closing for us,
11 so that, you know, we can have the dialogue that we need
12 to before any of those doors close. Thank you.

13 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you. Commissioner Turner.

14 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes. And amen, to
15 Commissioner Kennedy; that's exactly the point. There's
16 one thing to add in a review after things have already
17 been created, we're trying to add in ingredients after
18 the soup has been made, and you then are hamstrung,
19 you're kind of caught into some things, when it -- then
20 that will be the next response is: It's too late to do
21 something different.

22 I'm lifting up, are we having the best dialogue, the
23 best thought now, before we create something or what --
24 when are the points of no return? So this is not just
25 commenting, or reviewing, on a review -- or a review of

1 what was already created.

2 Did we utilize the best gift that we have in front
3 of us, in all of us, now to talk about: What are we
4 putting into the mix to create the original maps? And
5 with that, again, when we created zones based on our own
6 places of comfort. When we did that, we stated over and
7 over, that this was just for outreach purposes only for
8 areas that we were comfortable with.

9 We cannot continue to carry this theme throughout
10 the whole time period. It was my hope and aspiration
11 that by this point, or at some point in the process, I'm
12 not sitting back waiting to have someone else just tell
13 me about what's going on in Humboldt, or in Anaheim, or
14 whatever area. We've talked about it enough to where I'm
15 just as comfortable representing whoever is in, you know,
16 the Harbor District, or whatever else this area is. But
17 our time constraint, again, in this process that we're
18 creating, and rush home and just do a quick review of
19 input that was provided.

20 We are not computers. We are not. And we have
21 amazing data people, and things that's put together for
22 us, but to try and review the whole of California, all of
23 the information, learn geography you don't know, and come
24 back and believe that you're representing the whole state
25 is a misnomer. I think it's a fallacy, at best.

1 And so you then do just rely on areas that you think
2 you know. And I hate to tell you that for the whole of
3 the Central Valley, as large as it is, I would again, not
4 be representing the full truth and say I know every
5 community that's there.

6 This requires dialogue. It requires time. It
7 requires an understanding. And not just to continue to
8 speak what you think you know, we need to stop speaking
9 and listen to what someone else is sharing and be able to
10 now talk about. How did that inform me? What do I shift
11 now? What do I think about, now that I've learned new
12 information?

13 And to me, that's the missing component that should
14 be happening now before we kind of double down and say:
15 This is what our maps are. Now, let's make tweaks here
16 and there to it.

17 CHAIR SADHWANI: And I wonder -- if I might just
18 jump in here. I'm wondering, as we move forward, I'm
19 thinking procedure, right? And what does the agenda look
20 like for next week? I'm wondering as we -- so if we took
21 on the Assembly, for example, map -- excuse me --
22 visualization first, and as Karin suggested, we are going
23 regionally. So we start with Los Angeles, and then go to
24 Southern California, or whatever region that comes next,
25 perhaps -- I mean, I think we've embarked in this process

1 where it's like: Is that direction? Is that direction?

2 Make sure it's clear. Is that your direction?

3 What if we built in some time, after the line
4 drawers presented those visualizations for that region,
5 just for a conversation? What are the tradeoffs that
6 were made? What are what are we seeing here? How does
7 it differ from the maps that were drawn ten years ago?
8 What is the impact for various communities? How does it
9 relate to the COI testimony that we've received.

10 And maybe do that high-level discussion. I'm going
11 to still suggest that there's a time limit to that
12 discussion, just for the purposes of being, you know,
13 practicable of moving through the entire state. But what
14 if we had a conversation like that and then moved into
15 more specific direction.

16 Would that help to create some of that space that
17 we're talking about, so that we can learn from one
18 another? So that we can talk about it kind of at the
19 more bird's eye view; rather than getting into, you know,
20 just Glendale south of the 134, go with Eagle Rock, or
21 not.

22 I mean, is that -- would that be helpful? If so,
23 are there thoughts on how to structure that conversation
24 to ensure that it would be helpful? I want to be
25 responsive, although I'm not going to be chair next week

1 so that, you know -- but at the same time, I think we
2 need to think collectively on how to make this process
3 more meaningful for everyone.

4 Commissioner Sinay.

5 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you. One of the things
6 I've learned as a facilitator, is if you don't allow for
7 that space to have those good conversations, I'm not
8 going to say dialogue, because it is discussion and
9 conversation. It's not just a dialogue. And be able to
10 say: Hey, I'm uncomfortable with that. Or that's not
11 what I heard. It will mess us up later. There's no way
12 around that.

13 And it's not just because we're stuck, but it's
14 because that trust wasn't built, and we're not all moving
15 together. We're moving as individuals. And at the end,
16 we may not get the maps approved by the numbers we need.
17 I'm going to be that blunt with it. And I have felt
18 really uncomfortable on how the process is working. And
19 I still feel uncomfortable between what's happening this
20 week and what's going to happen next week.

21 You know, I feel like sometimes we say, well, I
22 heard this from COIs, and it's just the backup. But you
23 know, did we hear that or did we not -- you know, but --
24 so some of the things I recommend is that we throw out
25 Robert's Rules. Robert's Rules don't work for a

1 dialogue, and they never have in the work that we've been
2 doing. And we keep using Robert's Rules. We need to --
3 if you're going to have a conversation, you need to be
4 able to facilitate a conversation and say: Okay, we're
5 talking about East LA right now. Just raise your hand if
6 you have a comment on East LA. What are we going to talk
7 about? Okay. And kind of work on that noodle, and then
8 go to the next -- if "noodle" is the right word -- and
9 then work to the next one.

10 Because if we keep jumping around like we have been,
11 we're not building on each other's thoughts, comments,
12 and we're not building a map. I mean, we kept saying
13 that the reason we do this all in person, and the reason
14 why we don't have the software on our computer, to go
15 play with the maps, when we're home, and stuff was
16 because we were going to have these dialogues and these
17 conversations together.

18 And putting time constraints, or this, or that, I
19 get that there's some reality to it, but we also need to
20 make sure that we're all in the same place, and that
21 we're building -- you know, building these maps
22 cohesively, these plans cohesively and together.

23 We also had two people for each of the regions; one
24 that felt comfortable and one that did not feel
25 comfortable. And that was for a reason. And I, you

1 know, I think that we all, it's still important, you
2 know, for some -- for those two people to really take the
3 lead because we're getting a lot of input. But there
4 have been times, you know, that will say: Okay, I'm a
5 little stuck on this one. And that's kind of been my cue
6 to say: Hey, hey, you all, what are you -- you know, what
7 have you read, or what have you heard?

8 Honestly, for some of those in San Diego, I know we
9 haven't gotten information, but it's important that we
10 build on each other's thinking, that we know where we're
11 coming from. And we can't wait until after the draft
12 maps to say our "whys", our "whys" should be going all
13 the way through.

14 So I completely -- I thank Commissioner Turner and
15 Commissioner Fornaciari for bringing this up, because
16 I've been really worried about how we move forward as a
17 group, versus as individuals giving direction.

18 CHAIR SADHWANI: So I'm going to try and capture
19 notes here, just to make sure that we're actually
20 progressing in this conversation. So some of the things
21 I'm hearing is: "Whys" need to be said, right? Like
22 there needs to be that space at a minimum to talk about
23 those "whys".

24 And I'm hearing also a little bit of a back and
25 forth about the role of the field or not the field -- the

1 zone leads. Do the zone leads continue to play a more
2 prominent role? Or is this at -- are we at a stage where
3 we should be moving away from that. And I'm kind of
4 hearing some differing thoughts on that idea. So those
5 are a couple pieces there.

6 Yeah, Commissioner Fernández.

7 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Thank you, Chair. Yes. I
8 probably am more in line with Commissioner Turner, and
9 her thinking. I've felt this way for a while. When I
10 have provided visualizations, I try to explain why, you
11 know, I want this area and that area, because of this
12 reason, rural versus urban.

13 And I think maybe moving forward, what a good idea
14 would be is if we explain why we're doing and then, if we
15 can have follow up. Like I do remember Commissioner
16 Sadhwani, following up with one of mine, it was: Oh, I
17 don't -- I'm not familiar with that area. Why? Why do
18 you want Placerville to be included with these other
19 areas? And that was great because, you know, we're
20 educating each other on the areas.

21 However, the piece that I'm most uncomfortable with
22 right now, that we've been working so well, is our
23 outreach to acquire the input. And as Commissioner
24 Turner noted, we are not computers. We cannot retain all
25 of that information, although we've read it.

1 And so I'm going to, what is it, throw up the flag,
2 and ask for help, and see if maybe our outreach with our
3 analysts, if they can take that information, those 5,000-
4 plus input that we've received, either in our
5 visualization feedbacks, or our communities of interest,
6 or our public comment, or public input, if they can take
7 that information and sort it in a way where it goes from
8 north to south, or south to north, so that when we're
9 reviewing the visualizations -- visualizations that we
10 don't forget those pieces of it.

11 And as Commissioner Sadhwani noted earlier, the 2010
12 had a spreadsheet, but which sounds challenging, but it's
13 also challenging what we have now to really say, yeah, I
14 remember every single input. I can't see that right now,
15 and I need it organized. I can't have it randomly in a
16 database, and I know there's a way to sort it, but also
17 the sorting does not get down to specific areas.

18 So I'm just -- I'm just kind of hoping that Outreach
19 can help us with that. And maybe I'm the only one that
20 feels that way; if so, if you can help me, because I also
21 want to feel more comfortable with the rest of
22 California, than Northern California. And I'm learning
23 from each of you, which, thank you so much. But there's
24 also 5,000 other input that we've received, and I'd love
25 to learn from all of them as well. And I am learning

1 from all of them. I just want to continue to remember
2 what they've told us.

3 And I think that was it. The only other question is
4 if, in the future, if any of the handouts or
5 visualizations are updated after the initial, can you
6 please send out an email to us to let us know that it's
7 been updated? Because it's really frustrating when you
8 get to the meeting, and you're ready to go, and you
9 realize it's been updated.

10 So I think that was it. I want to make sure I got
11 all of my -- yeah. And I realize we're stretched for
12 time right now. I would like to have two days to review
13 our visualization, instead of having to stay up until
14 3:00 in the morning to review them. But if I have to do
15 that, I have to do that. And I think that was it. Thank
16 you.

17 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you. Commissioner Akutagawa.

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I am thinking. Well, one I
19 appreciate this conversation. I think having some way in
20 which we can build upon each other I think would be
21 helpful.

22 I think, Commissioner Sadhwani, just to respond to
23 the question that you asked, like what might work? For
24 me, I'm just thinking it would be helpful, and I thought
25 I heard differently, so please forgive me if I got it

1 backwards. But I'm thinking, it would be helpful to have
2 this conversation at the beginning before any
3 visualization conversations, so that when we go back into
4 visualization conversations, we have some of our -- our
5 kind of thinking.

6 And it is in a way, I think, like what Commissioner
7 Fernández says, it is also a way for us to also help
8 explain some of the bigger dynamics that may be apparent
9 in some of the COI comments. You know, because there're
10 some conflicting ones. And so you know; there may be
11 some questions about: Well, why is there this kind of a
12 conflict?

13 And I think I would say, as objectively as we can
14 speak to, if we understand where some of the kind of
15 different schools of thoughts are, if there's a way that
16 we can explain it. And we would be doing this in public,
17 too, obviously, so people could correct us if they
18 disagree with our assessment of, you know, why this may
19 be -- why there's conflicting, you know, COI input.

20 That would also be helpful to also understand, too.
21 I think that's what we're also sorting through. We're
22 hearing a lot of different things, you know, a lot of
23 conflicting testimony, as well as a lot that is very
24 much, you know, alike, some very exact.

25 But I think having, just this, out loud. And I

1 think, like Commissioner Fernández, I do try to say why
2 I'm thinking it, but I also I'm conscious of the time
3 that we take up by saying that. So sometimes I choose
4 not to say it, and I'll just say what my direction is.
5 But I feel like it would be helpful to understand some of
6 the rationale behind some of our kind of direction, or
7 comments, or our thoughts. But it would be helpful at
8 the beginning, not afterwards, so.

9 CHAIR SADHWANI: So just, if I may just clarify what
10 I'm hearing. So for example, for next week, if we come
11 in and we have an Assembly visualization, and we're going
12 to start with Los Angeles, before the line drawers give a
13 review of those -- of that visualization, you would want
14 some time set aside for a conversation about Los Angeles.

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

16 CHAIR SADHWANI: Based on people's review of
17 those -- based on people's review of it?

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah.

19 CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay.

20 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: And we could, if it helps.
21 I mean, maybe we could ask the Commissioners to indicate,
22 will they want to have some time to, you know, maybe say
23 something. Because I think there are some that are going
24 to be like: Yeah, it's LA, I'm going to want to say
25 something.

1 For others, they may say: Well, you know, I may have
2 a question for clarification, but I don't really want to
3 say something. So it may also help you get an
4 understanding of how much time is this really going to
5 take. Because I know the balancing act that you're
6 trying to meet.

7 CHAIR SADHWANI: Yeah.

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I mean, I hear what
9 Commissioner Sinay said about, as a facilitator, you've
10 just got to let the conversation go. But also, as a
11 facilitator, you've got to manage that, too, and not let
12 them -- you know, not let it go unendingly. So I think
13 it's just finding that right balance between ensuring
14 that everybody can say something, but also, you know,
15 continuing to move us along, too.

16 CHAIR SADHWANI: Got it. Okay.

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: So yeah.

18 CHAIR SADHWANI: Let's think about that. From the
19 professor hat, I feel like, that feels like a pop quiz.
20 Like, oh, you didn't do your homework, yeah, I'm going to
21 know. But no, but I think that's a great suggestion.
22 Thank you.

23 Commissioner Turner.

24 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. And thank you all
25 for just allowing this conversation. I think it's really

1 good and helpful for me. But I also want to be really
2 clear that I do not claim to know the whole of the
3 Central Valley, and I think it's important to name that.
4 And there perhaps are Commissioners that have been in
5 your same area forever, and you know it inside and out,
6 and everybody -- I can tell, I was shocked to hear
7 Dogtown, whatever it is, in San Joaquin Valley, you can't
8 get much -- that is my county specifically, right?

9 So there are places that -- and I can look it up,
10 and I can read about it. But if we're going to talk -- I
11 don't want to just hear about what Commissioners -- and I
12 say "just", because I do want to hear that, and I'll talk
13 about what I do know about it, but I'm wanting to have us
14 talk about what the Californians that have chosen to call
15 in and talk about their areas, I want us to collectively
16 be able to talk about what they've told us. They've
17 given us the gift of what they think about their own
18 areas, and their communities, and where they live.

19 And the discussion that I'm talking about is, we're
20 not able to -- it's almost like a book, or a movie, or
21 anything else, you'll read something, and you'll go back
22 and talk about what resonated with you, what your
23 highlights were. Someone can see the same thing and get
24 something else out of it, right?

25 So as Californians are telling this information, I

1 think the space that needs to be held is for us to
2 collectively say, for this area, this is the input that
3 we've received. This is the background that we know
4 about this area. Was this an area that was split before?
5 Where were the splits? I know that I've seen that. I
6 promise you, I read this stuff. I read it somewhere. I
7 know there is a document that tells us every area in the
8 2010 report that they split, but we're not bringing that
9 upfront into conversations that says: And in this area
10 before they were split; and as a result of that, no
11 feedback. It wasn't a problem for them. Well, this
12 caused an enormous outcry in this area.

13 And so that where were the areas that were
14 negatively impacted, and of that negative impact, was it
15 because of a concession that was made, because of an
16 inflexible area? Or was it because of something that
17 just -- you know, always will have to be?

18 So in talking about the different areas, we have the
19 benefit of countless of people that are calling in about
20 their areas. We have the benefit of those of us that may
21 have spent some time. I grew up in the Bay Area, that's
22 not my area, but for me to talk about what happened back
23 in '78, and '80, and '95, and what have you, in the Bay
24 Area, and I've been gone for 20-some years. Yeah, I
25 might can, some. But it's outdated and it's not current,

1 right?

2 And so I just want to be real clear that the
3 discussions we're having is not based on any biases that
4 we hold of a particular area that we spent at some point,
5 that we're looking at what is current from the people
6 that's coming in.

7 So anyway, so I just think it's important that we
8 go into the spaces with some sort of process, a Professor
9 Sadhwani, with some sort of Commissioner -- I said,
10 "Professor" on purpose. With some sort of process that
11 says: How do we collectively take the information, not
12 spread out everywhere, but we are focused right now on
13 the Morongo Valley, right on the, whatever area.

14 And how do we take all the information received from
15 this area, let's talk about how it touched each of us.
16 What did we get out of that? What was the understanding?
17 And now, with that in mind, what are the maps that we're
18 drawing? Where are the concessions? And if someone had
19 to suck it up ten years ago, is there a way that we can
20 make them whole, or make life better for them now, so
21 that the -- so that we're not making that same repeated
22 choice -- I'll say, not a mistake; so that we're not
23 making that same repeated choice without being informed
24 about what we did last time.

25 And so I know we're trying to be cautious about this

1 is 2020, and we're not just using 2010 lines, we're not
2 bound by the previous districts. But to me, all of that
3 matters. And it's part of the story that we want to
4 tell, and be able to continue to improve on what we're
5 providing for California.

6 CHAIR SADHWANI: Perfect. Thank you. Thank you so
7 much for that, Commissioner Turner. I really appreciated
8 that, actually, because I think that gives me a better
9 scope of how to think about this. As opposed to kind of
10 a free flowing conversation, of how are people feeling.

11 What you're saying -- what I'm hearing, you suggest
12 is analysis. I recall many months ago, when we were
13 discussing the development of the Data Management
14 Department within the CRC, a lot of conversation about:
15 What does a data manager do? Yeah, there's a setup
16 piece, but there might also be analysis. And I feel like
17 we're coming back to that. I think this coincides very
18 much with Commissioner Fernández's comments about, you
19 know, the data management -- we have this amazing tool,
20 but it's difficult to use, especially on the fly when we
21 need the stuff.

22 It almost feels like we need like a -- like a
23 virtual briefing book that, you know, when we're talking
24 about the Morongo Valley, we can click Morongo Valley and
25 boom, all of that COI testimony is there. And someone,

1 whether that's the zone leads, Marcy's team, I don't
2 know. Somebody is like prepped to kind of give us --
3 remind us of that high-level view of: Hey, we received a
4 lot of testimony from this area. Let me point you to
5 where it is if you need to see it. Let me recall some of
6 the areas where there -- where there was different kinds
7 of testimony that said different kinds of things.

8 Now, we can think more about the tradeoffs that we
9 have in front of us. I don't know how we get that all
10 together by next week, but I really love the idea.

11 Commissioner Toledo.

12 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah. I love the idea of
13 analysis, I think, that's what we're getting at. That
14 somehow we need to take the information we have because
15 we have -- we're data rich. I mean, we have so much
16 data, but now we have to figure out what to -- you know,
17 process it, process and analyze it, and so that we can
18 collectively use it. And we are data rich, because we
19 have -- by going through that data it's a full time job.

20 The other thing I wanted to point out is that we all
21 process information very differently. Some of us
22 process, you know, verbally, and others of us prefer to
23 read the information, review it, analyze it on our own,
24 and then come back and maybe have a brief or
25 conversation, potentially.

1 So as we think about how we have these conversations
2 we -- you know, so really think through how it's going to
3 work for all of us, given the time constraints. And I
4 love the idea of having staff help us to analyze this
5 information, and get it back to us, so that we can have a
6 more effective conversation, rather than, you know, a lot
7 of -- a brainstorming conversation, because sometimes we
8 get -- you know, we end up brainstorming a lot, because
9 we all have wonderful ideas, and I'd love to hear them.
10 But time is of the essence, right? We only have a couple
11 more weeks. Thank you.

12 CHAIR SADHWANI: We don't like to brainstorm; do we?
13 Not us.

14 Commissioner Akutagawa

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: One, I like the idea of the
16 analysis. I think that Commissioner Turner's
17 clarification was really helpful. And for example, I
18 guess it got me thinking about a zone that Commissioner
19 Andersen and I were focused on, which is the Eastern
20 Sierras. And you know, some of the very specific kinds
21 of COI testimony that we were hearing from there.

22 I don't want to promise that, you know, just
23 because -- I think it's -- Commissioner Turner said,
24 well, you know, do we take into account what happened
25 before to what's happening now, and what's -- I mean,

1 that's a harder, you know, question, I think, to answer
2 right now. I mean, we can't promise anything. We can
3 just go where the data is taking us.

4 And that is also contingent upon what the VRA is
5 also telling us as well, too. So that has implications
6 on other things. I mean, I don't know if this is
7 appropriate to ask, I guess, maybe. I don't know,
8 Anthony, maybe you're going to just, like, slap my hand,
9 but to what --

10 CHIEF COUNSEL PANE: I'm too far away.

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- what Karin was saying
12 about LA being most complicated, you know, so we have to
13 start there. But at the same time, I think, you know,
14 how do we also try to honor some of the other areas
15 where, you know, perhaps to what Commissioner Turner was
16 saying, you know, we're like, how do we help make some
17 places whole, because maybe they were separated, and you
18 know, there were things that they really felt like they
19 did -- they got the short end of the stick because, you
20 know, there is just population grabs, or other things
21 like that.

22 And I feel like those are also the balancing acts
23 that we're all trying to achieve; and you know how do --
24 you know, do we prioritize? I mean, you know, obviously
25 right now, LA is the starting place. So I don't want to

1 call it the priority, but it is the starting place. But
2 are there other starting places throughout the state that
3 we need to also keep in mind that may not be a VRA
4 district.

5 And I don't know if that's really something that we
6 can do. I guess I just, you know, in the spirit of our
7 conversation, I wanted to bring that up because I feel
8 like it kind of connects to what we've been talking
9 about.

10 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you. Commissioner Toledo,
11 did you have another comment? No. Okay, sorry.

12 Commissioner Sinay.

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you. I think some of my
14 comments were misconstrued. But I definitely do believe
15 that there are time limits. My concern is that if you
16 focus more on the time and less on the process, you will
17 end up needing much more time later, versus in the
18 beginning.

19 But it is also very, very difficult, almost
20 impossible, to chair, to participate, and to facilitate.
21 I mean, I think the largest skill set that a good chair
22 needs is facilitation. But facilitation means you're
23 pulling yourself out of the process, because you're
24 objective, and you need to -- so I want to know, is there
25 a possibility we have a chair but that we actually ask

1 Karin, or someone else to be able to facilitate?

2 Because I often feel like the line drawers have
3 questions for us and have -- they have an idea of how we
4 could be moving more smoothly, or where we have pain
5 points, and stuff, but they're waiting for us to come up
6 with it. And so is there anything that's keeping us from
7 having a facilitator.

8 And Karin, I called on you just because you're --
9 yeah, you're there. No. But pulling the chair out of
10 that role, so that all fourteen Commissioners can be
11 present, and all fourteen Commissioners understand that
12 their job is to be present, and to participate, and not
13 to just chair and leave when you're chairing position is
14 over, or whatnot. But that our expectation and the
15 public's expectation is to really build on the wisdom --
16 I think Commissioner Turner called it "The wisdom of
17 councils." I've used "wisdom of crowds".

18 But we were selected for a reason, and let's build
19 on our thinking and have someone else facilitate us
20 through this process. And really, I think saying: Hey,
21 let's talk about LA is good, but LA is huge, all these
22 places are huge. So it's more like West LA, and then
23 move to the next one, you know, what have we heard?

24 And I think as we process what we've heard, we will
25 also identify what our next steps are, very clearly,

1 versus kind of, yeah, what we've been doing. So anyway,
2 my main point is, would it be possible to have an outside
3 facilitator, versus our chairs be facilitators?

4 CHAIR SADHWANI: Yeah, well, I think, you know,
5 Commissioner Yee is working on that chair rotation
6 schedule. One of the ideas had been that we rotate out
7 almost on a daily basis who is facilitating the line
8 drawing session. So that that is definitely a piece that
9 was already mentioned earlier today, and I think
10 certainly can be taken into consideration. Yeah. All
11 right. Great. Thank you.

12 Commissioner Kennedy.

13 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. Yes. I
14 will wholeheartedly endorse the idea of exploring
15 divorcing the chairmanship from meeting facilitation,
16 particularly at this point in the process. You know,
17 I've had this in my list of issues to discuss during
18 Lessons Learned for some time. But I do think that this
19 is something that we really need to explore at this
20 point.

21 My main point was going to be going back to
22 something that several colleagues had alluded to, and
23 that is that we're facing, what I consider, kind of a
24 classic issue of knowledge management versus data
25 management. So we've solved the data management, not in

1 this, but if anyone has read Thomas Davenport's
2 Information Ecology, or any other book on the subject of
3 knowledge management, you know, you come to realize that
4 data management is not all there is to knowledge
5 management.

6 And so the question becomes, how do we -- as
7 Commissioner Toledo said, we are data rich, so how do we
8 transform these riches of data into real knowledge? And
9 there's an intermediate step between data and knowledge,
10 and that's information. So you know, we need to look at,
11 you know, this classic pyramid of knowledge management
12 and say: Okay, we've got the data part solved. How do we
13 transform data and information, and then how do we
14 transform information into knowledge? Thank you.

15 CHAIR SADHWANI: So Commissioner Kennedy, if I can
16 just respond to that. The idea previously was around
17 having analysis presented prior to the -- to going into
18 the review of a map. Perhaps that's staff, perhaps
19 that's the zone leads. We can figure out who exactly
20 that would be to cull our data management system to
21 identify those COIs, to take a look at some of the
22 intersections, some of that high-level considerations for
23 each area.

24 Would that be consistent with what you're -- what
25 you're thinking about here? In terms of, I think this is

1 a really helpful distinction that you've made between
2 data management and knowledge management. Do you think
3 that that would be a -- potentially a step in the right
4 direction?

5 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: It's definitely a step in the
6 right direction. I don't know that it gets us all the
7 way there. I think, you know, we've talked about the
8 wisdom of crowds, the council of outsiders. You know, I
9 think that will get us, you know, even farther. But you
10 know, what you're mentioning is definitely a step in the
11 right direction.

12 CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay. Great.

13 Commissioner Fernández.

14 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Thank you. And I'll be
15 brief on this one. I think it was brought up that the
16 zone leads continue to be, I guess you would want to call
17 it the extra -- the further zone. Personally, that's a
18 lot of pressure, to make sure that I catch everything.
19 And I'm not sure that that's entirely fair to my fellow
20 Commissioners, as well as all the Californians.

21 So I really, really, really want us to consider,
22 potentially, using the field leads to organize that
23 information for us somehow, so that we can have a
24 discussion. Because I would -- I would love to have an
25 informed discussion with everyone as we go through each

1 map, and we all hear the same information that's been out
2 there, plus our own knowledge.

3 And again, I will say it, for probably the hundredth
4 time, we may think we know our area, but I keep learning
5 from my fellow Californians that I don't know it as well
6 as I think I do. So we really just need to be able to
7 organize this information so that we can have a very good
8 discussion. Thank you.

9 CHAIR SADHWANI: Perfect. Thank you very much.

10 Commissioner Andersen. And this could be our last
11 comment. We're going to close out this. I have some
12 notes that I've taken, that I'll share with you, so we
13 can move on. Commissioner Andersen.

14 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Great. Yeah, I'm a person
15 of "how". I think a long time ago we all said this is
16 what we want to do; and so "how"? And I'm thinking, you
17 know, are we going to take an entire day and when we do
18 this, which I don't think makes a lot of sense, because
19 you really need to be looking at a map to then discuss
20 it.

21 So are we saying we're going to take the 27th and
22 28th to do the Assembly? And as we look at it, okay,
23 we're starting to look at the Greater Los Angeles, you
24 know, the area. Are we going to say: Okay, let's stop
25 now, and talk about what, I see this, I see that, this is

1 the information we have.

2 Or do we want to do it, like if someone says: I
3 really don't like that line there, and let's talk about
4 that section. I mean, how do we want to do this? We're
5 all good on, "we want to"; let's get into the "hows",
6 because this is our Business Meeting. The next Business
7 Meeting we have is going to be in two weeks.

8 So I'm going to push this forward here, folks, in
9 terms of, how do we actually do this? Because we have
10 to -- like I sort of like the idea if, I'd like to see
11 this, da, da, da, da, da, whatever it is, I want to see
12 this line moved there, because da, da, da, da, da,
13 follow-up questions?

14 And then anyone who says, I don't like the idea,
15 well, that's not what I heard. We'll wait. You know,
16 and we can actually have the analysis on the side. Do we
17 want to do it that way as we kind of go through an area
18 of the map? And then come to like, you know, yeah,
19 I'll -- yes, you know, I think, wow, I like that idea.
20 We shouldn't keep Garden Grove with Cypress -- or I know
21 if they're next to each other -- but you know, something
22 like that.

23 You know, how do we want to do this? We have to
24 stop just talking about what we want to do, and get into
25 the nitty-gritty of how, because we are at that point.

1 CHAIR SADHWANI: I would agree with you'll and if I
2 can jump in here, Commissioner Andersen?

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Perfect.

4 CHAIR SADHWANI: I think what has what, what I've
5 come away with from this conversation, is actually some
6 really good notes about what the Commission is asking
7 for. I really appreciated Commissioner Turner kind of
8 kicking this off with this conversation, and
9 Commissioners Fornaciari -- and everybody. I mean, I
10 think we've all had a chance to weigh in to some extent
11 on this.

12 That we do need more time to think kind of at a
13 higher level, to hear and learn from one another, that
14 there also needs to be an evidence-based component to our
15 process that is currently missing, at least missing on
16 the Commission level. It might not be missing from the
17 perspective of our experts who are working with the data
18 each and every day.

19 But it's been very difficult to connect some of the
20 dots between all of this data. And as Commissioner
21 Toledo mentioned, that we are data rich. But really
22 transforming it into an analysis that we can use to
23 inform us, as we draw the lines, which is our saying
24 here.

25 So I'm getting the head nod from Marcy. That I

1 think staff could probably help us out with some of this
2 analysis.

3 I'm going to -- I'm going to suggest, Commissioner
4 Andersen, that you and I take this back to the Line
5 Drawing Subcommittee. I have a lot of ideas about how we
6 could try and implement this. And maybe it's -- you
7 know, maybe next week it'll just be a test run, and we
8 can continue to provide feedback.

9 I'm pretty sure it's not going to be perfect, but
10 better than nothing. And we'll see how far we can get in
11 culling through the data tool that we have, and
12 providing -- I'm thinking something like twenty to thirty
13 minutes in advance of beginning the review of an actual
14 region in which the staff leads would provide the
15 analysis maybe for max, eight to ten minutes, followed by
16 some open discussion from Commissioners.

17 It would still need to be time bound, my friends. I
18 think there is no way around that. We have contractors,
19 we have ASL interpreters, we have mandatory breaks, so it
20 will need to be time bound. But I think that that we
21 can, at least attempt to create some of the space that I
22 hear everybody is looking for. And we'll see how it
23 goes. We'll see how it goes. And that's, I think, as
24 best as we can get, at this point.

25 I hope that's a reasonable solution and path

1 forward. I think this is a really helpful conversation.

2 Karin, thank you so much for being here with us. I
3 don't know if you have any final thoughts or words. I
4 know you have been through the redistricting process many
5 times before. I know you know, it's crunch time, it's
6 complicated. There're so many elements, and it's fast
7 moving. I don't know if you have any final thoughts for
8 us after this, this long conversation.

9 MS. MAC DONALD: Thank you so much. I suppose, if I
10 may, I would just like to clarify a couple of things.
11 And one is about Los Angeles, and you know, how Los
12 Angeles has the least flexibility. I just would like to
13 clarify that that doesn't mean that Los Angeles drives
14 the entire state, because it doesn't. We have four
15 mappers that are working on separate regions, and while
16 they are working on handoffs with the other mappers to
17 see how, you know, their areas will interact with the
18 other areas; they have really been largely working off of
19 the direction that you have provided.

20 So just because we've taken Los Angeles first, it's
21 just, Jaime is the most experienced mapper in this
22 process. And as you all know, the first day where we're
23 starting, because the process has basically been at a
24 different stop, this is a train that just keeps growing,
25 right? And we just keep on stopping at a different

1 stopping point.

2 So Jaime has been the person that has gone first
3 because, again, she has the most experience, and that has
4 allowed you to figure out the process for the next couple
5 of days, or so. And I understand that that has still
6 been very fast. And you know, we have a deadline,
7 unfortunately, in December. So we have to get there
8 somehow, and we're trying to help you get there somehow.

9 But that's really why we've taken Los Angeles first.
10 Aside from the fact that just that, you know, your second
11 criterion, looms large over Los Angeles, and because of
12 that, there is just less flexibility. And you know, so
13 the combo or that is why we started with Los Angeles.

14 So I really don't want anybody to feel like their
15 region, a particular outreach region, or so, has received
16 less attention, because from our perspective, it has most
17 certainly not. I guarantee you, it has not. Everybody
18 is working really hard on, you know, implementing the
19 directions that you have given, and that will continue
20 that way.

21 I think that next week we will be able to have more
22 of the interactive conversations that I think you may
23 want to have, because we're going to be on one map.
24 We're not going to be hopping from one map to the other.
25 There will be a little bit more time to kind of open this

1 up to conversation.

2 And I would just offer to you, to remember that the
3 regional mappers, that they are a resource to you also,
4 and you should feel free to ask them, why something is
5 happening or why, you know, they perhaps think that
6 something -- whether something can be implemented or not,
7 or what the what the repercussions or the ripple effects
8 are of that.

9 And they can walk you through it, because they are
10 also reading the public input. They're also using
11 Airtable, they're doing keyword searches, and so they're
12 not just looking at the direction, but also when you're
13 saying, you know, community of interest information, they
14 are also looking at the COIs that have come in. And
15 they're trying to understand them, and try to make sure
16 that they're meeting all the other criteria.

17 I really think that next week is a really
18 significantly different process that starts. And I'm
19 really hoping that that will allow everybody to become a
20 little bit more comfortable with this, and feel a little
21 less rushed.

22 This Commission is at such a much better stopping
23 point, right now, looking at how many days you have left,
24 as the last Commission was. I mean, even looking at the
25 visualizations that you had last week, and most certainly

1 what you're going to be looking at next week, the level
2 of input, and the level of care, and just the way that
3 it's configured, it's just a better product at this
4 point, because you've had all these conversations, and
5 because you have spent so much time giving us direction.

6 So I think you should feel good about that. And I
7 know it's really hard, because it really is fast, and
8 it's unsettling, and it's hard to wrap your hands around
9 it. But let me just tell you, from the person that was
10 there ten years ago, based on my experience, this is --
11 you're not in a bad spot. You really are not.

12 And you will, next week -- I really think that
13 you'll feel better about this starting next week because
14 we'll be on one, on one map.

15 And I also wanted to say, while we did say that at
16 some point it's going to be too late to make dramatic
17 changes. That's obviously true, because, you know, we
18 have to be done at some point. At some point, you're
19 going to have to put a draft map out. But I think it is
20 your draft now. And you know, if things are really
21 sideways, and you, as a Commission, come to the
22 conclusion that this is just horrible. Then you as a
23 Commission will talk about it, and we will implement what
24 we need to implement to figure out that it's a product
25 that you can feel good about.

1 So it's also true that when we go into live line
2 drawing, so basically you're all sitting there, and
3 you're saying, move this particular area into this
4 district. That is a time when dramatic changes --
5 they're just not possible during live line drawing
6 because, you know, moving the entire architecture around,
7 that can take days. And you don't want to sit there and
8 watch the wheels spin; that is a better process to
9 frontload and tell us to do when we're going back and we
10 have a couple of days to actually work that out for
11 you -- or more than a couple of days, as it turns out.

12 But you know, I just don't want there to be that
13 misunderstanding out there that you're going to be locked
14 in at any point from, you know, getting to a map that you
15 feel good about. So I hope that made sense. And again,
16 I'm here for questions, obviously.

17 CHAIR SADHWANI: Perfect. Thank you so much for
18 that, Karin. I really appreciate it. I appreciate this
19 conversation. I think we needed to have it, I think is a
20 really helpful debrief from the last couple of weeks.
21 And I think, I think it's really going to put us in a
22 stronger position to move forward. And I really like
23 many of the ideas that were generated here today. And
24 I'm excited to see them put in motion.

25 So with that, I'm going to close out this agenda

1 item. This was agenda item number 5, the Line Drawer
2 Subcommittee. And to do so we will need to take public
3 comment.

4 We're also up against a break at 4:15, so we will
5 take, Kristian, and I think Katy is with us today; is
6 that right?

7 We will take public comment on agenda item number 5,
8 the Line Drawer Subcommittee.

9 MR. MANOFF: Yes. We can help you with that, Chair;
10 just a moment.

11 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I am here, Chair.

13 CHAIR SADHWANI: Hello, Katy.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I was expecting 4:30.
15 Okay.

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

23 Kristian, can you read that part? I don't have the
24 number.

25 MR. MANOFF: 87869154817.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

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

11 Please make sure to mute your computer or live
12 stream audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during
13 your call. Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert
14 for when it is your turn to speak. And again, please
15 turn down the live stream volume. And we'll be doing two
16 minutes, with a warning at thirty seconds, and fifteen
17 remaining, today.

18 And we do have a caller. Caller with the last four,
19 5566, if you will, please, follow the prompt to unmute at
20 this time, by pressing star 6? The floor is yours.

21 CAROLYN: Hello. My name is Carolyn (ph.), I'm from
22 Arcadia in Humboldt County. I have a couple comments and
23 questions. One, I'd like to know if there is anyone that
24 is directly familiar with our area on the North Coast,
25 and that we've been aligned with the 101 Corridor for, I

1 don't know, I've been up here for forty years, and we've
2 always been aligned with 101 Corridor.

3 All of a sudden we're being told we might be joined
4 in with Redding, and we have our economy, our educational
5 formatting, I'm a special education retired teacher,
6 everything is directed down the 101 Corridor, it's not
7 directed east. And we have different ecosystems. We
8 have everything different, they raise rice, we raise
9 vegetables. We have redwood trees I don't -- I mean,
10 yeah, everyone has a little bit of oak, but I just, I'm
11 not hearing that there's someone who actually knows our
12 area.

13 So the two things I'm saying is, one, we're not
14 connected to the Redding area in Humboldt County. And
15 number two is, who knows our area, who is in this
16 conversation?

17 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you so much that.

18 CAROLYN: That's it.

19 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you, Carolyn.

20 Yeah, sure, Commissioner Toledo.

21 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I wouldn't say that I have,
22 but we're not going to respond to every comment. But
23 this particular comment that what we were proposing is
24 visualization, nothing has been set in stone. But I've
25 been to the United Indian Health Services Clinic, and

1 I've actually toured that whole area, and I'm familiar
2 with the connection to the rest of the North Coast as
3 well as, you know, the northern part of the state.

4 But I just wanted to let you know that there are
5 some of us who have been to Humboldt County, and other
6 places on the North Coast. Thank you.

7 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you for that, Commissioner
8 Toledo. And just as a helpful reminder that Commissioner
9 Kennedy gave at the beginning of this meeting today.
10 Nothing is set in stone. These are just visualizations.

11 So we really appreciate you calling in and providing
12 that feedback. All right. So with that, I am going to
13 say we take a twenty-minute break. We will come back at
14 4:30, and finish up our Director's Reports with Director
15 Kaplan, and Chief Counsel Pane. And then continue on
16 with our agenda. We will take a short break at 5:00 p.m.
17 for Closed Session. And then be back to finish the rest
18 of the agenda later this evening.

19 Thanks, everybody. We'll see you back at 4:30.

20 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 4:10 p.m.
21 until 4:30 p.m.)

22 CHAIR SADHWANI: Welcome back to the California
23 Citizens Redistricting Commission. And it appears that I
24 have not turned on my video. So there we go.

25 We are back. We finished agenda item number 5, and

1 we are going to return to agenda item number 3,
2 Directors' Reports. We have already heard from Director
3 Hernandez, as well as Director Ceja.

4 So we're going to pick up where we left off, with
5 Director Kaplan, and the Outreach Directors Report.
6 Director Kaplan.

7 DIRECTOR KAPLAN: Hi, Commissioners. So I wanted to
8 just go over the Outreach Report document that's posted
9 on the website. The first section includes presentations
10 that Outreach Staff are continuing to provide across the
11 state. There's fourteen upcoming presentations, and
12 nineteen completed per direction from the Outreach and
13 Engagement Subcommittee.

14 We've updated the PowerPoint and presentation to a
15 broader overview of background on the Commission, and
16 ways to participate. And this new PowerPoint and script
17 is now posted in the outreach materials.

18 The PowerPoint includes an overview of Draw My
19 California.Org, which includes the three Statewide
20 Database mapping tools, as well as the other ways to
21 provide input listed on the Participate page of our
22 website, including via email, mail, our Contact Us Form,
23 and Visualization Feedback Form.

24 I also wanted to highlight that Outreach Staff have
25 been focusing on directing the public to, you know, what

1 the Commission is focusing on per week. And so really
2 giving that overview of the visualization process, and
3 the ways to participate, and provide input.

4 I also wanted to highlight that based on the
5 continued input that the Commissioners received, Staff
6 continue to identify areas where the Commission has not
7 heard from, or heard limited feedback from, and they are
8 reviewing sectors and demographics that have been
9 outreached too, to also identify gaps.

10 And in some of that review, they're also increasing
11 engagement with higher education institutions, now that
12 schools are back in session, and many now have students
13 returning to campus. And also, highlighting at a state-
14 wide level, there has been a target focus on gaps,
15 including organizations that serve incarcerated
16 populations and their families, seniors, tribal
17 communities, disability, and MENA populations, as well
18 as -- that was it for that one. I didn't finish my
19 sentence in my notes.

20 So I also wanted to highlight the input that's in
21 our database. So on the handout online, there's a total
22 of 4,754 in the database that includes feedback coming in
23 from email, letters, the Contact Us Form, Draw My CA
24 Community Live Meetings, and visualization feedback. And
25 so this is as of October 5th. I included the breakdown

1 from 9/17, which was the previous Commission meeting,
2 where I presented this. So you could just see some of
3 the increase here.

4 And then also just the highlight of additional input
5 that's on our website that's not yet in the data tab from
6 the input page. And Fredy talked about that a little
7 bit.

8 And then, I also just wanted to reiterate this week,
9 our Commission Meetings on October 21 to 23, is the
10 Public Map Input sessions. I've included the link for
11 the meeting appointment list and schedule that's included
12 in the handouts for the October 21 to 23 meetings. The
13 three days are going to include three ninety-minute, or
14 so blocks of time where the public will be presenting
15 district maps. And then there's going to be time at the
16 end of the meeting for direction to line drawers and
17 public comment.

18 And I really just want to reiterate the extensive
19 amount of staff time that was spent coordinating and
20 prepping for these meetings, including creating an
21 appointment system, sending out reminders of required
22 maps and narratives that needed to be submitted in order
23 to secure an appointment. And then staff working
24 together to compile documents that were sent to the
25 Commission to organize them for the Commission and the

1 public's review.

2 On October 15th, the full schedule of appointments
3 was posted, that I just highlighted, on our website under
4 the handouts for the October 21 to 23 meetings.

5 And also members of the public were emailed directly
6 with details on their appointment time, and designated
7 unique I.D. Staff also supported with developing a very
8 detailed schedule for the three days, really kind of
9 puzzling together all the presentations to fit within our
10 time frame; and worked together with our Video Team on
11 logistics for the three-day meeting.

12 Today, participants received their Zoom logins, and
13 brief directions for the presentations.

14 Just want to remind everyone that the Commission
15 approved participant's screen sharing. And we have
16 reminded participants to have their maps handy to enable
17 screen sharing at the beginning of their presentations.

18 I really just want to recognize the tremendous work
19 of everyone on my team, in other departments, including
20 Sulma, Ravi, Marlene (ph.), and the Coms and Data Team,
21 to support with this effort.

22 And then I also wanted to -- so I did update the
23 goal activation rate, the tables that I went over at the
24 previous Commission meeting. And per the Commission
25 direction, sorted -- so it's sorted by county, but then

1 also a second sort based on the percentage of goal
2 activated. And just want to, again, highlight that this
3 information is based on public input received to the
4 Commission.

5 Sorry, but I'm going to update the document online,
6 but it says through 9/17, it should be through October
7 5th, that mentions respective counties. So it's not just
8 whether it's: Put us together with this county, or don't
9 put us together. There's different ways that counties
10 are mentioned.

11 What this table doesn't include is visualization
12 input prior to 10/15. We did on 10/15 worked together
13 with Toni to update the feedback form, to include a
14 question for the public to select counties that are
15 relevant to their feedback. So we will be working with
16 Toni to go back to the input -- the visualization input
17 that came in prior to that date, to tag it with county
18 also; so that is now an automatic field in there, as
19 those visualizations start to come in, as well.

20 And I'm just scrolling through the document. And
21 then I wanted to also just go over the Data tab on the
22 website, so I'll do a quick screen share. Hold on.

23 And so I'm on the Data tab, and I just want to
24 highlight that there were some additional views that were
25 posted, so to just flag this to the Commissioners, and to

1 the public. If you click on this blue square here,
2 you'll see the additional views. And so I do want to
3 highlight the translated submissions. So we have now
4 been batching written input that's come in to -- the non-
5 English written input that's come into the Commission, to
6 send to our translator -- or language access vendor to
7 put these up in English as well. So you'll see the non-
8 English submission.

9 And then -- sorry, the English submission should be
10 on here, but let circle -- I don't know where that went,
11 but it's also posted on our -- on the attachments for
12 this week's meeting. And so I'll just go there right
13 now, so you can see that in the handouts for today, a PDF
14 of the translated non-English input, to date. So I will
15 circle back with the Data Team, because it looks like the
16 English is not on that translated tab right now.

17 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Marcy?

18 DIRECTOR KAPLAN: Yeah.

19 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: It's there.

20 DIRECTOR KAPLAN: Oh.

21 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: It's just under -- if you click
22 that translate -- or the little side window, it pops up
23 as one of the tables, saying, "Translated Submissions".

24 DIRECTOR KAPLAN: Oh. Yeah.

25 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yeah.

1 DIRECTOR KAPLAN: I'm looking at it, but I don't
2 actually see the link; the English version of the input.

3 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Oh, that's interesting. I'm
4 looking at the English version right now.

5 DIRECTOR KAPLAN: Maybe I have a "view" on there
6 right now. All right; that was my report. Sorry.

7 CHAIR SADHWANI: Well, thank you so much, Marcy, and
8 to your entire team. I don't know about everybody else,
9 but I'm feeling super blessed right now, because I'm
10 hearing about all of the staffing, all of the great
11 efforts, from Communications, and Outreach, and from our
12 Executive Director. And I'm sure from our Chief Counsel
13 as well; just enormous amounts of work being done behind
14 the scenes; so big thank you for that.

15 Commissioner Kennedy.

16 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. And yes,
17 certainly thanks to Staff for an enormous amount of work
18 done. But it does seem to me that, you know, that data
19 page, when you click on "data", and it pops up a table
20 with a lot of capabilities, but there are no instructions
21 on how to access all of those capabilities of that table.

22 So we really need to put some effort into putting
23 some instructional text at the top of the Data page so
24 that people can actually make good use of the wealth of
25 information that's there. Thank you.

1 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you. Commissioner Fornaciari.

2 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, basically, it's kind
3 of the same thing. I just was going to thank Marcy,
4 because I didn't know how to find the visualization
5 feedback, other than going back into my email, and
6 digging through the email to find the link, to click on
7 to find it. And now, I know, but I think directions
8 would be would be helpful.

9 CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. Thank you.
10 Commissioner Turner.

11 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. Thank you. I was going
12 to say I'm not sure. Marcy, Director Kaplan, what you're
13 clicking on, but when I am also under the Translated
14 Submissions, mines come up in English as well. So maybe
15 there's some other button, something that you're pushing.
16 So it's there, and it works. It's coming up for me.
17 Yeah. So I just wanted to say it is, it is there.

18 CHAIR SADHWANI: Very good. Thank you for that.
19 Any final comments or questions for Director Kaplan?

20 If not, let's move on to our Report from our Chief
21 Counsel; Chief Counsel Pane.

22 CHIEF COUNSEL PANE: Thank you, Chair. Very brief,
23 I just want to highlight for you, when we get to the
24 subcommittees, I'll be looking to the Administration and
25 Finance Subcommittee to help with a personnel update.

1 Specifically, a hire of a retired annuitant for the legal
2 division, the proposed individual is very well qualified.
3 Been chief counsel for a number of years, and has worked
4 for commissions, state bodies, and departments. So we're
5 very lucky to have him. But then I will defer to the
6 Subcommittee at that point.

7 And that is all of the legal affairs update at this
8 time.

9 CHAIR SADHWANI: Very good. Thank you.
10 Commissioner Fernández.

11 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Yes, Chair. If you want we
12 can go -- we can go through that motion right now.

13 CHIEF COUNSEL PANE: That'd be great, sure.

14 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: The subcommittee,
15 Commissioner Fornaciari and I have gone through the
16 application, and we are recommending approval, and that
17 we move forward with the hiring of a retired annuitant
18 attorney. And I will make that motion.

19 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: And I will second.

20 CHAIR SADHWANI: Perfect. Thank you. So we have a
21 motion on the floor; and a second. Any discussion?
22 Yeah.

23 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I'll just kind of
24 reiterate what Chief Counsel Pane said, really super,
25 super well-qualified individual, a lot of chief counsel

1 experience in a number of different agencies, and chief
2 counsel experience in a commission-like setting; so
3 really, really well qualified.

4 CHAIR SADHWANI: That sounds fantastic. Looking
5 forward to meeting the new candidate.

6 With that, I think we're going to need to take a --
7 any additional comment, I should ask?

8 Oh. Excuse me. Commissioner Yee.

9 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you. I'm just wondering
10 if, Chief Counsel, if you could say a little bit more
11 about the duties for this hire.

12 CHIEF COUNSEL PANE: Sure. So as with retired
13 annuitants, they are hired on a project-by-project basis,
14 on an hourly basis as well with that. So this retired
15 annuitant would be addressing Public Records Act request
16 issues, help assisting with Bagley-Keene issues, perhaps
17 even stand in for a meeting or two, and helping a lot
18 with the other legal tasks, to assist the other retired
19 annuitant who is out for a period of time. So he might
20 step in for contracts in conflicts of interest issues.
21 But primarily, he's going to be focused on assisting with
22 Bagley-Keene and Public Records Act issues. Thank you.

23 CHAIR SADHWANI: Commissioner Toledo.

24 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: You know, just curious about,
25 in terms of the org chart, with this hire, are you fully

1 staffed in legal affairs at this point, or are there
2 additional hires that you're planning to make; because
3 I'm remembering others, but I can't?

4 CHIEF COUNSEL PANE: Yeah. So we've looked to have
5 two retired annuitants, for a period of time we did, and
6 now we're down to one. And so this is the goal to get
7 back up to two, and we should be fully staffed at that
8 point.

9 CHAIR SADHWANI: Very good. Any final comments or
10 questions?

11 CHIEF COUNSEL PANE: Chair, if I could?

12 CHAIR SADHWANI: Sure.

13 CHIEF COUNSEL PANE: I forgot to mention that this
14 individual would also be doing the Legislative updates.
15 I didn't want to leave that out. Thank you.

16 CHAIR SADHWANI: And very important. Actually,
17 that's been very helpful to get Legislative updates
18 throughout this process. Although I think they're in
19 recess at this point, so hopefully not too much more, in
20 the near term.

21 Any additional comments before we move -- we will
22 need to take public comment on the motion on the floor?

23 Director Hernandez, do you have the motion up?

24 Perfect.

25 Katy or Kristian, could we do -- could we go to

1 public comment on this motion?

2 MR. MANOFF: We sure can.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Sure, Chair.

4 The Commission will now take public comment on the
5 motion on the floor for the hiring of a legal affairs
6 retired annuitant.

7 To give comment, please call 877-853-5247, and enter
8 the meeting ID number, 87869154817, for this meeting;
9 once you have dialed in, please press star 9 to enter the
10 comment queue. The full call-in instructions have been
11 read previously in this meeting, and are provided in full
12 on the live stream landing page.

13 We do not have anyone in the queue at this time,
14 Chair. And we will let you know when the instructions
15 are complete.

16 CHAIR SADHWANI: Very good. Thank you.

17 Any additional comments while we just await the
18 finishing of the stream, for that to pick up?

19 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Yeah, just one. Can you
20 spell out "retired annuitant", instead of just -- because
21 I have to find something? And Commissioner Akutagawa did
22 not comment, so.

23 CHIEF COUNSEL PANE: I chose not to type it out, in
24 case I misspelled it. I was: No, don't do it.

25 CHAIR SADHWANI: We have full faith in you, Alvaro.

1 MR. MANOFF: And those instructions are complete on
2 the stream, Chair.

3 CHAIR SADHWANI: All right. Very good. And so with
4 that, I think Director Hernandez, we are ready for a
5 vote.

6 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Very well. Thank you.
7 We'll start with Commissioner Sinay.

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

9 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Taylor.
10 Commissioner Toledo.

11 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yes.

12 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Turner.

13 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

14 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Vázquez.
15 Commissioner Yee.

16 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes.

17 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Thank you. Commissioner Ahmed.

18 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yes.

19 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Akutagawa.

20 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

21 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Andersen.

22 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

23 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fernández?

24 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Yes.

25 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fornaciari.

1 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes.

2 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Kennedy.

3 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

4 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Le Mons.

5 And Commissioner Sadhwani.

6 CHAIR SADHWANI: Yes.

7 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: The motion passes. Thank you
8 all.

9 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you so much. All right. And
10 I think that is the end of the Director Reports.

11 And actually, Katy, we're going to need to take
12 public comment on agenda item number 3, Director Reports.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay, Chair.

14 The Commission will now take public comment on
15 agenda item number 3, Director's Report. To give
16 comment, please call 877-853-5247, and enter the meeting
17 ID number 87869154817, for this meeting. Once you have
18 dialed in, please press star 9 to enter the comment
19 queue. The full call-in instructions have been read
20 previously in this meeting, and are provided in full on
21 the live stream landing page.

22 And we not have anyone in the queue, Chair. And we
23 will let you know when the instructions are complete.

24 CHAIR SADHWANI: Very good.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh.

1 CHAIR SADHWANI: Oh.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I spoke too soon. We do
3 have people in the queue.

4 CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: One moment.

6 And we will have caller with the last four, 3818, if
7 you will, please follow the prompts to unmute at this
8 time by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

9 MS. GARNER: Good afternoon, Commissioners. This is
10 Grace Garner (ph.). I'd like to address the issue of map
11 presentations, and provide a bit of additional
12 information to all of you. I've been watching every
13 Commission meeting on behalf of the Black Census and
14 Redistricting Hub.

15 We have listened intently on the issue of map
16 presentations and have called and written in to request
17 clarification. It was our understanding that groups or
18 individuals with more than one map should sign up for one
19 forty-five-minute slot.

20 We followed this direction. Since the map
21 presentation schedule was released, we have had multiple
22 team members; we watched that section of the meeting and
23 have come to the same conclusion. However, we also
24 acknowledge that there was ambiguity within that
25 conversation and have heard from other organizations that

1 when they clarified with staff, they received information
2 that was not stated publicly, and was differed -- and
3 differed from what was presented at the meeting.

4 From what we have seen, the Black Hub has submitted
5 the most districts with three full statewide maps. It is
6 receiving less time than those who submitted less, and
7 all, because we closely monitor the meetings.

8 We are concerned that there was, and continues to be
9 confusion on this issue among our colleagues. We feel it
10 is insufficient to ignore these concerns and encourage
11 the Commission to address the issue more fully by
12 providing equitable time to the groups that followed the
13 directions as laid out during that September 23rd
14 Commission Meeting. Thank you very much.

15 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you for that, Ms. Garner. We
16 appreciate you calling in. I think we addressed this in
17 the beginning of the meeting, that there was nothing
18 written on the instructions that would prevent multiple
19 submissions. We had talked about it in the meeting, that
20 that was something that could happen. We didn't
21 encourage groups to do that. Certainly, I don't believe
22 staff did that, to the best of my knowledge. Certainly,
23 we didn't at the Commission level.

24 So I'm so sorry that there was -- if you felt that
25 there was ambiguity. But we worked very hard to ensure

1 an equitable process. In fact, that was the key driving
2 factor. In fact, many groups had requested that we have
3 meetings only for organizations, and we felt like that
4 would also impinge an equity issue.

5 So my apologies if you feel that you weren't able to
6 get the time slot that you wanted. You know, this was
7 based on the submissions that we received, and that's
8 what people, what people got. Thank you for calling in.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

10 And right now, we have caller 0514. And up next
11 after that will be caller 7296. Caller 0514, if you
12 will, please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by
13 pressing star 6? The floor is yours.

14 MS. SHELLENBERGER: Good afternoon, Chair Sadhwani,
15 and Commissioners. This is Lori Shellenberger,
16 redistricting consultant for Common Cause. I'd like to
17 start by saying we appreciate the work of Director
18 Kaplan, and Staff, and the huge logistical undertaking of
19 getting the public map presentations coordinated. Please
20 don't take our comments today as a criticism in any way
21 of the amazing work you've done and continue to do to
22 engage the public in the process.

23 But when Common Cause looked at the presentation
24 schedule for this week, we were very surprised by the
25 times allotted in relation to what was being presented,

1 because it did not appear to be consistent with the
2 policy you adopted.

3 So we sent an email to Executive Director Hernandez
4 yesterday flagging that concern and suggesting that an
5 email be sent to all presenters, offering them the option
6 to amend their requests for time, since there were,
7 potentially, presenters who would have signed up for more
8 time if they'd known that was an option.

9 At the top of today's meeting, I did hear the
10 explanation that the Commission's intent was that
11 presentations could be scheduled by submission, not
12 individuals or group.

13 However, we watched the robust and thoughtful
14 discussions of this over many meetings that you had,
15 including on September 23rd. And our takeaway was the
16 opposite of what you stated today, and what appears to be
17 in the written proposed policy that you voted on.
18 Specifically, that you provided a much debated larger
19 timeslot of forty-five minutes for individuals or groups
20 with multiple map submissions.

21 And you accommodated their concerns about having
22 multiple presenters during those presentations, by
23 allowing multiple presenters into the Zoom. And we
24 imagine others interpreted the policy similarly. Given
25 the confusion --

1 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

2 MS. SHELLENBERGER: -- and the resulting inequity,

3 we urge you to look again at the policy, and ensure

4 everyone is being treated equitably and fairly.

5 Recognizing some folks, you know, who got multiple slots

6 had called the Commission Staff and for advice and you

7 know --

8 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

9 MS. SHELLENBERGER: -- to support their request for

10 more time. But for those who did not call staff and

11 instead watched the meeting and read the policy, which is

12 difficult to find on your website, they may be at a

13 disadvantage. So we just urge you to review that policy

14 again and again. Thank you for your --

15 MR. MANOFF: Time.

16 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you, as always, Ms.

17 Shellenberger, for your attention to our process.

18 Katy.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Next we have caller 7296.

20 If you will, please follow the prompts to unmute, by

21 pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

22 MS. KITAMURA: Good evening, Commissioners. My name

23 is Deana Kitamura, and I'm with Asian-American Advancing

24 Justice, Asian Law Caucus. I'd like to comment on the

25 map presentation time slots as well.

1 First off, thank you for providing the public the
2 opportunity to present their submissions, my organization
3 signed up for, and is scheduled for multiple slots. We
4 were initially confused by the signup instructions since
5 we have three mappers and each is each is presenting --
6 is the primary presenter for their respective maps.

7 So we contacted Commission Staff who was very
8 helpful in clarifying -- clarifying the process to us.
9 We only learned yesterday that other groups, who have
10 equally large submissions, or even larger submissions
11 than us, have less time than we do because they signed up
12 for one extra-large presentation slot, even though they
13 may have multiple presenters as well.

14 That means that those who have one presentation slot
15 and submitted three statewide maps will have only fifteen
16 minutes, on average, to present each map. The
17 consequence is that you, the Commission, won't get the
18 full benefit from such a truncated presentation. So in
19 the name -- and in the name of equity and fairness, we
20 urge you to provide those organizations additional time
21 if they've requested it. Thank you.

22 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you for that, Ms. Kitamura.
23 Katy, are there additional callers?

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: There is one more caller
25 that called in. If you wish to call -- caller 7554, if

1 you called in -- they did choose to raise their hand. If
2 you will, please follow the prompts to unmute at this
3 time by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good afternoon. Thanks again
5 for all of your good work.

6 I'm calling because I wanted to just reinforce how
7 difficult it is for public to call in at the right times
8 during meetings when the call-in times are not specified.
9 And Staff are advising me that I should just watch the
10 three- to eight-hour long meetings. I do work. It's
11 very difficult.

12 And I just looked at the outreach results that have
13 been recorded for the process -- the cycle. And since
14 we're dealing with a very low twenty-five percent, I
15 think it is, state-wide level of citizens' participation.
16 I would just really encourage Staff to try to do the best
17 that you can to give public the slot time when we should
18 be queuing up to give our input. And thank you.

19 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you for that. And certainly,
20 ensuring that we take public comment is of utmost concern
21 to us. It's also really challenging on our part just to
22 know how much public comment we'll have, how much time we
23 will need to allot to it. So we're doing our very best
24 to do that.

25 And just always remember that there are numerous

1 ways to contact us. You do not have to wait in the phone
2 line queues to get a hold of us. As I've mentioned
3 before, you can email us at any time. You can submit
4 your maps to us with a written narrative. I know my
5 colleagues are avid readers, and our reading public
6 comment and input on a regular basis. We also have that
7 live stream feed that -- and form that you can fill out,
8 so thank you so much for all that comment.

9 From the very start, we had always said that we
10 would take into consideration the possibility of having
11 additional days for folks to present district maps. So
12 that might still be an option, and that could be on the
13 table for future discussion.

14 With that, we will be going into a short Closed
15 Session under the pending litigation exception, and we
16 anticipate being back in half-an-hour, at 5:30.

17 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Sorry, my --

18 CHAIR SADHWANI: Commissioner Kennedy, my apologies.
19 Yes. Sorry. Go ahead. I did see your hand earlier.

20 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay. Well, it got lowered
21 somehow, and I tried to raise it again, and it got
22 lowered again. So I raised it again. I just wanted to
23 ask Staff to please update the meeting schedule document
24 so that the last column reads "location" rather than
25 "languages". Thank you.

1 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you for that catch.

2 And if no other comments, we will proceed to closed
3 session and plan to be back at about 5:30. Thank you,
4 everybody.

5 (Whereupon, a Closed Session was held from 5:00
6 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.)

7 CHAIR SADHWANI: Welcome back to the California
8 Citizens Redistricting Commission. We are just returning
9 from Closed Session where no action was taken.

10 We have a little bit left on our agenda. I believe
11 there are some subcommittee reports, some public comments
12 standing between us and the second half of the Dodgers
13 Game.

14 So we will continue with agenda item number 4,
15 Subcommittee Updates. My understanding from
16 Commissioners is that most of the subcommittees actually
17 don't have a whole lot to report back this evening. So
18 I'm just going to call on those who I believe do have
19 some items to raise for the Commission.

20 And we'll start with F, Website; Commissioners
21 Kennedy and Taylor.

22 Oh. Is Commissioner Kennedy not back yet?

23 Okay. Well, we will come back to him momentarily;
24 unless, Commissioner Taylor, did you want to take that
25 one now?

1 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: No. I think it'll be -- we
2 should wait for Commissioner Kennedy.

3 CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay.

4 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: He might have a more
5 substantive way to convey our issues.

6 CHAIR SADHWANI: You bet. You bet. Then let's move
7 forward to K, the Security Subcommittee with
8 Commissioners Fornaciari and Taylor.

9 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. We are going to
10 come back next week with the answers to a couple of
11 questions that were asked the week before.

12 CHAIR SADHWANI: Was that the conclusion? Very
13 good, thank you. Way to be precise.

14 L, Mapping Playbook Subcommittee: Commissioners
15 Turner and Yee.

16 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you, Chair. So
17 Commissioner Turner and I incorporated all the changes
18 that were suggested to the Mapping playbook the last
19 Business Meeting. That meeting we -- at that meeting we
20 already approved the Playbook with the proposed changes.

21 So I've incorporated those and posted those in
22 today's handouts. So these now, are the final documents,
23 the Mapping Playbook itself, and then the two attachments
24 to it. The only open question, is whether the second
25 attachment, the lane drawing phases -- plan, might at

1 some point have phases 3 and 4 added to it. If so, then
2 we would seek further approval for that. But that may or
3 may not happen.

4 Also posted today is a more updated version of the
5 Ready Reference. I got such good feedback on that, I
6 just got excited, and kept adding more. So it's about
7 twenty percent longer, more definitions, including
8 exogenous, and endogenous, and a whole page-and-a-half of
9 websites that you might find interesting.

10 So you might glance over that, if you find errors,
11 or corrections, or things you'd like to add, give them to
12 me. I'd love to keep improving that document, and
13 eventually bequeath it to the next Commission. That's
14 all.

15 Unless, Commissioner Turner, unless you have
16 anything.

17 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Nothing at all. Thank you so
18 much.

19 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you.

20 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you. And thank you for your
21 work on that. I had a chance to start taking a closer
22 look at it today, and it's a wealth of information in
23 there and really helpful, I think, for Commissioners, and
24 also for the public; so really great.

25 I don't believe there are any other subcommittees

1 that wanted to go with the exception of Commissioner
2 Kennedy and the Website Committee.

3 Do we know if Commissioner Kennedy has joined us?
4 Oh, oh. Well, with that then, we will conclude this
5 piece. If Commissioner Kennedy does jump back on, we'll
6 try to allow him some time to talk about the Website
7 Subcommittee, and his update that he wanted to share.

8 With that, I believe VRA compliance doesn't have
9 anything to add? Correct, Commissioner Yee.

10 COMMISSIONER YEE: (No verbal response)

11 CHAIR SADHWANI: We will go to public comment, both
12 on agenda item number 4, as well as general public
13 comment, at this time.

14 Katy, take it away.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely, Chair.

16 The Commission will now take comment on agenda item
17 number 3 (sic), and on subcommittee report -- wait, and
18 general public comment. Once you've --

19 CHAIR SADHWANI: Agenda item 4.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- agenda item 4, and
21 general public comment. To give a comment, please call
22 877-853-5247, and enter the meeting ID number 87869154817
23 for this meeting. Once you have dialed in, please press
24 star 9 to enter the comment queue. The full call-in
25 instructions have been read previously in this meeting

1 and are provided in full on the live stream landing page.

2 And we do have someone in the queue. Caller with
3 the last four, 4328, if you will, please follow the
4 prompts to you at this time by pressing star 6. The
5 floor is yours.

6 MR. ICHINOSE: Thanks. My name is Dan Ichinose; so
7 last name is spelled, I-C-H-I-N-O-S-E. I'm research
8 director at the Orange County Civic Engagement Table. We
9 want to express our appreciation to the Commission for
10 the opportunity to present our plan over the next three
11 days, or so. We did want to reiterate some confusion,
12 and I know other folks have expressed, about kind of the
13 reservation system, and the opportunities to present
14 during multiple slots.

15 I know that there were some partners of ours who are
16 presenting statewide plans, who I think based on that
17 confusion, were only able to get one slot to present
18 those maps.

19 So we were hoping that the Commission might
20 reconsider the number of slots given to those groups, and
21 allocate the time necessary to present the plans that I
22 know were very well orchestrated and thought through. So
23 appreciate if you would entertain that possibility.
24 Thank you.

25 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you so much, Mr. Ichinose.

1 As I mentioned earlier, you know, we put a lot of time
2 and effort into ensuring an equitable and fair process.
3 I believe all of the submissions that we received,
4 received time to present to us. So at this point, if
5 folks weren't able to get additional time slots that they
6 would have other ways like to do, so they are welcome to
7 still send us -- send us those submissions along with a
8 written narrative, and they will be received by the
9 Commission.

10 Katy?

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Chair, we do have another
12 caller. I did see that Commissioner Kennedy joined us.
13 Shall we continue with public comment?

14 CHAIR SADHWANI: Yes. Let's continue with public
15 comment, please.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay. We have caller
17 6855. If you will, please follow the prompts to unmute
18 at this time, by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

19 MR. SUKATON: Commissioners, good evening. Sam
20 Sukaton, from California Environmental Voters Education
21 Fund here.

22 I want to echo Dan's conversation. I appreciate the
23 Commission's response, and continued engagement, both in
24 building this process and moving it forward, also happy
25 to see that material will be accepted after the October

1 11th deadline. But you know, looking forward to kind of
2 some continued work, and hopefully resolution, on
3 expanding appointment times, if that's at all possible.

4 You know, we have our forty-five minutes tomorrow.
5 I'm very excited to see all of you then. And I don't
6 think we're going to be asking for any time for
7 ourselves, particularly, but recognizing some of our
8 partners, that there was some confusion.

9 I know that you've done a lot of work on that today.
10 I know that there's going to be probably more work come
11 up in the future.

12 And you know, I hope you have a good rest of the
13 meeting. And I will see all of you tomorrow.

14 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you, Mr. Sukaton.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yeah. We have another
16 caller. Caller with the last four, 6562, if you will,
17 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by
18 pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

19 SELENA: Hi. My name is Selena (ph.). And I am
20 calling from Yucca Valley in the Morongo Basin. I have
21 concerns that none of the visualizations last week had my
22 community in the San Bernardino County-based District. I
23 have friends in Coachella and love to visit there, but my
24 community is much different than the Coachella Valley.

25 We are much more rural. All of you have to do --

1 all you have to do is drive around our streets and
2 Coachella to see the difference. Yucca Valley has dirt
3 roads, we don't have a lot of grass and fountains because
4 we conserve our water. Driving around Coachella, you see
5 that they are not -- they are not conserving water.

6 They have a lot of upscale communities with fancy
7 resorts. We are actually tied to the High Desert and
8 Victor Valley with respect to water and culture. We have
9 the same law enforcement agencies as the rest of San
10 Bernardino County High Desert, same agency partnerships
11 with fire protection, as the High Desert. Our school
12 districts work with San Bernardino County districts.

13 I think we should be really -- I think we should
14 really be with our rural desert communities in San
15 Bernardino County, not the much more developed, and urban
16 areas in Riverside County.

17 Yucca Valley has less than 30,000 people, and
18 putting us into a district with a population based in
19 Riverside County, could mean that we don't get fair
20 representation. And I wanted to pass that concern to the
21 Commission as well. Thank you.

22 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

24 I believe that is all of our callers at this time,
25 Chair.

1 CHAIR SADHWANI: Very good. Thank you. I had noted
2 earlier, while we were finishing up the Subcommittee
3 Reports that Commissioner Kennedy had wanted to speak on
4 the Website Subcommittee. So I just wanted to get back
5 to that, very briefly, before we adjourn for the night.

6 Commissioner Kennedy.

7 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. As
8 Director Hernandez mentioned, you know, there have --
9 there are issues, there have been issues, there are
10 issues, there would be issues with the 2010 Commission's
11 website. And I certainly appreciate the work that has
12 been done to look into this.

13 But I think I have good news, and I want to put that
14 out there and request some additional information from
15 Staff.

16 It occurred to me recently that it might make sense
17 to check the Wayback Machine. I don't know if colleagues
18 are familiar with the Wayback Machine, but the Wayback
19 Machine is an archive of, supposedly, the entire
20 internet, or at least the most relevant parts of the
21 internet.

22 And sure enough, the Wayback Machine includes a
23 number of snapshots of the 2010 Commission's website,
24 including one dated 27th June 2020, just before we were
25 selected. So while we cannot -- it doesn't seem that we

1 can get the state in any way to provide access to the
2 2010 Commission's website, it does appear that the
3 Wayback Machine may be the way that we can ensure that
4 folks have continued, ongoing access to the contents of
5 the 2010 Commission's website.

6 I noted from the Wayback Machine there is something
7 called, Archive of the California Government Domain
8 CA.gov. The description of that says:

9 "This archive preserves access to hundreds of
10 California state agency sites. State agencies
11 utilize their websites to publish everything
12 from press releases, agendas, minutes, events,
13 reports, and statistics. This material is
14 especially volatile as leadership changes,
15 whereas, time-sensitive issues are no longer on
16 agendas or in the news. The archive is
17 maintained by government information
18 specialists and web curators across several UC
19 campuses, the Stanford University Libraries,
20 the California State Library, and the
21 California State Archives."

22 Commissioner Taylor and I have spoken. We are very
23 much in agreement that access to the 2010 Commission's
24 website is important, and will remain important for some
25 time. We will certainly be discussing ongoing access to

1 our website at some point.

2 So what I would ask at this point is that Staff
3 provide to us, the Website Subcommittee, with all of the
4 contact information for individuals that they have spoken
5 to in the Secretariat State's Electronic Records Program,
6 or the state archives, or the state library, or anyone
7 else. And we will continue to work on this and see what
8 progress we can make.

9 I do know that not all of the videos, for example,
10 are currently accessible through the Wayback Machine, but
11 if we can work with these government information
12 specialists that the Wayback Machine website talks about,
13 maybe we can find a way to ensure that everyone has
14 access to all of the information that was on the 2010
15 Commission's website.

16 Alternatively, as Director Hernandez indicated, it
17 may be that we get that content, whether it's from the
18 Department of Technology, or someone else, and someone
19 can use the Wayback Machine to find the place where the
20 information that they want would have been, and request
21 it from us and we could readily provide it to them.

22 But I do think that the Wayback Machine looks like a
23 good way for us to ensure content from the 2010
24 Commission's website is accessible to people; and wanted
25 to put that out there.

1 I don't know if Commissioner Taylor is with us. He
2 does seem to be with us, and I just wanted to invite him
3 to add anything that he wanted to at this point. Thank
4 you.

5 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: No. That's correct. And I
6 think I hit it on the -- hit it on the head when I said,
7 Commissioner Kennedy can eloquently express our views.
8 The Wayback Machine is a powerful device. And I think in
9 conjunction with our staff in the subcommittee, it might
10 be a viable solution.

11 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you so much for that thorough
12 report. I really appreciate that. And I'm very excited
13 to see the outcomes of the Wayback Machine.

14 I'm sorry, the name just keeps getting me.

15 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: The name can be slightly
16 beguiling to the -- I guess to the usefulness of the
17 other website. Maybe it's better to go with Archive.org,
18 but it is the "Wayback Machine". And I've been using it
19 for years as an investigative tool, but it is -- it's
20 very powerful.

21 CHAIR SADHWANI: Well, thank you for that.

22 And with that, this meeting is adjourned. Thanks,
23 everybody. And go, Dodgers.

24 (Whereupon, the CRC Business Meeting adjourned
25 at 8:00 p.m.)

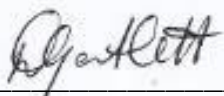
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