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P R O C E E D I N G S

9:30 a.m.

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3 CHAIR SADHWANI: Good morning, and happy Saturday.  
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5 Welcome to the California Citizens Redistricting  
6 Commission, as we continue with our third day of the  
7 Public Map Input Sessions.

8 My name is Sara Sadhwani, I will be your chair for  
9 today, along with my colleague, Antonio Le Mons, who will  
10 be our Vice Chair.

11 Before we get started, we will start with roll call.  
12 I believe Ravi is here to take roll. If not, Marcy.

13 MR. SINGH: Thank you, Chair. And good morning.

14 CHAIR SADHWANI: Good morning.

15 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Sinay.

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Here.

17 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Taylor.

18 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Good morning, everyone.

19 Present.

20 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Toledo.

21 Commissioner Turner.

22 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Here.

23 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Vazquez.

24 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Here.

25 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Yee.

1 COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.

2 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Ahmad.

3 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Here.

4 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Akutagawa.

5 Commissioner Andersen.

6 Commissioner Fernandez.

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Presente.

8 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fornaciari.

9 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Here.

10 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Kennedy.

11 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.

12 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Le Mons.

13 VICE CHAIR LE MONS: Here.

14 MR. SINGH: And Commissioner Sadhwani.

15 CHAIR SADHWANI: Here.

16 MR. SINGH: Roll call is complete, Chair.

17 CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. Thank you so much, Ravi.

18 Before we get started, I'll share a little bit of  
19 information on this, this drizzly and cloudy day here in  
20 Los Angeles.

21 A little background on the Commission; every ten  
22 years after the Federal Government publishes updated  
23 census information, California must redraw the boundaries  
24 of its Congressional, State Senate, State Assembly, and  
25 State Board of Equalization Districts so that the

1 districts correctly reflect the state's population.

2       The fourteen-member Commission is made up of five  
3 Republicans, five Democrats, and four not affiliated with  
4 either of those two parties.

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

9       For more information, visit our website at  
10 WeDrawTheLinesCA.org, again, WeDrawTheLinesCA.org.

11       A little bit of background on the three days that  
12 we've had here. We began two days ago, on October 21st.  
13 We continued yesterday, Friday; and today we will  
14 conclude our receipt of public maps through this live  
15 process.

16       These presentations have been of multi-district  
17 plans by the public, and they're to provide an  
18 opportunity to showcase submitters' ideas, some potential  
19 solutions, and specific district boundaries. Some of  
20 these plans might resemble the visualizations such as  
21 those that the Commission has put out itself, as there'll  
22 only be partial plans covering parts of the state, while  
23 others might cover the entire state and resemble more  
24 full draft plans.

25       We'll start off each day with appointments for



1 presentations, and then end the day with feedback to the  
2 Line-Drawing Team. At the end of today's session, we  
3 will open for public comment. We'll open our phone lines  
4 for public comment.

5 That being said, the public can send a comment at  
6 any point in time. You can always shoot us an email at  
7 the VotersFIRSTAct@CRC.CA.gov. We also have an online  
8 form that you can fill out which Commissioners and the  
9 public can review feedback in real time. Okay.

10 In addition, participating in these meetings this  
11 past week has not (audio interference) to submit public  
12 maps to the Commission. The Statewide Database has  
13 created a Draw My California Districts online tool for  
14 creating district maps, and a free-to-use plug-in for the  
15 open-source GIS platform, QGIS, where you can submit maps  
16 to the Commission.

17 You can learn more about this tool by visiting,  
18 DrawMyCalifornia.org, so again, DrawMyCalifornia -- the  
19 full word -- dot-org.

20 A few housekeeping rules before we get started. I  
21 want to remind the public who have appointments to please  
22 join fifteen minutes in advance of your presentation.  
23 We've actually been running a little ahead of schedule in  
24 some instances. I believe we have a couple of short  
25 cancellations, in fact, today. So please be sure to log

1 in at least fifteen minutes in advance. Your time might  
2 actually pop up earlier than later.

3 The Commission will be sticking to those designated  
4 times for presentations, however, and will be enforcing  
5 the designated time limits. And we'll provide a warning  
6 at one minute, and thirty seconds, remaining.

7 As a reminder, small submissions, which included one  
8 to three district maps, receive six minutes to present.  
9 Medium submissions, including four or more district maps,  
10 but not a full statewide map, receive fifteen-minute  
11 presentation times. Large submissions of one full  
12 statewide map receive a thirty-minute time slot. And  
13 extra-large submissions, offering more than one statewide  
14 map, receive 45-minute presentations.

15 The Commission has enabled screen sharing for  
16 presenters, so please have your maps handy to enable  
17 screen share at the beginning of your presentation. Your  
18 time clock will actually start after you've been able to  
19 share your screen.

20 The Commission also chose not to ask questions of  
21 presenters, so there will not be any follow-up by the  
22 Commissioners.

23 And with that, I'm going to turn it over to Katy,  
24 our fabulous comment moderator, to get us started in our  
25 first session of receiving public maps for the day.

1 Katy.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, Chair. Good  
3 morning.

4 Welcome to the Public Input Map -- excuse me.  
5 Welcome to the Public Map Input Session. When it is your  
6 turn to speak, you will be identified by your assigned  
7 unique I.D. number. You will be reconnected to the  
8 session with the ability to enable your own video, and/or  
9 audio, and to enable screen sharing. Please have your  
10 maps handy prior to your appointment start time in order  
11 to enable screen sharing.

12 The Commission will be enforcing appointment time  
13 limits with a warning at one minute, and a warning at  
14 thirty seconds remaining. At the end of your public  
15 input, or at the end of your time, you will be  
16 reconnected in a listen- and view-only mode.

17 And right now, we will have PMI 029A and B -- or  
18 just PMI 029, and then PMI 029B, will be joining now. I  
19 will be promoting you now. PMI 029, you can now enable  
20 your audio and video on the lower-left corner of your  
21 screen. And if you will please share your maps prior to  
22 beginning your narrative, that will begin your time.

23 MR. WALDMAN: Can you see my maps?

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

25 MR. WALDMAN: All right.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The floor is yours.

2 MR. WALDMAN: All right. Thank you. I'm Stuart  
3 Waldman. I'm President of Valley Industry & Commerce  
4 Association. And I am representing the San Fernando  
5 Valley Redistricting Coalition. I'm going to be joined  
6 by Professor Regan Maas from Cal State Northridge. I'm  
7 going to be talking about the maps that the Coalition  
8 drew, and she will be talking about the San Fernando  
9 Valley.

10 So I want to thank you all for having us today. It  
11 was just ten years ago, which seems like a couple of  
12 years ago, that we got to present at Cal State  
13 Northridge, where I'm alum, and we were in-person. So a  
14 little sad we can't do that now, but I appreciate the  
15 opportunity to be here.

16 The San Fernando Valley is a geographical area  
17 roughly bounded by the Santa Susana Mountains to the  
18 north, the Simi Hills to the west, Mulholland Drive to  
19 the south, and the San Gabriel Mountains to the east, it  
20 lies wholly within Los Angeles County.

21 The Redistricting Coalition's principles are that  
22 our community is best served by maximizing the number of  
23 districts that are either wholly within the valley or the  
24 Valley is the most influential block. Previously, we had  
25 always been cut apart, and pieces of other districts, and

1 we didn't have anyone really representing the valley, and  
2 less than a third of our elected officials lived --  
3 actually lived in the Valley. The last redistricting  
4 kind of fixed that.

5 We ask that none of the districts go south of  
6 Mulholland Drive and the Westside. In fact, the LA City  
7 Redistricting Commission chose Mulholland Drive as their  
8 southern border. So we ask you to do the same.

9 And we worked really hard to make sure that all  
10 recognized communities and neighborhood councils were in  
11 the same districts, and that we recognize geographic  
12 features and natural boundaries. If the San Fernando  
13 Valley were its own city, it would be the fifth largest  
14 city in the country, right behind Chicago and Houston.

15 This is a view of the San Fernando Valley by  
16 neighborhood Council districts. These are self-drawn by  
17 the neighborhood councils, and we also have communities  
18 that are drawn by the city. But it appears that this is  
19 what you were using for drawing maps. So we wanted to  
20 show you what we consider to be the San Fernando Valley.

21 Moving to the Congressional districts; we currently  
22 have five districts, but three that are wholly, and for  
23 the most part, in the valley. And so we drew those  
24 three, Districts 28, 29, and 30. For District --  
25 Congressional District 28 we underpopulated by about --

1 almost 4,000 people. CVAP is sixty-one percent White,  
2 twenty percent Hispanic, and then there's a lot of  
3 "other".

4 This district is an entertainment industry district  
5 that we drew for Congressional District 28. It includes  
6 Warner Brothers Studios, Disney Studios, CBS Studios,  
7 Paramount, Viacom, post-production facilities, prop  
8 houses, the unified horse communities, and stables like  
9 the LA Equestrian Center in Shadow Hills.

10 It's got Hollywood, Burbank, we kept cities whole.  
11 Burbank had previously been split, but we were able to  
12 keep it whole. Glendale is kept whole. And then there  
13 are quite a few key communities in there as well,  
14 Burbank, Glendale, Sunland, Tujunga, Atwater Village,  
15 Silver Lake, Hollywood. And these were all together in  
16 the previous district as well.

17 Congressional District 29, we overpopulated by about  
18 1,500 people, and this is a Hispanic CVAP district. We  
19 populated it at 54.3 percent Hispanic CVAP. We started  
20 with this district when we were drawing the maps. And  
21 our goal, obviously, is to keep the San Fernando Valley  
22 whole, and it was to make it a fifty percent-plus  
23 Hispanic CVAP district.

24 We added a lot of CVAP communities, which we tried  
25 to keep as full as possible. We also added the Sepulveda

1 Basin Recreation Center, which has a greater impact on  
2 the communities to the north of it, which are Lake Balboa  
3 and Van Nuys, than the communities to the south, there's  
4 also Van Nuys Airport there. It is similar to Map B --  
5 CDVESFV, but that you guys have in the visualizations,  
6 except that map is not a fifty percent Hispanic CVAP, and  
7 our map is.

8 For Congressional District 30, we underpopulated by  
9 a little about 4,000 people as well. And it is a West  
10 San Fernando Valley District. We did include Bell Canyon  
11 because you can only access Bell Canyon through the  
12 valley. We added the cities and unincorporated areas of  
13 the Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments, which are  
14 Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Agoura Hills, Westlake Village,  
15 and Malibu, and Calabasas had been split previously.

16 We also included the Ventura Corridor specific plan  
17 communities as well. So this whole area has its own  
18 specific plan for planning. We added Cal State  
19 Northridge, and we unified Porter Ranch, which had been  
20 previously split.

21 Moving on to the Assembly seats; we moved Assembly  
22 District 38, and it had about 30,000 valley residents,  
23 which we removed, and we moved it to the east, unifying  
24 the City of Simi Valley, which had been split, and put in  
25 the suburban bedroom communities of Moorpark, Oak Park,

1 Bell Canyon, and Santa Clarita, per COI testimony.

2 District 39, Assembly District 39, is a Hispanic  
3 CVAP district -- I believe my numbers are off there -- I  
4 apologize. It is sixty percent Hispanic. These numbers  
5 I must have copied from a different thing. I apologize.  
6 I'll fix that and get that to you.

7 But it is a Hispanic-majority district. We added  
8 specific Hispanic communities, includes part of  
9 Northridge where student housing is, and just Cal State  
10 Northridge is a Hispanic-serving institution.

11 District 43, we overpopulated by about 700 people.  
12 It's also an entertainment industry district, with Warner  
13 Brothers, Disney, lots of prop houses. It has the horse  
14 communities, the LA Equestrian Center, Hollywood Burbank  
15 Airport. We kept Cities of Burbank and Glendale whole,  
16 while slightly having to keep La Canada, Flintridge, and  
17 took that apart.

18 And then we made a coastal district, underpopulated  
19 slightly, Assembly District 44, and it is a coastal  
20 biotech district that includes the coastal areas of  
21 Oxnard, Port Hueneme, and Malibu. It's got the 101  
22 Corridor, which is a freeway that goes through our area,  
23 includes the biotech hub in Ventura County, which  
24 includes Amgen. It also includes Cal State Lutheran.  
25 And we put the communities of the Las Virgenes COG in



1 that district, kept them in their entirety as well.

2 District 45 is, we included the Ventura Corridor  
3 specific plan again, wanting to keep those communities  
4 whole. It's got Cal State Northridge, and we united  
5 Sherman Oaks, which right down here, if you can see, that  
6 is the northern part of Sherman Oaks, which is,  
7 technically, in Van Nuys, but it is actually in Sherman  
8 Oaks now.

9 And then we made a Hispanic-opportunity district in  
10 the middle of the San Fernando Valley. It is 41.3  
11 percent CVAP Hispanic. And so we tried to put all the  
12 areas in the valley together that we could, after drawing  
13 the other Hispanic seat, and it includes the Van Nuys  
14 Airport and the flight path for the Van Nuys Airport as  
15 well.

16 And then four Senate districts we drew a Hispanic.  
17 CVAP district that -- and as you can see, we keep most of  
18 the communities whole. It's fifty-one-plus percent. We  
19 don't currently have that, but we could. So we were able  
20 to do that as well as Van Nuys Airport and flight path as  
21 well. And then we've got a 210 Corridor District, that  
22 we kept most of the communities whole, and it's got all  
23 of the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument in it.

24 And then in District 27, is a valley coastal biotech  
25 suburbs district, it's got the Ventura Boulevard's

1 Corridor specific plan communities. It's got Cal State  
2 Northridge, as well Cal Lutheran. We added the suburban  
3 bedroom communities of Moorpark, Oak Park, Bell Canyon  
4 with Santa Clarita as well. And it's the coastal area  
5 with Oxnard, and Port Hueneme, as well as the 101  
6 Corridor.

7 And Now, I would like to turn it -- I guess I should  
8 stop sharing -- I'd like to turn it over to Dr. Regan  
9 Maas from Cal State Northridge, to talk as well.

10 DR. MAAS: Great. Thanks, Stuart. Thank you for  
11 having me. So I'm from the Department of Geography  
12 Environmental Studies, a CSUN. And I'm just here to talk  
13 a little bit about the uniqueness of the San Fernando  
14 Valley.

15 So as Stuart said, it is definitely a valley and  
16 surrounded by mountains, just north of sort of the  
17 downtown of LA, and because of that, it has a very unique  
18 connectivity, or maybe lack thereof. And then also a  
19 very unique geography that goes with that, that creates  
20 certain situations in the valley that are very different  
21 from the rest of the city, even though, technically, a  
22 good portion of the valley is part of the city.

23 So as we -- as I was talking about, the San Fernando  
24 Valley has a very unique geography and topography. And  
25 because of that, it does have an effect on its

1 connectivity to the rest of the city. So there are some  
2 natural barriers, especially going over the Santa Monica  
3 Mountains, which create those highly congested freeways  
4 that we all, maybe, are quite familiar with. But there's  
5 only a few ways to get out of the valley. And so  
6 transportation is a huge -- has a huge impact on the San  
7 Fernando Valley, that's very unique from the rest of the  
8 city. Even though the city has its own issues, the San  
9 Fernando Valley issues are very unique because of the  
10 geography of the valley itself.

11       So some of the most congested freeways that are in  
12 the nation really, are coming out of the San Fernando  
13 Valley. And we have hundreds of thousands of vehicles  
14 sort of sitting in traffic, unfortunately, coming out of  
15 the valley, and back in. And those then create very  
16 unique issues for the valley residents that the rest of  
17 the city isn't necessarily experiencing to the same  
18 degree.

19       Additionally, the climate in the San Fernando Valley  
20 is very different, although it can get hot all across the  
21 LA region, the San Fernando Valley, because we are in a  
22 valley surrounded by mountains, we don't get the benefits  
23 of those offshore winds like the rest of the city. So it  
24 stays hot longer in the valley, and we have what we call  
25 the "urban heat island effect" that is even more intense

1 in the San Fernando Valley. And so our temperatures stay  
2 much hotter, much longer.

3       So an example of that, if we were looking at the  
4 difference between Woodland Hills and Malibu, which is  
5 about -- they're about twelve miles away from each other  
6 north to south, but Woodland Hills, which is in the  
7 western part of the valley, hot air gets trapped, and it  
8 can be intensely hot there. And the sea breezes can't  
9 get over the San Fernando -- over the Santa Monica  
10 Mountains, and so it can get much -- and stay much hotter  
11 longer there than in Malibu, so there's usually a -- you  
12 know, a roughly 20-degree differential.

13       And this can create issues with energy demands that  
14 are far different than the rest of the city. So in terms  
15 of heating, and cooling, and water demands for landscape  
16 and irrigation, the San Fernando Valley has impacts that  
17 are much, much different than -- and also in terms of  
18 just general infrastructure, and its vulnerability to  
19 heat, as well as health-related issues that the San  
20 Fernando Valley experiences in terms of cooling, and  
21 things of that sort, that other parts of the city just  
22 don't experience to the same degree, or for as long a  
23 period of time as the San Fernando Valley.

24       Demographically, though, the San Fernando Valley is  
25 also quite unique. We have very distinct regions that

1 Stuart also kind of mentioned in a lot of his maps. For  
2 instance, the Northeast Valley is quite different in  
3 terms of having a much higher Hispanic population. The  
4 Northwest has a larger Asian population, but then these  
5 communities have developed throughout the San Fernando  
6 Valley that, again, are very unique from the rest of the  
7 city, being that it's still, you know, it's urban and  
8 suburban, the effects that are being experienced are very  
9 different than over the hill.

10 For instance, if we look at just the comparison  
11 between the San Fernando Valley and Los Angeles, we still  
12 have a really quite high Hispanic population, as Stuart  
13 was making mention. So you know, making sure that those  
14 communities are recognized and empowered is important in  
15 terms of districting.

16 Additionally, if we were to look at the demographic  
17 makeup of these different communities across the San  
18 Fernando Valley, we can see that --

19 MR. MANOFF: One minute.

20 DR. MAAS: -- there's a lot of diversity. But  
21 again, maintaining some of these important communities so  
22 it's not a monolithic population that goes across the San  
23 Fernando Valley, and making sure that they have  
24 representation, is really important again.

25 And the Northeast Valley is particularly impacted by

1 that being a very high concentration Hispanic community.  
2 So recognizing that is, again, really, really important.

3 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

4 DR. MAAS. Okay. Economically, we also are quite  
5 different from the rest of the city. Our incomes are a  
6 bit higher. Homeownership is a little bit higher. And  
7 so again, it is a very distinct community of interest  
8 that should be maintained in districting as much as  
9 possible.

10 MR. WALDMAN: We'd like to thank you so much. I  
11 Hope you keep the valley whole, and the communities  
12 whole, and draw additional Hispanic districts as you can.  
13 So thank you for the opportunity.

14 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you so much. Thanks for your  
15 presentation.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. And at this  
17 time, it would appear that our next appointment has not  
18 arrived yet. But the appointment after that is here. So  
19 PMI-032A, and PMI-032B, if you'll be ready to go a little  
20 bit early, I will be promoting you now. PMI-032A and B,  
21 you can now enable your audio and video in the lower-left  
22 corner of your screen. I know, we are a little bit ahead  
23 of schedule for your appointment time, but if you are  
24 prepared at this time, the floor will be yours.

25 MS. TORRES: Thank you. I think, if my colleague

1 John Monsen is on, I think we are ready to go. Maybe  
2 just give us one more minute so you can pull it up as we  
3 need --

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, absolutely. Yeah,  
5 whatever you need to do to pull up your maps, and then  
6 whenever you get your maps up, that will begin your time,  
7 so your narrative.

8 MS. TORRES: Okay. Yeah. Thank you.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I apologize. I did not  
10 catch the name of your colleague. They are aware that  
11 they can -- PMI-032A, you can now enable your audio and  
12 video in the lower-left corner of your screen, and your  
13 screen --

14 MS. TORRES: John Monsen.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: John Monsen; your screen  
16 sharing is available in the bottom center as well.  
17 Hopefully he's within earshot.

18 (Pause)

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I see you are unmuted.  
20 Are you in the process of pulling up the maps?

21 MR. MONSEN: Yes.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Perfect.

23 MR. MONSEN: Okay. Can you see my screen?

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We cannot at this time.

25 MR. MONSEN: Okay. Fine.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We can see you.

2 MR. MONSEN: Pardon me for the glitch here.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh, no. We're running  
4 ten minutes early, thank you for -- yes, thank you for  
5 being in the queue early.

6 MR. MONSEN: It's odd, it's the ordinary screen  
7 share that I see -- I don't see. So how do I share it  
8 with you now?

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: So there should be a  
10 Screen Share button in the bottom-middle of your screen  
11 in the Zoom -- within the Zoom platform, there's a little  
12 green --

13 MR. MONSEN: Yeah, normally there is.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: So maybe hover your mouse  
15 over the bottom, and see if it will pop -- sometimes the  
16 controls, you have to be hovering over them to get them  
17 to pop up. We may have staff that may be able to assist  
18 you.

19 MR. MONSEN: Yeah. I've used Zoom hundreds of  
20 times, and this is the third time -- first time I've had  
21 trouble. So let's see here.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: One moment. Let me see  
23 if we can get your maps shared on this end. One moment,  
24 please.

25 MR. MONSEN: You don't have my maps.



1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh, well, there you go.  
2 Wait. We see it.

3 MR. MONSEN: Yeah, but it's not the same thing as we  
4 have.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh. Oh, it's not the  
6 same thing as what you have. Okay.

7 MR. MONSEN: No.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Are you on a Windows or  
9 Mac machine?

10 MR. MONSEN: Windows.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Windows. I'm  
12 unusually -- I mean on my -- so there's nothing, there's  
13 no controls at the bottom. So the other option would be  
14 if you go to where your little camera, if you go to Video  
15 Settings and open up the Advanced Video Settings, there  
16 is a button there for screen share. I'm not sure if  
17 maybe that will give you access somehow.

18 MR. MONSEN: Yeah. For reasons that are beyond me,  
19 that part of the controls is not visible like it normally  
20 is.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Can you email them in?

22 MR. MONSEN: No.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: If you were to email them  
24 to the Voters FIRST Act we could get them shared.

25 MR. MONSEN: We should be able to figure this out.

1 But maybe the best thing is to give us some time and let  
2 us go next.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely. We could do  
4 that. We do -- PMI-033 is in the queue, so we could go  
5 to the next appointment and come back to you. Would you  
6 prefer that?

7 MR. MONSEN: Yeah. I'll start over and sign in, and  
8 I'm sure I'll figure it out.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Wonderful. We will  
10 absolutely do that.

11 MR. MONSEN: Thanks for your indulgence.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes. One moment.

13 So PMI-033, your appointment was not until 10:26,  
14 but I see you are in the queue. So I will be promoting  
15 you now. PMI-033, you can now enable your audio and  
16 video in the lower-left corner of your screen. And if  
17 you could share your maps prior to beginning your  
18 narrative; there, we see it.

19 MR. WELBORNE: Is everything okay with you,  
20 technically?

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We do see your maps on  
22 the left-hand side. It appears there is another  
23 spreadsheet showing, if that is okay with you; that's  
24 perfectly fine with us.

25 MR. WELBORNE: No. Let's see if I can do that a

1 little bit better. Okay. This is all that should show.

2 Is that all it shows?

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: There you go. Perfect.

4 MR. WELBORNE: All right. Thank you.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The floor is yours.

6 MR. WELBORNE: I didn't see my notes.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The floor is yours.

8 MR. WELBORNE: Thank you. I'm John Welborne, and  
9 I'm not prepared because I would've used the next ten,  
10 twelve, or fifteen minutes to get prepared, but I can  
11 certainly vamp, for the benefit of the Commission. For  
12 which I am extremely grateful for your service, and the  
13 service of your predecessors ten years ago; even though  
14 they made a mistake, which I'm going to discuss today.

15 So my testimony will be short. I'm dealing with one  
16 specific boundary issue and nothing really global that  
17 you all have to deal with.

18 I'm going to deal with four points. First, I'm  
19 going to tell you who is testifying, who I am. And then  
20 I'm going to show you the ten point -- ten-slide  
21 PowerPoint presentation that, you see the first slide on  
22 the screen, which talks about our community's concerns.

23 I will also then spend a couple of minutes  
24 commenting on your October 13th visualizations as they  
25 affect our community of interest. And I'll be happy to

1 answer questions.

2       So first, I'm John H. Welborne and I am commenting  
3 about the Greater Wilshire community in the center of Los  
4 Angeles. I'm the vice president for planning and land  
5 use at the Windsor Square Association. Windsor Square is  
6 one of more than a dozen contiguous neighborhoods that  
7 work closely together on issues of community concern, and  
8 have for decades, almost a century.

9       Windsor Square was subdivided in 1911. My family  
10 has actually lived in it since about 1918, three  
11 generations. And it's had an active community  
12 association since 1925. And unfortunately, your  
13 predecessors split it right down the middle.

14       In addition, I'm a -- just for context, I'm a  
15 lawyer. I'm a product of our great California  
16 universities, getting undergraduate and master's degree  
17 in public administration, and a law degree, at three of  
18 them, Berkeley, UCLA, and UC Davis.

19       In addition to being the vice president for planning  
20 and land use of the Windsor Square Association, I also  
21 was the organizer with one other person in 1978, of  
22 something called the Greater Wilshire Homeowners  
23 Alliance, which is an alliance of a dozen contiguous  
24 organizations that share a community of interest, and  
25 have worked together during all that time. Also cut

1 apart by your predecessors, accidentally, ten years ago.

2 And furthermore, I was the writer of the bylaws, and  
3 one of the organizers of what is now, one of the City of  
4 Los Angeles' ninety-nine neighborhood councils, in this  
5 case, the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council.

6 So I spent entirely too much of my personal  
7 volunteer time on these sorts of issues. But inasmuch as  
8 your predecessors' boundary line goes right down the  
9 center of my residential street, and inasmuch as our  
10 neighborhood council and residents have been pummeling  
11 you since, I think, June with messages to "stop the  
12 split", I felt it was appropriate to come and say  
13 something in person about that split, and about our  
14 neighborhood.

15 So on the projector, you see Windsor Square. I'm  
16 actually speaking to you from the office of the Larchmont  
17 Chronicle, I'm incidentally the publisher of that fifty-  
18 nine-year-old community newspaper, we're here on  
19 Larchmont. Larchmont Village, is celebrating tomorrow,  
20 its hundredth anniversary.

21 Citrus Square is another neighborhood, Hancock Park  
22 surrounds the Golf Course, La Brea Hancock Park, La Brea.  
23 Rick Caruso's, famous, The Grove; all the museums, the  
24 Academy Museum, the Los Angeles County Art Museum,  
25 Peterson Museum, and all these other neighborhoods. And

1 they are part of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood  
2 Council, all the ones shown within the boundary.

3       And the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council, and  
4 this is relevant, not to you all, but to us in Los  
5 Angeles, because there's also a city redistricting going  
6 on; the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council is  
7 basically in one City Council district. A little bit of  
8 it in an adjoining district. And these are very logical  
9 borders that the City Redistricting folks adopted ten  
10 years ago, because they keep the greater Wilshire  
11 Neighborhood Council whole.

12       Unfortunately, prior to the activity of your  
13 predecessors, and prior to the activity of the city --  
14 well, this is sort of a "fortunately" and  
15 "unfortunately", fortunately, the taxpayers and their  
16 representatives allocated more money for two additional  
17 police stations in Los Angeles. And our central part of  
18 the town got an additional police station, the Olympic  
19 Division. This is about 2009.

20       And of course, some sergeant working on -- you know,  
21 on the staff of the LAPD had to figure out where would be  
22 the boundaries for the different divisions. And the  
23 sergeant came up with some idea that: Gosh, a reasonable  
24 boundary, because this would be about this many people,  
25 and that would be about how many people, and we've never

1 had two divisions in this area before, because this is  
2 what it used to be, we were all in the Wilshire Division  
3 of the LAPD, the sergeant decided, well, this is a pretty  
4 good boundary. We'll just put it right here.

5 And a number of us, involved citizens, residents,  
6 went down and actually met with Assistant Chief Jim  
7 McDonnell, later to become the chief in Long Beach. And  
8 we said: Chief, this is horrible. And he said: Don't  
9 worry, John, don't worry, Jane, this is not a problem for  
10 you. It's probably a better deal for you, because, you  
11 know, you'll get two police districts overlapping here.

12 But we said: Well, it doesn't make any sense. And  
13 he said: It will have no impact on you whatsoever. That  
14 was in 2009.

15 In 2010, your predecessors started work. And I  
16 apologize, I wasn't paying attention, and neither were my  
17 neighbors. Those folks off in Sacramento that actually  
18 could meet in person in those days, looked around, or  
19 their staff looked around and said: Oh. We got to have a  
20 boundary here for the Assembly districts. This seems  
21 like a boundary. It must be a logical boundary. It's an  
22 official Los Angeles Police Division boundary. We'll  
23 just separate State Assembly Districts 50 and 53 with  
24 that boundary.

25 Well, that's a good idea. It must have even been a

1 better idea to also separate State Senate District 24 and  
2 26 by that boundary. Yeah, might as well do Congress as  
3 well.

4 And so we have had our neighborhoods with the  
5 Congressional, Assembly, and Senate districts split. So  
6 Larchmont Village, a contiguous neighborhood, split down  
7 the middle.

8 Windsor Square, a contiguous neighborhood split down  
9 the middle.

10 Windsor Village and Wilshire Park, both HPOZs,  
11 separate but separated by this artificial line, and the  
12 entire neighborhood council division with this aching  
13 gash down the middle; all because of our friends at the  
14 LAPD.

15 And so we are working. And someday maybe the LAPD  
16 will get its act together and make new LAPD boundaries.  
17 But frankly, that is not our concern. Our concern is the  
18 Senate, the Assembly, and the House of Representatives;  
19 the Senate, the Assembly, and the House of  
20 Representatives.

21 And so we urge you and your staff to do something  
22 about this so that the Greater Wilshire neighborhoods  
23 will be together and whole. So now, that's my  
24 presentation on that. That's item 2, I'll check that  
25 off.



1           Number three, I do want to offer some comments on  
2 your October 13th visualizations that affect our  
3 community of interest. And I am a big fan boy for  
4 redistricting, so I've just spent way too much time on  
5 the city. But the most important thing to do is actually  
6 get a map out there, and your staff has done that, I  
7 commend that. And I would like to say that, generally,  
8 the maps which have these names: Westside LA, DTLA  
9 "Holywood" with one L, and then there's a DTLA, Hollywood  
10 with two L's, and a Hollywood, Glendale, Central  
11 Hollywood -- or City of Hollywood, North Central  
12 Hollywood, and North Central LA.

13           Those six we've studied pretty carefully. Four of  
14 them are acceptable. Two are totally unacceptable. And  
15 that would be Congressional Visualization A, the ones  
16 that are unacceptable deal with Congress because they  
17 followed that crazy boundary from before. So Westside LA  
18 simply changed the eastern boundary to include all of the  
19 Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council.

20           And similarly, Congressional Visualization A-1 is  
21 kind of the other side of that. And again, I would also  
22 point out that -- and this is something I don't want to  
23 take a lot of time on -- but to the extent that  
24 redistricting staff who don't actually live in Los  
25 Angeles, or haven't lived here for a long time, rely on

1 the Los Angeles Times mapping project from a decade ago.  
2 That's a mistake.

3 A lot of that was arbitrarily done by interns on the  
4 rush, driving around, drawing conclusions. Some of it's  
5 good, but it's not nearly as good as in Los Angeles, as  
6 the neighborhood councils, which actually were generated  
7 by the people who live in their own neighborhoods.

8 And I have sent a message on -- I think about  
9 October 13th or 14th to the Voters' email with our  
10 concerns about those visualizations; but the other four,  
11 keeping Greater Wilshire in a single Congressional  
12 district, keeping us in a single State Senate district, a  
13 single Assembly district; that makes sense.

14 And I'm not pushing for any elected representative.  
15 You put the border wherever it is, but just don't sever  
16 us with the border, please.

17 So I think that tells you who I am, and why I'm  
18 here. The PowerPoint slides show our community that we  
19 don't want to have split by that current awful split  
20 caused by the LAPD, inadvertently. And you see what our  
21 concerns are about your visualizations. And if you have  
22 questions, I'm happy to answer them. If not, you'll pick  
23 up 4 minutes.

24 CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay. Well, thank you so much, Mr.  
25 Welborne. Unfortunately, the Commission is not asking

1 any questions; or doing any follow up with presenters,  
2 but we really appreciate you --

3 MR. WELBORNE: That may be "fortunately", not  
4 "unfortunately".

5 CHAIR SADHWANI: Yeah. Well, exactly.

6 MR. WELBORNE: All right.

7 CHAIR SADHWANI: Yes. So thank you so much for your  
8 presentation. If any of this information is different  
9 from what was originally submitted, please feel free to  
10 send it to our email, and we will -- we can always post  
11 it with all of the other documents.

12 MR. WELBORNE: Thank you. I have sent a link,  
13 because the 35 megabytes of the slide show I couldn't  
14 figure out how to fit through the electronic pipeline.

15 CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay. Yeah.

16 MR. WELBORNE: But I have sent the link, and you can  
17 pick it up. It's a Dropbox link, and you can then put  
18 them all up. Three of these slides --

19 CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay.

20 MR. WELBORNE: -- plus our "Stop the Split" one-page  
21 missive that makes our case, you already have. So thank  
22 you. And I really do thank the Commissioners, it's a --  
23 sometimes can be a thankless task. It shouldn't be. It  
24 makes all the difference. Things were so much better ten  
25 years ago. And when you fix this for us, it's good now.

1 CHAIR SADHWANI: Well, thank you so much. And thank  
2 you for being a "fan boy". We really appreciate that.

3 MR. WELBORNE: Good. All right.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
5 have -- we will go back to PMI-032A and B, and we will  
6 attempt to get that screen share going. I will be  
7 promoting you now.

8 MR. MONSEN: Well, I think we have it this time,  
9 we'll see.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All righty.

11 MR. MONSEN: But I have to make sure that Juana  
12 Torres is on now. So now I see "screen share", I'm going  
13 to get it ready.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We see it. And there we  
15 are.

16 MR. MONSEN: So at any one moment you will have one  
17 of the two of us.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We have both of you.

19 MR. MONSEN: Okay.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes.

21 MR. MONSEN: Go for it, Juana.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yeah. The floor is  
23 yours.

24 MS. TORRES: Okay. Thank you. Well, good morning.  
25 My name is Juana Torres, and I will be presenting today

1 alongside my colleague, John Monsen. Our comments will  
2 focus on the five Congressional districts that include  
3 all of the Angeles and Western San Bernardino National  
4 Forest.

5 We will present some guidelines for how we believe  
6 these districts should be drawn. The most important  
7 guideline to us is to make sure that the Foothill Cities  
8 community of interest is placed in the same Congressional  
9 district as the National Forest land. This will give the  
10 more people a voice in the management of their Federal  
11 public land.

12 The Foothills Cities' community of interest runs  
13 along the 210 Freeway Corridor, from Sylmar, all the way  
14 east, to Rancho Cucamonga.

15 A little bit about our backgrounds. We have devoted  
16 the last fifteen years of our professional careers to  
17 public lands and equity issues, especially those related  
18 to the San Gabriel Mountains. Here we are leading a  
19 group of hikers.

20 We were part of the effort that established the San  
21 Gabriel Mountains National Monument back in 2014. John  
22 went to elementary school in La Canada, and over the  
23 years he's been a resident of other Foothill cities,  
24 including Glendale, Tujunga, and Pasadena. I was born in  
25 the San Fernando Valley and as a little girl, long before

1 becoming an advocate for the San Gabriels, my parents  
2 would take us up the Azusa Canyon into the forest so we  
3 could play in the San Gabriel River. My dad would always  
4 say that it reminded him of the rivers back home in El  
5 Salvador, where he and my mom were born.

6       Today, though, we are representing Nature for All.  
7 And Nature for All is a regional, nonprofit organization  
8 founded in 2008 that is headquartered in the San Gabriel  
9 Valley. Nature for all works to better protect the  
10 Angeles and Western San Bernardino National Forest, and  
11 to make sure everyone in the Los Angeles area has  
12 equitable access to the wide range of benefits that  
13 nature can provide.

14       Member organizations of this diverse coalition  
15 include groups such as: The Council of Mexican  
16 Federations, the Asian Pacific Islander Forward Movement,  
17 and environmental groups like the Sierra Club.

18       Now, I'd like to tell you a little bit more about  
19 our local national forest. The San Gabriel Mountains are  
20 the most important land feature in Los Angeles County.  
21 This mountain range runs 1,100 square miles and makes up  
22 the Angeles and Western San Bernardino National Forest.

23       Here's a beautiful picture of the mountains on a  
24 rare, clear winter day lining the LA skyline. Located  
25 predominantly in Los Angeles County, the area we are

1 referring to is about the same size as Yosemite National  
2 Park, and it is bounded by Interstate 5 on the west, and  
3 Interstate 15 to the east, all of it north of the 210  
4 Freeway.

5       The mountain range is a biodiversity hotspot  
6 featuring robust chaparral ecosystems that is home to  
7 thousands of species. The Angeles National Forest makes  
8 up, this big number, seventy percent of the open space in  
9 LA County. And it is a recreational oasis for over three  
10 million visitors a year. Many of the visitors come from  
11 the diverse and the heavily populated areas just to the  
12 south of the forest. A lot of these folks are coming in  
13 from very (indiscernible) for cities and communities.

14       Seven million people live within an hour's drive of  
15 one of the forests' gateway cities. The gateway cities  
16 are Santa Clarita, Del Mar, Tujunga, La Canada, Pasadena,  
17 Azusa, Claremont, Upland, and Rancho Cucamonga.

18       Nowhere else in the United States are millions of  
19 urban dwellers located near such steep and dramatic  
20 public lands, and because of this immediate proximity of  
21 the mountains, to millions of people, the public has  
22 formed a very unique and very important bond with their  
23 forest lands.

24       I would like to now, hand it over to my colleague,  
25 John, to continue.

1 MR. MONSEN: Yes. It's a pleasure to be here this  
2 morning. And we are presenting five Congressional  
3 districts, and giving you some guidance on how to do  
4 that.

5 A friend of mine suggested, for reasons unknown to  
6 me, Sara, that I start with a picture of a bear. So here  
7 you go. You can tell it's a La Canada bear, very polite,  
8 has it's a knife and fork ready.

9 The Commission has a great deal of flexibility in  
10 drawing the lines within public lands, since there are  
11 very few people living there. We will be providing with  
12 some guidelines, and specific recommendations.

13 We were pleased to address the first Commission ten  
14 years ago, and we were gratified that the Commission  
15 listened when drawing the 27th, 28th, and 29th  
16 Congressional Districts. Their efforts added hundreds of  
17 thousands of new voices who would have a say in how their  
18 backyard national forests are managed.

19 We were especially pleased that the Asian community  
20 of interest in the Monterey Park/Alhambra area was  
21 included in the 27th District. The Asian community  
22 represents a growing percentage of Angeles Forest  
23 visitors. We were, likewise, pleased that the 29th CD,  
24 with its Latino VRA population, was also included -- also  
25 included part of the Angeles National Forest.



1 Remember, residents of Congressional districts  
2 include Federal public land or a strong position to work  
3 with their members of Congress to enhance these public  
4 lands, to ask for more appropriations for family  
5 education programs, more bilingual rangers, or changes in  
6 policies, or legislation. Members of Congress can be an  
7 important voice on behalf of their constituents within  
8 the U.S. Forest Service, the agency that manages the  
9 forest.

10 Here are some guidelines that we have for how to  
11 draw the lines for an urban national forest like this.  
12 Number one, include as many people as possible in the  
13 districts that include the mountain, especially those  
14 with diverse backgrounds, that the maximum number of  
15 people have a say in the management of these public  
16 lands.

17 Second guideline: The best way to think of the  
18 Congressional districts is from north to south, with the  
19 Congressional boundary starting at the northern boundary  
20 of the forest, and then running south to encompass the  
21 community of interest, a segment of it, and then  
22 continuing further south to include very diverse  
23 communities, some of which are (indiscernible) and  
24 beyond.

25 Cities and towns north of the forest generate very

1 few visitors, according to Forest Service statistics.  
2 Populations are sparse on the northern boundary, Palmdale  
3 and Lancaster, defined by their relationship to the  
4 desert, not the mountains. The highly populated foothill  
5 cities of the mountains, south of the mountains are  
6 largely defined by their relationship to the mountains.

7 Over ninety percent of forest visitors come from the  
8 south, home to over seven million people live within an  
9 hour's drive of the forest.

10 Our third guideline: Include all of the foothill  
11 communities of interest, located here in yellow, in the  
12 Congressional districts, that features sections of the  
13 National Forest. The forest cities' community of  
14 interest is defined by a powerful relationship the cities  
15 have with their adjacent public lands. These cities and  
16 their residents share common concerns about forest  
17 management, including ever-growing worries about  
18 wildfire, in an era of climate change, increasing  
19 temperatures, falling humidity, and drought.

20 And this is the 2009 Station Fire, that's JPL, with  
21 the hills just a little bit to the east of La Canada.  
22 The almost thirty cities in our community of interests  
23 share many common traits, their relationship to the  
24 mountains, and concerns they have about the management of  
25 their nearby forests. All have sections of high severity

1 fire zones, and as you can see here. So you can almost  
2 define the community of interest by the fire zones.

3 They're united by concerns about wildfire  
4 suppression, fires and fuels management, zoning, housing  
5 hardening, and evacuation routes. Most of these cities  
6 have experienced fire close to their borders or crossed  
7 them in the last fifteen years. These are the highest  
8 propensity users of the forest and trails from their  
9 communities often lead directly into public land.

10 Having a backyard for national forest is part of the  
11 DNA of their civic identities. Many foothill communities  
12 have historical ties with the Angeles and the Western San  
13 Bernardino National Forests, dating back, often, to the  
14 great hiking era of 1890 to 1930. Most have homes  
15 immediately adjacent to the National Forest. They share  
16 unique chaparral ecosystems with the forest, and have  
17 regular visitors from forest species, including bears.

18 The mountains are a major visual and scenic  
19 backdrop. This COI shares spatial orientation with the  
20 cities often located on slopes rising north. Given that  
21 they are downslope from the mountains, they are often  
22 concerned with watershed management and flood control.

23 I'm going to turn it back now Juana for our specific  
24 recommendations.

25 MS. TORRES: Thank you. So we have provided you

1 with some detailed maps using the Commission's mapping  
2 tool. But it was kind of difficult to do, or kind of  
3 didn't do the best job because the public lands have no  
4 voters in them, so it was really quite difficult to  
5 include. So we're going to present a hybrid set of maps  
6 that kind of captures the idea of what we're proposing.]

7 So start out by discussing District 25, focused  
8 around the City of Santa Clarita. So Santa Clarita is  
9 defined by two sections, as you can see here, of the  
10 Angeles National Forest on either side, with important  
11 wildlife corridors between the two sections of the  
12 forest.

13 The main differences between Santa Clarita and the  
14 Foothill cities' COI, is that Santa Clarita Valley is  
15 east-west orientation to the mountains. And it's a much  
16 smaller size.

17 There's only one access road into the forest east of  
18 the city. The Santa Clara Watershed defines the district  
19 on the east as it interfaces with the main section of the  
20 Angeles National Forest. Although the Castaic section of  
21 the Angeles National Forest is in the same district as  
22 Santa Clarita, which is a very important positive  
23 feature.

24 So we concur with those who suggest that the  
25 district no longer include Ventura County, but instead

1 head north into Kern County. Our version runs north from  
2 Santa Clarita all the way to Bear Springs in California  
3 City, and as our proposed District 25.

4 Now, District 27: The 27th as it appears today, as  
5 it is currently, generally follows our basic guidelines  
6 but could benefit from the addition of Azusa, San Dimas,  
7 and Laverne, indicated here in the white circles. This  
8 way all of the foothill cities communities of interest in  
9 the district will be included.

10 If Claremont is removed from this district, as some  
11 people have proposed, it would make room for San Dimas  
12 and Laverne. In our map submission we only added Azusa  
13 though, since this is all that the total district  
14 population will allow. We think it's more important to  
15 add Azusa, the gateway city, than El Monte to the  
16 district, as some other proposal suggests.

17 We have already pointed out our enthusiasm for  
18 keeping the large Asian population in this district  
19 intact.

20 And just a quick note about Azusa which is a gateway  
21 city to the San Gabriel Mountains, and to the San Gabriel  
22 River, which is a very popular recreation area. Highway  
23 39, which is also known as Azusa Canyon Road, is another  
24 major entry point into the forest. And it runs right  
25 through the heart of Azusa and up into the mountains.

1 And so there's also a Gold Line Transit stop there, which  
2 leads directly up, also into the forest. So Azusa is a  
3 really key, key city for this district.

4 Now, District 28, the existing 28th Congressional  
5 District follows our guidelines, an intact segment of the  
6 Foothill Cities community of interest, from Tujunga, east  
7 to La Canada is included, along with a substantial  
8 section of the San Gabriel Mountains to the north. We  
9 have corrected it to go all the way to the northern  
10 forest boundary in the section marked "Add" here.

11 Having a large Armenian community of interest in  
12 this district that includes the forest is a major plus.  
13 We have made some minor adjustments for population  
14 purposes in the map that we submitted to the Commission.

15 District 29: So the existing district, again, meets  
16 our guidelines, including a large Latino VRA area that  
17 should continue to have a Member of Congress who can  
18 speak to national forest issues on their behalf. We have  
19 made some minor adjustments for population purposes in  
20 the map we submitted to the Commission.

21 And then District 31, here's where we would like to  
22 see some real change. So the San Gabriel Mountains, you  
23 know, they continue east, all the way into the Western  
24 San Bernardino National Forests, also Rancho Cucamonga,  
25 Upland, and San Antonio Heights, which are part of the

1 Foothill Cities community of interest, should be in this  
2 district. These cities have many ties to the national  
3 forests.

4 MR. MANOFF: One minute.

5 MS. TORRES: These cities are major gateways to the  
6 Mount Baldy ski area, and they share concerns about fuels  
7 management. And currently, these cities look into the  
8 forests, but they're not constituents of the forest, so  
9 they have no say in how their forest is being managed.  
10 So we would recommend that these cities get added to this  
11 district. Wrightwood and Lytle Creek would also be in  
12 the 31st. And have we have redesigned the district to  
13 include Ontario, Chino, and Pomona.

14 And that concludes our presentation. Thank you so  
15 much for your time. We really appreciate it.

16 MR. MONSEN: Thank you.

17 CHAIR SADHWANI: Very good. Thank you so much.  
18 Thanks also for working with us through the technical  
19 difficulties that we had to get started. We appreciate  
20 your patience.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will be  
22 going to PMI-034 and we are still a little ahead of  
23 schedule. PMI-034, I will be promoting you now. PMI-  
24 034, you can now enable your audio and video in the  
25 lower-left corner of your screen. And if you would,

1 please share your maps prior to begin your narrative.

2 MR. ROTH: How's that?

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Well, I can see you -- or  
4 we can see you. We do not see your maps just yet,  
5 though.

6 MR. ROTH: I wonder why -- oh, I need to share.  
7 Sorry.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes. So your screen  
9 share will be in the bottom center of your screen.

10 MR. ROTH: Okay. I had it up here -- yeah, there it  
11 is.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And we see your  
13 presentation.

14 MR. ROTH: All right.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And the floor is yours.

16 MR. ROTH: Perfect. Thank you very much for this  
17 opportunity. And thank you all for your service, both  
18 Commissioners and Staff.

19 My name is Joseph Roth. I am -- it's a picture for  
20 the screen here -- good. I'm on the Board of the City of  
21 LA Westside Neighborhood Council, as well as the Westwood  
22 South and Santa Monica Boulevard HOA. So I'm presenting  
23 on behalf of both organizations.

24 I can't advance the screen. The screen is not  
25 advancing here.



1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We'll pause the time  
2 clock while you assess that.

3 MR. ROTH: I've hit the wrong Zoom button.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: So that unshared your  
5 map.

6 MR. ROTH: Thank you. Okay. There we go. Can you  
7 see it now? Or do I need to share again?

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes. You would need to  
9 share again. Sharing is caring.

10 MR. MANOFF: And we're going to restart -- we are  
11 going to reset your time, and give you a fresh start.

12 MR. ROTH: Thank you.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And we do see your  
14 presentation again.

15 MR. ROTH: Except, it's not advancing.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh.

17 MR. ROTH: That's weird. I practiced it last  
18 with -- last night with someone, too. Not to share too  
19 much information, but.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Is it in presentation  
21 mode?

22 MR. ROTH: Yeah. Is that the problem?

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: No. That should work.

24 You may -- I mean, you maybe will be able to take it out  
25 of presentation mode and click through it manually. And

1 there you go.

2 MR. ROTH: Oh. Okay, great.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yeah.

4 MR. ROTH: Cool. Thank you. Sorry about that. I'm  
5 usually pretty good at technology. Anyway, so the  
6 Westwood South and Santa Monica Boulevard Homeowner's  
7 Association is also called WSSM. We were established in  
8 1971, and consists of more than 3,600 single- and multi-  
9 family homes, some originally built in the late '20s and  
10 '30s, intended for homes for UCLA faculty and staff, once  
11 that campus was established and grew.

12 We are bounded by Pico Boulevard on the south,  
13 Sepulveda on the west, Santa Monica Boulevard on the  
14 north, and Beverly Glen on the south -- on the east. We  
15 are actually part of the Westside Neighborhood Council.  
16 You could see the WSSM territory right there, WSSM and  
17 WNC was founded in 1999 when the city established  
18 neighborhood councils, more or less.

19 We have more than 8,000 stakeholders, and include  
20 areas such as: Century Glen, Century City, Cheviot Hills,  
21 Rancho Park, and of course, Westwood South. We're  
22 bounded by the 405 on the West, National and I-10 on the  
23 south. On the east we have the South Robertson  
24 Neighborhood Council, the City of Beverly Hills, and then  
25 Santa Monica Boulevard on the north.

1 In terms of establishing redistricting criteria or  
2 priorities that WSSM decide to advocate, we want to be  
3 grouped with similar communities, keep our cities,  
4 Westside Neighborhood Council and its affiliated -- all  
5 the HOAs I just mentioned, wholly within a single  
6 Assembly district, Senate district, and Congressional  
7 district, and maintain connection in neighborhoods north  
8 of Santa Monica Boulevard, and Wilshire, due to our  
9 longstanding ties within the community.

10 The WNC similarly advocated containing the entirety  
11 of the WNC within the single AD, Senate district, and  
12 Congressional District, and consider grouping with the  
13 similar communities to the north and west. That was  
14 slightly different than what was redistricted ten years  
15 ago.

16 As far as looking at the visualizations; and I know,  
17 these are not final and they're technically not draft  
18 maps, but we had needed something to at least evaluate.  
19 We are very satisfied here, that the WNC is wholly  
20 included, and thus WSSM is as well. This is the first  
21 Congressional district visualization.

22 For the second one, we also are wholly included in  
23 that. When you get to the Senate districts, the first  
24 one we are wholly included. The second Senate district,  
25 again, wholly included. Assembly district, wholly

1 included. And it's when you get to the second Assembly  
2 District 1 where we have -- I don't want to say issue --  
3 but an opportunity to improve.

4       The WNC is not wholly included in this Assembly  
5 District B1 visualization. As I mentioned earlier, but  
6 here I highlight some more, the WNC southern boundary on  
7 the western side is National Boulevard, not the I-10. So  
8 we need to just kind of fill in the little triangle  
9 there, whether you -- you know, how you extend that west  
10 is up to you. But that would be our big recommended  
11 change should a visualization along this line end up  
12 proceeding.

13       So just a quick summary: These were our criteria  
14 from WSSM, and as you can see, we're fine with all these  
15 visualizations except the last Assembly District B1.

16       And then, similarly, for the WNC's perspective, we  
17 are fine with all these potential visual -- or actual  
18 visualizations, potential draft maps down the road,  
19 except of course, for the Assembly District B1.

20       And those we think are easily fixable by using  
21 National Boulevard as the southern line at the WNC's  
22 western end, rather than the I-10 all the way.

23       So we appreciate the Commission's efforts to address  
24 our previously voiced priorities. Again, we support five  
25 out of six of these visualizations, just then to fix that

1 one Assembly district, as these visualizations evolve, we  
2 recognize that you may need to tweak them to address as  
3 many concerns as possible. Hopefully, those tweaks can  
4 be done without undermining the visualizations as firmly  
5 established. We reserve the right to comment again once  
6 the actual proposed maps are released.

7 Thank you very much for your consideration, your  
8 integrity, and your service.

9 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you so much for the  
10 presentation.

11 MR. ROTH: Glad we got it to work.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
13 have PMI-035. I will be promoting you now. PMI-035, you  
14 can now enable your audio video in the lower-left corner  
15 of your screen. And if you'll, please share your map  
16 prior to beginning your narrative. And we do see your  
17 map. And the floor is yours.

18 MR. JOHNSON: Thank you. My name is Annette Johnson  
19 (ph.). I am a 20 year resident of Rowland Heights, which  
20 is in East LA County, and part of Assembly District 55.

21 To the Commissioners today, thank you for hearing my  
22 comments and my sharing of my map. I'm sharing and  
23 submitting my idea of what State Assembly District 55  
24 should look like. From here, I believe the Commission  
25 would also be able to nest a Senate and Congressional

1 district for our area. My map has a population deviation  
2 of only -348, a total population of 493,695 of the  
3 targeted 494 and 43 sized. The demographic breakdown is  
4 41.1 percent Asian-American Pacific Islander, 38 percent.  
5 Latino, 17.6 percent White.

6 The district is very similar to the existing  
7 Assembly District 55 with some minor modifications. It  
8 remains a three-county Assembly district, and here are  
9 the changes that are made. Hacienda Heights, La Habra  
10 Heights, and all of West Covina are added to the  
11 district. Yorba Linda and Placentia are removed and  
12 grouped with foothill communities along the Santa Ana  
13 Mountains.

14 Covina Hills, which is unincorporated LA County, as  
15 it's well (audio interference), and the district as it is  
16 currently at the State Assembly and State Senate level.  
17 These changes are made for several reasons. One, it's  
18 important that the AAPI community retains a strong voice,  
19 considering how much the population has grown over the  
20 last ten years.

21 Both West Covina and Hacienda Heights have a higher  
22 AAPI population percentage, than Placentia and Yorba  
23 Linda. West Covina is 32.2 percent AAPI, Yorba Linda 26  
24 percent AAPI. Secondly, I believe it's extremely  
25 important to group West Covina with Walnut, Diamond Bar,

1 and the other LA County communities mentioned above.

2 They are communities of interest that should not be  
3 separated. Many churches, restaurants, and shopping  
4 areas correlate with each other. There is also overlap  
5 with water districts, public safety services, and the  
6 Mount San Antonio College community -- community college  
7 district, which overlaps with Walnut, West Covina, and  
8 Covina Hills.

9 In addition, the City of La Habra Heights shares --  
10 excuse me -- the City of La Habra, shares fire services  
11 with LA County, even though it is actually located in  
12 Orange County.

13 This map correlates one hundred percent with  
14 communities included in the October 4th LA County  
15 visualization on Slide 45, and very closely correlates  
16 with the Orange County visualizations on Slide 6, with  
17 the exception that Fullerton is not included in this map.

18 Thank you for your attention to my comments, and  
19 your consideration for what Assembly District 55 should  
20 look like. And I very much appreciate your efforts in  
21 this redistricting process. Thank you.

22 CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay. Thank you so much.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We are running a little  
24 ahead of schedule and PMI-038, you are here a little bit  
25 early, so I am going to promote you and see if you are

1 prepared now, otherwise, we will go ahead and take our  
2 break. PMI-038, you can now enable your audio and video  
3 in the lower-left corner of your screen. And if you are  
4 prepared to do your presentation a little bit early, we  
5 do have the availability to do that.

6 MS. SU: I see my --

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Would you like to go  
8 early?

9 MS. SU: Yes. Yes. I send my map twice to the  
10 email. Could you, maybe, put up on your email because --

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes. I'm sure we can do  
12 that. One moment -- oh, Staff already has it up for you.  
13 There you go.

14 MS. SU: Well, thank you so much. Good morning, all  
15 the Commissioners. Thank you so much for your effort, we  
16 as a voter, we appreciate your effort.

17 Okay. My name is Mary Su. I am the -- I have been  
18 an active participant in San Gabriel Valley Education and  
19 Civic Affairs for past twenty-five years. I serve as the  
20 first Asian-American female Mayor of the City of Walnut.  
21 The co-founder of the Chinese American Association, and I  
22 am the founder of the Chinese-American Parent Association  
23 of Walnut Valley Unified School District, I'm also the  
24 former president of the Chinese-American Elected  
25 Officials organization.



1           My involvement in community has given me a unique  
2 perspective on the growth of Chinese-American, and AAPI  
3 population in Southern California. I'm submitting this  
4 map for your consideration. I drew this map to link  
5 cities in San Gabriel Valley, Orange County, and San  
6 Bernardino that have grown AAPI populations, and share  
7 many commodities such as community value, business  
8 corridor, cultural centers and high-performing education  
9 school district.

10           This community in Los Angeles County, including  
11 Cerritos, Cypress, La Habra Heights, Hacienda Heights,  
12 Logan Heights, Diamond Bar, Walnut, and part of West  
13 Covina. In San Bernardino would include, Chino Hills and  
14 Southern Chino. In Orange County it would include La  
15 Habra, La Mirada, Buena Park, Fullerton, and Brea.

16           These communities are linked by the 60 Freeway  
17 running east-west, and by the 57 Freeway and Beach  
18 Boulevard, Hacienda Boulevard running north-south. You  
19 will find many Korean and Chinese grocery stores,  
20 restaurants, churches, and business in this area.

21           It is my hope that these AAPI communities could be  
22 included under one Congressional district so that this  
23 voice will be stronger at the national level, and will  
24 not dilute.

25           Thank you so much. And hope that you will put this

1 map into consideration. Thank you. My presentation is  
2 very short. Again, thank you for allowing me to input  
3 this map. And thank you for all your service. Have a  
4 good weekend. Thank you.

5 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you so much, Mayor Su.

6 And with that, Katy, I don't believe we have anyone  
7 else logged in at this time to present; is that correct?

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: That is correct, Chair.

9 CHAIR SADHWANI: Very good. So we will go to a  
10 break. We have had a couple of cancellations this  
11 morning, so let's just take a little bit of a longer  
12 break, and plan to come back at 11:15 to begin session  
13 number two. And we will pick up this conversation at  
14 11:15. Thank you so much.

15 (Whereupon, a recess was held until 11:15 a.m.)

16 CHAIR SADHWANI: Welcome back to the California  
17 Citizens Redistricting Commission Public Map Input  
18 Session. We are starting off with our second session of  
19 receiving public input on ideas for maps.

20 I'm going to turn it over to Katy, our comment  
21 moderator, to facilitate this session. My understanding  
22 is we do have at least one cancellation, I believe one  
23 submitter already presented earlier today. So this  
24 session is scheduled to go until about 12:40.

25 So with that, Katy; you can take it away.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Perfect. Yes.

2 Welcome to the public map input session. When it is  
3 your turn to speak, you will be identified by your  
4 assigned unique I.D. number. You will be reconnected to  
5 the session with the ability to enable your own video  
6 and/or audio, and to enable screen sharing. Please have  
7 your maps handy prior to your appointment start time in  
8 order to enable screen sharing. The Commission will be  
9 enforcing appointment time limits with a warning at one  
10 minute, and thirty seconds remaining. At the end of your  
11 public input, or at the end of your time you will be  
12 reconnected in a listen- and view-only mode.

13 Right now, we will have PMI-037. I will be  
14 promoting you now. PMI-037, you can now enable your  
15 audio and video in the lower-left corner of your screen,  
16 and your screen sharing option will be in the bottom  
17 center. And if you will, please share your map prior to  
18 beginning your narrative. This will begin your time.  
19 The floor is yours, whenever you are ready.

20 MR. COLLINS: Hello, Commissioners. And thank you  
21 for the opportunity. My name is Mansfield Collins  
22 (ph.) -- can I be heard?

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, you are.

24 MR. COLLINS: I am a practicing attorney who lives  
25 in the City of Walnut, and I appreciate this opportunity

1 to present my Assembly map.

2 Are you able to see the -- am I properly sharing the  
3 right screen, because I have three screens in front of  
4 me?

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We are seeing, "Assembly  
6 District 55 Proposed Map".

7 MR. COLLINS: Thank you. Thank you. Well, if you  
8 look at slide 2 -- now do I change the slides on my end,  
9 or do you do it on your end?

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: You will be advancing  
11 your own slides.

12 MR. COLLINS: Okay. On slide 2, it includes the  
13 communities of Walnut, Diamond Bar, Rowland Heights,  
14 Hacienda Heights, West Covina, Covina Hills, Chino Hills,  
15 Brea, La Brea, La Habra, and La Habra Heights, and part  
16 of the City of Industry.

17 I'm going to move now to slide 3. Slide 3 shows a  
18 population deviation of negative 348. And that would  
19 constitute forty-one percent Asian American Pacific  
20 Islanders, thirty-eight percent Latino, and 17.6 percent  
21 White.

22 I'm going to go to slide -- I'm sorry -- that was, I  
23 got ahead of myself. That should have been slide 3. Are  
24 we current now? Okay.

25 So now, I'm going to go to slide 4. This map is

1 similar to the current Assembly district, with some  
2 changes to reflect the population and demographic changes  
3 that have occurred within the last ten years. Some of  
4 those changes include, Hacienda Heights, La Habra  
5 Heights, and all of West Covina, which are added to the  
6 district. Yorba Linda and Placentia are removed and  
7 grouped with Orange County Foothill communities along the  
8 Santa Ana Mountains.

9 Covina Hills remains in the district, as it  
10 currently is at the State Assembly and State Senate  
11 level. It is important that West Covina and Hacienda  
12 Heights have a higher -- and I'm just going to shorten it  
13 to the acronym, AAPI population percentage, then  
14 Placentia and Yorba Linda, while Yorba Linda is only at  
15 twenty-six percent AAPI.

16 Hacienda Heights is well over forty percent AAPI,  
17 and thus should be grouped with similar communities such  
18 as Walnut and Diamond Bar.

19 As Commissioners Akutagawa and Sadhwani -- and I am  
20 sorry for mispronouncing those names -- stated several  
21 times over the last two weeks, the Los Angeles Orange  
22 County border is not a hard line in this map, and I thank  
23 both of you for advocating for this.

24 I'm now going to turn to slide 5. The City of West  
25 Covina is included in this district. In the 2020 census,

1 the southern part of the city had census tracts, where  
2 over fifty percent of the residents identified as AAPI.  
3 It is important that this area remains with similar  
4 communities such as Walnut and Rowland Heights.

5 The communities of Diamond Bar, Walnut, Rowland  
6 Heights, Hacienda Heights, West Covina, and the City of  
7 Industry are communities of interest and belong together  
8 in all Legislative districts. We share schools,  
9 services, places of worship, roads, and recreational  
10 areas.

11 And now I'm going to turn to slide 6. I would also  
12 like to see Hacienda Heights added with the Los Angeles  
13 County communities with Walnut, and Diamond Bar. I  
14 understand the Voting Rights Act requirements need to be  
15 met in the immediately adjacent areas, but it is  
16 essential that Hacienda Heights be grouped with similarly  
17 diverse communities such as Walnut and Diamond Bar. It  
18 has more in common with these communities than it does  
19 with several of the gateway cities it is currently  
20 grouped with.

21 The current districts that Hacienda Heights is  
22 grouped with in the visualizations, are both around  
23 sixty-five percent Latino, and overpopulated by four  
24 percent. So I believe that they could lose Hacienda  
25 Heights and still meet the requirements of the Voting

1 Rights Act. Overall, this remains a tri-county district,  
2 it is fair, reflects the demographics and communities --

3 MR. MANOFF: One minute.

4 MR. COLLINS: -- communities of interests in the  
5 area. And I believe the Voting Rights Act districts  
6 around this map can be preserved and be consistent with  
7 promoting the geographic integrity of cities, counties,  
8 and local neighborhoods in a respectful manner that  
9 minimizes any division. Thank you for your time and your  
10 consideration.

11 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you very much, Mr. Collins.

12 Just as a reminder to you, and to any of our  
13 presenters, if you'd like to have your presentation  
14 included with the other documents that you've submitted,  
15 please email it to us at our email the  
16 VotersFIRSTAct@CRC.CA.gov. Thank you so much. Katy.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, Chair.

18 At this time it appears our next appointment has not  
19 arrived as of yet. So I will have to see if PMI-040A and  
20 their group participants would like to go early. It does  
21 not look like their entire group is here. So let me  
22 check in with the PMI-040 -- well, A is not here, we'll  
23 go to the B. And you'll be allowed to talk. PMI-041B,  
24 if you could please unmute at this time -- oh, one more  
25 time. Sorry about that.

1 CALLER PMI-041B: Yeah, hi. I'm here, but I'm not  
2 sure my colleagues in the first slot are.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, that was my  
4 question. We are a little ahead of schedule. And it  
5 looks like we have E, F and G, and yourself here. I do  
6 not have A, who would have been the presenter for the  
7 first group at 11:38? If you could reach out to your  
8 team and let them know, we are running a little ahead of  
9 schedule and if they could log in, maybe we will take a  
10 five minute break.

11 Yeah, we will go to a five-minute break. And if  
12 there's any way you could reach out to your team and let  
13 them know, we're running a little early and if they can  
14 have the time to come early, we will be available.

15 CALLER PMI-041B: I'll reach out. Thank you.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

17 CHAIR SADHWANI: Katy, do we know, if PMI-039 has  
18 canceled? (Indiscernible, simultaneous speech)?

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: They have not officially  
20 canceled, but they're not here yet. Let me see. I have  
21 another group here -- PMI-040E. Uh-huh, PMI-040A. Here  
22 we are.

23 CHAIR SADHWANI: Are we on break, or is the Live  
24 stream still running?

25 MR. MANOFF: We haven't gone to break yet, Chair.



1 CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay.

2 MR. MANOFF: Because it looks like people are just  
3 showing up, so --

4 CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: They are. One moment.

6 PMI-040A, if you could please unmute, I just have a  
7 couple of questions.

8 CALLER PMI-040A: Hi.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hi. We are running a  
10 little ahead of schedule. It looks like your entire  
11 team, the additional presenters; they are not all here  
12 yet.

13 CALLER PMI-040A: No. Do you want us to start  
14 early, or.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: That would be wonderful,  
16 if you can.

17 CALLER PMI-040A: Let me see if I can get everyone  
18 on a bit early.

19 MR. MANOFF: Chair, how about we take a break until  
20 11:30, or something like that?

21 CHAIR SADHWANI: Actually, that sounds great.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We will come back at  
23 11:30.

24 CALLER PMI-040A: Okay. So are we still starting  
25 our --

1           (Whereupon, a recess was held until 11:30 a.m.)

2           CHAIR SADHWANI: Welcome back to the California  
3 Citizens Redistricting Commission, as we continue our  
4 second session of the day receiving public input.

5           I will turn it over to Katy, our comment moderator,  
6 who will help facilitate this portion of the session.

7           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes. It looks like, so  
8 PMI-040, I will just be promoting who is here of your  
9 group. So it will be PMI-040A, PMI-040E, PMI-040 --  
10 there's a little lag while we're promoting each person;  
11 one moment; PMI-040E, PMI-040F, PMI-040G, and PMI-041B.

12           All right. So everybody from your team that we have  
13 here at this time, is promoted to panelist. You all have  
14 the ability to share your screen, although I would assume  
15 just one of you is doing that. You have the ability to  
16 enable your audio and video in the lower-left corner of  
17 your screen -- oh, no, that's from another group; all  
18 right. And we see your presentation. And the floor is  
19 now yours.

20           MR. SAMUELS: Okay. Good morning, Commissioners.  
21 And thank you for your service and for this opportunity.

22           My name is Kirk Samuels, and I'm the director of  
23 Civic Engagement at Community Coalition, who is the  
24 convener of the People's Bloc Alliance, a multiracial  
25 table of about thirty community-based organizations from

1 across the Los Angeles County. The purpose of the  
2 People's Bloc is to ensure the redistricting process is  
3 rooted in shared values, and inclusive sense of  
4 grassroots leadership.

5 To that end, the work of the People's Bloc has been  
6 guided by three core principles, the first of which being  
7 equity and solidarity. Prioritizing people and  
8 communities have been historically oppressed and ignored,  
9 and being unified around leveraging this process as an  
10 opportunity to dismantle the tools of White Supremacy.

11 Our second core value is community participation.  
12 We want to ensure that the voices traditionally not  
13 included in the redistricting process are sustained  
14 (audio interference).

15 Author and activist, Alice Walker, wrote, "The most  
16 common way people can give up their power is by thinking  
17 they don't have any." So it was very important for us to  
18 engage everyday people, and to empower them to be  
19 involved in this process that will impact their lives and  
20 the lives of their children for the next ten years.

21 And then lastly, we want to center a power-building  
22 organization, but throughout the process, we have  
23 prioritized the inclusion of groups that work directly  
24 with Black, Indigenous, and people of color communities,  
25 and are committed to the base voting and leadership

1 development. Plans for the People Bloc -- the People's  
2 Bloc Alliance came to be formed in the fall of 2020, in  
3 the midst of the pandemic, and the collective has met  
4 regularly for the last eighteen months.

5 The thirty organizations came together because they  
6 represent communities of interests, who are determined to  
7 correct problems from previous administrative cycles,  
8 where communities were broken up into multiple districts,  
9 kind of like Koreatown, or they lost vital economic  
10 drivers, which sadly exacerbated decades of public and  
11 private disinvestment in areas like South Los Angeles.

12 Now, the People's Bloc, as a whole, covers an array,  
13 a vast array of communities in Los Angeles, and we don't  
14 have time to cover them all. So for this presentation we  
15 will be hyper-focused our four key communities of  
16 interest, South Los Angeles, Southeast Los Angeles, East  
17 Los Angeles, and then the Metro Los Angeles area.

18 These neighborhoods have been identified on a number  
19 of occasions by our partners and by our everyday  
20 residents we have engaged with over the past nine weeks  
21 while hosting with the community -- community of interest  
22 workshops.

23 In our following presentation, we will broaden the  
24 scope, and we will examine the People's Bloc communities  
25 of interest throughout LA County to illustrate the vision

1 of our community members to the Commissioners in hopes of  
2 magnifying our residents' key conditions and concerns  
3 about redistricting, and which results in the increased  
4 power and representation of Black, Indigenous, and people  
5 color community.

6       So right now I want to take -- I'm going to talk  
7 about our first COI, South Los Angeles; Community  
8 Coalition is a community-based organization in South Los  
9 Angeles that fights for social justice and racial equity.  
10 We have been serving the people of South Los Angeles for  
11 thirty years, and we are deeply rooted in the needs and  
12 the empowerment of our community members.

13       South LA is the largest Black community west of the  
14 Mississippi River, and has the historical (indiscernible)  
15 to its community members. Culture, pride, and social  
16 activism have been a staple of the residents of South LA  
17 for generations. For over two months, Community  
18 Coalition has hosted in-person and virtual redistricting  
19 workshops to inform our community members about the  
20 redistricting cycle, how to get involved, and most  
21 importantly, how they can protect their community from  
22 being broken apart through the redistricting process.

23       The release of the census data just a few weeks back  
24 confirmed what many of our community residents had  
25 already been expressing, and lifting up to us in our

1 workshops, that there's an erasure happening in Black Los  
2 Angeles. We have seen our neighborhoods shrink due to  
3 displacement, gentrification, and disinvestment from the  
4 lack of resources. Our community has been forthcoming  
5 about their desire to have true representation that  
6 reflects our values, and our neighborhoods, and that  
7 protect our interests, attracts development, and creates  
8 a future that our children can thrive in.

9       So thank you for your time. And I will now pass it  
10 to my colleague, Karla.

11       MS. FERNANDEZ: Hi, everyone. Karla Fernandez,  
12 associate director of the SELA Collaborative, founded in  
13 2011, we are a network of twelve CBOs that have gathered  
14 to lead Southeast LA into an era of vitality, bringing  
15 resources to build local nonprofit infrastructure,  
16 increasing civic participation, providing research about  
17 a region that's home to about 425,000 people.

18       At the SELA Collaborative, we've worked to mitigate  
19 decades of underinvestment in South Gate, Vernon, Bell,  
20 Bell Gardens, Cudahy, Huntington Park, and Maywood, as  
21 well as to unincorporated areas, Florence, Firestone, and  
22 Walnut Park. Since July, we've held virtual  
23 redistricting trainings and discussions with residents  
24 and community leaders, and engaging with them made it  
25 clear that they share common interests in challenges that

1 have been aggravated by the pandemic.

2 SELA is home to a population that's ninety-five  
3 percent Latino, sixty-four percent noncitizens, some of  
4 the highest concentrations of these populations in the  
5 state. About fifty-two percent of SELA residents live in  
6 a family earning below 200 percent of the Federal poverty  
7 threshold.

8 Fifty percent of residents in SELA, 25 and older, do  
9 not have a high school diploma, and proximity to  
10 pollution industry, major highways, means that SELA  
11 residents carry a higher associated disease burden than  
12 other parts of LA County, as well as the state.

13 And due to persistent inequities that have impacted  
14 residents in this region, we emphasized to the People's  
15 Bloc, and our colleagues, the importance of highlighting  
16 this region as a community of interest.

17 Thank you. I'll now turn it over to my colleague,  
18 Jessica.

19 MS. PANDURO: Thank you. Jessica Panduro, Civic  
20 Engagement coordinator with InnerCity Struggle, founded  
21 in 1994, Civic -- InnerCity Struggle, we believe that  
22 everyone deserves to live in a safe, healthy, and  
23 thriving neighborhood. As we began, our residents and  
24 youth highlighted public education as the most pressing  
25 issue. As we progress, our residents knew that if we

1 wanted to transform our neighborhoods, we needed to  
2 become a multiracial organization.

3       Since then, we joined statewide coalitions to build  
4 a stronger democracy, and are beginning our work in  
5 advancing justice and community development. In the  
6 Eastside -- the Eastside is compromised (sic) of Lincoln  
7 Heights, Boyle Heights, El Sereno, unincorporated East  
8 LA, City Terrace.

9       We are mostly Latinos, renters, first generation,  
10 low-income, most spoken language is Spanish and English,  
11 with high emphasis on monolingual Spanish speakers. We  
12 are joined by our (in Spanish, not translated), as this  
13 process began and approached to come near, right,  
14 redistricting, we knew that we had to do political  
15 education around this issue, as we participated in the  
16 census count, and we learned a lot through our field.

17       We started our redistricting outreach in late June,  
18 early July, with informing residents around what was  
19 redistricting, on all different levels of engagement,  
20 from state to local. We conducted multiple trainings on  
21 how to elevate redistricting with their friends and  
22 family so that our outreach would go further. In our  
23 community relationship organizing goes a long way.

24       We also engaged with other local partners that were  
25 not directly involved in the People's Bloc, but also



1 served the same community. After that, we conducted  
2 multiple COI workshops. We engaged with nearly 200  
3 Eastside residents directly, where we identified the top  
4 issues that are impacting Eastside residents today.  
5 Housing, many families are not being able to afford  
6 housing, people being displaced, and big rent due to the  
7 pandemic.

8 Health care, COVID impacted a lot of our community.  
9 People got sick. They didn't know where to turn to. And  
10 a lot of our undocumented community not being able to  
11 access health care; in education, schools were not ready  
12 for this virtual learning, and there is a great gap,  
13 educational gap that is left due to this pandemic.

14 As we approach redistricting and the drawing of our  
15 lines of our communities we are worried about being  
16 placed with more affluent communities whose concerns are  
17 not the same as our everyday common issues, we have been  
18 able to work together with our district to pass measures  
19 that impact our schools and communities. We have been  
20 able to advocate, and want tenant rights in places like  
21 East LA, where there was nothing in place before.

22 Now, during this time, we have been organizing to  
23 protect families from evictions due to rent debt, and  
24 advocating for rent relief opportunities for families  
25 that were, and continue to be highly impacted due to this

1 pandemic. These are the Eastside everyday story, and we  
2 need lines that allow us to continue this resiliency.

3 Thank you for your time. Now, I'll pass it over to  
4 my colleague, Candice.

5 MS. CHO: Good morning, Commissioners. Thank you  
6 for the opportunity to present today. I'm Candice Cho,  
7 managing director of Policy and Counsel at the Asian  
8 Pacific Policy and Planning Council, or APCON.

9 As some of you know, APCON is a coalition of over  
10 forty community-based organizations who serve and  
11 represent the 1.5 million Asian-Americans, and Pacific  
12 Islanders or AAPIs in Los Angeles County, which is home  
13 to almost a quarter of the state's AAPIs.

14 APCON, which was founded in the 1970s, has deep and  
15 longstanding roots in these communities. Our members  
16 include fellow Bloc members, Little Tokyo Service Center,  
17 and South Asian Network, and also Thai Community  
18 Development Center, Asian Youth Center, Asian-Americans  
19 Advancing Justice Los Angeles, Korean-American Coalition,  
20 Empowering Pacific Islander Communities, Filipino Worker  
21 Center, and others.

22 APCON is also one of the founding partners of Stop  
23 AAPI Hate, a national coalition addressing anti-AAPI hate  
24 nationwide, which was created in response to the surge in  
25 hate against our communities during the pandemic.

1 I'm pleased to be here today testifying with the  
2 People's Bloc in support of the Bloc's maps. As a member  
3 of the Block and the AAPI, and AMEMSA Redistricting  
4 Collaborative, APCON has collaborated with coalition  
5 partners to hold over ten workshops, and many one-on-one  
6 trainings for AAPI community members and community  
7 leaders. These workshops and trainings have educated and  
8 informed the community about what redistricting is and  
9 why it matters, collected community of interest  
10 information, and helped the community share their  
11 stories, and their maps.

12 I want to highlight a few of the significant AAPI's  
13 community of interest -- communities of interest in the  
14 Metro LA area, namely, Little Tokyo, Chinatown, Thai  
15 Town, Historic Filipinotown, and Koreatown.

16 Although each community of interest is distinct and  
17 uniquely shaped by its history and pattern of  
18 immigration, they are all dense neighborhoods,  
19 geographically proximate to Downtown Los Angeles. They  
20 are all home to residents and businesses that are owned  
21 by and serving members of their communities. They share  
22 similar social and economic characteristics. For  
23 example, many community members are limited-English  
24 proficient, low income, or working class, undocumented,  
25 or renters vulnerable to gentrification and displacement.

1           And we all share similar policy concerns and often  
2 advocate together before policymakers to address unmet  
3 needs, such as access to affordable housing, and access  
4 to in-language and culturally competent health care  
5 services.

6           Our goals today are also shared. We want to be  
7 defined by the boundaries that are understood within and  
8 by our communities. We want to be kept whole, not split  
9 across more than one district, and we want to be paired  
10 with other AAPI communities and communities of color  
11 with whom we have shared interests and concerns.

12           We appreciate the opportunity to work in solidarity  
13 with other communities of color, as a member of the Bloc  
14 whose maps keep our communities whole, using boundaries  
15 provided by our communities, and with other communities  
16 who share our interests.

17           And on behalf of the Bloc I want to thank all of you  
18 for your time, Commissioners.

19           CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. Thank you so much.

20           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: One moment, Chair.

21           CHAIR SADHWANI: No problem.

22           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: PMI-042, which would've  
23 been our next appointment is not here yet. 042? You are  
24 correct. Thank you. PMI-042 was cancelled.

25           CHAIR SADHWANI: Yes.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We will be going to PMI-  
2 043A. I will be promoting you now.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: What about 041.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: PMI-043A, and PMI-043B --  
5 okay I apologize. One moment. PMI-043A, there was  
6 another group, but the group that -- one moment.

7 (Moderators confer)

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. So that's  
9 what I thought. The PMI-040 group was not done. That's  
10 what I thought. Okay. Thank you.

11 CHAIR SADHWANI: Oh. They were not done?

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes. Okay. That's what  
13 confused me. But thank you, we've got this. All right.

14 CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It's different, and they've  
16 different people in that group.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: It is. Okay.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Completely different group of  
19 people (indiscernible) --

20 CHAIR SADHWANI: I think they had about two minutes  
21 left in there.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: It's okay. It will all  
23 sort itself out.

24 CHAIR SADHWANI: Fine. Okay.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The PMI-040 group, I will

1 be re-promoting all of you.

2 CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay. Thanks, Katy.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Uh-huh.

4 MR. MANOFF: So now we're moving on to the time slot  
5 that is PMI-040D, and the presenters associated with  
6 that, please.

7 CHAIR SADHWANI: I see. And so this is the 11:54  
8 slot?

9 MR. MANOFF: Yes.

10 CHAIR SADHWANI: Got it. Okay. Thank you very  
11 much.

12 (Discussion off record)

13 MR. MANOFF: Welcome to 40D. I see you are a  
14 presenter. Just give us a moment while we get the rest  
15 of your presenters back in the meeting.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I just wanted to clarify real  
17 quickly. We were the first fifteen-minute session, and  
18 then our partners were the second fifteen-minute session.

19 MR. MANOFF: Okay. So I have 40A as the first, and  
20 40D as the second. But it's okay, so either way.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.

22 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you. And thank you for your  
23 patience as we try to sort this out, and make sure that  
24 everyone who needs to get on has the opportunity to do  
25 so. It will not influence, you know, your time, or cut

1 into your time.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I'm still promoting.

3 Sorry.

4 CHAIR SADHWANI: No problem.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: PMI-040G, I will try one  
6 more time -- oh. There it goes. All right. Okay. So  
7 at this time we have promoted PMI-041B, PMI-040G, PMI-  
8 040A, PMI-040F, PMI-040D, and PMI-040E. Whoever is  
9 presenting out of that group, the floor is yours. We do  
10 see the maps coming up. It says, "The People's Bloc:  
11 Maps and Data."

12 MS. DALY: Great. Thank you.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Perfect.

14 MS. DALY: Everyone, can you hear me?

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

16 MS. DALY: Great. Thank you very much. I want to  
17 congratulate everyone at the Commission for giving me my  
18 first heart attack of this morning. It really gets the  
19 blood pumping. So thank you for this opportunity to  
20 speak. This is the second part of the People's Bloc  
21 presentation. In this session, we're going to be talking  
22 about our maps and data.

23 Yes. My name is Laura Daly. I'm a researcher and  
24 data analyst at Advancement Project California. And I'll  
25 be walking us through some key districts in our Bloc --

1 Congressional, Assembly, and Senate plans.

2 I want to note before we get started that we  
3 considered a lot of different data during the line-  
4 drawing process, including activity, income, housing,  
5 cost burden, pollution burden, race, ethnicity, English  
6 proficiency, and much more. And we combined these  
7 indicators into one index to help us guide our data  
8 decisions when making these maps.

9 So while I'm not going to be able cover a lot of  
10 these considerations due to time, I just wanted to bring  
11 that front and center.

12 So before we get started, I want to note we had over  
13 six feedback sessions per district level with our Bloc  
14 Alliance, where partners gave us live feedback on how to  
15 shape district lines based on their communities of  
16 interest. We also met with individual partners and asked  
17 for their feedback with drawing lines, and hosted many  
18 COI workshops.

19 So due to time constraints, we can't present all of  
20 our proposed districts in LA County, but we will,  
21 instead, focus on districts that highlight block  
22 compliance with the Voting Rights Act, and Bloc Partner  
23 priorities.

24 So let's get started with Congressional districts.  
25 In all of our plans, including Congressional, we worked



1 with CBOs to keep communities of interest as intact as  
2 possible. We collaborated with groups in surrounding  
3 counties to ensure regional VRA compliance, and  
4 population deviations in this Congressional plan are  
5 within 0.04 percent.

6 In terms of the Voting Rights Act, this plan  
7 maintains six Latinx VRA districts in the county. We  
8 chose not to pack Black voters into one district, rather  
9 we've adjusted lines in South LA to maintain two Black  
10 influenced districts.

11 And based on AAPI community preference, this plan  
12 does not draw an Asian VRA district in San Gabriel  
13 Valley, as folks believe this configuration better  
14 represents their communities than a majority-Asian VRA  
15 district would.

16 So getting started, CD 25 in the Antelope Valley, is  
17 a coalition district that works to give significant  
18 Latinx- and Black-eligible voter populations, effective  
19 representation by keeping Lancaster and Palmdale whole,  
20 and grouping them with growing Black communities in  
21 California City and Rosemont.

22 CD 27 in Pasadena and Foothill Cities; that respects  
23 AAPI Community Preference. It's an Asian voter  
24 influenced district, rather than an Asian VRA district  
25 with 36.9 percent Asian CVAP. The response, as well as

1 requests from environmental advocates who would like to  
2 see the forest region of Angeles Crest grouped with  
3 Pasadena, Altadena, and other foothill communities.

4 CD 32 in San Gabriel Valley is a Latinx VRA  
5 district, and maintains the COI of South El Monte, El  
6 Monte, and Baldwin Park together.

7 CD City 37 is a Latinx VRA district that stretches  
8 from Montebello, here over to Diamond Bar, while  
9 respecting AAPI COI preferences of keeping Walnut,  
10 Diamond Bar, and Rowland Heights together.

11 CD 28 in San Fernando Valley is a Latinx VRA  
12 district that keeps low-income, immigrant, and Latinx  
13 COIs whole. It also is drawn in a way that affluent  
14 parts of the valley are drawn into a separate district to  
15 avoid diluting the Latinx vote.

16 CD 34 in Central LA, and Eastside is the Latinx, VRA  
17 District. It keeps the Eastside whole, and in a strong  
18 Latinx voter district, and it does not break up  
19 unincorporated East LA, as has happened in previous  
20 years. Koreatown is kept whole in this district, and  
21 kept with Historic Filipinotown, Chinatown, and Little  
22 Tokyo.

23 Our CD 36 in South LA, as I mentioned before,  
24 community groups in South LA have requested to maintain  
25 Black voter influence in two key South LA districts

1 rather than be packed into one majority Black district.  
2 This district works to provide effective representation  
3 to Black Angelinos, and to others who are fighting  
4 displacement.

5 In this district, which includes Baldwin Hills,  
6 Leimert Park, and Vermont Knolls, the Black CVAP is  
7 thirty-five percent. It also includes the Skid Row COI  
8 at the request of community groups.

9 CD 42 is the second Black-influence district. Here,  
10 Black CVAP is 34.5 percent. It keeps historically Black  
11 communities together, and well representative. Compton  
12 has returned to this region's district, along with  
13 Inglewood, and Watts, which are kept whole. The LAX COI  
14 is included here, which is an important source of  
15 employment for many residents in this proposed district.

16 CD 43 in South Bay and SELA, it's a Latinx VRA  
17 district that minimizes cuts to Southeast LA, which has  
18 been divided into two districts in this plan. We have  
19 tried to keep SELA whole and together where possible, but  
20 we have acknowledged that some splits are necessary in  
21 order to avoid packing Latinx voters into one district.

22 So where SELA has been split, as has been done so  
23 along city boundaries, this district includes Southgate,  
24 Lynwood, and ensures that the growing Latinx population  
25 in Wilmington, Carson, and Long Beach can elect their

1 representatives of choice.

2 CD 41, based in SELA and Long Beach, is another  
3 Latinx VRA district with the remaining portion of SELA,  
4 down south to Downtown Long Beach. Long Beach, cuts in  
5 both of these districts have been made in consultation  
6 with Long Beach community groups in order to keep the  
7 Black, LGBTQ+, and Cambodian COIs whole.

8 Moving onto our Assembly highlighted districts. In  
9 our Assembly plan, we had a similar process of  
10 collaborating with CBOs and partners in neighboring  
11 counties to ensure regional VRA compliance. Due to  
12 increasing Latinx CVAP in the county, this plan increases  
13 the number of Latinx VRA districts in the county from  
14 eight to eleven, including one new VRA seat in Antelope  
15 Valley, and two in San Fernando Valley.

16 This plan does not draw a Black VRA district in  
17 South LA, instead, folks have preferred to draw four  
18 Assembly districts that span, historically Black  
19 communities and maintain Black -- high Black CVAP, which  
20 we've defined as greater than thirty percent to ensure  
21 Black communities can elect their candidates of choice.  
22 And finally, this map maintains an Asian VRA district in  
23 the San Gabriel Valley region.

24 AD 33 is a new Latinx VRA district that represents  
25 the growing Latinx eligible voter population in

1 Lancaster, Palmdale, and in the High Desert as well.  
2 Cities were split here in order to comply with the VRA,  
3 but we made these cuts in collaboration with community  
4 groups to minimize splits to COIs in both the AV and the  
5 High Desert.

6 AD 39 in the Eastern San Fernando Valley, it's a  
7 Latinx VRA district that runs from Lake Balboa to Van  
8 Nuys, and Pacoima. In our plan, San Fernando Valley is  
9 running through two districts, to ensure that the growing  
10 Latinx eligible voter population can be effectively  
11 represented. These two districts, together, represent  
12 low-income, immigrant, and Latinx COIs with similar  
13 cultural and economic interests.

14 These districts enable the lower income regions of  
15 the Valley to elect their candidates of choice, while  
16 more affluent areas are grouped together in another  
17 district.

18 AD 45 is the second San Fernando Valley, Latinx VRA  
19 district running from Canoga Park, and Winnetka, up to  
20 north -- up north to San Fernando. And we've drawn these  
21 two valley districts, again, in collaboration with  
22 community groups. And again, affluent areas of the  
23 valley are drawn into a separate district.

24 AD 48 in San Gabriel Valley is a Latinx VRA seat  
25 that includes South El Monte, West Covina, up north to

1 Azusa. To fulfill VRA obligations in this area while  
2 minimizing splits to the COI of South El Monte, El Monte,  
3 and Baldwin Park.

4 AD 49 is a district that maintains an Asian VRA seat  
5 in the San Gabriel region, and includes Monterey Park,  
6 San Gabriel, El Monte. And it focuses on AAPI working-  
7 class communities of interest.

8 AD 57 is a Latinx VRA seat that stretches from  
9 Montebello, east to the county border, and maintains AAPI  
10 COIs in Walnut, and Diamond Bar, and Rowland Heights, and  
11 keep South Whittier, Whittier COI whole.

12 AD 51 based in the Eastside of Central LA, it  
13 doesn't split up unincorporated East LA, and while we  
14 want to keep the Eastside whole, we recognize the need  
15 for VRA compliance and have worked to minimize splits in  
16 the Eastside of -- keeping East LA and El Sereno together  
17 in this district.

18 AD 53 is a Latinx VRA district. It's the second  
19 district with parts of the Eastside, it keeps Boyle  
20 Heights and Lincoln Heights together, and then keeps  
21 Koreatown whole, while grouping it with Historic  
22 Filipinotown, Chinatown, and Little Tokyo.

23 AD 58 is a SELA and Gateway Cities district. It's a  
24 Latinx VRA district. It minimizes splits to SELA,  
25 includes Huntington Park, Balboa Gardens, and runs east

1 to La Mirada.

2 AD 63 based in Long Beach and Wilmington, is another  
3 Latinx VRA seat, it provides effective representation for  
4 the growing Latinx population in Long Beach, and splits  
5 along Beach here, were made in consultation with  
6 community groups, such as Long Beach Forward in order to  
7 keep Black and Cambodian COIs of interest -- COIs whole.

8 AD 62, based on South LA and the South Bay is a  
9 coalition district that links communities in the South  
10 Bay to South LA, and maintains Black voter influence, by  
11 keeping the Black CVAP to thirty-one percent. It's one  
12 of four proposed districts in South LA with the Black  
13 CVAP above thirty percent. It includes the LAX COI with  
14 Inglewood and surrounding communities. And splits to  
15 Gardena, here, were made in consultation with AAPI  
16 community groups.

17 AD 54, based in South LA and Crenshaw, is a  
18 coalition district that maintains Black voter influence  
19 by keeping Blacks CVAP thirty-three percent. It includes  
20 Culver City, Pico-Robertson, Leimert Park, over to  
21 Beaumont Square, and COIs here were kept whole to the  
22 best of our abilities.

23 AD 64 based in SELA and South LA, is the Latinx VRA  
24 district. The goal of coalition with Black voters in  
25 historically Black communities such as Watts, Compton,

1 and Lynwood; the Black CVAP is thirty percent, and it  
2 helps minimize splits to SELA.

3 AD 59 is a Latinx district with the goal of  
4 coalition with Black voters in historically Black  
5 communities like South Central, USC, and Vermont Knolls.  
6 Black CVAP is thirty percent, and it includes the Skid  
7 Row COI, at the request of South LA community-based  
8 organizations.

9 I'm going to take a breath as we move on to Senate  
10 Districts. Excuse me.

11 MR. MANOFF: I'm sorry to interrupt. I'll pause  
12 your time for just a second.

13 MS. DALY: Sure.

14 MR. MANOFF: We do have a request from the  
15 interpreters. If you could please slow down. Much of  
16 your testimony is not getting interpreted because of the  
17 speed of your testimony. So we've paused your time now.  
18 I'm going to restart it. If you could please go a little  
19 bit slower so we can pick that up on the interpretation.

20 MS. DALY: Yes. Sorry about that. I will go  
21 slower. All right.

22 So our Senate district summary, this plan is  
23 composed of nested Assembly districts where possible,  
24 given VRA compliance and COI preference. Overall, we  
25 have four Latinx VRA districts that are based in the



1 county, which is one more than that -- one more than was  
2 created in 2011. This new Latinx VRA district that we  
3 have drawn is San Fernando Valley, and this plan draws  
4 two Black influenced districts in South LA, and includes  
5 one Asian influenced district in the San Gabriel Valley  
6 and Foothill Cities region.

7 SD 21, based in Antelope Valley, it's a coalition  
8 district that works to give significant Latinx and Black  
9 eligible voter populations effective representation by  
10 keeping Lancaster and Palmdale whole, and grouping them  
11 with growing Black communities in California City and  
12 Barstow.

13 SD 22 is a coalition district that is an Asian  
14 influenced district. It stretches from Burbank, to  
15 Pasadena, to Monterey Park, over to Monrovia. It links  
16 together key AAPI COIs, and has thirty-one percent Asian  
17 CVAP, it also keeps Black COIs whole in Altadena.

18 SD 24, based in Koreatown and the Eastside, is a  
19 Latinx VRA district, it keeps Koreatown whole, and  
20 grouped together with Historic Filipinotown, Chinatown,  
21 and Little Tokyo, as requested by AAPI partners, it also  
22 keeps the Eastside whole and together in a strong Latinx  
23 district at fifty-eight percent Latinx CVAP, which  
24 enables representation for residents facing  
25 gentrification and displacement.

1 SD 30, a South LA Crenshaw District, maintains  
2 neighborhood boundaries, and keeps Baldwin Hills, Leimert  
3 Park, Manchester Square, and Historic South Central  
4 together. It maintains Black voter influence in South LA  
5 communities. The Black CVAP here is thirty-one percent,  
6 and it includes the Skid Row COI at the request of  
7 community groups.

8 SD 35, in South LA and the South Bay, maintains  
9 Black voter influence in historically Black communities,  
10 including Compton, Watts, and Inglewood, which are whole.  
11 The Black CVAP here is 30.6 percent, and it keeps  
12 together diverse communities in Torrance, West Carson,  
13 and Carson, who have shared economic and cultural  
14 interests. The split made to Torrance in this district  
15 was made in consultation with AAPI community groups and  
16 service providers. It also includes the LAX COI.

17 SD 33, based in South Bay and SELA, is a Latinx VRA  
18 district. It includes Wilmington and runs up north  
19 through Long Beach, up to SELA. It keeps SELA whole  
20 while providing a representation to the growing Latinx  
21 population in Northwest Long Beach. And again, this  
22 district, though split in Long Beach, was drawn in  
23 consultation with Long Beach community groups to keep  
24 COIs together.

25 SD 33 in the Gateway Cities, San Gabriel Valley

1 region, and maintains a VRA district here, while keeping  
2 together COIs in Whittier, South Whittier, El Monte, and  
3 Walnut, Diamond Bar.

4       And lastly, SD 18 is a San Fernando Valley district.  
5 This is the new Latinx VRA district in the Senate plan.  
6 It was drawn in order to enable effective representation  
7 for the growing Latinx eligible voter population in the  
8 Valley, and it avoids diluting these communities' voting  
9 power by drawing affluent areas of the valley into a  
10 different district.

11       So this concludes our presentation. While we  
12 were -- again, while we were only able to highlight  
13 selected districts this morning, the full Bloc maps have  
14 been submitted to the Commission, and can be viewed on  
15 the public input page.

16       We thank you for your time and attention, and wish  
17 you luck in your own line-drawing process.

18       CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you so much. It's a great  
19 presentation. If possible, this looks a little bit  
20 different from the submission that we had received. So  
21 if you could please be sure to email us your slides, you  
22 know, it will be really helpful. They'll be posted on  
23 our website so that everyone has access to them. Thank  
24 you so much.

25       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right.

1           And now, we will be going to PMI-043A and I greatly  
2 appreciate for their patience with me.

3           All right. We'll reset the dial. Here we go.

4           All right; so we are going to be promoting PMI-043A  
5 and PMI-043B.

6           MS. NUNEZ: We should have a couple of panelists.  
7 I'm not sure.

8           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: At this time, all we have  
9 that has joined us is PMI-043A and PMI-043B, 043C and D  
10 have not joined us at this time.

11          CHAIR SADHWANI: And if the group needs us to wait,  
12 that's okay too. I see that your time slot isn't  
13 actually for a few more moments. So if you need a moment  
14 to get everybody on board, that's perfectly fine. It  
15 will not influence the time that you have for your  
16 presentation.

17          MS. NUNEZ: And then I know we had requested  
18 multiple regions, to have fifteen minutes. I see that I  
19 only have six minutes. I don't know, because it was  
20 going to be all together.

21          PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: No, they're fifteen. You  
22 will have a -- you have a fifteen -- we changed that  
23 timer.

24          MS. NUNEZ: Okay.

25          PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: That is with each group.

1 Your appointment time is for a medium submission of  
2 fifteen minutes that is set to begin at 12:19.

3 MS. NUNEZ: Okay. Yeah. If we could wait, please,  
4 if that's okay; we can go after?

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes. Yeah. We can  
6 absolutely wait until your start time.

7 CHAIR SADHWANI: So Katy, should we -- I'm not sure  
8 who else we have in the queue here, should we take, maybe  
9 a five-minute break, or so?

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I would suggest just  
11 taking a break.

12 CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Because the presentations  
14 will be six minutes, and yeah, I would suggest just  
15 taking a break and coming back until -- at 12:17.

16 CHAIR SADHWANI: Excellent. That's exactly what I  
17 was going to recommend. Perfect. So let me just take a  
18 very short break. We'll be back at 12:17. Thanks,  
19 everybody.

20 (Whereupon, a recess was held until 12:17 p.m.)

21 CHAIR SADHWANI: All right. Welcome back to the  
22 California Citizens Redistricting Commission, as we  
23 continue our Public Map Input Sessions.

24 Katy, do you want to kick us off with our next  
25 caller?

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, you can go ahead and  
2 reshare that, please.

3 MS. NUNEZ: Give me one moment. I'm sorry, give me  
4 one moment.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: That's okay.

6 (Pause)

7 MS. NUNEZ: Sorry.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. The floor is  
9 yours.

10 MS. NUNEZ: My name is Maribel Nunez, and I have my  
11 colleague here, I'll let her introduce yourself. We're  
12 part of the Brown and Black Redistricting Alliance. One  
13 of my colleagues that wasn't -- I guess Ms. Khabir wasn't  
14 able to make it.

15 So we're excited to be here today. We represent  
16 over twenty organizations in both San Bernardino and  
17 Riverside County, up in the High Desert and Coachella  
18 Valley. And also we have partners in Pomona Latino  
19 Roundtable, we consider as the Inland Empire.

20 And so these organizations here we have been working  
21 with since last year and this year to educate the people  
22 about redistricting, collecting their COIs, and so it's a  
23 combination of African-American, Latino immigrants,  
24 LGBTQ, Environmental Justice. We collect over a hundred  
25 COIs. And we're very excited. And all of our

1 presentation Assembly district maps will comply with the  
2 Voting Rights Act. So we're excited to be here.

3 So we have these partners here that are Inland  
4 Equity, CCEJ, Planned Parenthood, COFEM, TODEC, Asian-  
5 American Labor Alliance, South Fontana Concerned Citizens  
6 Coalition, NEFFCON, Victor Valley Residents for Equitable  
7 Maps, and South Riverside County for Equitable Maps. And  
8 then we have Bayanihan, Latino Association of Riverside  
9 County, Comite Latino, and Progressive Alliance of Inland  
10 Empire.

11 I'm going to go ahead and pass it to my colleague,  
12 and we'll talk about the San Bernardino County.

13 MS. GONZALEZ: Yes. Thank you so much, Maribel.

14 So like Maribel mentioned, we are from the Brown and  
15 Black Redistricting Alliance. And we're going to begin  
16 with San Bernardino County, starting with AD 33, as it's  
17 known now.

18 So we would like to begin by saying that AD 33 is  
19 composed of the High Desert, and to comply with the  
20 Voting Rights Act and the population, we have a total  
21 CVAP here -- I'm sorry -- a total population of 510,000,  
22 and a total Latinx, African-American, and Asian  
23 population of 67.1 percent.

24 And the commonalities of these communities, they  
25 include the entirety of Phelan, Wrightwood, and Pinon

1 Hills. They all share the same school district, for  
2 example, the Snowline Joint Unified and are linked by  
3 borders with the communities of Llano, Little Rock, and  
4 Pearblossom, which are also very much rural communities  
5 who share common interests, like water infrastructure,  
6 highway infrastructure, business development, and a  
7 desire to preserve a rural farming and ranching style.

8 The rural desert and mountain communities are all  
9 tied together with the Central Victor Valley for  
10 shopping, entertainment, recreation, cultural activities,  
11 and government access. The exclusion of the High  
12 Mountain resort communities of Big Bear and Lake  
13 Arrowhead do not share -- do not share very little with  
14 our desert -- share very little with desert communities,  
15 and the population demographics, the economy, and  
16 infrastructure policies are not compatible with the  
17 Greater Desert communities.

18 So this was a -- we compiled most of the information  
19 to put this map together for -- from our Latino partners,  
20 and some partners from the Black Redistricting Alliance.  
21 And so this is what we came up with for AD 33.

22 Next, all right. So the Brown and Black  
23 Redistricting Alliance came to a consensus that for  
24 Assembly District 52, we like the way that MALDEF, which  
25 is the Mexican-American Legal Defense and Education Fund,



1 put their maps together. So we are in solidarity with  
2 their maps. And those cities include the City of Pomona,  
3 which most of the COIs that we collected felt that they  
4 felt more connected to the San Bernardino County region,  
5 especially because of their shopping center, school  
6 districts, and water infrastructure that they share.

7 And other cities, Montclair, Upland, San Antonio  
8 Heights, which is between Upland and Rancho Cucamonga,  
9 Chino, Ontario, and specifically for Ontario is the west,  
10 Ontario region south of the 60 Freeway. And these maps  
11 are compliant with the Voting Rights Act.

12 The next map that we selected -- that we liked with  
13 together with MALDEF was Assembly District 47, which is  
14 also complying with the Voting Rights Act. It is a  
15 Latinx CVAP map. And this one is composed of the Cities  
16 of Bloomington, which is an unincorporated area. And we  
17 made it a case to make sure that we kept all of our  
18 unincorporated areas together, because in the past they  
19 have been split, and have been neglected by the  
20 leadership.

21 And we kept Colton, Grand Terrace, Loma Linda, South  
22 Fontana, and this is south of the Foothill Boulevard  
23 unincorporated Fontana, which is part of the Speedway,  
24 and Northeast Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga. And all of  
25 these meet the CVAP and Voting Rights Act criteria, as

1 well as a population.

2 And then Assembly District 40, same thing, this  
3 includes North Fontana, the City of Rialto,  
4 unincorporated Muscoy, sent this whole City of San  
5 Bernardino, and west of Highland. And this one, we made  
6 it a case to rely and listen to our Black brothers and  
7 sisters, our AAPI community, and our Latinx community  
8 that wanted to keep the -- what they called the "Ebony  
9 Triangle" together. And so MALDEF did a pretty good job  
10 at drawing that map. And again, we are in favor of those  
11 maps that were submitted by MALDEF.

12 MS. NUNEZ: Did you talk about Redlands?

13 MS. GONZALEZ: Oh, yes. Sorry. And then one of the  
14 things that we did notice, however, was that the City of  
15 Redlands doesn't really go into either 47 or 40. So when  
16 we met with community members from Redlands, we wanted to  
17 make a case that it could either go in District 40 or 47  
18 as long as it is kept whole. And most likely with 47,  
19 because they connect a lot with the City of Loma Linda,  
20 as well as sharing school districts, and shopping  
21 centers.

22 MS. NUNEZ: Thank you. And then moving on to --  
23 thank you, Ana. And then moving on to Riverside County.  
24 And I hope that -- I'm sorry, I'm not able to see that my  
25 timer, or how much time I have, but AD 60 is --

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Eight minutes.

2 MS. NUNEZ: -- thank you so much -- is on the  
3 western part of Riverside County. Again, we have TODEC,  
4 we have a lot of different groups that support this map  
5 and made this Voting Right compliant, seventy-seven, a  
6 combination of Latino, African-American, Asian-American.

7 And it's Corona West Riverside. Our community is  
8 tight-knit, one where we share many life experiences,  
9 such as being alumni of UC Riverside, Riverside County  
10 College District, and California Baptist University.  
11 We're connected to the 91 Interstate 15.

12 In the past decade, we worked together to -- the  
13 creation of a lot of communities coming together. We  
14 also receive water from the Western Municipal Water  
15 District, we share cultural events. Again, we don't want  
16 to form part of the Southwest/Western Riverside County  
17 beyond Temescal Valley. And like I said, we have a CVAP  
18 of 72.05, and so could support our map.

19 AD 61, we have two options for Assembly District 61,  
20 since we're the Brown and Black Redistricting Alliance,  
21 some of our -- I think the overlap within the two options  
22 for Assembly District 61 is, we all in agreement Moreno  
23 Valley, Perris and San Jacinto together. We do vary a  
24 little bit about what parts of Riverside, or whether or  
25 not we include Hemet. So this one here includes parts of

1 Riverside connected to UC Riverside, Moreno Valley,  
2 Perris. And like I said, this is Voter Rights compliant.

3 This map is endorsed by all our partners except for  
4 the Black Redistricting Alliance. I'll show you the one  
5 that we work with them on the other option. And so this  
6 community is surrounded by the 215, 60 Freeway, we share  
7 school districts, community shopping centers, especially  
8 the Cities of Moreno Valley and Perris. This community  
9 is also concerned environmental justice community  
10 suffering from the worst air pollution, and proliferation  
11 of warehouses, and diesel truck traffic.

12 The majority of the community has come together to  
13 advocate for the improvement of our air and water  
14 quality. Composed of majority BIPOC communities, these  
15 cities share common interests of immigration, education,  
16 environmental justice advocacy to help ensure quality of  
17 life; and like I said, this is Voting Rights Act  
18 compliant.

19 And then the other one is endorsed by everybody  
20 except for TODEC Legal Center, and Latino Association of  
21 Riverside County. And this one it definitely overlaps a  
22 little bit more with, not only Latino, but within the  
23 African-American community. And that would include Hemet  
24 in this one here.

25 And so similar commonalities, and like I said, I

1 think we want to make sure that with Hemet we do put  
2 another proposal for another district not to be -- all we  
3 want is, all the COIs we collected, we don't want Hemet  
4 to be separated. And then like I said, this is a big  
5 concentration of African-American communities, Moreno  
6 Valley, Perris, Sacramento, and Hemet. So we wanted to  
7 protect those communities as well.

8       The next one is Assembly District 67. We really,  
9 really want to highlight that we surveyed Temecula folks,  
10 and they want to say in Riverside County. They don't  
11 want to be in North San Diego County. And so we did  
12 calculate the numbers and it did get us to the CVAP  
13 numbers that we needed within the Voting Rights Act.

14       And so I should say there was a typo there, but it  
15 should be 51.90. Sorry about that. It should be 51.90  
16 to CVAP percentages. Sorry about the mistake. So then  
17 we feel that the Riverside County Southwest is  
18 partnership of the largely suburban cities, which still  
19 have some rural areas. Our community is made up of the  
20 City of Lake Elsinore, across to the City of Menifee, and  
21 south to the side of Temecula.

22       We're connected by the 15 Freeway, going north and  
23 north -- northwest. Temecula through Lake Elsinore, the  
24 215 Freeway splits from the 15, just north of the  
25 Temecula, and heads northeast. Highway 74, for example,

1 connects to the 15 and 215, and which the Santa Ana  
2 Mountain Range in the west separates us from Orange  
3 County.

4         The El (Indiscernible) Mountain Range to South  
5 separates from San Diego County. And all the collection  
6 of COIs, we have Latinos, we have African-Americans, all  
7 sorts of folks that want this community together, our  
8 Assembly district represents a racial majority, for  
9 minorities of over fifty percent. There it says forty-  
10 eight, but it was a typo, it's fifty-one.

11         Our Assembly district represents a racial minority,  
12 as I said. And we also want to include the Pechanga  
13 Tribe here as well. The communities are to be kept  
14 together to continue for the betterment of our cities,  
15 larger community. Temecula has much more in common with  
16 its neighboring cities to the north, as resources are  
17 being shared, and their culture is very similar. And so  
18 yeah, so that was that one.

19         In regards to AD 42, we're going into like parts of  
20 Coachella Valley. That's a CVAP number that we got  
21 fifty-one percent. So this is also Voting Rights  
22 compliance. And it's taking a little bit of Morongo up  
23 in the North San Bernardino, and most of it is Western  
24 Coachella Valley; includes Calimesa, San Jacinto Pass,  
25 San Jacinto Valley, Morongo Basin, and Western Coachella

1 Valley.

2       The communities together are in the Interstate of  
3 10 -- Interstate 10 Freeway for commerce, education,  
4 health care services, and recreational access. We're  
5 connected by Palm Springs Unified, Hemet Unified, San  
6 Jacinto, Morongo; we do have folks from Morongo that do  
7 sometimes go to Palm Springs for health care services.

8       Cat City, Palm Springs, Desert Hot Springs, they  
9 have to be together. We have a strong LGBT community  
10 there. The Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, Soboba  
11 Band of Luiseno Indians, Morongo Band of Mission Indians,  
12 they're all together. We need to keep them together.  
13 Additionally, adding in Winchester, Hemet, San Jacinto,  
14 because of the Florida Avenue, and so yeah, we do not  
15 wish again to lump to other areas; and like I said this  
16 CVAP compliant.

17       AD 56 is the Eastern Coachella Valley with Imperial  
18 Valley, it's currently, we do like the way it's set up  
19 right now with the current Assembly District, connected  
20 with Blythe as well. We share agricultural connections,  
21 such as employment, fields of education, transportation  
22 routes, health needs, health care delivery service.

23       This region shares an influx of farmworkers who live  
24 year-round, or temporary farmworkers that must be housed.  
25 Our region also shares College of the Desert, higher

1 education institution. There are air quality issues that  
2 are commonalities in our community. We also travel and  
3 share roads across the Interstate 10 Freeway, the 86, and  
4 the Mexico-America board -- border, sorry. Our rural and  
5 desert communities have been successful in advocating for  
6 air studies and action around the Salton Sea. Together,  
7 our regions will continue to solve question of the dying  
8 Salton Sea.

9 The district we have drawn also includes a lot of  
10 unincorporated areas in the Coachella Valley, and  
11 Imperial County, as well as including the tribal  
12 communities of Flores, Martinez, Cahuilla, and Fort Yuma.  
13 And like I said, we feel that Blacks should be part of  
14 our district. And as I said, this is a people of color,  
15 seventy-three percent. And then -- I'm sorry that if you  
16 can't see this --

17 MR. MANOFF: One minute.

18 MS. NUNEZ: -- for the State Senate district, you  
19 know, we didn't draw them; we just connected the Assembly  
20 district map. So in State Senate 20, Ad 52, and Ad 47,  
21 you know, we're working with the other maps, which I  
22 listed, these are listed there. State Senate -- Assembly  
23 District 33, or High Desert -- our Victorville Assembly  
24 district map and AD 40. And then for Riverside County we  
25 would like AD 42, and AD 56. And then State Senate 31,



1 AD 60, AD 61.

2 I think that's the end of our presentation. Ana, is  
3 there anything more that you wanted to add?

4 MS. GONZALEZ: No. I think we're good. Thank you  
5 for your time, Commissioners.

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

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And at this time we will  
8 be going PMI-044A and 044B. All righty. PMI-044A, and  
9 PMI-044B; I'm still working on the 044B. One moment.

10 MR. BRUEN: I'm not sure if 044B will be joining.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh. Well, they're in the  
12 queue.

13 MR. BRUEN: Okay.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I'm trying to promote  
15 them, but there may be some connectivity -- so one  
16 moment. I believe I got it -- or they just disappeared.  
17 They may have dropped out of the meeting.

18 MR. BRUEN: The plan was for me to be the only  
19 presenter, so if they --

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay. Yeah, they may  
21 have dropped out of the meeting then. Well, then if you  
22 would, please share your maps prior to your narrative?

23 MR. BRUEN: Du, du, du. Okay.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The floor is yours.

25 MR. BRUEN: Thank you very much. And thank you,

1 Commissioners, for the opportunity to speak today.

2 My name is Eric Bruen, I'm the Mayor for the City of  
3 Ridgecrest, California. Those of you who don't know,  
4 where Ridgecrest, California is, we are in the middle of  
5 the Eastern Sierra High Desert. We are a rural community  
6 of 29,000 people, which primarily economic interests are  
7 the China Lake Naval Base, and our rural economy.

8 I want to again thank you for the opportunity to  
9 speak. I will be brief. This is the second time I've  
10 had a chance to speak before the Commission. And I'm  
11 really just presenting a single map, which is the current  
12 CA 23. And I'm presenting this first -- for a very  
13 specific purpose, which is that, throughout the course of  
14 the testimony over the last several months, which I thank  
15 you guys for your continued opportunity for public input,  
16 there's been a continued effort to look at how we would  
17 change the Eastern Sierra Corridor, and there've been  
18 multiple maps submitted which would take our 29,000-  
19 member community, and move it into San Bernardino County  
20 or shift it to LA County, where we want to be part of  
21 Kern County.

22 We have been part of Kern County for years now, and  
23 I want to share why that's so important to our community.  
24 I'm not here speaking for any special interests. I'm not  
25 here representing any racial or economic lines. I'm here

1 representing 29,000 citizens of a community that  
2 literally, two years ago, faced extinction.

3 And the reason why I say we faced extinction is we  
4 were hit with a 6.4 and a 7.1 earthquake in back-to-back  
5 days, on July 4th and July 5th, 2019.

6 The relationships which we had coveted and worked so  
7 hard for with our political leaders, with our Legislative  
8 leaders, allowed us to put through economic packages,  
9 through the State and through the Federal Government to  
10 rebuild our military base with over \$3 billion worth of  
11 rebuilding.

12 I want to explain why that is so important. Eighty-  
13 three percent of our economy is driven by our local  
14 military base. Those synergies and relationships which  
15 have been built over the years between Kern County, the  
16 Mojave Space Port, Edwards Air Force Base, which are all  
17 included within the current district map, are so utterly  
18 important to our economic base and our rural community,  
19 that you literally would have -- saw a community of  
20 30,000 people eliminated from the map without the ability  
21 to rebuild or to be able to come back from those  
22 earthquakes.

23 Now, we face a different type of problem, and I want  
24 to be very honest with this Commission. What we feel  
25 like as a community, is we've had over twenty-five

1 testimonials from citizens, from our school district  
2 supervisors, to our college, to our councilman, to local  
3 representatives, to local citizens, who have all said  
4 that every map that has been submitted has not been  
5 submitted by anyone within our community of interest.

6       They continuously seek out community of interest on  
7 racial or other lines, but do not actually take into  
8 account what the citizens of the community itself are  
9 asking for. The citizens of the community itself are  
10 asking to remain within Kern County, where we have  
11 existing agricultural, recreational, and economic  
12 interests.

13       Every time we try to be pulled to Los Angeles, where  
14 we do not share the same economic interests, not the same  
15 rural or urban needs, and then also maps that try to  
16 expand Congressional or State, Assembly districts across  
17 a huge swath of area are unrepresentable. They are not  
18 able to be managed by any -- especially by somebody, you  
19 know, that has a minimal staff, like an assemblyman, or  
20 something to that effect. You're talking about hundreds  
21 of miles of distance that they would have to cover.

22       So what I'm asking for is very simple. As you  
23 consider the maps, please take into consideration the  
24 existing citizens, and more importantly; who it is that's  
25 asking to change those districts? Who it is that's

1 coming before this Commission on a Saturday afternoon, if  
2 you can see me in the photo, I'm going from here to park  
3 cars at our local Empire Fair, directly from here. I was  
4 up at 8 o'clock in the morning doing community cleanup.  
5 I'm a father of four, who works for my community, and  
6 works -- you know, in dedication to try and protect it.

7 And I'm asking the Commission to listen to our  
8 community. Listen to who we have spoken about, and why  
9 remaining part of Kern County is so important to the  
10 community of Ridgecrest.

11 You guys have a hard job. You have to listen to a  
12 lot of different people, and a lot of different  
13 interests, and you have to balance the VRA requirements  
14 with the other -- with every other requirement on demand.  
15 And I don't envy your position, and I thank you for your  
16 service.

17 But again, I ask that you please take into  
18 consideration that the existing map, of the existing  
19 representation, and the existing area in which it covers,  
20 has served our community very, very well. And on behalf  
21 of the citizens of Ridgecrest, California, we asked to  
22 remain within the power of Kern County, and to continue  
23 the synergies that we have with Edwards Air Force Base,  
24 Mojave Space Port, and the China Lake Naval Base.

25 MR. MANOFF: One minute.

1 Mr. BRUEN: These are critical importance. I thank  
2 you again for your time. We got hit with the greatest --  
3 with one of the biggest natural disasters in California's  
4 last forty years, and we came out of it because we worked  
5 so hard on these representations, and these  
6 relationships, and we hope that you will help us continue  
7 to preserve those so we can continue our community,  
8 moving forward.

9 Thank you for your time. Thank you for your  
10 consideration. And I do truly wish the entire Commission  
11 best of luck, as this is a monumental task. Thank you.

12 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you so much, Mayor Bruen.  
13 And with that, I believe that was our last presenter for  
14 this second session of the day.

15 We will take a thirty-minute lunch break and be back  
16 at 1:15 where we will have, I believe, three additional  
17 presentations for a third session today.

18 Later today we will have some time to provide  
19 direction to our Line-Drawing Team. Commissioners, I  
20 also ask, rather than reading all of the notes that have  
21 been collected over the last three days, notes from the  
22 last two days are posted to our website. Please review  
23 those when you have some time. I will be asking for a  
24 motion to approve and make any corrections on them this  
25 afternoon before we go to public comment.

1           So please do note that change, and how we're  
2 handling the notes from the -- from these meetings, and  
3 with the direction to line drawers, make sure that you  
4 identify any corrections that you'd like. Okay.

5           And with that, we'll take a break for lunch. See  
6 everyone back at 1:15.

7                       (Whereupon, a recess was held from 12:45 p.m.  
8                       until 1:15 p.m.)

9           CHAIR SADHWANI: Welcome back to the California  
10 Citizens Redistricting Commission, as we continue  
11 receiving input from the public on their map ideas. I  
12 believe we have several presentations for this third  
13 session of the day.

14           So I hand it over to Katy, our comment moderator.

15           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, Chair.

16           Welcome to the Public Map input Session. When it is  
17 your turn to speak you will be identified by your  
18 assigned unique ID number, you will be reconnected to the  
19 session with the ability to enable your own video and/or  
20 audio, and to enable screen sharing. Please have your  
21 maps handy prior to your appointment start time in order  
22 to enable screen sharing.

23           The Commission will be enforcing appointment time  
24 limits with a warning at one minute, and thirty seconds,  
25 remaining. At the end of your public input, or at the

1 end of your time, you will be reconnected in a listen-  
2 and view-only mode.

3 And at this time we do have PMI-045. I will be  
4 promoting you. PMI-045, you can now enable your audio  
5 and video in the lower-left corner of your screen, and  
6 you have screen sharing in the bottom center. And if you  
7 will, please share your maps prior to beginning your  
8 narrative, this will start your time.

9 MR. EDIGER: Can you hear me okay?

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

11 MR. EDIGER: Perfect. I want to thank you for the  
12 opportunity to address you regarding the Congressional  
13 plan.

14 MR. MANOFF: I'm sorry to interrupt you, sir. I'm  
15 sorry to interrupt.

16 MR. EDIGER: Sure.

17 MR. MANOFF: Do you have a map that you would like  
18 to share?

19 MR. EDIGER: I was not able to put that, it is  
20 online.

21 MR. MANOFF: Okay. If you'd just -- wait just a  
22 moment, sir, and we'll have a member of our staff will  
23 get your map up on the screen.

24 MR. EDIGER: Oh. Okay. Yeah. Not all districts  
25 necessarily showed up when I looked at them. I'm not



1 sure where that is, but it did show up --

2 MR. MANOFF: Okay. You should be seeing it now.

3 MR. EDIGER: I see one district, yes. Uh-huh.

4 MR. MANOFF: All right. Go ahead. Your time will  
5 start now.

6 MR. EDIGER: Okay. Perfect. Yeah. My name is Don  
7 Edigar (ph.). I'm a resident of California since 1976,  
8 and a graduate of the Glendale High School, and  
9 University of Southern California. My work has split my  
10 time between Riverside and Sacramento Counties.

11 By way of background, I served on the 2001  
12 Governor's Redistricting Committee. In that capacity, we  
13 drew Congressional and Legislative maps for presentation  
14 to the public, and for submission to the California  
15 Supreme Court. This was before the CRC was created,  
16 obviously, and with the governor and legislators  
17 controlled by different parties at that time, the issue,  
18 ultimately, was decided by the Supreme Court.

19 I was privileged to submit testimony in the case,  
20 work with the media to discuss the plans we developed,  
21 and I think, ultimately, a good redistricting proposal  
22 was enacted by the court.

23 In terms of the Legislature, the court followed  
24 county borders, census tract boundaries, for the most  
25 part, and kept cities intact where possible. They also

1 nested two Assembly districts within one Senate district,  
2 and used those boundaries for the Board of Equalization  
3 as well.

4 I think those were good guidelines, it minimized  
5 city and county splits, kept districts, essentially, as  
6 compact as possible, and minimized gamesmanship because  
7 the criteria was not subject to manipulation. Most  
8 importantly, it respected the language and intent of the  
9 Voting Rights Act, by creating districts that respected  
10 the will and voting patterns of communities, both diverse  
11 and underrepresented.

12 In the ten years that those districts were in place  
13 that resulted in a more diverse Legislature, and  
14 Congressional representation, and kept communities of  
15 interest intact; I think the challenge for this  
16 redistricting is to factor in the changes that have  
17 occurred in the last ten years, for sure, but also the  
18 last twenty years since the job was taken out of the  
19 hands of the Legislature, and put in the power of the  
20 hand of more nonpartisan entities, such as yourself.

21 California has undergone large changes in wealth  
22 inequality, population disbursement, racial and ethnic  
23 makeup, and no one racial group is a minor -- a majority,  
24 and most districts will essentially be plurality and  
25 coalition type districts where no one group dominates.

1           In drawing my Congressional plan, I tried to adhere  
2 to natural and political boundaries that have existed  
3 since our State was founded. I tried to respect the  
4 differing interests of Coastal and Inland California, and  
5 within our diverse state, we have crowded cities, vast  
6 empty spaces, and no less than seven different  
7 agricultural valleys and regions.

8           Providing a voice for all this diversity is a  
9 challenge. My hat's off to you on doing the best job you  
10 can on that. And the lines they have drawn have tended  
11 to respect similar communities together.

12           In relation to the Voting Rights Act, it is  
13 imperative to draw districts that keep communities of  
14 interest together. The reality is that many of our  
15 communities are very different than they were just ten  
16 years ago. Cities and communities that were  
17 demographically more similar, have become more diverse.

18           Part of the challenge is to keep communities that  
19 are, historically, more homogenous intact, while  
20 respecting the demographic changes within those  
21 communities.

22           As you can see from the maps that I drew and that  
23 are attached, the districts I have drawn are compact. I  
24 call them common-sense districts. People become more  
25 involved in their governments if they feel empowered, and

1 understand the who politicians represent them and their  
2 communities.

3       The first districts I drew in the Central Coast  
4 north of San Francisco, and respected the boundaries of  
5 rural and Upper Sacramento Valley communities in two  
6 separate districts, with a natural, geographic  
7 separation.

8       Also, the districts that I drew regarding Monterey  
9 and San Luis Obispo County, it made sense to have the  
10 border of San Luis Obispo and Monterey be the border  
11 between the Bay Area and Southern California. And so  
12 that one district is pretty close to what I think I've  
13 seen most people draw, which is San Luis Obispo County,  
14 Santa Barbara County, and a little bit of Ventura.

15       I tried to minimize the number of districts that  
16 crossed over from the Bay Area into the Central Valley,  
17 for the most natural place, in my mind, to make that  
18 transition would be the I-80 Corridor along Solano County  
19 through Fairfield.

20       I think that was the only district that bled from  
21 the Bay Area into the Central Valley. For the rest of  
22 the Central Valley, including Greater Sacramento, they  
23 essentially drew themselves in the north to south  
24 direction, and include two majority Latino districts that  
25 keeps -- in this important part of our state.

1           When it comes to water or environmental issues,  
2 keeping the Central Valley intact, I believe, is a good  
3 government imperative. The first challenge in the Los  
4 Angeles County Basin is obviously to create districts  
5 that comply with the Voting Rights Act.

6           I'm not sure if those districts showed up on the  
7 screen in front of you, but the last redistricting had a  
8 large number of districts across, for example, the  
9 LA/Orange County border, as well as the ones with  
10 Ventura, San Bernardino, and Riverside.

11           The population growth in the past two decades,  
12 occurring generally inland, in Southern California and in  
13 the Central Valley, it was time to create districts  
14 within both counties that keep -- that do not use them  
15 for population deficits in communities along the coast,  
16 or others which experienced no to low growth.

17           In my plan, there is a minimum of cross county  
18 district lines and boundaries, and most districts are  
19 contained entirely within their own county, wherever  
20 possible.

21           One change I felt was important to make was to  
22 include Imperial County in the same district as  
23 Riverside. The largest Federal issue in that area, for  
24 example, is the preservation of the Salton Sea. And that  
25 should require the attention of one congressman not two.

1           And the central -- the Imperial Valley has really  
2 nothing much to do with San Diego County. My plan  
3 respects the increases in Latino population in Orange  
4 County, San Diego, and the Inland Empire, to allow them  
5 to elect representatives of their choice within those  
6 communities.

7           If you look at the maps and the accompanying  
8 demographic and population statistics, you will see that  
9 they adhere very closely to the One Person, One Vote, and  
10 vary in size by less than half-a-percentage point. With  
11 California losing one Congressional seat since the last  
12 redistricting, acknowledges that the population shifts  
13 that have occurred in our Great State.

14           There are more -- there is more representation for  
15 areas that have grown substantially, but for the first  
16 time in our history, it is a zero-sum game. We can no  
17 longer count on larger representation in Congress, or to  
18 ignore the demographic and population changes in our  
19 state. By relying on the legal criteria from the  
20 California Supreme Court, and long-established  
21 communities of interest, I think it is a solid plan, and  
22 it deserves some consideration.

23           I thank you for the opportunity. And I'm available  
24 for any questions you might have.

25           CHAIR SADHWANI: Very good. Thank you so much for

1 that presentation. You do still have quite a bit of time  
2 left, if there's anything additionally that you'd like to  
3 share with us. The Commission has opted to not ask any  
4 questions of any of our presenters. So we do not have  
5 any questions at this time.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: One moment, Chair.

7 He said he was completed, so we had put him back.  
8 But if we -- I can allow him to talk if we want to  
9 clarify if he has more to say.

10 CHAIR SADHWANI: No. I think he said he was  
11 completed, so that's fine.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay.

13 CHAIR SADHWANI: I don't know, though, if our next  
14 presenter will be ready, if that is --

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: They're not even here.

16 CHAIR SADHWANI: Got it. Okay.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: So we will -- I will ask  
18 staff to reach out to them, and we will have to go on a  
19 brief break.

20 CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay. Yeah. So I think the next  
21 one -- I don't have the list --

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The next scheduled  
23 appointment was for 1:46.

24 CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay, great. So we may actually be  
25 on break for about fifteen minutes.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yeah.

2 CHAIR SADHWANI: While we wait or that next  
3 appointment time.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes.

5 CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Perfect.

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

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

9 CHAIR SADHWANI: Welcome back to the California  
10 Citizens Redistricting Commission, as we continue to  
11 receive input from the public on district map ideas.

12 With that, I will turn it over to Katy, our comment  
13 moderator. I believe we have two additional  
14 presentations to round out the day. Katy.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We do, Chair.

16 And right now, we have PMI-046. I will be promoting  
17 you now. PMI-046, you can now enable your audio and  
18 video in the lower-left corner of your screen. And your  
19 screen sharing will be in the bottom center. And if  
20 you'll please share your screen or your maps prior to  
21 beginning your narrative, this will begin your time. And  
22 we are --

23 MS. OKUZUMI: Hello, can you hear me?

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We are hearing you, and  
25 we are seeing your "Congressional Districts that Work for



1 Communities" presentation.

2 MS. OKUZUMI: Excellent. Good afternoon. And my  
3 name is Margaret Okuzumi. I live you San Diego. And  
4 thank you for the opportunity to present to you today. I  
5 worked really hard in this presentation, and I think you  
6 will learn a lot.

7 So why did I draw a statewide plan for Congressional  
8 lines? In 2016, I was involved with a campaign, and I  
9 ended up being the volunteer lead for coordinating  
10 elections of delegates from every Congressional district  
11 in California. And I found out that there were a lot of  
12 problems with our existing Congressional districts. Some  
13 of them are really huge. And I heard complaints from  
14 folks about how they didn't reflect their real  
15 communities of interest very well.

16 Comments like: Well, we got put with this -- with  
17 these folks over here, but I don't know why, they really  
18 don't have anything to do with us. And I thought if it's  
19 that hard for people in a district to physically gather,  
20 how well can these district lines reflect actual  
21 communities of interest, and how well can a  
22 congressperson represent them in Congress?

23 And also, I saw the letter from the LA County  
24 Registrar of Voters raising objection to extending the  
25 deadline for drawing these lines. And when I read that

1 letter, I realized that we're going to have a problem.  
2 You're being asked to do quite a lot in a short amount of  
3 time. And so I felt that the Commission needs help, and  
4 I would draw a set of lines, because I feel that this --  
5 we need to get this right this time. It's too important  
6 for democracy.

7       The major organizing principles of my plan are that,  
8 one, there should be reasonable travel times and  
9 distances to get from one end of the district to the  
10 other, that we need to group cities and counties that are  
11 already working together to figure out regional planning  
12 and prioritizing -- and priorities, that we should try to  
13 do that.

14       We need to respect communities, try to keep cities  
15 and counties as whole as possible. Don't split Native  
16 American reservations and tribal lands, and take  
17 watersheds and river systems into account. Trees don't  
18 vote, but communities definitely are shaped by watersheds  
19 and rivers. And last but not least, we need to  
20 prioritize voting rights within the community context.

21       Okay, so reasonable travel times and distances, so  
22 the current CD2, which I show here, which goes all the  
23 way from the Oregon border down to Marin, the southern  
24 border of Marin, I consider that to be unreasonably big  
25 district. You can see that it is more than 358 miles.

1 Here, if you go, things that'll take six-and-a-half hours  
2 to drive, impacts us. It's more like eight hours. It's  
3 kind of like driving from San Jose to LA, people think  
4 you could do it in maybe five-and-a-half hours. But  
5 almost nobody I know can do it that quickly. And that's  
6 a problem. This is just too big a district.

7       So I thought that what we could do is, I felt that  
8 Marin County, actually, does not belong in this district.  
9 And unfortunately, the nearest coastal cities with  
10 substantial populations to help populate the district are  
11 in Sonoma County. So we do need to go as far south as  
12 Santa Rosa, and Cotati, and Buena Park, that we can at  
13 least shave off forty-five minutes of driving time in  
14 this little coastal district.

15       Another example is like current CD 4, which is a  
16 very large rural, mostly rural, district. Here, that  
17 goes all the way over into part of Nevada County, and  
18 then even down to the southern border of Fresno County,  
19 which is just too far. And you can see the distances  
20 involved here, the estimated drive time.

21       A town that I believe is much more reasonable,  
22 District 5, which has more workable travel times from end  
23 to end, for this heavily rural district. I'm going to  
24 give some examples of travel time from Lake Tahoe to  
25 Merced. Or if you want to look at, you know, Yosemite to

1 Grass Valley. It's more reasonable.

2       Okay. Here's another example of the district, our  
3 current District CD 33, in Los Angeles. So when you have  
4 a district that's entirely in an urban area, fifty miles  
5 is really a stretch for communities of interest. And  
6 really this district is too long, I wouldn't say though,  
7 it's kind of like, if you were to group San Jose with San  
8 Francisco, like, well, there may be some similar  
9 demographics here in there, but it's not really -- not  
10 all of this is really a true community of interest  
11 together. So I drew it with these districts, and it's  
12 more compact and actually better reflects the actual  
13 communities of interest.

14       Which brings me to my next point, which is that we  
15 need to group cities and counties that are already  
16 working together on regional planning and priorities; so  
17 I asked a friend of mine who lives in LA, who said, well,  
18 LA is really big. How do the cities there govern  
19 themselves? Do you have some kind of council of cities?  
20 And she said, yeah, oh, yes. You know, I'm in the -- you  
21 know, we're in the South Bay COG. And there's like the  
22 Westside City, and there's a bunch of them. So I looked  
23 them up, and here is a list of the Los Angeles County  
24 COGs.

25       And so here is an example of two of my COGs, and you

1 can see the cities that are involved here on the Westside  
2 Cities, and the Las Virgenes-Malibu COG. And those are  
3 the cities that I put together to form this district. It  
4 is, basically, all those cities in those two COGs, put  
5 together along with, basically, other territories.

6 Some other examples of respecting regional planning  
7 and governance, so this new District 5 that I mentioned  
8 before, here is a satellite view, you can see there's  
9 Lake Tahoe. I want to pay attention to the Tahoe  
10 Regional Planning Agency territory.

11 Okay. Another example is where I draw this District  
12 2. So similar, Napa and Marin Counties are part of the  
13 nine-county Bay Area, for regional planning, and regional  
14 transportation planning, and various kinds of planning.  
15 And so for example, the Bay Area Air Quality Management  
16 District regulates prime sources of pollution. And  
17 specifically, they say Southern Sonoma County, and Napa  
18 County, Southern Solano County here, Marin County, San  
19 Francisco, and the other counties of the nine-county Bay  
20 Area.

21 Okay. And we don't want to split cities willy-  
22 nilly. We want to try to keep them together, try to keep  
23 counties whole, don't split the Native American tribal  
24 lands. So in my plan, there eleven incorporated cities  
25 that are split, that are under population 300,000. So

1 you can see the list of cities here. And that is all.  
2 And all other incorporated cities under population  
3 300,000, are kept intact in this plan. And I managed to  
4 keep some larger cities intact as well.

5 So how to split Daly City, Scotts Valley, San  
6 Leandro, Union City, Simi Valley, Lancaster, Hawaiian  
7 Gardens, so apologies for that, I know they're not that  
8 big; technical split of Compton, Fontana, Brea, and Lake  
9 Forest.

10 Okay; so the existing Congressional lines split some  
11 Indian reservations and lands, and they're off-  
12 reservation lands. So we don't want to do that. So the  
13 current CD 2, splits the Karuk Reservation lands, and it  
14 also splits the Hopland, Rancheria, that's down in the  
15 (Indiscernible) Counties. It looks like the existing  
16 lines also split off, I believe this part of Pechanga  
17 Reservation, the San Manuel Reservation was also split.

18 So in this county, there's like five different  
19 Native tribal lands, reservations that were split by the  
20 lines ten years ago. So my plan keeps all the Native  
21 American reservations, and off-reservation trust lands  
22 together.

23 So here we are in Torres-Martinez Reservation is all  
24 together here. And this is really interesting, is that I  
25 didn't start off to do that. But when I checked my

1 lines, I actually found that I didn't split any of them.  
2 And I think that's just a testament to the contours that  
3 I followed. I really paid a lot of attention to natural  
4 features, and other communities of interest, and so I  
5 just ended up that way. And my plan does keep all those  
6 reservations and off-reservation trust lands, that they  
7 don't split those territories.

8       Okay. And then another bad thing about the lines  
9 ten years ago, okay, here's an example where the city --  
10 the corner City of Hemet, somehow this little portion  
11 here, of the southwest corner got it lopped off into a  
12 different Congressional district. Not sure what happened  
13 there. I know that the CRC was running out of time last  
14 time, so that might have just been an oversight. Okay.

15       But in any case, Hemet, I have a friend who lived in  
16 Hemet for many for many years, although he's recently  
17 moved to a different city. And so he told me, well,  
18 actually our real communities of interest are with these  
19 other different cities, but we make them whole this time.

20       And we want to take watersheds and river systems  
21 into account. So particularly the Sierra Nevada  
22 Counties, their borders, you know, if you're wondering  
23 like: Why are their borders so funny looking? Well,  
24 that's because they follow rivers. Rivers provide  
25 important firebreaks. The counties are organized to

1 address emergencies by county, to steward resources. And  
2 we really need to think about that, especially in this  
3 time of severe wildfires, and climate emergencies.

4       So here's a page from a book, *The State of Water:  
5 Understanding California's Most Precious Resource*, by Obi  
6 Kaufmann. And there's this, like most remarkable diagram  
7 here, where if you look really carefully, and then, you  
8 know, here's my new CD. Why did I draw -- draw, you can  
9 actually see the outlines of time, that have been defined  
10 by these rivers. So this is actually like Sierra County,  
11 and then to see this outline here of Nevada County, and  
12 then Placer County a bit here. Okay. And then you can  
13 see, like this is -- you can see Amador County kind of  
14 outlined here.

15       And so you can -- it's really quite remarkable,  
16 Calaveras, you see this kind of triangular patch here,  
17 and here, and you can see the sort of the outline of  
18 Tuolumne -- oh, yeah, Eldorado, this little squiggly  
19 here. And you see this little squiggly there.

20       And then when you get down to Madera and Kern  
21 Counties, these are actually somewhat separate river  
22 systems, so actually, these can -- these are -- yeah,  
23 it's quite a stretch, when you're talking about folks in  
24 the Lake Tahoe area, to put them with folks in Madera and  
25 Fresno Counties is really quite a stretch. And it's not



1 even indicated by the natural features here.

2       Okay. And we also want to pay attention to voting  
3 rights within the community context. So here is a  
4 summary table of all the different districts that I drew.  
5 And I'll show you the table I put together, but here I  
6 have highlighted here the ones that I think are the  
7 boundaries of -- like Latino opportunity, Asian  
8 opportunity, Black opportunity districts, and the  
9 influence district, and then here. Here, I have a little  
10 asterisk.

11       So just depending on the -- how you look at the  
12 electoral history of this district, maybe you'll consider  
13 that there are two Black opportunity districts, but  
14 there's no hard and fast science to this, that that's  
15 just based on my estimation, but by my somewhat  
16 conservative assessment, here, the total number of unique  
17 districts minority opportunity are an influence of some  
18 sort.

19       Okay. So I'm going to switch -- okay, I'm trying to  
20 switch over to this other document. Okay. So here is a  
21 table that I put together of all my districts. You can  
22 see that here, is the first time I describe the basic  
23 geography of what's included in the district. The  
24 district number that I gave -- assigned to it, the  
25 population.

1           The variance, so you can see all my districts are  
2 basically zero variance within one-thousandths of a  
3 percent, or two-thousandths, at the worst. And then with  
4 total population percentages for each of the districts,  
5 and then the CVAP percentages, which are in some cases  
6 quite different than the total population percentages,  
7 depending on what percentage of folks are actually  
8 citizens, according to the American Community Survey.

9           So you can see the percentages here, the ones that I  
10 considered to be -- have some influence based on the  
11 percentages, I've highlighted here in the sort of purple-  
12 pink. The ones that are opportunity districts I have  
13 highlighted in yellow. So you can see here, this is  
14 District 14, Asian-Americans have a big plurality here in  
15 the districts.

16           So I'm not an expert on the electoral history of all  
17 these districts, so I might not have gotten everything  
18 perfectly right, but I just went based on the  
19 percentages, and in some cases a bit informed by what I  
20 knew about the history of the districts. So I have that  
21 for that whole state here. And in my summary table here  
22 at the end. And I've sent a copy of this document, so  
23 you should be able to get a copy of that.

24           Okay. So back to my presentation here; okay. And  
25 here, I put this in the pictorial form so you can see

1 which districts I considered to be the Latino opportunity  
2 and influence districts. The same for the Black  
3 opportunity and influence districts; so there's a couple,  
4 and it's a little hard to see, but there is one Black  
5 opportunity district in Los Angeles; the Asian American  
6 opportunity and influence districts.

7 And then finally, I'm just getting to go through all  
8 the districts one by one, just so that you can see them  
9 in more detail. So I have the district number, the  
10 population, the variance, the basic geographic  
11 description, and the CVAP percentages here.

12 So this is District 1, District 2, and I wanted to  
13 say a special word about District 2, because I know that  
14 there has been some talk about whether you can fit San  
15 Francisco with Marin County, and therefore people yell,  
16 you can't cross the Golden Gate Bridge.

17 Please note that other scenarios, basically made  
18 Marin County an appendage of mostly San Francisco  
19 District. But in this case, this district that I've  
20 drawn, Marin County has just over a third of the district  
21 population. San Francisco has 15.8 percent, Napa County  
22 18.2 percent, Solano 17.2 percent, and Sonoma County 14.7  
23 percent.

24 So if the Congressional representative elected to  
25 this district only pays attention to San Francisco, and

1 doesn't pay attention to the other districts, then they  
2 probably won't get -- be elected. So I think that  
3 there's a lot that these areas share in common. And yes,  
4 you can probably do that.

5       Okay. And then District 3, and so it's these  
6 counties, the Sacramento Valley, you can see this is a  
7 Latino -- even though the White population is the  
8 majority, I think that the Latinos with -- have some  
9 influence here. Here's a satellite view, so you can see  
10 this nice Sacramento Valley here, the counties.

11       District 4, okay, I'm running short of time, I'm  
12 just going to keep moving along here. And then, here,  
13 you see this nice valley, and then connecting all the way  
14 down into Placer County, we have Lincoln, and Rocklin,  
15 and Carrizo down there.

16       Here's District 5, it's I like explained before.

17       District 6 is Sacramento, West Sacramento where  
18 there's a Latino influence district.

19       District 7 is Elk Grove, and other Sacramento  
20 communities. District 8 is Stockton, so this is like the  
21 Delta District, and this going to trying to fit these  
22 whole Delta area together, from these OBCC (ph.)  
23 counties. I know this is Delta over here, but these two  
24 counties (indiscernible) Delta together if possible.

25       This is Contra Costa County. And yeah, this is

1 really quite tricky to figure out this little area in  
2 here, but in the end, the cleanest way, and the simplest  
3 way is really the most elegant way of getting these  
4 districts and communities of interest.

5       District 10, Northern Alameda County; District 11,  
6 this was the bulk of San Francisco; San Mateo County,  
7 which has traditionally been split down here, and there's  
8 actually no good way to split San Mateo County, I didn't  
9 do that, gave them some respect this time. All of these  
10 cities are very -- you know, they work together with the  
11 City County Association Governments.

12       Here's where I live, in the Silicon Valley, on the  
13 northwestern parts of Santa Clara County. And this, the  
14 Asian CVAP here, like some speakers requested.

15       District 14 is an Asian-American plurality district.  
16 And I think that's the only one on the mainland there.  
17 And definitely by total population, it's a majority  
18 Asian-American district.

19       District 15, Alameda County; District 16 is (audio  
20 interference) and Santa Clara County together. District  
21 17 is the rest of San Joaquin County, as well as the rest  
22 of Stanislaus. District 18, okay; so I know, this is a  
23 VRA county, and this is actually a majority Latino  
24 district. However, when you look at the CVAP there is a  
25 steep drop off, and I really wish it were otherwise, but

1 I just want to say that I see these attempts to boost the  
2 Latino CVAP by grabbing population from Morgan Hill and  
3 Gilroy here, and that is not right.

4       You know, South County here in Santa Clara, they are  
5 Silicon Valley focused, they have very little to do with  
6 these counties. There is no planning agency in common,  
7 or anything, so just because there are some demographic  
8 similarities here, it doesn't mean that it's okay the  
9 community of interests as Santa Clara, and these Santa  
10 Clara County and these counties.

11       So I really wish it were otherwise, but you know, I  
12 wish I -- I really wish I could make this a Latino  
13 plurality district, but those are, unfortunately, the  
14 community realities for that district.

15       Okay. District 19, in the Central Valley, here it's  
16 very close to a Latino opportunity district. District 20  
17 takes Madera County, and the City of Fresno, and actually  
18 had some room leftover, and that get the whole City of  
19 Fresno in there; District 21, it takes Mono and Inyo  
20 Counties, and some of these desert communities.

21       And here's a satellite photo, so remember that nice  
22 presentation from the geography professor who talked  
23 about the natural features in California. And here you  
24 can see, yes, there's definitely some physical barriers  
25 here between Mono -- with Mono and Inyo Counties, and the

1 rest, so it wouldn't be right to split with, say, Fresno  
2 County, and I think these two counties specifically said  
3 they don't want to be put with Fresno, and it actually  
4 does not make sense. Actually, the trouble points from  
5 here down to here are not too bad, actually.

6       Okay. District 22 takes these agricultural areas of  
7 Tulare and Kern County, are Latino opportunity districts.  
8 District 23, takes the mountainous areas, and I saw this  
9 mission from the City of Ridgecrest, and what they asked  
10 for, I happen to do that. I didn't even (indiscernible)  
11 with it or anything, it's just I paid attention to the  
12 really communities of interest, I noticed like military  
13 base -- military base, and so if you pay attention to  
14 real communities of interest you will draw good lines.

15       Okay. District 24 is pretty straightforward here.  
16 District 25 is most of Ventura County, and I want to say  
17 that the most elegant solution here is to split Simi  
18 Valley in half. It's not good to keep Malibu in here.  
19 Malibu belong together, Los Angeles County cities. And  
20 actually, we can divide Simi Valley in a way that at  
21 least by the Latino CVAP somewhat.

22       Okay. This is District 26. They've got -- and I  
23 had some comments in the notes. So yeah, we can look at  
24 the notes in the PDF of the presentation that I submitted  
25 here.

1 District 27, this is mostly immigrant community,  
2 less college educated. What's really important to this  
3 district is there's a community college down here, the  
4 students live here. So let's put them together. There's  
5 a community services center that serves this area.

6 District 28, Santa Clarita, so this is based on the  
7 Arroyo Verdugo and San Fernando Valley COIs' groupings;  
8 District 29, that we talked about before; District 30,  
9 this is the most Asian section of the City of Los  
10 Angeles, that actually it's a Latino opportunity  
11 district, but there is a, you know, fairly high Asian-  
12 American CVAP there; District 31, in the San Gabriel  
13 Valley. District 32 is the South Bay COG cities.

14 Now, I know, there's this temptation to put all the  
15 wealthier Beach communities together to create a super-  
16 long district. But I had a friend who lives in Gardena  
17 who's very -- extremely low income, and she sometimes  
18 attends political events over in this area, in Rolling  
19 Hills Estates, because it's a lot closer to her, and she  
20 has friends there. And it's just a lot closer, and these  
21 cities are in the same COG together. So let's put them  
22 together.

23 District 33, more or less the San Gabriel Valley  
24 COG. District 34, let's see, okay -- District 35 here,  
25 East Los Angeles, it's a Latino super majority. District



1 36 -- okay.

2       So I noticed that MALDEF did not draw any Black  
3 opportunity districts in Los Angeles, but you can draw  
4 one. And so back in 2010, it was possible to draw two  
5 Black plurality districts. But demographics have changed  
6 there now. You can only draw one. But you can still  
7 draw one. And this actually puts some of South Bay COG  
8 cities together. So actually it works out quite nicely.

9       District 38 here, Long Beach; District 39, it's  
10 going now into Orange County. And then I'm running out  
11 of time so I'm going to stick around here. And so  
12 District 41 here, and so Orange County. District, 42,  
13 Orange County; District 43, and this is the southwest  
14 portion of San Bernardino County; District 44, Western  
15 Riverside County; District 45, sort of the central  
16 populated part of San Bernardino County. District 46 is  
17 Central Riverside County. District 47 is on the  
18 Escondido Freeway here, and I'm going down Riverside into  
19 San Diego County.

20       District 48 is Northern Coastal San Diego County.  
21 District 49 is the City of San Diego. And District 50,  
22 Southwest San Diego County. And you can redo these lines  
23 within here however you want without messing up the rest  
24 of the plan. So if you feel like you need to tweak  
25 these, be my guest. I'm not claiming to be an expert in

1 San Diego County. District 51, here, you can see adding  
2 I'm adding --

3 MR. MANOFF: One minute.

4 MS. OKUZUMI: -- to the Salton Sea communities in  
5 there together. Showing there's a lot of Indian  
6 reservations in this district, and here with the labels.  
7 And here this is the part that's closer to San Diego, so  
8 you can see the detail there. District 52, here is like  
9 a satellite view. You can see it's the Mojave Desert,  
10 the Mohave Desert here. Here, the details of some of the  
11 communities --

12 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

13 MS. OKUZUMI: -- in there. And then here you can  
14 see the roads that are connecting these communities in  
15 these two counties. And here are the communities all  
16 together. My lines are simple and clean, easy for the  
17 average person to understand, and make sense of, not  
18 gerrymandered looking. They keep cities and counties  
19 together, and whole, as much as possible.

20 They respect existing governing structures and  
21 regional planning efforts. They respect natural  
22 boundaries and watersheds. And most of all, they respect  
23 actual communities, real communities of interest, and  
24 what actually --

25 CHAIR SADHWANI: Ms. Okuzumi, thank you so much for

1 that fantastic presentation. And we really appreciate  
2 all of the considerable work that you've put into this.  
3 And clearly you're following our process very closely.  
4 So we very much appreciate you sharing your ideas with us  
5 today.

6 With that, Katy, I believe we have one final  
7 presentation for the day.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We do. And that is with  
9 PMI-047. I will be promoting you now. PMI-047, you can  
10 now enable your audio and video in the lower-left corner  
11 of your screen. And you can share your maps by doing the  
12 Share Screen option in the bottom center. And if you'll  
13 please share your map prior to beginning your narrative;  
14 the floor is yours.

15 MR. WINUK: Thank you so much. I see my map, so I  
16 hope everyone else can see that as well.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

18 MR. WINUK: Good afternoon, Commissioners. My name  
19 is Gary Winuk (ph.). I have been engaged on a project  
20 that's dedicated to protecting Latino voter rights. In  
21 the course of that project we entered two submissions to  
22 the Commission that identified Latino Voting Rights Act  
23 districts that may not have otherwise come to your  
24 attention.

25 As initial comment, I first want to really thank all

1 of you for your work, and service, especially here on a  
2 Saturday. I know that, you know, public services can be  
3 challenging, and I thank you for all the time you put in.  
4 I also want to applaud your really demonstrated  
5 commitment to uplifting minority voices, and creating a  
6 transparent, accessible process. Thanks for that, and  
7 thanks for the opportunity to be here.

8       When we first submitted for an appointment, the  
9 visualizations had not been made available. We were  
10 concerned that potential Latino Voting Rights Act  
11 districts, specifically in Orange County and Riverside,  
12 might not be identified.

13       So first, I'd like to briefly talk about Riverside.  
14 In Riverside we were concerned the Commission might not  
15 be aware of a potential Latino VRA Senate seat that would  
16 include all or parts of Corona, Norco, Riverside, Jurupa  
17 Valley, Eastvale, Perris, and Romoland. Since then,  
18 though, the line drawers have put forward two  
19 visualizations that have fifty percent Latino CVAP  
20 Assembly in the Riverside area.

21       So specifically, those are one, the MOKRM which is  
22 51 percent Latinos CVAP, and is found on page 6 of the  
23 Southern California Assembly A1. And then the second one  
24 is the JURIV, Jurupa-Riverside, which is 50.1 percent  
25 Latinos CVAP, and is found on page 5 of the Southern

1 California Assembly A1.

2 As the Commission knows, these two Assembly seats  
3 could be snapped together, or nested to create a Latino  
4 VRA Senate seat. However, with regards to the potential  
5 Senate district, we still want to submit the map you see  
6 on your screen for your consideration.

7 The map we submitted, I think also has the added  
8 benefit of keeping the County of Riverside whole, and  
9 avoid splitting counties. We feel this is a good  
10 governance practice to keep the county whole, and keep  
11 those interested voters together.

12 In the interest of time, and given the Commission is  
13 already considering developing a potential VRA district  
14 here, I'm going to keep my comments on that to a minimum;  
15 and move on briefly to Orange County.

16 With regard to the Orange County district we  
17 submitted, we still have not seen this potential Latino  
18 VRA district identified in any of your visualizations.  
19 We simply wanted to bring that to your attention so you  
20 can consider it as part of your deliberations.

21 I realize it's been a long three days of public  
22 input, and I am now the only thing standing between you  
23 and enjoying what is left of the weekend. So I'm going  
24 to let the comments that we submitted in writing speak  
25 for themselves, along with the map.

1           And with that I just want to thank you for your time  
2 again today, for your continued dedication. We encourage  
3 you to keep up these efforts. We applaud you for the  
4 transparency. And that concludes my comments. Thank you  
5 very much.

6           CHAIR SADHWANI: Wonderful. Thank you so much, Mr.  
7 Winuk. And we do have your written narrative, and I'm  
8 sure all of the Commissioners are going to be reading it  
9 diligently.

10          MR. WINUK: I appreciate that. Thank you.

11          CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you. And with that, I  
12 believe that concludes all of our presentations for  
13 today. Is that correct, Katy?

14          PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: It does, Chair. That  
15 does conclude our presentations.

16          CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay. Very good. So I'm going to  
17 just touch base with our Line-Drawing Team. I don't know  
18 if -- I'm putting her on the spot, but I see Karin Mac  
19 Donald, as well as Andrew, are here and available. We  
20 will need to take a fifteen-minute break, but I'm  
21 wondering if their teams would be ready to come back in  
22 fifteen minutes, or maybe closer to 2:45.

23          Andrew or Karin, 2:45, does that work, or a little  
24 earlier?

25          MR. DRECHSLER: We could make 2:45 work, Chair.

1 CHAIR SADHWANI: Perfect. That sounds great. So  
2 why don't we take a short break? We'll come back at  
3 2:45. At that point, we will provide direction to line  
4 drawers.

5 Commissioners, I will ask for a motion to approve  
6 the notes that have been collected during those  
7 directions to line drawers' sessions over the last two  
8 days. We'll reserve the notes that are going to be taken  
9 this afternoon for approval at next week's meeting, as  
10 Staff will not have time to get them all, you know,  
11 prepared, uploaded to the website, et cetera, today. So  
12 we'll hold on those.

13 When we take that motion, we will need to take  
14 public comment on it. And so we'll do public comment  
15 both on that motion, as well as general public comment,  
16 and open the lines to callers. We'll close the meeting  
17 with the vote on the motion to approve those notes once  
18 we have completed all of the callers in our queue.

19 Okay. Thank you so much. We'll be on break until  
20 245.

21 (Whereupon, a recess was held until 2:45 p.m.)

22 CHAIR SADHWANI: Welcome back to the California  
23 Citizens Redistricting Commission, as we round out three  
24 days of having received public input on district map  
25 ideas. We've reserved this time in our schedule for

1 Commissioners to discuss what we've heard, and to provide  
2 any feedback or direction to our Line-Drawing Team.

3 And so with that, I'll open it up to Commissioners,  
4 if they have anything that they would like to provide to  
5 Line Drawing Team.

6 I see Commissioner Toledo.

7 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you. Sorry about that.  
8 So I'll start off with just one comment, in just one  
9 area, tan Fernando Valley, keeping the communities of  
10 Sylmar, San Fernando, Pacoima, Arleta, Sun Valley,  
11 Panorama City, Venice, and Lake Balboa together, for  
12 social and economic purposes, transportation,  
13 connectivity, linkages, as well as the neighborhoods, the  
14 residential types of neighborhoods are pretty similar in  
15 those communities. So keeping those together would be  
16 appropriate. Thank you. And the direction would be to  
17 staff, to keep those communities together. Thank you.

18 CHAIR SADHWANI: All right. Thank you for that,  
19 Commissioner Toledo.

20 Up next, Commissioner Yee.

21 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you, Chair. I wanted to  
22 mention Speaker Number 33. Earlier today, the Windsor  
23 Square Alliance speaker did not want that Greater  
24 Wiltshire neighborhood area split, as it had been by the  
25 2010 Commission. And so to take a look at that and see



1 if that's possible. That's all.

2 CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. Thank you so much.

3 Commissioner Fernandez.

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair. I first  
5 want to say thank you to all of -- everyone that provided  
6 the different -- the different input today, and the last  
7 two days on their maps, very creative. And thank you so  
8 much for adding to our things that we need to look at.  
9 The only thing for today is, and I can't remember what we  
10 did with our visualizations, was to put Ridgecrest with  
11 Kern County. For Edwards Air Force Base, they talked  
12 about the naval base, the AG, recreational, and economic  
13 interests. So I would like to see that. Thank you.

14 CHAIR SADHWANI: Very good. Thank you.

15 Commissioner Sinay.

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you, Chair. I also  
17 wanted to appreciate all the groups have shared the last  
18 three days. And I wanted to appreciate their candor, you  
19 know, when they would say they did or didn't agree with  
20 other groups, because that just highlights how tough our  
21 job is, and that we're not going to make everybody happy.  
22 You know, that they're that we need to make different  
23 decisions.

24 So I did want to highlight that piece. And I did  
25 find a few things that were helpful. And I was hoping --

1 I was wondering for the line drawers, what type of layers  
2 do we have? And I know, I've asked this in different  
3 ways, so now I'm just going to ask it the best way I  
4 know, how -- I think that helps us.

5 Do we have a socioeconomic layer that we can put  
6 on? Do we have, you know, the Equity Index from Los  
7 Angeles, I know, there're equity indexes in other places;  
8 do we have some of those layers that we can put on when  
9 we're starting to think through how we're doing some of  
10 this, some of this work?

11 You know, I brought up age, because I know, when it  
12 comes to voting, and priorities that communities have,  
13 how young and how -- or how old a community is does make  
14 a big difference as a community of interest. So I was  
15 just curious of what layers besides CVAP, and you know,  
16 racial demographics; do we have an option to lay on our  
17 maps when we're making decisions?

18 MS. MAC DONALD: Would you like me to answer that,  
19 Chair Sadhwani?

20 CHAIR SADHWANI: (No verbal response).

21 MS. MAC DONALD: Okay. Hello. Thank you for that  
22 question, Commissioner Sinay. We don't have those  
23 layers. In our data what we do have is we have the  
24 census data, obviously, and we have CVAP, and then we  
25 also have all of the testimony that you have received via

1 the Community of interest tool. And you know, then of  
2 course, everything else that's been submitted can be  
3 supplemented with that.

4 Generally speaking, equity indexes, and so forth,  
5 and also these other data sources, they would probably  
6 have to be evaluated based on, you know, their currency.  
7 So what is -- when were they collected? Are they  
8 relevant at this point?

9 And I think that's something that you may want to  
10 discuss as a Commission. But at this point, what we have  
11 available is basically the -- all of the COIs, which is,  
12 I think in the thousands at this point, and then the  
13 census data, and citizen voting age population, and so  
14 forth.

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Can I ask a follow up?

16 CHAIR SADHWANI: Sure. Yeah.

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: But census data is more than  
18 just what we've been seeing. So do you all have the  
19 age -- you know, do you have more of the granular  
20 information in the census data? And I guess it's more  
21 the American -- you know, it's the survey data. But do  
22 we have that data? Because this is something that I've  
23 been asking since June, and I've been wanting to have  
24 this conversation, and now I know it's too late. But I'm  
25 just trying to figure out what data we do have that we

1 could layer on now, because it's too late for us to have  
2 the conversation that you're asking us, even though, for  
3 the record, I did ask for it a long time ago.

4 MS. MAC DONALD: Yeah. Thank you for that follow-up  
5 question. And I'm sorry if I didn't properly explain  
6 this. Yes. When I was saying "census data", I was in  
7 fact, as you just suggested, talking about the decennial  
8 census data, which is the P.L. 94171 file; and that  
9 dataset has, you know, total population, voting age  
10 population, and then race and ethnicity.

11 The American Community Survey dataset includes the  
12 citizen voting age population. That is actually a  
13 special tabulation that gets put out from the American  
14 Community Survey that we're using. And it was processed  
15 for us on the census block level through the Statewide  
16 Database.

17 The other variables in the American Community Survey  
18 kind of, I want to say "suffer" quote/unquote, from the  
19 same issues that the citizen voting age population  
20 suffers from, which is that that variable gets collected  
21 over time. So currently that variable, as well as  
22 everything else that's available, was collected between  
23 2015 and 2019. So that's a range dataset.

24 So the first people that were interviewed for that  
25 data set were interviewed in 2015. So when you're

1 talking about age, it's actually one of my favorite  
2 conversations about that dataset, because as I always  
3 say, this is the -- the American Community Survey is the  
4 only place where you don't age.

5       And that's actually accurate, because if you were,  
6 you know, 17 and not naturalized, and you made it into  
7 the American Community Survey in 2015, by the time we get  
8 it in 2020, you are still 17 and not naturalized. So you  
9 know, aging is one of those concepts there, but that's  
10 also true for all of the other variables.

11       So it's one of those things that you have to assess  
12 about whether, you know, you want to use it, how you want  
13 to use it, and really contextualize it, because there are  
14 some things that you can learn from it, and other things  
15 that that are just kind of passed, by the time you get  
16 this data set.

17       And we put citizen voting age population because we  
18 have to use it, because we have to use it for voting  
19 rights assessment purposes. So that's why that variable  
20 has been processed, and that's really why the other  
21 variables have not been processed, certainly not on the  
22 block level. I hope that helps.

23       CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you for that, Karin.

24       Commissioner Kennedy.

25       COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. Three

1 things; first of all, I would like to see if it would  
2 make any difference if we simply treat the San Fernando  
3 Valley as a separate entity, and let's treat it as its  
4 own census-designated place, or its own city. You know,  
5 not saying that we can't violate the boundaries of it,  
6 because we certainly do with other cities, or census-  
7 designated places, but would it make any difference if we  
8 treated it as its own city or a census-designated place  
9 as we move forward?

10       Second of all I was -- I noted in the people's  
11 blocks materials, where they're mentioning that there  
12 could be sufficient Asian CVAP population for a Voting  
13 Rights Act district, but that the community felt that  
14 they would be better served not having a VRA district.

15       And I wanted to understand that better. I mean, my  
16 reading of the Constitution is even if the community  
17 feels like it would be better served without a VRA-drawn  
18 district, we don't have a choice in that. VRA comes  
19 before communities of interest in the priority ranking  
20 established by the State Constitution. So I just want to  
21 understand that a little bit better.

22       Third, and this is more of a statement, but I'll try  
23 to put some instruction at the end. You know, it seems,  
24 particularly when we were talking about the San Gabriel  
25 Valley District, and the Angeles National Forest, and

1 West San Bernardino, that in some cases it's going to  
2 come down to choices between respecting the Voting Rights  
3 Act and respecting -- respecting nature, if you will. I  
4 mean, that's overstating it, but you know, so as far as  
5 instruction, I hope that, you know, even as we are  
6 working to respect the Voting Rights Act requirements in  
7 the San Gabriel Valley, that we can do so in a way that  
8 does, in fact, do as much as possible to establish and  
9 protect close relationships between the national forest  
10 and forest-bordering communities. Thank you.

11 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you for that.

12 Commissioner Yee.

13 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes. One more small request.  
14 This was Speaker Number 34, Westside LA, and liked most  
15 of our visualizations, but had a small adjustment to the  
16 Assembly B visualization. And I don't know, if the B one  
17 is actually still in the running, in our work, if it is  
18 to take a look at the suggestion that this caller made to  
19 run the boundary through National Boulevard rather than  
20 I-10. It seemed like a very small adjustment, but was  
21 worth -- they felt it was worth bringing up. So if the B  
22 visualization is still in the running to take a look at  
23 that. Thank you.

24 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you. Commissioner Toledo.

25 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you, Chair. I just

1 wanted to, based on the testimony given today, to ensure  
2 or direct line drawers to keep Boyle Heights and East LA  
3 together, those two. In all of our lines I know that we  
4 have them together in most, but just making sure that  
5 they're -- that those two communities are kept together.  
6 Thank you. For socioeconomic purposes, transportation,  
7 and you know, similarity between those two communities.  
8 Thank you.

9 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you, Commissioner Toledo. I  
10 agree with that.

11 Commissioner Sinay.

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I found it fascinating that  
13 Malibu was included with the San Fernando Valley, because  
14 you know, we had gone through back and forth on -- not  
15 San Fernando Valley -- but yeah, that they were not  
16 visualization with Calabasas and such, and that they were  
17 actually part of the Council of Governments with  
18 Calabasas, Westlake Village, and Hidden Hills.

19 And so I just wanted to bring that up because I  
20 know, that we said, well, I don't know, if this fits or  
21 not. So it does give us more flexibility if you -- if  
22 the line drawers need it.

23 The other one, I just -- I know, we spoke about  
24 this, and it was just two days ago, so I apologize. But  
25 I think, Jaime, what you had shared with us was that Long



1 Beach, the way it's been visualized right now, it's not  
2 just based on the COIs, which we received many, asking  
3 for the city to stay together and to add a few other  
4 communities with them, but there was more to it.

5       And I guess the reason I'm asking is, you know, Long  
6 Beach keeps coming up in different ways. Long Beach, you  
7 know, should Long Beach and San Pedro, because they both  
8 have ports, be together? And some people say, huh-uh,  
9 and then others say, well, parts of the two make sense  
10 for a VRA district. And then others say, we just want  
11 Long Beach on our own. You know, everybody -- we've got  
12 a lot of input in that area.

13       At first, we didn't have much on San Pedro, but now  
14 we have a lot. And so I just wanted -- you had said, I  
15 believe, that there was more to the decision around Long  
16 Beach that it wasn't just the COIs.

17       MS. CLARK: Yeah. So thanks for that question. So  
18 just to clarify, we have been working with your VRA team  
19 very closely throughout this process. There are areas  
20 north of the City of Long Beach that have VRA  
21 considerations. And then additionally, there hasn't been  
22 much public comment on, or interest in, nor has there  
23 been very much -- or nor has there been really any  
24 Commissioned direction to me to, for example, combine  
25 Long Beach with areas in Orange County like Seal Beach,

1 or Huntington Beach, or something like that.

2       So basically we have like to the north, VRA  
3 consideration areas, and then to the east, not very much  
4 flexibility in terms of population. You have said, and  
5 the public has said, you know, Rossmoor, Los Alamitos,  
6 maybe Cypress in the Orange County could go with Long  
7 Beach.

8       But so then, basically, if -- yeah, so then  
9 basically, unless Long Beach goes, you know, somewhere to  
10 the north, as you've directed, or with San Pedro or  
11 somewhere to the west, there would be a bubble of  
12 population. Where either then, Long Beach would need to  
13 go somewhere with -- somewhere with, you know, Seal  
14 Beach, Huntington Beach, something like that. Or would  
15 need to go -- yeah, would need to go sort of north --  
16 northward, which in some visualizations we've been able  
17 to accomplish, or go with San Pedro, which I have  
18 received instruction from you to keep San Pedro with  
19 Carson and the Harbor Gateway Cities.

20       So that's sort of what's going on with Long Beach  
21 right now.

22       CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you for that, Jaime.

23       Commissioner Sinay, did you have any follow-up on  
24 that?

25       COMMISSIONER SINAY: No, but -- well, my follow up

1 is, Jaime, do you have a question for us? Because it  
2 sounded like there was -- there was a hidden question, or  
3 just. Okay, I just wanted --

4 MS. CLARK: Yeah. I don't I don't have a question.  
5 And I'm excited to show you next week, soon  
6 visualizations for Long Beach. I think that -- I hope  
7 that you'll be really happy when you see them.

8 CHAIR SADHWANI: Well, wonderful. We are all  
9 waiting to see them.

10 Commissioner Akutagawa.

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Let's see. I'd like  
12 to maybe -- maybe this is a direction, maybe this is also  
13 a clarification for the line drawers too. I was just  
14 considering the request from Ridgecrest, and also the  
15 other visualizations that we've seen from other  
16 communities, and it's centered around one Ridgecrest  
17 request to be with Kern, but also they noted, or they  
18 spoke for, I should say, California City, Edwards Air  
19 Force Base, the Mojave Air Station, and wanting to be all  
20 together with them.

21 However, we also got, I will say, conflicting  
22 testimony to have California City South be in a district  
23 that would be with LA County. And so I'd like to -- I  
24 guess maybe Karin, or Jaime, or Andrew, can you -- do we  
25 have a visualization in which Ridgecrest is with Kern,

1 but detached from California City and the other points  
2 south?

3 MS. CLARK: And so I believe right now, in our  
4 Assembly visualization, the sort of California City,  
5 Edwards Air Force Base area is with Antelope Valley. And  
6 this is something we can look at really closely next  
7 week. Keeping those together prevent sort of Santa  
8 Clarita from being split, and eventually prevent Oxnard,  
9 Piru, from being split, keeping California City and  
10 Antelope Valley together.

11 We can certainly look at extending that up into  
12 Ridgecrest. However, that's not just with Kern County,  
13 right? And then I think for -- I think for right now,  
14 what we have for that area, for Assembly and -- or excuse  
15 me -- for Congressional and Senate visualizations,  
16 California City and Ridgecrest are with Kern County.

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Okay. I'd be  
18 curious to see, you know, honoring the requests that  
19 Ridgecrest made to stay with Kern County. However, you  
20 know, also per some of the other COI testimony, or the  
21 public input that we just got in terms of some of the  
22 other map proposals, separating out California City on  
23 south and attaching it, I believe, with the Antelope  
24 Valley. What would that look like in terms of the  
25 impacts to -- particularly, it sounded like both the

1 Congressional districts as well as the Assembly and  
2 Senate districts, so that would be one.

3 I also want to just note, I'm going to say this is  
4 perhaps more comment than anything, I think similar to  
5 what Commissioner Kennedy referred to about trying to  
6 keep San Fernando -- the Greater San Fernando Valley  
7 together, I think we've tried to honor the Long Beach  
8 request to keep them together.

9 However, I just want to note that it is interesting  
10 that in some -- a number of map proposals Long Beach was  
11 split to accommodate what was proposed as community input  
12 as well too. And so I think we just need to remain open  
13 in all areas, including the San Fernando Valley, as much  
14 as we would like to try to honor their requests.

15 And also Long Beach that we just need to remain open  
16 to, you know, both options. I think as we've all been  
17 speaking, and also others have said, I mean, you know, we  
18 got a lot of tradeoffs and hard choices to make. And  
19 we're just trying to do the "what-ifs" right now. But we  
20 are aware, we have heard. But I did note, with interest,  
21 a number of the map proposals that we've gotten over the  
22 last three days are splitting Long Beach. And so and yet  
23 we also are getting other inputs from community-based  
24 organizations that are part of the Keep Long Beach  
25 Together Coalition, to keep it together.

1           So I think it's just very interesting right now. So  
2 I think we got a lot to consider. But I just wanted to  
3 say that out loud so that I think the public is aware  
4 that we're also aware, we're just not committing to  
5 anything right now. That's why we're doing all of these.  
6 Thank you.

7           CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you. Commissioner Kennedy.

8           COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. And just  
9 following on that, and I guess the earlier information  
10 from Jaime about what we're facing in that area. I mean,  
11 I certainly recall hearing some input, maybe not, you  
12 know, large numbers of input, but you know, some input  
13 saying, you know, that they'd be happy to have Seal Beach  
14 with Long Beach.

15           So if including Seal Beach with Long Beach is going  
16 to make life easier for the line drawers and for us, I'd  
17 be happy to look at what that looks like. So please,  
18 yes, feel free to include Seal Beach in a district with  
19 Long Beach. Thank you.

20           CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you. I put myself in this  
21 queue here as well. I just want to respond a little bit,  
22 especially to the direction from Commissioner Akutagawa  
23 regarding Ridgecrest. You know, I think we've heard a  
24 lot of testimony from that area, and I'm trying my best  
25 to understand the purpose of it.

1 I see the Air Force bases, as I see the aerospace  
2 industry to that area. I also distinctly recall numerous  
3 callers, throughout the summer, calling into our COI  
4 input sessions, talking about how they just love their  
5 Member of Congress, so keep it the same. And so I just  
6 wanted to point that out.

7 You know, I think we've had many conversations about  
8 some of the potential underlying political motivations of  
9 some of the testimony that we may receive. Maybe it is,  
10 maybe it isn't. I don't know. But I do think that we  
11 have some obligations in Kern County towards the Voting  
12 Rights Act. And I would just suggest that that leads how  
13 we think about that region. And you know, I think  
14 absolutely all of the testimony that we receive, we will  
15 have to weigh, you know, against all of our other  
16 criteria.

17 Commissioner Andersen.

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you, Chair. I just  
19 want to say, you know, for the public, we really  
20 appreciate all the effort and work that has gone into all  
21 these maps, from the individuals, to the large community  
22 groups. I know this has been months of work on some  
23 people's parts, and hours, and hours, and hours, and  
24 hours. The one thing I definitely want to say for a few  
25 people who put a lot of this work in, the Congressional

1 districts, those have to be zero percentage points, plus  
2 or minus. It has to be plus or minus a few people.

3 So unfortunately, we say, well, we got three percent  
4 off, or four percent off, for a Congressional district  
5 that's too much.

6 We do have percentages of positive or negative for  
7 the State districts. And so I just want people to  
8 consider that. We say, well, you know, I like that idea,  
9 but we can't do it. And then, I did notice, though, in a  
10 lot of the community groups how the large number of split  
11 cities, and you know, and then we've heard from  
12 communities that it's really hard to do community work  
13 when our cities are all split up, you know, from  
14 different Assembly people.

15 And I often think: Well, how is the Assembly person  
16 going to help each of the local communities? And I just  
17 want to bring, you know, uplift the idea that we -- I  
18 think a few Commissioners have said, let's make sure we  
19 pay attention to: Who is saying these ideas? The  
20 communities -- the people from the communities who live  
21 there have lived in and out of those experiences.

22 And sometimes some of the overall groups say, I have  
23 this community of interest, but you know, I often think  
24 that the people who live there all the time, didn't have  
25 time to go and tell them what their community's interest



1 was. So I want us to make sure we don't forget that we  
2 don't -- you know, we don't forget, and we listen to  
3 those individuals, and groups, smaller groups that have  
4 said; this is what our community needs.

5 So it's just -- and there's a -- as a Commissioner  
6 Akutagawa said, there are a lot of tradeoffs we have to  
7 do here, but you know, I really want us to consider all  
8 of these things, which I know, all Commissioners are  
9 considering.

10 And the reason I'm saying this is just more for the  
11 public to hear. We are considering these ideas, whether  
12 it be for Voting Rights Act, for cultural reasons, for  
13 economic reasons. We really appreciate all the hard work  
14 that folks are putting in. And we've got a lot of work  
15 ahead of us. Thank you.

16 CHAIR SADHWANI: Indeed we do.

17 Commissioner Le Mons. You're on mute, Commissioner  
18 Le Mons.

19 VICE CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Chair. I just  
20 wanted to take a moment to say thank you to the public as  
21 well, not just for the presentations today, but all of  
22 the presentations over the last several days. I found  
23 them to be very informative and I think offered a  
24 different perspective. And I, too, was particularly  
25 struck by the amount of work, and the different

1 approaches that various groups and presenters took. I  
2 mean, we heard a wide array of rationale behind their  
3 recommendations.

4 And so we do appreciate it. And it does add to the  
5 richness, particularly when we get to some of those very  
6 difficult decisions that are going to have to be made in  
7 the coming weeks and months. So I just wanted to say,  
8 thank you.

9 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you for that Vice Chair Le  
10 Mons, and soon to be Chair Le Mons; looking forward to  
11 that very much.

12 And I think that's really an excellent transition,  
13 unless there are any additional comments from  
14 Commissioners or additional direction for our line  
15 drawers, or clarification from our Line-Drawing Team,  
16 that need to happen, it looks like we might be ready to  
17 transition at this point.

18 Before we go to the phone lines, I wanted to ask  
19 Commissioners if they've had a chance to review the notes  
20 that have been posted on our website. Those are the  
21 directions that we give to line drawers over the last two  
22 days. These notes that we just gave, or the direction we  
23 just gave, Kimberly, I believe, is on with us and has  
24 been taking those notes. She'll have them ready for us  
25 at our next meeting next week, in which we can approve

1 them at that point in time. If you have clarifications  
2 that need to be made to those notes, now would be a great  
3 time to do it.

4 So we'll start off with Commissioner Fernandez.

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair. Yes, I  
6 just had one clarification for yesterday's, for the  
7 10/22/21. My comment, in there it says, "I wanted to  
8 make sure they're in one district"; can we please replace  
9 "they're" with "the American River floodplain  
10 boundaries"? I just want to make sure that we're  
11 specific as to what "they're" is. Thank you.

12 CHAIR SADHWANI: Perfect. Thank you.

13 Commissioner Yee.

14 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes. For 10/21, the second  
15 instruction I gave, which has to do with Vallejo, I just  
16 want to clarify. I wanted to explore the possibility of  
17 including Vallejo with the Northern Contra Costa counts  
18 as presented by the Black Census and Redistricting Hub  
19 for Assembly, Senate, and Congressional plans.

20 CHAIR SADHWANI: Excellent. Thank you.

21 Commissioner Toledo.

22 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: So I was just going to a  
23 motion to approve. But I believe Commissioner Sinay may  
24 have additional comments as well, so I'll wait.

25 CHAIR SADHWANI: Very good. Sure.

1 Commissioner Sinay.

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Mine was more, It's fun to read  
3 your comments back, you're like, oh, you know, that's  
4 not -- yeah, I know that's my words, but I wasn't very  
5 clear. I just want to make sure on the comment on 10/21  
6 around Long Beach, it just said, "We've heard a lot to  
7 keep them together" and the "them" was Long Beach, not  
8 Long Beach and San Pedro, because you can read it either  
9 way on that one. So I just wanted -- it was that.

10 And I want the Chair to recognize that those of us  
11 who are in the room did do our homework, so we did read  
12 the minutes.

13 CHAIR SADHWANI: Very good. Thank you so much for  
14 that. Much appreciated.

15 Commissioner Fornaciari.

16 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, on the notes on  
17 10/21, my comment it says, "Notes I have is that was a  
18 suggestion", and "that" is referring to what Commissioner  
19 Yee said above. Specifically, "that" means carving out a  
20 piece of Humboldt County, to keep the tribe whole. Thank  
21 you.

22 CHAIR SADHWANI: Very good. Thank you. These  
23 wordsmithing clarifications are very helpful.

24 Commissioner Andersen.

25 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. Thank you. This

1 actually does have to do with my comment, which is very  
2 short, and which I never got a chance to get back. And I  
3 did explain why. But then everyone jumped on, and I  
4 didn't get a chance to get back to it. And my request  
5 was, yes, I did hear of the Native Vote group say their  
6 first visualization was to take a chunk of Humboldt  
7 County out.

8       And they also said, though: But we are considering  
9 the idea of actually taking part of Siskiyou County and  
10 putting it with the coast.

11       And I wanted to explain why I just said that, in a  
12 little bit more details, because the Karuk Tribe  
13 actually, originally their entire land was all of that  
14 section, large chunks of Humboldt, and the entire Klamath  
15 River Valley, and the watershed. And the watershed does  
16 pour out and enter into the Pacific, and Humboldt, and  
17 part of Trinity.

18       And so that's why I did say it's for, you know,  
19 water geographic reasons, as well as keeping the tribe  
20 together, and because having -- the reason why, you know,  
21 the quick fix was take that chunk of Humboldt out. But  
22 Humboldt has repeatedly said, or the people from Humboldt  
23 County is; we want to stay whole, and they really are  
24 with the coast and the water. And so that's why I  
25 actually said that. And so it is a visualization which I

1 think I would still like to see, or if we could do that  
2 one. Thank you.

3 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you. Commissioner Turner.

4 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Chair. October  
5 22nd, the second comment that I made. Just a quick  
6 correction, under the -- it's "river bank and 'parts' of  
7 Stanislaus," as opposed to "starts" of Stanislaus.

8 CHAIR SADHWANI: Perfect. Commissioner Akutagawa.

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: First off, I want to just  
10 say thank you for providing written notes. So much more,  
11 easier to give feedback than to just listen. I'm  
12 realizing in listening to the other Commissioners that  
13 maybe I should be also more explicit in the comments that  
14 I made as well too. When I read it, it was fine, but it  
15 does seem like there needs to be additional clarification  
16 on my notes -- or on my comments for the 10/21  
17 directions.

18 So in terms of what I said about Commissioner  
19 Andersen, and supporting what she says about the Karuk  
20 Tribe, I don't know if it's necessary to be specific in  
21 saying that my understanding was that a portion of  
22 Siskiyou County, which includes, "the homelands of the  
23 Karuk Tribe", would be added to "a coastal district".  
24 And that's -- I guess I just want to be specific about  
25 that.

1           Secondly, in terms of what I said about communities  
2 east of the 110, and I said, in asking people to call in,  
3 if you are one of these communities, I'm specifically  
4 referring to communities in South LA and Central Los  
5 Angeles, as what Commissioner Sinay said in the earlier  
6 comments. So I wanted to just be specific in terms of  
7 what one of what "one of these communities" means. Thank  
8 you.

9           CHAIR SADHWANI: Very good. Thank you so much.  
10           Commissioner Toledo.

11           COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: With that, I think we have all  
12 the feedback on the minutes. So I'd like to motion to  
13 approve the direction to the line drawers as given on  
14 10/21 and 10/22 as amended by the Commissioners. Thank  
15 you.

16           CHAIR SADHWANI: Perfect. Anyone for a second?  
17           Commissioner Yee.

18           COMMISSIONER YEE: I'll second the motion.

19           CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you very much. I believe  
20 Ravi has captured that motion. And after we go to public  
21 comment, he will be able to share that.

22           Our plan right now, is that we will go to public  
23 comment on this motion, as well as general public  
24 comment. I see that we already have a number of callers  
25 in the queue. So we will open the lines for both at this

1 point in time. So if you have comments on our motion, or  
2 a general public comment on our three-day-long meeting,  
3 now would be the time to give it.

4 A few housekeeping rules here. We will have a  
5 mandatory break at 4:15 if we haven't gotten through all  
6 callers, we'll take that break and come back. If we have  
7 a lot of callers, we will also be closing the lines at  
8 4:30, which was the scheduled end time for the meeting.

9 If need be, however, if you're in the queue by 4:30,  
10 we would continue on and take all callers who are in the  
11 queue at that point in time. Okay.

12 So with that, I'm going to turn this over to Katy,  
13 our comment moderator, to help us with the callers who  
14 would like to comment.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, Chair.

16 In order to maximize transparency and public  
17 participation in our process, the Commissioners will be  
18 taking public comment by phone. To call in, dial the  
19 telephone number provided on the live stream feed. It is  
20 877-853-5247. When prompted to enter the meeting ID  
21 number provided on the live stream feed, it is  
22 83323079488 for this meeting. When prompted to enter a  
23 participant ID simply press the pound key.

24 Once you have dialed in, you will be placed in a  
25 queue. To indicate you wish to comment, please press



1 star 9. This will raise your hand for the moderator.  
2 When it is your turn to speak, you will hear a message  
3 that says: The host would like you to talk, and to press  
4 star 6 to speak. If you would like to give your name,  
5 please state and spell it for the record. You are not  
6 required to provide your name to give public comment.

7 Please make sure to mute your computer or live  
8 stream audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during  
9 your call. Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert  
10 for when it is your turn to speak. And again, please  
11 turn down the live stream volume.

12 And at this time we will be starting out with caller  
13 with the last four, 1224. And up next after that will be  
14 caller 1270. Caller 1224, if you will, please follow the  
15 prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star 6? The  
16 floor is yours.

17 MR. BLAKE: Hello. My name is Peter Blake. I'm a  
18 Laguna Beach City councilman, and I'm just calling to  
19 request that you consider keeping the coastal communities  
20 together. More than ever, with the oil spill, we've  
21 realized that the coastal communities are very different  
22 communities than the inland communities. We are the  
23 stewards of the water, making sure that the environment  
24 is perfect. We're also responsible for maintaining our  
25 town so that we can accept all the visitors that come and

1 enjoy our beautiful beaches.

2 We have certain considerations regarding  
3 homelessness, tourism, there is just multiple reasons why  
4 we really need to be kept together. And when split up  
5 and fragmented, we can't speak as a single voice, which  
6 is extremely important.

7 Please keep our communities together and add the  
8 communities of San Clemente, and bring it all the way up  
9 to the top, so that Orange County's coastal communities  
10 are all represented, so that we can all work to provide  
11 all of you with a great place to come and enjoy  
12 yourselves, and also a safe place. Thank you.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
14 right now we'll have caller with the last four 1270. And  
15 up next after that will be caller 9366. Caller 1270, if  
16 you will, please follow the prompts to unmute at this  
17 time by pressing star 6? The floor is yours.

18 CALLER NUMBER 1270: Thank you. I live in  
19 Brentwood, East Contra Costa, and I'm calling to support  
20 the map that keeps the San Joaquin Delta whole, bordered  
21 by Stockton on the east and Antioch on the west. The map  
22 is CDA East, CONNPR. And the reason I'm calling to  
23 support this is because this area, together, is so  
24 interlocked and our agriculture in East Contra Costa is  
25 fragile and depends so much on the San Joaquin Delta, the

1 health of the San Joaquin Delta, the entire Delta.

2       For example, our high school district includes  
3 students from Brentwood, Antioch, and Oakley, and  
4 Discovery Bay. Our elementary school system has students  
5 from Antioch attending the Brentwood school system.

6       We discovered during the pandemic that a healthy  
7 Delta is also healthy for our mental health. And what I  
8 mean by that is that, for example, when they were able to  
9 open up the orchards, we have natural pumpkin patches  
10 where people go to pick pumpkins. We also have cherry  
11 orchards where people came from all over to pick  
12 cherries.

13       And it was just wonderful to be outside safely  
14 distanced, picking something so good and close to nature.  
15 Our farmer's market is fantastic, and we have people from  
16 all over East Contra Costa coming out --

17       MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

18       CALLER NUMBER 1270: -- and shopping. Also, there's  
19 many lines of connections between going from Stockton  
20 through Brentwood to Oakland through Highway 4, which is  
21 nuts, and also through Vasco Road, which is also crazy.  
22 But we need to keep our drinking water --

23       MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

24       CALLER NUMBER 1270: -- and our farming irrigation  
25 water safe. Thank you.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

2 And right now, we'll have caller 9366. And up next  
3 after that will be caller 6989. Caller 9366, if you  
4 would, please follow the prompts to unmute at this time  
5 by pressing star 6? One more time, Caller with the last  
6 four 9366, if you'll please press star 6 to unmute at  
7 this time. And caller 9366, there appears to be a slight  
8 connectivity issue for you. You may want to call in --  
9 hang up and dial back in, and raise your hand. I will  
10 come back to you. I have made note that we could not get  
11 through to you.

12 Up next would be caller 6989, if you'll please  
13 follow the prompts to unmute at this time by pressing  
14 star 6? The floor is yours.

15 MR. SONG: My name is Charles Song. I am the  
16 executive director of the Asian Empowerment Association,  
17 and a co-chair of the Equity for Cambodians. I am  
18 calling on behalf of the Cambodian community in Long  
19 Beach, and I would like to read a letter our community  
20 sent to you yesterday.

21 "The 2020 Citizens Redistricting Commission, we  
22 write as a representative of the largest  
23 Cambodian community in the United States. Our  
24 community lives, works, and is organized  
25 squarely in the City of Long Beach. Cambodia

1 Town is located in Central Long Beach, just  
2 south of Signal Hill.

3 In the early '80s over 300,000 Cambodian  
4 refugees arrived in the United States as  
5 survivors of the Cambodian genocide from 1975  
6 through 1979, the Khmer Rouge killed over two  
7 million Cambodians, while survivors endure  
8 slavery, torture, starvation, raped, and other  
9 major traumatic experiences. Our refugee  
10 community found ourselves in Long Beach,  
11 needing housing, economic, and social service  
12 support.

13 "Today, we have formed Cambodian organizations  
14 that have focused on helping our elders and  
15 youths, rather than spreading out to other  
16 areas of the region. We all still live in the  
17 city that we start Long Beach. We have also  
18 made a conscious effort to organize and elevate  
19 Cambodians voice and politics, education,  
20 overall, civic engagement. We have, however,  
21 observed that various outside organizations,  
22 not from our community or city are trying  
23 to" --

24 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

25 MR. SONG: -- "to to gerrymandering us and separate

1           us from the rest of the city. And this map  
2           would disenfranchise the Long Beach Cambodian  
3           Community, and would like to highlight our  
4           strong opposition. We have survived the  
5           genocide and have developed the only Cambodia  
6           Town in the United States."

7           MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

8           MR. SONG: Do not separate us. Our great city, our  
9           local university, there are so many ties, students attend  
10          our local school. You have heard loud and clear keep our  
11          Cambodian community, our city together, the Long Beach  
12          Cambodian community --

13          MR. MANOFF: Time.

14          PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

15          And right now, we will have a caller with the last  
16          four 5306. And up next after that will be caller 0565.  
17          Caller 5306, if you will, please follow the prompts to  
18          unmute at this time? The floor is yours.

19          MR. BALAS: Thank you, Commissioners. My name is  
20          Eric Balas (ph.), and I'm from Long Beach. I'm a member  
21          of our local LGBTQ+ Community, and I want to specifically  
22          thank Equality California for their presentation to the  
23          Commission yesterday. The visualizations they submitted  
24          really identified an important community of interest, the  
25          queer community in Long Beach, and I would agree very

1 wholeheartedly with their maps.

2       Long Beach has a very large and diverse queer  
3 community that's both historically significant and an  
4 important group when it comes to political  
5 representation. You know, this isn't a new thing for  
6 Long Beach. We have a rich history, and in the queer  
7 community, and particularly supporting our trans youth  
8 and our trans adults in the city. And we've really  
9 developed partnerships that have raised the profile of  
10 Long Beach with the Human Rights Campaign, among other  
11 national and international groups.

12       The community really is asking that we not be broken  
13 up. The city really has a diverse and diffused LGBTQ+  
14 population that actually reaches almost all of our  
15 neighborhoods in the city. So keeping us together is  
16 very important.

17       I want to thank you again. And I heard the  
18 conversation from the Commissioners, and I really  
19 appreciate the interest you've had in Long Beach. And I  
20 want to thank you for reflecting and understanding our  
21 commitment to diversity and the values that we have  
22 expressed for the city.

23       MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

24       MR. BALAS: And we'd hope that we are kept together  
25 in the final maps. Thank you for the opportunity to

1 speak.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

3 Right now we will have caller with the last four  
4 0565. And up next after that, will be caller with the  
5 last four 1496. Caller 0565 if you would, please follow  
6 the prompts to unmute at this time, by pressing star 6?  
7 The floor is yours.

8 MS. JONES: Yeah. Hi, my name is Jennifer Jones,  
9 and I'm a resident of Simi Valley.

10 Commissioners, thank you for your feedback. I was  
11 able to listen to that.

12 The reason I'm calling is the majority of Simi  
13 Valley is already in the 25th Congressional District, and  
14 it makes logical sense with the growth and expansion to  
15 include all of Simi Valley into one district, which is  
16 already the 25th (ph.), to take an entire city out of one  
17 district and then place it into another district, which  
18 includes Malibu, well, Simi Valley and Malibu have  
19 absolutely nothing in common.

20 Malibu is a beach city. Their house median prices  
21 are over \$1,000,000, starting at over \$1,000,000. Malibu  
22 has to deal with beach erosion from El Ninos, El Ninas  
23 (sic). You also have the possibility of tsunamis.

24 And Simi Valley is more "foresty" I guess, is the  
25 best way to say it. The demographics is completely



1 different. We have a lot more in common with Santa  
2 Clarita Valley. We have a common interest of [aero-  
3 smith] -- aerospace, sorry. We also have a lot more in  
4 common with the film industry. We have a lot more in  
5 common with, you know, first responders. We're more  
6 prone to fires, along with Santa Clarita. A lot of  
7 people from Simi Valley always visit Magic Mountain  
8 because that is a big draw for a lot of our teenagers.  
9 And also --

10 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

11 MS. JONES: -- we did have a significant growth of  
12 minorities. So when you are looking at redistricting, I  
13 hope that you keep Simi Valley whole, and I hope you keep  
14 it all in the 25th --

15 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

16 MS. JONES: -- since the majority of it is already  
17 in the 25th. Thank you.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

19 And right now, we will have caller with the last  
20 four 1496. And up next after that will be caller 8088.  
21 Caller 1496, if you will, please follow the prompts to  
22 unmute at this time by pressing star 6? The floor is  
23 yours.

24 JIM: Hi, this is Jim from Reedley. As much of the  
25 others have said today, of keeping communities whole,

1 here, us in the San Joaquin Valley, we want to make sure  
2 that particularly those small agricultural communities  
3 along the 99, such as Selma and Fowler, that those are  
4 kept whole. They have a very strong agrarian culture,  
5 socioeconomic are similar. There's not much difference  
6 throughout that entire San Joaquin Valley here.

7       So I just -- we just want to make sure that you keep  
8 those communities whole as possible. And then, you know,  
9 there's very little, if any, similarity with anyone  
10 that's in the High Desert area. And then, obviously, on  
11 the coastal as well. So we obviously can relate to those  
12 on the coastal communities of a common interest, and we  
13 just hope that you guys will recognize that and keep us  
14 whole as possible.

15       Thank you for your time. And really appreciate what  
16 you guys are doing.

17       MR. MITCHELL: Thank you so much.

18       And right now, we will have caller 8088. And up  
19 next after that will be caller 3829. Caller 8088, if you  
20 will, please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by  
21 pressing star 6? The floor is yours.

22       MR. MARROQUIN: Hey. How are we doing today,  
23 everybody? So my name is Jose Marroquin (ph.). I'm  
24 actually -- I'm proud to live here, and one of the only  
25 true majority Hispanic Congressional districts in

1 Southern California, District 46. And it's my  
2 understanding that our district needs to grow. And I  
3 want to stress to the Committee how important it is for  
4 us to keep this district majority Hispanic, as we fight  
5 for every day, just basically for increased influence.

6 I think it makes sense for us to grow into Fullerton  
7 and include that Hispanic population that has not been  
8 included in our district before, and whose voice is  
9 currently diminished based on district lines, and it  
10 would strengthen our district if we included that  
11 Hispanic population in District 46.

12 Thank you very much.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. And right now  
14 we have caller 3829. And up next after that would be  
15 caller 3088. Caller 3829, if you will, please follow the  
16 prompts to unmute at this time? The floor is yours.

17 CALLER NUMBER 3829: Earlier, many of those  
18 presenting maps spoke about keeping like communities  
19 together. And I would like to see all small Hispanic  
20 towns and communities in Fresno kept together. We are an  
21 agricultural community and have similar interests.  
22 Therefore, we need to stay as a whole community.  
23 Counties in the San Joaquin Valley should be represented  
24 together, and not drawn in with counties across the  
25 Sierra, or in San Bernardino County, or outside of the

1 San Joaquin Valley.

2 And thank you for doing your job, and respectfully  
3 listening to all the comments. Thank you.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

5 And right now, we will have caller 3088. And up  
6 next after that will be caller 7807. Caller 3088, if you  
7 will, please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by  
8 pressing star 6? The floor is yours.

9 MR. DUARTE: Good afternoon, Commissioners. My name  
10 is Robert Duarte (ph.), and I'm a member of the LGBTQ  
11 community here in Long Beach, and I'm also a longtime  
12 supporter of Equality California.

13 I want to speak specifically in support of the  
14 visualizations presented to you by Equality California  
15 yesterday that highlights the importance of the LGBTQ  
16 community of Long Beach and keep our community together.  
17 We're an important community of interest in the Greater  
18 Long Beach area, and we're incredibly proud to be  
19 represented by amazing LGBTQ elected leaders and allies.

20 We have one of the most dense LGBTQ populations in  
21 the state, so please do not break us up. As the  
22 presentation from Equality California showed yesterday,  
23 the LGBTQ community in Long Beach is spread throughout  
24 the entire city, and especially in our downtown, across  
25 the historic gay district, along the coast and in areas

1 across Bixby Knolls and Signal Hill.

2 Long Beach is a wonderful gay community. In fact,  
3 our last state senator was gay, and our current Mayor,  
4 Robert Garcia, is also a gay man. These elections would  
5 not be possible without the strong support of our  
6 community. I want to thank this Commission for the  
7 visualizations last week that went a long way towards  
8 keeping Long Beach together, and for their comments in  
9 support of our community and needs.

10 I know, you have heard extensively from our parts  
11 here in California, and I just want to add my voice to  
12 those that have spoken about this incredible, important  
13 issue to our city of keeping Long Beach together.

14 Thank you, again, for the opportunity to speak to  
15 Commissioners.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

17 And right now we will have caller 7807. And up next  
18 after that will be caller 4241. Caller 7807, if you  
19 will, please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by  
20 pressing star 6? The floor is yours.

21 MS. MENDOZA: Hello. First, thank you so much,  
22 Commissioners, for all of your time and dedication to  
23 this process. We really appreciate it.

24 My name is Jovita Mendoza, from Northern California.  
25 I actually sit on City Council for Brentwood, California,

1 one of the fastest growing cities in the last ten years  
2 in California. And I'm calling today actually, someone  
3 else I heard called from my city, which is great to hear.  
4 But we share a lot in common with Antioch. We share our  
5 school district, we share a lot of our same issues that  
6 we're having, our police departments work really well  
7 together. But we also share a lot with San Joaquin  
8 County.

9 I am a volunteer with a local group, Hijas Del  
10 Campo. And what we're finding is, is that a lot of the  
11 field workers from San Joaquin County and Brentwood,  
12 Oakley area travel back and forth. And we really need to  
13 keep that voice strong with one district instead of  
14 dividing our field workers. We're actually working  
15 really hard to come up with resources to help them, and  
16 keeping them together, and giving them adequate services  
17 is going to be so key going forward.

18 We know that the land has been taken away,  
19 agriculture is suffering, and by keeping them together, I  
20 think that we can do a really good job at helping all  
21 those field workers that, you know, have left services  
22 and a lot of us.

23 Also, we share the Delta. We have a lot of issues  
24 with the Delta and our water. So keeping that together  
25 would be great, Antioch, Brentwood, Oakley, and San

1 Joaquin. And we also share beautiful Highway 4, which is  
2 one of the most congested highways in Northern  
3 California. So keeping us together and having one strong  
4 voice is really important.

5 And again, thank you so much for the work that you  
6 do. I really appreciate it. And I hope that you can  
7 use --

8 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

9 MS. MENDOZA: -- the East Contra map. Thank you.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

11 Right now we'll have caller 4241. And up next after  
12 that will be caller 3422. Caller 4241, if you will,  
13 please follow the prompts to you at this time by pressing  
14 star 6? The floor is yours.

15 CALLER NUMBER 4241: Hi. Good afternoon. I live in  
16 Anaheim Hills and it was always confusing for me, that  
17 why our area is divided into two districts and we are not  
18 in the same Congressional district with Yorba Linda; our  
19 areas are inherently connected and similar, Yorba Linda  
20 is where I stop, dine, and spend my money.

21 We also have similar zoning, and long-term vision.  
22 I would think it would make more sense for us to be  
23 considered one community rather than being separated into  
24 two districts that are prioritizing different economical  
25 goals. We should keep this city together in

1 Congressional District 39. I agree with the map  
2 presented in the Orange County Civic Engagement Table.  
3 Thank you.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

5 And right now we will have caller 3422, and up next  
6 after that will be caller 9919. Caller 3422, if you  
7 will, please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by  
8 pressing star 6? The floor is yours.

9 MS. SALAS: Hi. Good afternoon. My name is Juanita  
10 Salas. I called and written a few times throughout this  
11 process. I want to thank you for taking my input to  
12 heart, by drafting visualization, Senate plan A, labeled  
13 SECA [Se-cah]. As a long longtime resident of Imperial  
14 County who went to college in San Diego, and now lives in  
15 Coachella Valley, this map represents how these three  
16 communities are tied together by different -- by  
17 differing, yet important issues.

18 For example, by keeping Imperial County tied to East  
19 Coachella Valley, especially including those communities  
20 around the Salton Sea, the Commission is ensuring that  
21 this environmental public health disaster is being  
22 addressed by representation that understand the severity  
23 of this national -- natural disaster. And it will work  
24 with their Assembly counterparts to fight for resources  
25 necessary to address this continuing concern.



1           Furthermore, by linking Imperial to you San Diego,  
2 you are ensuring that the same level of partnership with  
3 the Assemblymember from San Diego to address those issues  
4 that impact the order of both these counties.

5           Thank you again for taking my concerns, and our  
6 concerns, and this testimony seriously. Have a good day.

7           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

8           And right now we will have caller 9919. And up next  
9 after that will be caller 7573. Caller 9919, if you  
10 will, please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by  
11 pressing star 6? The floor is yours.

12           MR. MARTINEZ: Hi Commissioners. My name is Matteo  
13 Martinez (ph.). I am in Fresno. I just want to make  
14 sure that the Commissioners understand that Hispanic  
15 communities, especially in the south and west parts of  
16 Fresno City and Fresno County, need to stay together, and  
17 it's important that the Hispanic communities in these  
18 areas are not combined with Northeast Fresno or Clovis,  
19 simply because of our different needs, different values  
20 we hold.

21           We are really, you know, truly agricultural  
22 communities that are mainly consisted of employees of the  
23 farms, and of the agricultural industry. And it's  
24 important that we are -- we remain together. And  
25 further, it's important that counties in the Silicon

1 Valley shouldn't be represented -- should be represented  
2 together and not drawn in with other areas that are truly  
3 foreign in regards to values like the Sierras, and other  
4 areas of California, like San Bernardino, and simply any  
5 areas that are outside of the valley.

6       So once again, it's important that Hispanic  
7 communities in the Valley have different interests, and  
8 let that be known, and that communities outside the  
9 valley should not be districted within areas like South  
10 and West Fresno. So please keep that in mind. I  
11 appreciate the time. And hopefully, the right decision  
12 is made. Thank you so much.

13       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

14       And right now, we will have caller 7573. And next  
15 after will go back to caller 9366; I see you've called  
16 back in. Caller 7573, if you will, please follow the  
17 prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star 6? The  
18 floor is yours.

19       CALLER NUMBER 7573: Hi. I'm a resident of Seal  
20 Beach, and I just want to highlight how important it is  
21 to keep the Orange County beaches together within the  
22 district. The Orange County beaches share a common point  
23 of interest with PCH (ph.), and tourism to the beaches.  
24 And the environmental crisis of the oil spillage just  
25 highlights that the Orange County Coast has a common

1 ecological, environmental needs. And I just want to go  
2 ahead and highlight that for the Commission. Thank you.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

4 And right now we have 9366, if you will, please  
5 follow the prompts to unmute at this time by pressing  
6 star 6. The floor is yours.

7 ELLEN: Hi. Thank you. My name is Ellen (ph.), and  
8 I live in Tulare County. And first, first off, I want to  
9 thank all the Commissioners for your hard work and  
10 dedication on this process.

11 I am calling, I'm calling in because I want to share  
12 my need to see all the small agricultural cities within  
13 the Central San Joaquin Valley to be kept together,  
14 because I've lived here my whole life, and have really  
15 enjoyed being a part of the agricultural community. We  
16 have our own interests that are very specific to the  
17 Central San Joaquin Valley, and I think that should be  
18 kept together.

19 And I feel that on the same point that keeping all  
20 the small communities with the Hispanic population, they  
21 should also be kept together in the Central San Joaquin  
22 Valley and not divided. On the same thing, I want to  
23 share that, I really think that the San Joaquin Valley  
24 should not be inclusive with all the communities out in  
25 the mountain region because we have very different

1 interests. And I think that the Valley should just stay  
2 as one district or one area.

3 And I just really appreciate your time. Thank you.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

5 And right now, we will have caller 9399. And up  
6 next after that will be caller 0563. Caller 9399, if you  
7 will, please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by  
8 pressing star 6? The floor is yours. Caller 9399, you  
9 are unmuted, and the floor is yours. You'll want to  
10 double-check and see -- there you are.

11 MR. HERNANDEZ: Am I on?

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: You sure are.

13 MR. HERNANDEZ: Oh, sure. I'm sorry. My name is  
14 Fernando Hernandez. I live up in the High Desert and I  
15 want you to know, that I -- first of all, appreciate the  
16 fact that -- all the work you guys are doing. And second  
17 of all, the suggestions put out earlier today by the  
18 Black Brown Alliance, regarding the Assembly District 33.  
19 I hope you'll keep that map in strong consideration.  
20 Those folks really went out of their way to include many,  
21 many people from this area, organizations, groups, parent  
22 groups that gave input as to how we practice this map  
23 should be -- how it should look.

24 Try to keep us with just where -- we're in the  
25 Greater Victor Valley area, and our area, geographically,

1 includes some of the most rural towns in the area, and we  
2 sure hope you take people together. We've made it an  
3 effort to expand to keep my town, for example, Phelan,  
4 and Wrightwood, and Pinon Hills, and Llano, all of these  
5 communities together. We all share the same interests.  
6 We have a commonality.

7       So much different from other maps that are shown us  
8 to be stretched all the way down to San Bernardino, other  
9 maps that are showing us to be split by three different  
10 Assembly districts. We need to stay together.  
11 Victorville, the Greater Victor Valley area, Victorville,  
12 Hesperia --

13       MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

14       MR. HERNANDEZ: -- and on to Apple Valley, need to  
15 be together. Thank you.

16       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

17       And right now we will have caller 0563. And up next  
18 after that will be caller 7039. Caller 0563, if you  
19 will, please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by  
20 pressing star 6? The floor is yours.

21       MR. WOODSON: Good afternoon, Commissioners. This  
22 is James Woodson from the Black Census and Redistricting  
23 Hub. First of all, congratulations for making it through  
24 all of the presentations. I wanted to address,  
25 specifically, Commissioner Vazquez yesterday brought up

1 concerns about Lancaster, and so I wanted to just call in  
2 and clarify that in our map, on the Assembly level, we  
3 kept two-thirds of Lancaster into a sort of Antelope  
4 Valley, High Desert District.

5 We were also concerned about Black communities in  
6 that area. And so we worked with community members to  
7 make sure that we were keeping Black communities in  
8 Lancaster and Palmdale together there. So I wanted to  
9 point that out. We also kept Palmdale and Lancaster  
10 whole in our Senate and Congressional maps. And so we  
11 certainly had the same concern that Commissioner Vazquez  
12 raised.

13 The other thing, obviously, you know, we had to  
14 split Lancaster a little bit in the Assembly, and that  
15 was really for VRA considerations. And that was the  
16 other thing I wanted to address is that, you know,  
17 certainly in our plan we had to split certain cities, but  
18 it was always for Voting Rights Act considerations. And  
19 it's important to know, you know, communities of interest  
20 sometimes have --

21 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

22 MR. WOODSON: -- split within cities because of  
23 things like redlining, where interest different -- differ  
24 within a city boundary. And so I just want to remind the  
25 Commissioners of the right criteria --

1 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

2 MR. WOODSON: -- and that, you know, VRA directions  
3 will require to split cities in certain areas. So I  
4 thank you all for your time. And again, I appreciate the  
5 feedback.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

7 And right now we will have 7039. And up next after  
8 that would be caller 5566. Caller 7039, if you will,  
9 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by  
10 pressing star 6? The floor is yours.

11 HEIDI: Hello. My name is Heidi, and I'm a resident  
12 of Seal Beach in Coastal Orange County. I believe that  
13 there should be a Congressional district that extends  
14 from Seal Beach in the north to San Clemente in the  
15 south. The Coastal Orange County communities should be  
16 kept together so that there can be one strong voice in  
17 Congress to coordinate with government agencies at the  
18 Federal, State and Local levels.

19 Additionally, by ensuring that the district is kept  
20 within Orange County, the member of Congress can focus  
21 and build strong relationships with the Orange County  
22 agencies, such as Board of Supervisors and the Board of  
23 Education.

24 Now, I would like to describe my community interest.  
25 I have lived in Old Town Seal Beach for fifteen years. I

1 do my food shopping in Seal Beach and Huntington Beach  
2 and my clothes shopping in Newport Beach and Costa Mesa.  
3 My doctors are, primarily, in Seal Beach, Huntington  
4 Beach, and Newport Beach. My friends and volunteer  
5 activities center around Huntington Beach, Seal Beach,  
6 and Newport Beach. As for dining, my family's favorite  
7 restaurants are in Huntington Beach, Newport Beach,  
8 Laguna Beach, and San Clemente. My family's life tends  
9 to revolve around Coastal Orange County.

10 Another reason to keep this region together has to  
11 do with the fragile coastal ecosystems that exist within  
12 this region. From Seal Beach to San Clemente, there are  
13 beaches, coastal wetlands, and marine habitats that are  
14 similar and face similar concerns, such as erosion and  
15 pollution. Therefore, we need one voice in Congress that  
16 can advocate for these ecosystems.

17 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

18 HEIDI: Thank you very much for your time.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

20 And right now we will have caller 5566. And up next  
21 after that will be caller 7039. Caller 5566, if you  
22 will, please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by  
23 pressing star 6? The floor is yours.

24 CALLER NUMBER 5566: Hello. I'm calling from  
25 Humboldt County, on the North Coast and historically



1 we've been aligned with the 2nd Congressional District  
2 and it best reflects our demographics, environment,  
3 economic, educational, infrastructure, and recreational  
4 concerns, and political orientation.

5 A representation in the 2nd District is fully aware  
6 and engaged with our issues, including transportation,  
7 housing needs, preserving the health of our Redwood  
8 forests and rivers, river and ocean fisheries, housing  
9 needs, our tribal entities, and governments. And the  
10 current plans, which are quite intense for Arcata,  
11 Humboldt State University, expanding into being a  
12 polytechnic university that presents all sorts of  
13 complexities for housing and infrastructure.

14 Our coastal weather system is totally different from  
15 inland, and as our recreation and our state parks. Our  
16 representatives are actively engaged in highway concerns  
17 linking Humboldt and Del Norte counties, and with the  
18 proposed wind farm energy, also with the salmon fisheries  
19 concerns. We have representatives on the Coastal  
20 Commission, which also speaks to our coastal rather than  
21 inland connection.

22 The 2nd District best represents our approach to the  
23 COVID epidemic. Earlier, you had a woman from, I think,  
24 Sunnyvale saying, well, our third district is too long.

25 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

1 CALLER NUMBER 5566: What she didn't know, is that  
2 Del Norte has to go through Oregon to ever get down by  
3 Redding and Inland. Our district is aligned perfectly,  
4 so please leave us in the 2nd District.

5 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

6 CALLER NUMBER 5566: Thank you.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

8 And right now we will have caller 7839. And up next  
9 after that will be caller 3839. Caller 7839, if you  
10 will, please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by  
11 pressing star 6? The floor is yours.

12 MS. BOSMA: Good evening. My name is Daphne Bosma  
13 (ph.), and I live in Simi Valley, and I would like to  
14 speak to the 25th District. I would like all of Simi  
15 Valley to be kept in the 25th District. Basically, we  
16 are very similar to the -- like Santa Cruz County, Santa  
17 Clarita, and the other cities over there, by our  
18 socioeconomic stance. And we are a diverse community.  
19 We share joint organizations and clubs. We shop together  
20 and we share joint resources.

21 We have issues with fires all the time. And our  
22 fire departments will aid one another when fires come up,  
23 as well as our police departments. And we have similar  
24 backgrounds as far as people from law enforcement, and  
25 aerospace, and those that work in the entertainment

1 industry at the crew level as opposed to actors. So we  
2 are right now, on the visualization that I saw, they  
3 wanted to put us in the same district as Malibu. And I  
4 think that would be crazy because we absolutely have  
5 nothing in common with them.

6 And I thank you so very much for listening to me.  
7 And I hope you take into consideration my ideas. And  
8 have a fantastic rest of your day. Thank you.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

10 And right now we will have caller 3839. And up next  
11 after that will be caller 8561. Caller 3839, if you  
12 will, please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by  
13 pressing star 6? The floor is yours.

14 MS. MORRIS-GREEN: Yes. Thank you, Commissioners.  
15 My name is Phyllis K. Morris-Green. I have lived in the  
16 Victor Valley area for approximately fifty-six years,  
17 currently residing in a City of Hesperia. My community  
18 of interest is the Victor Valley region of the High  
19 Desert. I urge you to strongly consider and adopt the  
20 proposed map for High Desert community submitted by the  
21 Black and Brown Redistricting Alliance, which keeps the  
22 city for Victorville, Adelanto, Apple Valley, and  
23 Hesperia together, along with the surrounding  
24 unincorporated areas.

25 As a resident of the High Desert community, I stand

1 united with them. I live in Hesperia. Visit my mom, and  
2 shop in Victorville, attend church in Hesperia, shop and  
3 eat in Adelanto, and shop and receive dental, medical  
4 services in Napa Valley. Also, we have three hospitals  
5 in the High Desert region that services the whole region.

6 I chair a committee, Reimagining Our Communities and  
7 a Millionaire Mine Kids, a nonprofit that services  
8 underprivileged youth, and young adults who reside in one  
9 of our four major cities, and the areas in between. To  
10 separate our cities into different districts, dilutes our  
11 voices and diminishes our concerns.

12 For example, to be locked into a district with  
13 cities from Los Angeles, a major population center,  
14 displace our chance in fighting Los Angeles, especially  
15 when they take a: "Not in my backyard, let's send it to  
16 San Bernardino County" approach. As a retired defense  
17 attorney and I practiced for thirty-four years, including  
18 in my area, including --

19 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

20 MS. MORRIS GREEN: -- the High Desert area, I have  
21 seen in the Los Angeles court system's attempts to send  
22 their sex offenders to San Bernardino County and to take  
23 our mental health beds. We are tasked with taking care  
24 of our own, and we must stand united and demand for Los  
25 Angeles to do likewise.

1 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

2 MS. MORRIS GREEN: Also our cities must stand united  
3 in terms of improving our infrastructure, especially in  
4 the area of transportation. I thank you for this  
5 opportunity to be heard.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

7 And right we will have caller 8561. And up next  
8 after that will be caller 6666. Caller 8561, if you  
9 will, please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by  
10 pressing star 6? The floor is yours.

11 ALEJANDRO: Hi there. My name's Alejandro (ph.).  
12 I'm a farmworker in the Hispanic community, and I ask  
13 this Chamber -- first of all let me say thank you for all  
14 the work, the work you guys are doing -- and I'm asking  
15 you guys to please consider keeping West and South Fresno  
16 together. Our community is mostly agricultural, small,  
17 Hispanic community, and we see that great importance that  
18 we have -- that we stay together, that we have a  
19 representative in the future who will represent our  
20 beliefs and our values.

21 I ask that you guys, please do not group us into San  
22 Bernardino County, or the Sierras. We are a very  
23 unique -- we're a very unique community here in the San  
24 Joaquin Valley. Please consider keeping us together.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

1           And right now we will have caller 6666. And up next  
2 after that will be caller 5592. Caller 6666, if you  
3 will, please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by  
4 pressing star 6? The floor is yours.

5           MS. SAN: Good afternoon, Commissioners. My name is  
6 Sithea San. I am the chairman and executive director of  
7 Cambodia Town, Inc. A Cambodian community in Long Beach,  
8 has the largest population of Cambodian-Americans  
9 anywhere in the United States. In spite of that fact, we  
10 have to work very hard to represent our community and to  
11 ensure that our community is recognized, respected, and  
12 heard. The Cambodian community is part of the fabric of  
13 the greater Long Beach City. And Long Beach is our home,  
14 where we belong.

15           We do not belong in an area that is connected to the  
16 110 Freeway, nor any other Los Angeles communities. We  
17 strongly oppose any effort that would disenfranchise the  
18 Long Beach Cambodian community. We humbly ask that you  
19 allow us to stay put with the rest of Long Beach, and we  
20 implore you to keep our Long Beach together.

21           Thank you for hearing us and for your service on  
22 this Commission. Have a great Saturday.

23           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

24           And right now we will have caller 5592. And up next  
25 after that will be caller 2200. Caller 5592, if you

1 will, please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by  
2 pressing star 6? The floor is yours.

3 CALLER NUMBER 5582: Hi. Thank you. I want to  
4 thank you all for the work you're doing, and want to  
5 chime in. Hispanic communities share a common interest  
6 and similar concerns, such as deep agricultural ties and  
7 educational needs. So I'm an advocate for small  
8 Hispanic, Latino towns and communities in the valley to  
9 be drawn together, specifically West Fresno, South --  
10 specifically South and West Fresno City and County, in  
11 order to have a strong voice in the new Congressional  
12 district and not be drawn in with other communities like  
13 Clovis, which have completely different needs and  
14 concerns.

15 I think, as said before, the same can be said for  
16 drawing across county lines here. San Joaquin Valley  
17 community should be represented together, not be drawn in  
18 counties across the Sierras, because again, the Hispanic  
19 communities have different needs from citizens in those  
20 communities. A fair representation would allow Hispanic  
21 voices in these communities to be together in order to  
22 create a strong voice.

23 So I thank you for the work you do, and I thank you  
24 for the time.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

1 Right now we will have caller 2200. And up next  
2 after that will be caller 1668. Caller 2200, if you  
3 will, please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by  
4 pressing star 6? And the floor is yours.

5 JUDY: Hi. My name is Judy (ph.), and I have lived  
6 in Kings County my entire life. And I would like to  
7 request that it stays exactly the way that it is now, our  
8 California 21 District. Most of the problem that I see  
9 with the plans that are coming forward is making us more  
10 into Kern County.

11 The problem with that is the way our county is set  
12 up now, almost everything we do, we are more likely to go  
13 to Fresno or Tulare County, and they're our closest  
14 neighbors. The drive to Kern County or Bakersfield is a  
15 little bit further, and sometimes a whole lot further  
16 than to Fresno.

17 The transportation, and public transportation around  
18 here, and there's busses to Fresno, there's busses to the  
19 colleges here, more kids go to West Hills and Fresno  
20 State than they do to colleges in Bakersfield. Our  
21 doctors, I've lived here fifty-three years, and I'm  
22 diabetic, I have a lot of other health problems, and not  
23 once in my life have I ever been referred to a doctor  
24 that wasn't in Fresno or Tulare County. It's just not  
25 something that happens.



1 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

2 JUDY: When we turn our TVs on we see Fresno news,  
3 we see no Bakersfield news, we don't even have the  
4 channel. And it's very important to keep us the way we  
5 are --

6 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

7 JUDY: -- so that --

8 MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds remain.

9 JUDY: -- so that we can keep our area intact. The  
10 way that the redistricting is, it is going to hurt the  
11 lower -- the poorest communities, the migrant workers --

12 MR. MANOFF: Time.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

14 And right we will have caller 1688. And up next  
15 after that will be caller 7877. Caller 1668, if you  
16 will, please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by  
17 pressing star 6? The floor is yours.

18 ANDREW: Good afternoon. My name is Andrew, and I'm  
19 a high school student and resident here in Huntington  
20 Beach. I urge the Commission to keep all of our OC Beach  
21 Cities together. I have a lot of friends that live up  
22 and down the coast of Orange County, and my family and I  
23 like to travel up and down the coast to places like  
24 Newport, CDM (ph.), Laguna, and just hang out with  
25 friends and family.

1           Because of this, I know that we face the same issues  
2 and have many things in common. We all have different  
3 piers downtown with surfing, PCH, and our love for the  
4 ocean brings us together, separating us will only cleave  
5 Orange County and ruin the unification that we have in  
6 our common issues. Please keep our beach cities and  
7 community together. Thank you.

8           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

9           Right now we will have caller 7877. And up next  
10 after that we caller 4867. Caller 7877, if you will,  
11 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by  
12 pressing star 6? The floor is yours. Caller 7877, you  
13 are unmuted. Oh. You have now muted yourself again.  
14 You are unmuted again. If you want to make sure you are  
15 not muted on your telephone.

16           CALLER NUMBER 7877: All right, here we are. Sorry  
17 about that. I apologize for the delay.

18           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: That's all right. The  
19 floor is yours.

20           CALLER NUMBER 7877: All right. Thank you all for  
21 the time and effort that you are putting into this  
22 Commission. Appreciate that. I'm here in Orange County,  
23 and housing prices have really soared in Los Angeles  
24 County, and we've seen a mass exodus of people leaving LA  
25 and moving into the surrounding areas, especially the

1 areas where I live. And our traffic, our schools,  
2 everything is just like piled up and gotten worse.

3 Now, that we're back to school and the schools have  
4 reopened, traffic is worse and our areas are at a  
5 complete standstill for most of the morning and the  
6 afternoons when school is in session. And whether or not  
7 we tackle this by adding more affordable housing or  
8 improving highways, we believe that it is best to let our  
9 local areas, like Yorba Linda, Anaheim Hills, Orange, the  
10 District 39, really stay the way it is and tackle the  
11 issues that we're dealing with.

12 So that's what my thoughts are on that today. So  
13 thank you so much for your time.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

15 I'll remind everyone in the queue we will be taking  
16 a break at 4:15. We do have time for a couple of more  
17 callers during the session, though.

18 Caller 4867. And then up next after that will be  
19 8817. Caller 4867, if you will, please follow the  
20 prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star 6? The  
21 floor is yours.

22 MR. HULL: Hello, Commissioners. My name is David  
23 Hull (ph.). I'm a longtime resident of Seal Beach, which  
24 is the northernmost Coastal City of Orange County. And  
25 we'll like to Commission to keep all of Coastal Orange

1 County in my Congressional district. And so my  
2 communities of interest, I've worked, shopped, and dining  
3 in cities with higher sales tax rates, preferring the  
4 more consumer and business-friendly Orange County Coastal  
5 Cities, which have a 7.75 percent tax, with the exception  
6 of Seal Beach, which has an 8.75 percent sales tax.

7 Orange County Coastal City from Seal Beach in the  
8 north to San Clemente in the south cannot be any more  
9 different than Long Beach, which has a much higher sales  
10 tax. Moreover, the difference in sales tax between Long  
11 Beach and the Orange County coastal cities such as  
12 Hamilton Beach has increased over time from 1 percent to  
13 2.5 percent.

14 Up until the end of 2016, the one percent tax  
15 difference between Long Beach and the Orange County  
16 coastal cities was tolerable, with Long Beach up nine  
17 percent, and coastal Orange County Cities at eight  
18 percent.

19 Then, on January 1st, 2017, the tax difference  
20 increased to two percent, with Long Beach increasing to  
21 9.75 percent from nine percent, and the coastal Orange  
22 County cities, decreasing to two -- 7.75 percent from  
23 eight percent; after a mere six months later, on July  
24 1st, 2017, the tax difference increased to 2.5 percent,  
25 with Palm Beach increasing its sales tax --

1 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

2 MR. HULL: -- 10.25 percent from 9.75 percent, and  
3 coastal Orange County remaining at 7.75 percent. In  
4 summary, please keep the coastal Orange County cities in  
5 one Congressional district so that there could be one  
6 voice in Congress to advocate --

7 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

8 MR. HULL: -- for coastal Orange County. Thank you  
9 very much.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

11 We do you have time for one more caller during this  
12 session. Caller 8817, if you will, please follow the  
13 prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star 6? The  
14 floor is yours.

15 CHRIS: Hi. My name is Chris and I'm a high school  
16 student here in Huntington Beach. One of my favorite  
17 things to do is to go to the beach with friends. We go  
18 up and down the OC coast behind Sunset Beach, Huntington  
19 Beach, Newport Beach, and even sometimes Downtown San  
20 Clemente.

21 The beaches and their communities have practically  
22 everything in common and deserve to be their own unique  
23 district. This oil spillage provided -- proved our  
24 unity. Thank you for this opportunity and listening.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

1 At this time, Chair, we may want to go to a break.

2 CHAIR SADHWANI: Yes. Let's do that. We do need to  
3 take a mandatory fifteen-minute break. When we come  
4 back, we will -- you know, for folks in the queue, please  
5 stay tuned. We will be back. We will certainly hear  
6 your call. Also, for those at home who are watching, who  
7 are thinking about providing some testimony, our phone  
8 lines will close at 4:30. So please do call in at this  
9 time. Get in the queue and wait for us. We will hear  
10 anyone who is in the queue by 4:30.

11 And as a reminder to Commissioners, after we  
12 complete public comment, we will take that vote on the  
13 motion on the floor.

14 Thanks so much, everybody. We'll see you back at  
15 4:30.

16 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 4:15 p.m.  
17 until 4:30 p.m.)

18 CHAIR SADHWANI: Welcome back to the California  
19 Citizens Redistricting Commission, as we round out three  
20 days of receiving public input on mapping ideas. We are  
21 in the middle of our public comment for this meeting.

22 So I'm going to turn it back over to Katy. I  
23 understand we still have several folks in the queue  
24 prepared to give comment. Katy.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We do, Chair.

1           Caller with the last four 6100; and then up next  
2 after that will be caller of 5439. Caller 6100, if you  
3 will, please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by  
4 pressing star 6? The floor is yours.

5           CALLER NUMBER 6100: Am I on?

6           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: You sure are. The floor  
7 is yours.

8           CALLER NUMBER 6100: Hi. Thank you so much. Thank  
9 you so much for your work on this Commission. I've  
10 enjoyed watching it. And now, I feel like now it's my  
11 turn to call and talk. I live in Tulare County, and I  
12 have had the distinct fortune of being able -- or I don't  
13 know if you'd call it a fortune -- but a pleasure of  
14 living in three different counties in the state. All of  
15 them happen to be AG communities.

16           And interestingly enough, they're all different,  
17 every single one of them. Coastal community is different  
18 than the San Joaquin Valley, and it is different than our  
19 desert communities that also have some AG communities  
20 invested in there too. But I really want to talk a  
21 little bit about the different make ups of these, and the  
22 different population, and why each one of those needs  
23 their own representation.

24           And I really specifically would like to talk about  
25 our AG communities in Tulare County, and Southern Fresno

1 County. They are a very -- a community that is very much  
2 alike, very different than our desert areas such as San  
3 Bernardino counties and our coastal regions. I just, I  
4 really don't want you to overlook the Hispanic  
5 communities in our area that are in this.

6 And specifically because one of the reasons that  
7 they're just so different is cost of living, and if we  
8 don't have one representation, one person representing us  
9 for that -- for those communities, I just feel like they  
10 won't get represented correctly. The Hispanic  
11 communities in the southern and western portions of  
12 Fresno are so incredibly different than the larger city,  
13 Hispanic communities in, say, like Clovis, or Northeast  
14 Fresno --

15 MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

16 CALLER NUMBER 6100: -- those communities are  
17 completely different than what we have in the Tulare  
18 County region. So I'd like to keep those areas --

19 MR. MANOFF: Time.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

21 And right now, we have caller with the last four,  
22 5439. And up next after that will be caller 2344.  
23 Caller 5439, if you will, please follow the prompts to  
24 unmute at this time by pressing star 6? And one more  
25 time, caller with the last 5439, if you will, please



1 press star 6. There you are. The floor is yours.

2 MS. CISNEROS: Thank you. Good evening now. My  
3 name is Securo Cisneros (ph.). I am an eleven-year  
4 resident of the High Desert. And I'm calling so that you  
5 could please consider the map that was presented to you  
6 by the Black and Brown Alliance. The Alliance took great  
7 care in bringing in community stakeholders and really  
8 looking at the parameters for Assembly districts.

9 Like I said, I've lived here for eleven years. I  
10 raised two children that are now gone to other areas for  
11 greater opportunities. But I really think that it is  
12 important that we maintain the community, such as it is,  
13 because we do have like issues and we have many things in  
14 common. Again, I am praying that you please consider the  
15 map that was turned down by the Black and Brown Alliance.  
16 Thank you.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

18 And right now, we will have caller 2344. And up  
19 next after that will be caller 3777. Caller 2344, if you  
20 will, please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by  
21 pressing star 6? The floor is yours.

22 CALLER NUMBER 2344: Hi. Thank you so much for  
23 taking my call. The 91 is the most unique highway in the  
24 in the country. It passes through the exact intersection  
25 of three counties, San Bernardino, Orange, and Riverside,

1 before continuing on to connect to LA County, this one  
2 road responsible for connecting a massive population to  
3 their jobs throughout Southern California. As housing  
4 prices continue to soar and families are forced further  
5 east, I can only imagine an already disastrous commute  
6 will get worse.

7 I want to make sure we have a Member of Congress  
8 that understands how complex our infrastructure and  
9 housing needs are. And it's why I think it makes sense  
10 for cities like Yorba Linda, Anaheim Hills, and Orange to  
11 be kept together in CD 39, as residents tackle these  
12 ongoing infrastructure issues; a district similar to the  
13 map presented by Orange County's Civic Engagement Table.  
14 Thank you so much.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

16 And right now we will have caller with the last four  
17 3777. And up next will be -- after that will be caller  
18 6655. Caller 3777, if you will, please follow the  
19 prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star 6? And  
20 one more time, caller 3777, if you wish to give comment  
21 this evening, please press star 6 to unmute your  
22 telephone. And there may be a connectivity issue there.  
23 Caller 3777, if you wish to give comment, please press  
24 star 9 to raise your hand.

25 I will go on to our next caller that has not spoke.

1 Caller 6655, if you will, please follow the prompts to  
2 unmute at this time by pressing star 6? The floor is  
3 yours.

4 CALLER NUMBER 6655: Thank you. I'm calling from  
5 Humboldt County. I've lived here for about twenty-five  
6 years, and I'm -- it seems to me not you haven't had much  
7 input from Humboldt, or our coastal area northern --  
8 Western California. And I don't think there's anyone on  
9 the Commission that really is representative of our area  
10 because there doesn't seem to be much understanding about  
11 what goes on here. And the very idea of lumping us with  
12 Eastern California is preposterous for all the reasons  
13 that your last caller from Humboldt County gave.

14 But I would like to add that we have no connection  
15 to Eastern California, Shasta, and places like that.  
16 Where there's no highway that goes directly to the east,  
17 and the ones that we do, 299, et cetera, is very narrow  
18 and difficult, and subject to flooding, and floods, and  
19 it can take hours and hours to get there. And there's no  
20 public transportation there.

21 And furthermore, anyone that is their representative  
22 in that area will have no understanding or interest in  
23 our special issues, being coastal, and completely  
24 different than the eastern territories. So it seems to  
25 me that almost all calling in is saying, please leave

1 things the way they are. And I couldn't agree more. I  
2 think that --

3 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

4 CALLER NUMBER 6655: -- Humboldt County needs to  
5 stay represented by someone that lives in this county,  
6 not someone on the eastern side of the state. Thank you.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

8 And caller with the last four 9605, if you will,  
9 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by  
10 pressing star 6? The floor is yours.

11 MR. MONDA: Yes. My name is Amel Monda (ph.). I  
12 live in Laguna Beach, California. And I note that there  
13 have been about four or five other speakers who've been  
14 talking about the need to keep all the coastal cities  
15 together in one Congressional district. And I  
16 wholeheartedly agree with that.

17 Most important to me is that the district -- this  
18 District California 48 should be entirely Orange County.  
19 And one of the things that's very, very important is,  
20 when you have communities of interest like this, we are  
21 very, very much concerned about the quality of life,  
22 which means the environment, and the quality of taking  
23 care of the oceans, and the recent events, sort of give  
24 emphasis to that.

25 So I'm not going to go on. I think the other

1 speakers really hit the nail on the head, including one  
2 of our city council people. I would just add that  
3 tourism affects all of us in this area in a positive  
4 sense. And also there are negative aspects, and we need  
5 representatives who understand what that is all about.

6 And so I urge the Commission to be sure that the  
7 Congressional district consists of Orange County  
8 communities that are beach communities, because they have  
9 a common interest, and it will be something that any  
10 representative would have to understand to represent as  
11 well. So that is -- that's my point of view on this. So  
12 thank you very much for the time.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

14 And at this time, caller with the last four 3777,  
15 you are our last person in the queue, that has not spoke  
16 this evening. I'd like to give you one more opportunity,  
17 if you wish to unmute, please press star 6 at this time.

18 Oops, they hung up.

19 Chair, that is all of our callers this evening.

20 CHAIR SADHWANI: Very good. Thank you so much,  
21 Katy. By my count, we had approximately thirty-five  
22 callers this evening, so that's pretty good.

23 With that, before we close our meeting for tonight.  
24 I see Ravi is ready to go with the motion that was on the  
25 floor with a motion to approve direction to line drawers

1 as given on 10/21/2021, and 10/22/2021, as amended. Are  
2 we ready for the vote?

3 MR. SINGH: Yes, Chair.

4 CHAIR SADHWANI: Perfect.

5 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Ahmad.

6 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yes.

7 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Akutagawa.

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

9 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Andersen.

10 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

11 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fernandez.

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

13 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fornaciari.

14 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes.

15 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Kennedy.

16 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

17 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Le Mons.

18 VICE CHAIR LE MONS: Yes.

19 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Sadhwani.

20 CHAIR SADHWANI: Yes.

21 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Sinay.

22 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

23 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Taylor.

24 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes.

25 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Toledo.

1 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yes.

2 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Turner,

3 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

4 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Vazquez.

5 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes.

6 MR. SINGH: And Commissioner Yee.

7 The vote passes.

8 CHAIR SADHWANI: Excellent. Thank you so much,

9 Ravi.

10 And with that, that really concludes our meeting.

11 It also concludes my time as serving as your Chair. So  
12 thank you so much. It has been my absolute pleasure and  
13 honor to serve as the Chair for this past month. I am  
14 very excited to hand over the rails to Commissioner Le  
15 Mons next week. And I know we'll be in great hands with  
16 him.

17 This concludes our meeting. Thanks so much

18 everybody. Go Dodgers. We are adjourned.

19 (Whereupon, the Public Input On Maps Meeting  
20 adjourned at 4:45 p.m.)

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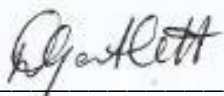
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