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P R O C E E D I N G S

9:31 a.m.

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3 CHAIR KENNEDY: Good morning, California. Good
4 morning to others joining us on the internet. My name is
5 Ray Kennedy. I'm the current rotating chair of the
6 California Citizens Redistricting Commission. Welcome to
7 our May meeting.

8 Wanda, would you please call the roll?

9 MS. SHEFFIELD: Yes. Good morning.

10 Commissioner Le Mons.

11 VICE CHAIR LE MONS: Here.

12 MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Sadhwani.

13 Commissioner Sinay.

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Aqui.

15 MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Taylor.

16 Commissioner Toledo.

17 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Here.

18 MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Turner.

19 Commissioner Vazquez.

20 Commissioner Yee.

21 COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.

22 MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Ahmad.

23 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Here.

24 MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Akutagawa.
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1 Commissioner Andersen.

2 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Here.

3 MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Fernandez.

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Presente.

5 MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Fornaciari.

6 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Here.

7 MS. SHEFFIELD: And Chair Kennedy.

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: Here.

9 MS. SHEFFIELD: You have a quorum.

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you very much.

11 MS. SHEFFIELD: You're welcome.

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. So today's run of show, as
13 has been posted. After announcements we will go to Admin
14 Updates and Announcements, our Chief Counsel's Update,
15 and then go into Subcommittee Updates and Announcements;
16 first, with the Website Subcommittee, follow-up
17 presentation on the user interface. We'll have a report
18 out from the Lessons Learned Subcommittee, before the 11
19 o'clock break.

20 After the 11 o'clock break, coming back at 11:15, we
21 will have an update from the Legislative Affairs
22 Subcommittee, followed by the Continuity Affairs
23 Subcommittee; then we have lunch scheduled from 12:45 to
24 1:45.

25 After lunch, we'll continue with the Subcommittee

1 Updates. First with the Finance and Administration
2 Subcommittee, then a brief update from the Accelerated
3 and Deferred Districts Subcommittee; we will have, what
4 we anticipate, will be a brief Closed Session to finish
5 up some work on personnel issues.

6 We have a break scheduled at 3 o'clock. If we need
7 to come back from that break, we have some more time
8 allocated for Lessons Learned, which we may or may not
9 need; and then, of course, public comment.

10 I will be out for a time in the middle of the day.
11 So Vice Chair Le Mons will handle things while I'm out.
12 I've been able to schedule it so that most of the -- or a
13 chunk of the time that I'm out is the lunch break. So
14 hopefully the disruption will be minimal.

15 Announcements: One thing that I wanted to announce,
16 and this is in relation to our -- sorry -- in relation to
17 our June Meeting, there is a new effort underway called
18 Civic Season, and I don't know how much people have heard
19 about it. There is a website, TheCivicSeason.com, and
20 the mission statement says:

21 "Civic Season is a new tradition to
22 turbocharge U.S. democracy for all. Co-created
23 by Gen Z and cultural institutions, Civic
24 Season invites you to discover your story and
25 your role in history, supported by a vast array

1 of credible, relevant sources. It is the
2 flagship program from Made By US, a movement
3 driven forward in hundreds of communities by
4 museums, historic sites, libraries, and
5 archives to transform the way history is
6 learned and used by younger generations who
7 have the most at stake."

8 So Civic Season is defined as the period between
9 Juneteenth and July 4th. So my initial thought in
10 scheduling the June meeting for Juneteenth was that we
11 could use it as a kickoff for Civic Season. But we have
12 had requests to move that later. We also have some
13 practical reasons for moving the June meeting, later.

14 But the other part of the Civics Season website
15 says:

16 "July 4th commemorates the moment a new nation
17 was born based on ideals that each generation
18 since has worked to bring to life: freedom,
19 equality, justice, and opportunity.

20 Juneteenth, celebrated just a few weeks
21 earlier, reminds us of the struggles and hard-
22 won victories in our ongoing journey to form a
23 more perfect union. Civic Season unites our
24 oldest federal holiday with our newest,
25 mobilizing a movement to understand our past

1 and shape our future."

2 So I would encourage colleagues, and I would
3 encourage the public to learn more about Civic Season and
4 to understand how our work, as the Citizens Redistricting
5 Commission, can fit into Civic Season.

6 Does anyone else have any announcements, any updates
7 that they'd like to share?

8 Commissioner Sinay.

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Just wanted to let you all know
10 that the National Convening, hosted by Common Cause U.S.,
11 around an Independent Redistricting Commission -- yeah,
12 Independent Redistricting Commission and Committee is
13 going to happen, and it is moving forward. I know I
14 haven't given any updates in a while. We are working --
15 we've tried all sorts of different models, and we finally
16 found one that'll work. I've been engaged as a volunteer
17 as part of my fellowship.

18 So the date will be September 25th, in Los Angeles.
19 There will be parameters on who -- you know, how many
20 people to come from commissions, and whatnot; and we
21 are -- Common Cause is raising money to give a travel
22 stipend to those outside of California, because it will
23 be critical to have voices from throughout the state,
24 from throughout political parties, and from diverse types
25 of independent redistricting bodies. So more to come.

1 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you very much for that. That
2 is very important news. And so let's all stay posted on
3 that, remain attentive, and looking forward to more news
4 as we move forward towards the 25th of September. Anyone
5 else?

6 Okay. Then we will move on to Admin Updates and
7 Announcements.

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Oh. Sorry, Chair. Can I give
9 one more update?

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes.

11 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I'm sorry. A couple of people
12 have asked me.

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes.

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: The California -- anyway, the
15 California grantmakers, I'm always forgetting their body
16 of -- for the political stuff -- anyway, we shared a
17 link -- we shared an event that they're hosting, and you
18 need to say from which grantmaker association you're
19 coming from, which when you're affiliated with. I'm
20 affiliated with Catalyst San Diego & Imperial County,
21 which used to be San Diego Grantmakers.

22 We did check in with them to see if they were open
23 to having Commissioners just listen, and they have --
24 they were very polite and said: No. We want to create a
25 safe space for the nonprofit and the philanthropic -- and

1 foundations to talk about this. We will try to send you
2 a link of the video later.

3 But yeah, so I, you know, I have a lot of thoughts
4 on that response. I won't say any in public. But I just
5 wanted to let you all know. Thanks.

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Well, as the -- I guess the
7 founder and a member of the Lessons Learned Subcommittee;
8 I had rushed and signed up. And yes, there was a
9 mandatory question requiring an answer regarding an
10 affiliation with one of the three grant-making groups.
11 So I had to put something. But I guess I'll go back in
12 and decline the invitation, or the confirmation and
13 looked forward to getting a link to the video later, and
14 respecting their desires on that. So thank you for that.

15 Okay. With that, we will go to Corina for Admin
16 Updates and Announcements.

17 MS. LEON: Thank you, Chair. Good morning,
18 Commissioners. It's good to see everyone. So I wanted
19 just to provide an update on the IT projects. The UI
20 project is going well. The Website Subcommittee will be
21 offering an updated demo. And so I think you will all be
22 pleased to see what we've been doing there.

23 The website is coming along. We're still working on
24 that. And the next month I'll be working very closely
25 with our Budget Manager to transition the budget duties,

1 and reports, and all the other nice pieces that go with
2 that, over to me.

3 I did want to mention that -- share with you that
4 Wanda's last day will be May 22nd. I want to take this
5 time to say thank you so much, Wanda, for all your work,
6 and just being a joy to work with. Thank you so much.

7 I actually have been excited for her. She's got a
8 lot of exciting plans. So I wish her well. I do. So
9 thank you so much.

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: I do, too, as well. On behalf of
11 the Commission, yes, I'd like to thank Wanda, who has
12 been one of our longest serving staff; and certainly a
13 joy to work with.

14 MS. LEON: She is.

15 CHAIR KENNEDY: Always a smile, always a friendly
16 greeting. We really appreciate that. We appreciate your
17 putting your life on hold, so as to serve the Commission
18 and the people of California during this period. And we
19 do wish you all the best. Thank you, Wanda.

20 MS. SHEFFIELD: Thank you.

21 MS. LEON: Yes, thank you. So that's it, unless you
22 have questions for me, I'll turn it back over to the
23 Chair.

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Are there questions for
25 Corina?

1 Okay. Well, Corina, just for the benefit of the
2 public. At this point, if the public is wanting to find
3 information about us, which web address should they be
4 using?

5 MS. LEON: WeDrawTheLines.CA.gov.

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. So WeDrawTheLines.CA.gov is,
7 at this point, the best source of information on the
8 Commission?

9 MS. LEON: Yes.

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: I just want to make sure that
11 everyone is clear on that.

12 Commissioner Sinay.

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: That's good to know. If you go
14 to the other website will it automatically send you to
15 the Gov one?

16 MS. LEON: No. But they are being updated in step
17 with each other, they're both -- yeah.

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Well, eventually, one will send
19 you to the other one, so people don't have to know?

20 MS. LEON: Yes.

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay.

22 MS. LEON: Yeah.

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you so much.

24 Chief Counsel Pane.

25 CHIEF COUNSEL PANE: Thank you, Chair. Good

1 morning, Commissioners. Just one, one brief update on
2 the Bagley-Keene revision; it's Senate Bill 544. I
3 mentioned it before. And the subcommittee is certainly
4 looking at sending out a letter of support to advance the
5 bill.

6 But I did just didn't want to let you all know that
7 the bill is approaching the third reading in the Senate.
8 So that's certainly an encouraging pace. And it seems
9 like in previous iterations of the bill, when there has
10 been a proposed modification of Bagley-Keene, the snags
11 or the difficulties usually arise in the Assembly.

12 While it's positive that, you know, it's moving,
13 looks like positively moving, maybe, out of the Senate
14 soon, the Assembly probably won't be as smooth a ride.
15 So I will keep continue to keep you all posted on that.

16 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you. And just one, I guess,
17 reminder on that. In previous discussions, we had
18 learned that that bill would, nonetheless, leave a gap
19 later this year when we would not have the option of
20 online meetings. So just if you can just remind us of
21 communications in that regard.

22 CHIEF COUNSEL PANE: Sure. Yeah. Thank you, Chair.
23 So the statute that modified and allowed the remote
24 teleconferencing for Bagley-Keene meetings is due to
25 sunset June 30th.

1 And so starting July 1, we go back to what was pre-
2 COVID Bagley-Keene Meetings, which is you post an agenda
3 at the location, the physical location that you're
4 holding the meetings. You can have multiple physical
5 locations that are ADA accessible, but in each of those
6 we have to have the addresses of all the meeting
7 locations, and members would convene in that spot, or in
8 those places.

9 And then, members of the public would show up, and
10 then you would ask for public comment. And you could
11 certainly do that at these locations. If you wanted to
12 go above and beyond that, you certainly could. But those
13 are sort of the pre-COVID minimum requirements. And
14 there're others, of course. But just as a high level,
15 that's what we'd be reverting to July 1.

16 So to the Chair's point, that if there is a bill
17 passed, and there is no urgency clause attached to the
18 modification, which currently there is not, if a bill
19 were signed in this Legislative Session, it would be
20 effective January 1 of 2024; which then goes to the
21 Chair's point of it being about a six-month gap, where we
22 sort of revert back to pre-COVID Bagley-Keene
23 requirements.

24 And then we sort of jump forward again to what we've
25 probably -- more likely what we've been used to for the

1 past couple of years. And that would start January 1, if
2 the bill is signed.

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you for that. And for
4 Corina and -- I guess for Corina, since she will be our
5 staff after -- as of the 1st of July. We did have, last
6 year, a meeting in which Executive Director Hernandez had
7 arranged a Southern California location. And so we do
8 not yet know our meeting dates for the third and fourth
9 quarters of this year. We anticipate, on the basis of
10 the budget allocation, having four meetings during the
11 course of the fiscal year.

12 Theoretically, two of those during the second half
13 of the year; and so I would ask Corina to be looking into
14 the possibility of establishing a Southern California
15 location in addition to the Headquarters location, so
16 that we would have the option of staying a bit closer to
17 home, rather than all flying to Sacramento.

18 That being said, we've got our June meeting coming
19 up, and we will talk about the date of our June meeting
20 later today. But I would also encourage Commissioners to
21 consider attending that June meeting in person, since it
22 will be our last meeting before we go into this lower
23 activity mode.

24 Commissioner Andersen.

25 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. Thank you, Chair.

1 Just one note on the two locations; that'll only work if
2 we also have videography, because if we have two separate
3 locations which are not connected via video, I don't
4 think that's going to work. So we really need to find
5 out a little bit more about what we will be given from
6 July 1st. Otherwise, it needs to be one spot if we want
7 to hear each other. Because my understanding is that's
8 that.

9 You know, if you're public, too bad. Unless you can
10 get there, you don't get to hear it, unless we have
11 videography. So just a thought, in terms of trying to
12 find a second location, it might be a moot point.

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: Perfect. No. And that would be
14 something that Corina would need to look into, and
15 particularly in relation to the budget. So it's not just
16 finding a venue, it's finding a potential venue, and
17 looking at the cost implications, and whether we can fit
18 it in. So thank you for that, Commissioner Andersen.

19 Commissioner Sinay.

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: This is an even more practical
21 question, I believe. One of the things that we brought
22 up in our Lessons Learned was kind of on staff and
23 managing staff, and you know, knowing what's happening.
24 And as we're meeting less and less, I just want us to
25 consider having at our June meeting a closed session

1 where we can talk about what is our expectations for
2 staff, what is the work plan, how that's going to be
3 managed, if that needs to be a closed session. Maybe
4 it's an open session.

5 But I do want to ensure that -- yeah, success for
6 Corina, success for all of us, and expectations are met
7 all the way around, as well as we're continuing moving
8 forward on the great work that the Commission has done in
9 outreach, and in helping people understand the importance
10 of redistricting, and things like that. So if we can,
11 please, include that in future agenda.

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for that. I've taken
13 note, and Vice Chair Le Mons and I will discuss where we
14 put that on the agenda for June. Any further comment?

15 CHIEF COUNSEL PANE: Yes. Thank you for that.

16 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes. Chief Counsel Pane.

17 CHIEF COUNSEL PANE: Just one more thing for -- and
18 I'll certainly be working with our Admin and Finance
19 Subcommittee on this -- but the Commission may want to
20 think about some sort of delegation letter and a vote
21 that's taken to empower the Chair to work with, say, the
22 Attorney General's Office in between meetings.

23 If the Commission doesn't have very many meetings,
24 let's say, and there needs to be some sort of
25 representation that may be needed, for example, it may be

1 difficult to convene everybody, especially with the
2 Bagley-Keene requirements being reverted back in July 1.

3 So one option is to have a vote that would delegate
4 to the chair, and we know the chair rotates, and that's
5 okay, that the chair is empowered -- and we can work on
6 the language, certainly would be happy to provide a draft
7 for everyone's consideration for the next meeting; but
8 something along the lines: That the chair is empowered to
9 work with the -- you know, the Commission's legal
10 representative, essentially, legal services in between
11 meetings; something along those lines.

12 Just so that you guys are all covered, especially if
13 you're having much more infrequent meetings, it could be
14 very expensive to pull some sort of an emergency meeting
15 together, especially with the Bagley-Keene requirements
16 being what they will be.

17 So I'm happy to work with Admin and in Finance to
18 come up with a draft action or motion for you all, for
19 consideration at the next meeting, if you all would like
20 that. But that's something I would probably recommend
21 that you all consider.

22 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for that. In my mind,
23 there's a vague recollection that the 2010 Commission did
24 something similar. And I'm wondering if you could pull
25 any language that the 2010 Commission used. But that's

1 an excellent suggestion.

2 CHIEF COUNSEL PANE: Otherwise, that's all I have.

3 Oh. Commissioner Fernandez.

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Fernandez.

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Yes. I just
6 wanted to -- Chief Councilor Pane, you mentioned that SB
7 544 is going through the process, and the subcommittee
8 will be sending a letter of support. I can't remember.
9 Have we already voted on that? And if not, should we
10 vote on that; because that will probably need to be sent
11 before our next meeting?

12 CHIEF COUNSEL PANE: Well, I don't want to get ahead
13 of the Bagley-Keene '88 Subcommittee, but one option is
14 you could vote -- if you wanted -- if the Commission
15 wanted to today, they could vote to authorize the
16 subcommittee to send a letter of support for that, today.
17 If you all don't think it would -- if it couldn't wait
18 until the June meeting. That's certainly an option.

19 But I do think the challenging pieces I think seems
20 like they are to come. I'm not sure -- we're not sure
21 exactly where the -- what the Governor's position is on
22 it. We're not sure exactly where the Assembly is on it.
23 It hasn't quite left the Senate yet.

24 So again, the Senate is where the bill originated.
25 And again, in previous iterations the Assembly has been

1 where it's going to be a bit more difficult, or I would
2 predict that it would be a little bit more difficult.

3 So I don't think we're -- I don't know that we're
4 necessarily missing any sort of deadline if the
5 Commission were to approve it at the June meeting. But
6 if the Commission wanted to, they could certainly
7 delegate to the subcommittee to send a letter of support,
8 and do that today, if the Commission wanted.

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: And Chief Counsel Pane, on taking
10 action today on that. We don't have the Bagley-Keene
11 Subcommittee listed on the run of show.

12 CHIEF COUNSEL PANE: No.

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: Is it listed on the agenda? I mean,
14 I don't --

15 CHIEF COUNSEL PANE: I believe it's listed on the
16 agenda.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

18 CHIEF COUNSEL PANE: Let me verify that.

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: Because otherwise, I mean, is that
20 something that could come out of the discussion of the
21 Legislative Affairs Subcommittee?

22 CHIEF COUNSEL PANE: It could. Yeah.

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: In the meantime, Commissioner
24 Fornaciari.

25 CHIEF COUNSEL PANE: It is. Yeah, it is on there.

1 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you.

2 Commissioner Fornaciari.

3 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes. So I'm just, I'm
4 just wondering, strategically, should we wait and see
5 what's happening to this letter? Or you know, if you
6 think that the holdup might be in the Assembly, should we
7 send a letter to the Assembly? I mean, who -- so where
8 would this letter go, to everybody?

9 CHIEF COUNSEL PANE: Well, yeah, there's sort of
10 a -- like there's a location you send all Legislative
11 Letters of Support to, and they, you know, in a way,
12 attached to the bill, of sorts. I mean, they follow the
13 bill. So certainly, the author's office provides a place
14 where you can submit letters of support.

15 So I think if and when the letter is ready to be
16 sent, we would just -- we would click that link, and we
17 would probably upload the letter of support.

18 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you for that
19 clarification.

20 Commissioner Fernandez.

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair. Also,
22 I'm just going to get ahead of myself just a little bit,
23 Chair, so sorry for this. And when we get to
24 Legislative, we're actually going to ask for approval for
25 letters of support for each stage, for the Assembly, the

1 Senate, and then when it gets to the Governor's Office?
2 And so that's what I was thinking maybe we might want to
3 do with this bill as well. And we could specify, like
4 right now we know what it says, this iteration of the
5 bill, this is what we support.

6 So I don't know. I'm just -- I guess I'm getting a
7 little bit panicky, because I know right now the bills
8 move really fast the next couple of months, before they
9 go on their break in July. So everything kind of is done
10 before July. So I was just getting a little antsy.

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you for that
12 reminder.

13 Commissioner Sinay.

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Also, I was going to bring this
15 up a little bit later. But just to support what
16 Commissioner Fernandez was saying. If you all recall, I
17 had brought up the now the census, and the changes that
18 they were doing at the census level. And a few
19 Commissioners had said, let's step back, and let the
20 community speak, you know, and not get involved.

21 I did sit in on a lot of webinars and conversations
22 with the community, and it was a resounding: Yes, please,
23 Commission, step up. There is a want and the opportunity
24 to advocate, for the Commission to share its perspective
25 on why it's important, as well as, you know, the space

1 for the community to.

2 And even if it's just: We appreciate that you're
3 looking at this and improving the census, they would be
4 happy -- they would have been happy with us submitting
5 something like that.

6 So I just wanted to share back that the community
7 does expect the Commission to step up when it's up to
8 them. So I would -- and it is a complicated process, and
9 it's good to encourage every step of the process. So I
10 agree with Commissioner Fernandez just peeping in at
11 every time it's being reviewed is a good, a good thing to
12 do.

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: Great. Thank you very much for
14 that. Okay. So with that we can now move to, yes, we
15 need to have public comment. Is that correct, Chief
16 Counsel Pane?

17 CHIEF COUNSEL PANE: Correct. Yeah.

18 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. So Kristian, please, help us
19 with a call for public comment.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Sure thing. Just a
21 moment, let me get my instructions here.

22 In order to maximize transparency and public
23 participation in our process, the Commissioners will be
24 taking public comment by phone. To call in, dial the
25 telephone number provided on the live stream feed. It is

1 877-853-5247. When prompted to enter the meeting ID
2 number provided on the live stream feed, it is
3 84694124372, for this meeting. When prompted to enter a
4 participant ID simply press pound.

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

13 Please make sure to mute your computer or live
14 stream audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during
15 your call. Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert
16 for when it is your turn to speak. And again, please
17 turn down the live stream volume.

18 And there is no one in the queue at this time,
19 Chair.

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. We will pause for a minute or
21 two to let the instructions complete on live stream, and
22 give anyone a chance to actually dial in.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And those instructions
24 are complete. And there is no one in the queue.

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. We'll wait another thirty

1 seconds, or so in case somebody is in the process of
2 dialing.

3 Okay. Thank you for that. We will now move to
4 agenda item 3, Subcommittee Updates and Announcements.
5 First up, is the Website Subcommittee, Commissioner
6 Andersen.

7 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you, Chair. This
8 morning, and I see their login are turning back on.
9 Thank you very much.

10 We have got a very -- a presentation on a follow up
11 of our user interface presentation. And this will
12 actually -- what we'll be seeing here will actually go
13 into our website replacing the Airtable, which is there
14 now; so you'll go to the Data tab, you will see this when
15 we make a switchover, which will be close to the end of
16 June.

17 So right now, I'm going to introduce people from
18 Analytica, who is our contractor, we're working with very
19 diligently on this. You'll see we have a lot of
20 information here. Information that we had, it was not
21 actually all publicly available, which includes to the
22 Commission. We had all this information, but we didn't
23 quite know, since everyone didn't have it, we just didn't
24 share it. You'll see a lot more information on this.

25 And the reason why we are posting this one is

1 because it was submitted to us. And two, this is also to
2 help going forward for the 2030 Commission.

3 So at this time, I'm going to introduce Brent
4 Johnson, Sophia Sha, I think we have James Logan on, and
5 I don't know if Michael is with us.

6 MR. JOHNSON: No Michael today, just the three of
7 us.

8 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: All right. And we also have
9 Paul Mitchell who is our data analyst and geographer.
10 And of course, Corina, is going to help me out with this.

11 So Brent, I'm going to turn it over to you.

12 MR. JOHNSON: All right. Thank you, Commissioner.
13 And thank you all for having us again this morning;
14 excited to provide some updates from the preview that you
15 all saw at the April meeting.

16 So Sophia, will go ahead and pull up her screen to
17 share, and I will walk you through some of the changes
18 and updates for the user interface.

19 So can you all see the screen?

20 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: (No verbal response).

21 MR. JOHNSON: So as the Commissioner mentioned, this
22 is the existing location of the Airtable. So you can see
23 under the Data page, kind of "embed" of the application.
24 This is where the application that we show you today will
25 live. As she mentioned, it will be towards the end of

1 next month when we publish this and go live.

2 So switching over to the application itself, I'll
3 just make this full screen. This is a new page that you
4 all didn't see last week that we actually put together
5 first when we were just wrangling the data, and getting a
6 better understanding of the COIs themselves, as well as
7 different stratifications of some of the features and
8 dimensions of the inputs.

9 So with the various submissions, there's a ribbon
10 along the top. You can see the total number of
11 submissions for the 2020 period, 35,250, the nearly dozen
12 submission sources, and the various subject types
13 underneath it; so kind of just some high level key
14 performance indicators about the data.

15 Beneath there, similar to some of the other pages
16 that you saw previously, and various filters, you can
17 filter by county. You can include or exclude input, that
18 is for all California, so all fifty counties, or not.

19 There are various submission sources. So these will
20 be eleven that we kind of divided these by. The five
21 submission subject types, and then there's also a barbell
22 time filter on the right that you can scroll across. If
23 you hover over that info, there are some key dates there
24 associated with certain items, and also corresponds to
25 the bottom left chart, which is a time line of the

1 submissions over time. You can see kind of some of those
2 key dates for when that spike happened, in terms of
3 submissions.

4 I'll quickly go through just this chart, and again,
5 this is just a kind of landing page to better understand
6 the content of the data. So top-left chart, just the
7 descending bar chart that includes accounts of the
8 various subject types. So if you hover over you can kind
9 of see the percentage as well as the number.

10 One thing I'll point out here; is some submissions
11 fit into multiple categories, so that's why this total is
12 more than the 35K total above, because some things are
13 counted more than once.

14 Moving to the right, there's a donut chart that
15 shows the breakdown of the various sources. You can see
16 the majority are from the Commission Input forms, and
17 then descending from there by percentage. You can kind
18 of hover and see what the breakdown is as a percentage of
19 the total.

20 I've already covered the submissions over time, that
21 again, on this one. This is just the time series of when
22 the submissions actually came in. And so you can see the
23 peak there in November of 2021. And again, kind of the
24 key dates associated with that to the left.

25 And then lastly, just the map showing the

1 distribution, you can see, obviously, the center in LA
2 County that has kind of the bulk of where the submissions
3 count originated from.

4 So this is again, just kind of a new landing page.
5 Just to give everyone an overview of the data before you
6 can kind of dive in to some of the similar functionality
7 that you had with the Airtables.

8 Along the top is kind of the navigation, and you
9 might recall this from last time, we restructured this a
10 little bit and renamed some of these just to make it a
11 little bit more clear.

12 So the one we are on now is a summary analytics.
13 You can see it highlighted by the blue text. So if you'd
14 just clicked on All Redistricting Data, I think we gave a
15 pretty detailed version of this last time. But again,
16 this is kind of a very similar one-ton-one functionality
17 of the Airtables where there's, again, filters
18 underneath.

19 You can look at all the 30,000-plus records, and you
20 know, exclude, include, different categories, filter by
21 submission source if you want to narrow this down to just
22 the group you're looking at.

23 One piece of functionality that will be in the final
24 version, that's not present today, is the ability to
25 preview the PDFs from this view. We're just in the

1 process of cleaning up some of the accessibility issues,
2 which I'll get into in a little bit, of the PDFs
3 themselves. So that's coming between now and June, but
4 you'll be able to see that before the go live.

5 Just moving again, left to right, there's a barbell
6 slider again with the dates. You can adjust kind of the
7 window that you're looking at. And then also word search
8 for a wildcard match that you can do to highlight
9 keywords within this, to filter by, you know, specific
10 place, or any kind of keyword summary that you'd like
11 too, between the records themselves.

12 Moving right along to the next page; and I think
13 this is the one -- I'm sorry, was there any -- I'll pause
14 for any questions?

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. Chair Kennedy?

16 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. I'm looking at this and
17 thinking about our Constitutional criteria, particularly
18 criterion 4, which lists counties, cities, neighborhoods,
19 and communities of interest. So I see "cities" mentioned
20 as a column, I see "neighborhoods" mentioned as a column,
21 and then there's "other geography" mentioned. And what
22 I'm seeing in that column, are kind of either broader or
23 narrower than counties. So I'm wondering, do we need a
24 column for "county" mentioned, or are we going to --

25 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: That is, the second column

1 is "county".

2 MR. JOHNSON: Yeah, far left, to the -- yeah.

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Over to the left.

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Oh. Sorry, sorry, sorry. Okay. So
5 then that that pretty much covers criterion 4.

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah.

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: With counties, cities,
8 neighborhoods, and then communities of interest. Okay.
9 Thank you.

10 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Right. And this is, I'll
11 just do a quick little -- this is all of the data. This
12 includes our public comments that came in, as well as all
13 of our -- you know, this is everything.

14 And when Brent was saying, the PDFs, those are the
15 actual attachments, which was all the way to the right.
16 That is a -- similar to what we had in Airtable, if you
17 went all the way to the right, that was kind of
18 everything that had been submitted. That's what those
19 are. And that's what he's discussing, that you will be
20 able to go in and then see those.

21 They're not just all kind of shown, sort of like we
22 did before, which really slowed everything down. You can
23 actually go in and see them if you still want to. But
24 it's a little faster the way we've done this now. And
25 you'll see that there are more categories across the top.

1 As Commissioner Kennedy mentioned, we have "economic
2 interests", "landmarks". There are more categories here
3 than we ever saw on Airtable, and publicly in the
4 Airtable. So continue on, please.

5 MR. JOHNSON: And yeah. And thanks for that aside.

6 So moving along the top ribbon, we are going next to
7 Draw My Community Data, so again, this is a subset of
8 kind of all the data in the previous one. This includes
9 the mapping functionality that we demonstrated last time,
10 and we'll go through that again quickly, just so you can
11 see some of the new bells and whistles there.

12 So the map on the top left. This kind of shows the
13 county outline, and then you can also toggle, so looking
14 just at individual COIs. So I think we demonstrated this
15 as well. You have the ability to select multiple COIs on
16 the table underneath.

17 So Sophia is going to click on a couple here, and
18 you'll notice just to the right of the map, it shows
19 which COIs you're looking at, and it also reflects on the
20 map, multiple ones at the same time. This includes the
21 counties in bold, and some of the place names in kind of
22 a lighter. You can adjust those layers; so it's a little
23 bit hard to read, with looking at the COIs, the places,
24 and the counties. You can kind of remove some of that
25 just to clean up the map, if you want to just look at one

1 or two of those layers out of the three.

2 And then again, just to the right of that, there is
3 the selected COI ID, a little -- a piece of real estate
4 where you can see which COIs were selected from the table
5 below.

6 So this is a little bit different than what you saw
7 last time, just more flexibility in the way that users
8 can interact with this map. And then also the filters
9 are still available on the right; if you want to narrow
10 kind of the pool of records below to just a specific
11 county, specific submission source, subject type, or date
12 of submission.

13 Any questions on this one? It is pretty similar I
14 think to what we said last time. Yeah. And Sophia is
15 also hovering over the records on the right. Some of
16 these have a really long summary text, so it's not all
17 visible with just kind of the limited space that we have
18 within the rows. But if you do hover over it, you can
19 kind of see what the full text was provided by the input.

20 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. Brent, I will jump in
21 here for a minute?

22 MR. JOHNSON: Yes.

23 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: You'll notice, originally
24 this column said COI was our top, and we changed this to,
25 Draw My Community Data, because the only ones that

1 actually have a map connected with them are ones that
2 people either submitted through the Draw My Community or
3 we, our staff took that, took whatever was submitted and
4 entered it into the Draw My Community tool, so it would
5 all be sort of the standardized form.

6 So this is, essentially, all the COIs that came in
7 which actually have a map function connected with them.
8 And so this is -- that's what Brent said -- this is a
9 subset of all the redistricting data, which the previous
10 page, it says, you know: All redistricting data, if you
11 want absolutely everything, it's there, but that includes
12 general comments, et cetera, et cetera.

13 And you'll notice under our "Type of Submission",
14 that's where this comes from. And this is a -- this is
15 essentially COI input.

16 MR. JOHNSON: Uh-huh.

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: So that's where, there's a
18 little bit more -- there's more detail here, and you can
19 see it on a map as well, where not everything else is.

20 Commissioner Sinay.

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So maps that were submitted to
22 us from community groups, and special interest groups,
23 and cities, and such like that, that didn't use our --
24 you know, the Statewide Database tool, would they be
25 found here? Or would they be found under the other PDF

1 area?

2 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Well, okay, everything is
3 under the "All Redistricting." Anything that we could
4 also grab and put on a map is also here, what is not here
5 are when they submitted district maps, you know, like
6 some groups submitted it like an entirety of the state
7 and all districts, those are not on this because this is
8 like community of interest.

9 So there are -- this is not an inclusive set of
10 everything, it's virtually everything, though, that --
11 anything that came in through Draw My Community, and as I
12 said, a lot of other data which was on different formats
13 or things, our staff entered into the Draw My Community
14 tool. So there's a few things that didn't -- and as I
15 said, the district stuff, but almost everything that had
16 a map is on this.

17 Commissioner Sinay.

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And I just want to remind us
19 that communities of interest are not always just maps,
20 but that the narratives that folks shared were really
21 important as well, even if they were at a very small --
22 you know, at a small space, or geographic space, or a
23 large one.

24 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Correct. Absolutely, and
25 that's where the -- everything that was said is in the

1 summary. And so in all the -- you know, if you go back
2 to the other one, in the attachments, anything that
3 people wrote and said is still there. You know, we
4 haven't lost any data whatsoever. Yeah, thank you.
5 You'll see there's still a summary here as well as an
6 attachment. Because, you're right, a lot of it was, you
7 know, just what people said.

8 Included also in this, which we had in different
9 locations before, is every single bit of just general
10 comment, and what they said, is all through here. And
11 that's where, Brent had said about include or exclude
12 comments about all California. Some of the general
13 comments were like, you know: Hey, all states should be
14 drawn -- you know, all districts should be drawn like
15 this. So that's where that "include/exclude" comes from.

16 So go ahead, Brent, if you will.

17 MR. JOHNSON: Yeah. And like I said, I appreciate
18 the distinction. And that's a great question, just to
19 understand the difference. And that's again, why we
20 renamed some of these. I believe "Draw My Community"
21 originally was "COI", which as you mentioned,
22 Commissioner, can be a little bit different because,
23 there are some COIs that don't have kind of a map
24 attached to it.

25 So moving along from this one, I think we covered

1 the bulk of the functionality here. The fourth tab is
2 called "Place, Social and Economic Interests." So this
3 one has a little bit different style than I think you saw
4 last time, but similar functionality.

5 So on the left there is a toggle, for interest
6 mentioned, where you can switch between Place, Social,
7 Economic, we've also added a couple of new categories
8 that are, economic interest mentioned, class one and
9 class two.

10 Thanks, Paul, for kind of filtering through the
11 data.

12 And these are kind of a condensed version. So the
13 first one we're looking at here for economic interest
14 mentioned, is basically every category in the raw data
15 for economic.

16 And Sophia, if you can go back to the dropdown for
17 Interest Mentioned, class one and two are just condensed
18 versions of that that are more summarized categories. So
19 it's a little bit easier to wrangle around, just in terms
20 of the number of categories, or fewer here. You can kind
21 of see the distinction.

22 And again, the way this one works, for those who
23 aren't familiar, this is a bubble map. So the size of
24 the bubbles correspond to the number of records; so for
25 example, here, Glendale, 659 is the most of the places

1 mentioned, that also it's kind of a center of the bubble
2 chart there on the left.

3 And we've also added a feature to the right of the
4 Date of Submission where you can filter this down. Some
5 of these have hundreds of places, for example, within
6 that. So if you just want to look at the top, you know,
7 fifty, a hundred. Yeah, Sophia is going through the date
8 submission there too.

9 And then just the right of that, you can also toggle
10 the number of bubbles that you're looking at, and number
11 of bars within the chart. If you just want to go down to
12 like the top hundred, or fifty, or whatever the case may
13 be.

14 I see a couple hands, questions?

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. Commissioner Sinay.

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: This is fascinating. And it
17 could be fun to play with. But how did Long Beach not
18 end up being the one who called us the most? That was my
19 first, my first instinct. And then the second thing I
20 want to say is: You go, Southern California. I mean,
21 that's pretty impressive. So I just wanted to hear those
22 two observations.

23 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Commissioner Sadhwani.

24 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, mine was quite
25 similar. And I agree. This is awesome. So thank you so

1 much for all of your work on it. I'm assuming Los
2 Angeles covers all of the City of Los Angeles. I'm just
3 really shocked. Yeah. And I see that LA over there, but
4 I am assuming that's --

5 MR. JOHNSON: Yeah. I think that, yeah, it's the
6 shortened version.

7 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- it doesn't matter?

8 MR. JOHNSON: Yeah. And if you hover over it, I
9 think it's La Canada, Flintridge, if I'm pronouncing that
10 right.

11 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. Yes.

12 MR. JOHNSON: Yeah.

13 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Well, that's what I just
14 kind of find fascinating. So look, are these being
15 found -- are these being tabulated, if it appears -- like
16 so for example, if one email included -- because these
17 are all in the same area, Glendale, La Crescenta,
18 Sunland-Tujunga, and La Canada, all in one email. Does
19 each one get tabulated separately?

20 It's hard for me to envision that there's
21 technically more commentary coming from La Canada
22 Flintridge, which has about 10,000 people living in it,
23 versus Los Angeles, which has nearly four million.

24 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Is Paul on?

25 MR. JOHNSON: Yeah, Paul. That's a Paul question.

1 I was going to -- I was going to defer that.

2 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I was as well.

3 MR. MITCHELL: Commissioner, the records were all
4 tagged individually, so if we came across a record that
5 would be San Fernando, we would just simply tag it once.
6 So it's not going through like a summary, and each time
7 San Fernando is written, this is a summary of it. It is
8 indeed just that, that one value for each record.

9 MR. JOHNSON: Yeah. We'll take a look at that. I
10 mean, that's one thing I didn't mention at the top was
11 we're still kind of -- before they go live going through
12 some QA processing. So if there're any questions like
13 that, happy to kind of do a deeper dive just to confirm
14 that any of those types of things that seem maybe
15 counterintuitive, we can ensure that it is based on the
16 accuracy of the data and not some other factor.

17 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, I would definitely
18 suggest looking one more time, but only because all of
19 these areas are right next to each other.

20 MR. JOHNSON: Yes.

21 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Like La Canada, La
22 Crescenta, Sunland-Tujunga, Pasadena, Glendale, Burbank,
23 they are literally all in the same area. And it just
24 would appear, and I recall at the time, especially when
25 we changed our Senate map, we had a lot of commentary

1 coming in talking about connectivity between La Canada,
2 La Crescenta, Sunland-Tujunga, in particular. So I'm
3 wondering if one email comes in, or one, you know,
4 message through the form comes in, but it's getting coded
5 multiple times.

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: It would. It would get.

7 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah.

8 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes, you're right.

9 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Okay.

10 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: If it did mention, you know,
11 all five cities?

12 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Okay.

13 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: All five cities would get a
14 mention.

15 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Got it. Yeah.

16 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah.

17 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: That makes sense, because
18 these cities are clustered together. Yeah, it makes no
19 sense for La Canada to be so much larger in volume than
20 the city.

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Right. It's kind of like
22 Alpine when, you know, like all those counties, they all
23 said, "And Alpine," it's almost like, way more people
24 than live in Alpine County. So yeah, that is what throws
25 these things. But we will have to go back and have a

1 look at, you know, we are doing some cleanup.

2 MR. JOHNSON: Yeah. And just confirming, there's
3 not any, like double counting, or some other kind of
4 thing like not being applied.

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Right.

6 MR. JOHNSON: But that's a great comment.

7 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Commissioner Fornaciari.

8 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. Really, really cool
9 stuff. I guess, so this is all the data, right? So for
10 instance, if a community group got together and sent us
11 600 emails with all those words in it, then that's how it
12 would get counted, right?

13 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

14 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So I guess -- I guess my
15 question is, so I was surprised, too, with the outcome
16 here. But I guess what surprised me is that, I guess
17 what comes to my mind first is -- are the phone calls we
18 got, right, in our public input meetings, and then when
19 we were mapping and taking public input. Is there a way
20 we can kind of filter and look at the public input
21 compared to the emails we got with this, at this point?

22 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: That's a good --

23 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: That would make too much
24 work.

25 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: That's a good question in

1 terms of, can we sort interest, first filter it by county
2 or submission type. That's something I think could be --

3 MR. JOHNSON: Yeah. We can take a look at that.
4 Yeah.

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah.

6 MR. JOHNSON: I'm not too familiar with the way the
7 original data was collected. I know we did some cleanup
8 on the piece, but yeah, we'll take a look, if there's any
9 other useful filters that could be applied. I know we
10 are kind of in the homestretch of the requirement side.
11 But definitely something worth exploring before we sort
12 of lock the scope.

13 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. I certainly think we
14 could easily do that, because they're tagged the same
15 way.

16 MR. JOHNSON: Yes.

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: So it would just be a little
18 rearranging; so good point.

19 Commissioner Le Mons.

20 VICE CHAIR LE MONS: Is there a way to provide,
21 excuse me, a brief description of, for example, this
22 "speaks of place" (ph.) mentioned. There'd been several
23 questions raised by Commissioners based on experience
24 that understands how to interpret this -- well, didn't
25 understand how to interpret this.

1 So if I am a community member coming here and not
2 knowing what place mentioned, and what informs this data,
3 I would have no idea. So I'm wondering if there is a way
4 for -- and I think we had a similar discussion a moment
5 ago on one of the other pages, where there is some kind
6 of brief summary that depicts what this data represents,
7 or what informs it.

8 You know, it doesn't have to be crazy where
9 everything is a dissertation, but something that helps
10 hone in the framing in my mind of what I'm looking at.
11 Is that possible?

12 MR. JOHNSON: That's really helpful, yeah. And
13 that's easy to add, so if you -- as a way to kind of look
14 at what that functionality would look like, similar to
15 the data submission.

16 Sophia, if you want to hover over that info box, we
17 can do something somewhere, something like a "question
18 mark" or "help".

19 MS. SHA: Uh-huh.

20 MR. JOHNSON: We do it a lot, like at the top right
21 of the pages, where it's just like, About This Page, or
22 like it could even be kind of navigation tips similar to
23 the map, that kind of spell out what to do.

24 Happy to include some verbiage, probably want to a
25 hover just for real estate purposes, so it's not too

1 overwhelming, via text.

2 VICE CHAIR LE MONS: Awesome.

3 MR. JOHNSON: But we'd be -- yeah, I think that's a
4 great idea to kind of just give some context or
5 clarification in terms of the data being represented.

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Uh-huh.

7 VICE CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you.

8 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. Great, great points.

9 Commissioner Fornaciari.

10 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. Commissioner
11 Andersen, so I just want to be clear. All those phone
12 calls we got during all that time, during public input,
13 and mapping, and all that, that was somehow captured by
14 someone, and is in here?

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes. Yes.

16 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay.

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Our staff --

18 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, all right.

19 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: The amount of work that was
20 done by our staff, and all the guys who were -- and when
21 I say "guys" I mean people -- who were taking notes,
22 typing it in, putting it into different locations, and
23 then tagging all of these things. The things that went
24 on behind -- you know, behind our faces, we really, you
25 know, thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you, thank

1 you. And it's nice to be able to say, and finally show
2 some of the amount of work that all of these people did
3 for us. So it was a full Commission; it really took a
4 full Commission to do this.

5 Commissioner Sinay.

6 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Just one functionality that we
7 may not have thought about, but a lot of people in the
8 community are really, really interested in, it's the COIs
9 that were submitted by individuals who are incarcerated.
10 And I know that that's our paper, and we called it the
11 "paper form" versus the "paper COI", but if we can make
12 sure we can pull that out a little bit more, because
13 people are really -- they're interested in that, because
14 it was unique, and I think right now it's not self-
15 explanatory how to find that -- those COIs.

16 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: That's a good point. Thank
17 you, Commissioner Sinay. I do not know if we have -- I
18 mean, if we have paper COI. I don't know if we actually
19 have, and I don't know if we want to make a separation
20 between, what came in from incarcerated people, or other
21 people who just submitted paper COI.

22 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I would encourage us to think
23 about doing so, because it was so unique, and it was the
24 first time that it was actually done. And when you talk
25 about it nationally, people are like: How can I see

1 those? You know, there is a lot of interest in that.
2 And it's something that we -- you know, in the future, I
3 think we can do more around. And somewhat -- you know,
4 some people have mentioned that they would like to write
5 about it, and stuff.

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. Thank you.

7 Commissioner Le Mons.

8 VICE CHAIR LE MONS: It seems that we've focused on
9 that from the "form" perspective, because that was the
10 vehicle for the submission.

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Correct.

12 VICE CHAIR LE MONS: But maybe the distinction isn't
13 so much about paper COI, as it is about COI data
14 submitted by incarcerated. So yeah, that's my
15 recommendation.

16 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. No, no. That is the
17 rub here. I don't know if we can distinguish, but we'll
18 look into it.

19 MR. JOHNSON: Okay. Well, thank you for all the
20 questions, and feedback. Last, in terms of just
21 functionality, Resources tab. I think we looked at this
22 last time, we cleaned this one up a little bit, just to
23 make it a little, just more streamlined. So these are
24 just other references for folks who are interested in
25 kind of some of the content, in terms of where it came

1 from, or some of the related websites kind of associated
2 with this.

3 Another idea just from the previous comment of where
4 to put information about the data, is also not a bad
5 place to kind of have summary information that is
6 inclusive of all of the previous tasks, that might not be
7 just specific to one in terms of that navigation.

8 Just kind of like a reference, appendix-type place
9 where you can put information about how the data is
10 collected, or any other kind of content that you want to
11 share for reference purposes.

12 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. Commissioner --

13 MR. JOHNSON: And then I -- Oh, sorry. Go ahead.

14 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Commissioner Sinay.

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah. This is awesome. And
16 the reason why I keep bringing up questions is I keep
17 thinking through, how are people going to use this data
18 between now and 2030? So I'm not -- I hope you take it
19 as, not a critique, but as excitement, and making sure
20 that it's usable.

21 I don't know where this would be found, but I
22 remember that we all learned at the end of the process
23 that we had made some of the COIs, and such, accessible
24 to those who were blind. And so I want to make sure that
25 that's in here as well, and that all the way through the

1 process, that accessibility piece is thought through.

2 MR. JOHNSON: And it's a beautiful segue. We are
3 kind of ending with a note on accessibility. So I really
4 appreciate kind of that lead in. And so this dashboard
5 itself is accessible to all kind of keyboard and screen
6 reader-friendly.

7 The other thing we wanted to show you, just kind of
8 as a last note, was the PDFs themselves. So to Tammy
9 (ph.), and James, for that extensive work. Tammy is kind
10 of resident, Section 508 expert.

11 So Sophia, if you want to pull up the PDF example, I
12 want to briefly show you what it looks like from the
13 attachments that came in, and then how that's been
14 converted now into an accessible document that folks can
15 read, or you know, use a screen reader, keyboard, et
16 cetera, to access.

17 So essentially, for some of these inputs where there
18 is multiple attachments, rather than having to kind of
19 download each, individually, they've been tabulated and
20 put together into a single PDF. They all lead with this
21 sort of disclaimer along the top.

22 This was some information about, if you need it in a
23 different format, who to contact, email address, phone
24 number. There's a little bit of data underneath that
25 about the input itself, so you can kind of see how many

1 affiliations, type of submission, et cetera. And then
2 also what's included under this PDF, in terms of the
3 files.

4 And if you continue to scroll, and again, this is
5 all kind of done with accessibility in mind, this is all
6 headers, and tags to be easily read, and that has the
7 content itself underneath. This one has three
8 attachments, including kind of a map, a Word doc that's
9 been converted now into a PDF itself, that's all
10 readable.

11 I think there's one more kind of bottom of this.
12 And they're all sort of separated by these kind of mini
13 headers so that anyone can kind of use, you know,
14 different tools to be able to ingest this information.

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. Thank you very much,
16 Brent. That's, as you know, the user -- you know, this
17 group, and that entire website, has been spending a huge
18 amount of time making everything completely accessible,
19 and including the things that were -- that were
20 accessible we've improved, and we've really, really,
21 really ramped up the total. Any kind of screen reader
22 capability is basically met.

23 And this has been a huge amount of work that's
24 been -- I wanted to make sure everyone gets credit for
25 this, because the amount of work that's gone into this,

1 and is still going into it, is staggering. And they've
2 been doing a fantastic job for us.

3 Now, Brent, I don't know if that's --

4 MR. JOHNSON: Yeah, that was it, in terms of the
5 demo. And just the reply to a comment from earlier, I
6 think from Commissioner Sinay; definitely take all this
7 in the spirit of feedback. So we appreciate -- keep it
8 coming. If there's other things that you saw today, or
9 you think of, you know, a few hours from now, or next
10 week, feel free to let us know. We're still kind of in
11 that window where we can make some tweaks, and
12 adjustments, fix any defects, things like that.

13 Again, this is going to go live end of next month.
14 So we are going to do some testing, so including some
15 user testing with some other folks on this call. So
16 yeah, really appreciate all the feedback and guidance
17 from the Commission.

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. Thank you very much,
19 Brent. And as I said, the team has been fantastic. If
20 you have any questions or comments, please submit it to
21 the Website Subcommittee, myself and Commissioner Taylor,
22 and it will be moved forward. You already went through
23 the -- sort of the time line is, and basically it is
24 going to go in, it's for testing, going live.

25 I think that's pretty a much complete summary. If

1 you have any questions, please ask. Otherwise we're
2 going to carry on.

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you very much, Commissioner
4 Andersen, and Commissioner Taylor, in his absence.

5 Any further questions before we move to Lessons
6 Learned?

7 None seen.

8 Okay. Next Subcommittee Update is Lessons Learned.
9 And I will turn it over to Commissioner Yee. We will be
10 meeting Commissioners for a vote between now and 11
11 o'clock, please.

12 COMMISSIONER YEE: We've been waiting a whole month.

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah.

14 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you, Chair. So Lessons
15 Learned. We continue to work on the draft 3-R (ph.)
16 Report: Recollections, Recommendations, and Resources.
17 You'll see in the handouts we got some good input from
18 outside sources, from NALEO, as well as from Ethan -- our
19 friends, Ethan Jones, and Diane Griffiths, from
20 Legislature, which we will incorporate.

21 We have gotten good quotes on production, design,
22 and then printing and distribution, and so we'd like to
23 request today an allocation for that. We are still in
24 the process of revisions, and we would certainly love to
25 have more personal statements from Commissioners. You'll

1 see in the draft the ones we have so far, in Volume 2,
2 near the end.

3 One change we'll make before we go to production,
4 Commissioner Kennedy and I have decided to actually swap
5 Volumes 2 and 3, so the staff reports will become Volume
6 2, and then resources will become Volume 3. It just
7 seems to make more sense that way.

8 Any questions?

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: I would say that we continue to post
10 iterations of the document, even though we're not taking
11 action specifically on the document itself. But we do
12 want people to be able to follow the process as we
13 progress towards what we hope will be adoption of the
14 report before the end of June.

15 Commissioner Sinay.

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you. And I'm one of
17 these who is kind of late at reading the whole entire
18 document. I got really into it the first time it got
19 sent out. And then if it keeps changing. And so I'm
20 like -- it's hard for me to justify.

21 So I'd like to ask a few things. And I know that --
22 and they may not be popular. But the first one is, it
23 would be really helpful if you guys could populate that
24 section. That is a summary of all the recommendations,
25 because if we're going to vote on anything, I think

1 that's the main piece. I wouldn't want us to vote on the
2 whole document because there's too much in there.

3 But it would be good if we did have consensus on
4 what the top recommendations are. And it's hard right
5 now because they're throughout the whole document. So we
6 could have that in one place.

7 And then I would like to encourage -- I hate to say
8 this -- but it is hard to read online, and write
9 comments, and go back and forth. And one meeting we did
10 get copies of the first draft in paper format. But if
11 there's any way that we can receive a copy of at least
12 that first piece of it; and for those of us who want to
13 really support you all and go a little deeper, maybe you
14 don't want that from us.

15 But at least get the recommendations all in one
16 place so that we can read them and make -- be clear,
17 because as we've talked about in the past, there's a lot
18 in this. Some of it is subjective, some of it is
19 objective, but we need to be clear when we have
20 consensus.

21 And again, the definition of consensus is that we
22 all agree. And we've used that word loosely in the past.
23 And so we need to just be clear on the recommendations
24 part, on where are we on those recommendations. Are we
25 saying: The authors recommend this, the majority of the

1 Commissioners recommend it, or there is consensus?

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for that. Commissioner
3 Fernandez.

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair. I did
5 have a comment on the report. But I think before we get
6 to that, it sounds like we should take a vote ASAP; is
7 that correct, on a motion too.

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: Uh-huh.

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: How about if we do that
10 first, and then maybe we get into all the discussions,
11 because I don't want to miss that opportunity for you.
12 Is that okay.

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you. Yes. And --

14 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: While we have people.

15 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. And Commissioner Ahmad was
16 going to be back right around now, and I'm looking. We
17 may need her vote.

18 Anyway, Commissioner Yee; would you tee this up?

19 COMMISSIONER YEE: Okay. I may need a little help
20 with this. I'm not sure exactly how to propose it. But
21 I'd like to propose that we allocate an amount not to
22 exceed \$10,000 for the design, and production, and
23 distribution of the -- of the Recollections,
24 Recommendations, and Resources Report.

25 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: That's a huge amount of

1 money.

2 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. It's about 5,000 for
3 design, and about 5,000 for production and distribution.
4 It's a big report. And it's like 250 pages in three
5 volumes, which is why production is so much.

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: And the production cost would be for
7 one hundred printed copies.

8 VICE CHAIR LE MONS: I'll second it.

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Commissioner Yee has moved,
10 Commissioner Le Mons has seconded. Discussion of the
11 motion; Commissioner Fernandez, do you have anything on
12 the motion?

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: No, I like it. I was just
14 a little curious on why we're going to produce a hundred
15 copies if it's going to be online, right?

16 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Just a question because
18 it's something we might have to store then. If we print
19 too many we store it.

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Yee.

21 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah, hard copies for all of us
22 who want one, copies for the 2030 Commission, copies for
23 folks like Statewide Database, Legislature, others who
24 might want one, you know.

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: We don't have an exact list, but as

1 Commissioner Yee has laid out, we started with a smaller
2 number, and concluded that there were probably more
3 people who would eventually want one. And so the list of
4 categories of people did grow, which is how we ended up
5 with the higher figure.

6 Commissioner Akutagawa, do you have anything on the
7 motion?

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: No, it's -- well, related
9 to the report, but it's not necessarily related to the
10 motion.

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: We can move on.

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: We'll come back. And we also have
14 time this afternoon. If we don't finish this, excuse me,
15 before 11 o'clock. We do have time reserved for Lessons
16 Learned after the afternoon break to finish up any
17 general discussion on the report.

18 Commissioner Sinay, anything on the motion?

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I was actually going to say the
20 opposite of Commissioner Fernandez, and ask if a hundred
21 is going to be enough, but I see that you're thinking the
22 same folks that I was thinking about. So I would like to
23 support having some hard copies as well as it being
24 online.

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you.

1 Commissioner Sadhwani.

2 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I mean, I'll stay
3 quiet and support it, but I don't think we actually need
4 printed copies in this day and age. I feel like having
5 things online is perfectly appropriate, and I regularly
6 receive reports just virtually, that I don't see the need
7 to print it. But that's fine.

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Kristian, can you ask for
9 public comment on the motion?

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair.

11 The Commission will now take public comment on the
12 motion. To give comment please call 877-853-5247, and
13 enter meeting ID number 84694124372, once you've dialed
14 in, please press star 9 to enter the comment queue. The
15 full call-in instructions are read at the beginning of
16 the meeting and are provided on the live stream landing
17 page.

18 And there's no one in the queue at this time.

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. We'll give it just a few
20 seconds to catch up.

21 (Pause)

22 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. The instructions are
23 finished?

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The instructions are
25 complete, and there are -- oh. We do have a caller.

1 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Just a moment. Caller
3 6337, we see you; caller 6337, please follow the prompts
4 to unmute. The floor is yours.

5 MS. GOLD: Thank you, Commission. Rosalind Gold
6 with NALEO Educational Fund, just very quickly on the
7 motion; I would say there is value to hard copies of the
8 report. There are still people who may not have the kind
9 of broadband internet access that would allow them to
10 download and print the report. But also for all of the
11 historical archival reasons that people have mentioned.
12 I think that there is still a need for whatever amount of
13 hard copies that people are contemplating. Thank you.

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you very much for your input.
15 Okay. Then, Corina, we need you to take the vote.

16 MS. LEON: Okay. I'll share my screen. Oh, the
17 screen, okay -- sorry. Okay.

18 Okay. Commissioner Ahmad. She stepped away?

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah.

20 MS. LEON: Okay. All right.

21 Commissioner Akutagawa.

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

23 MS. LEON: Commissioner Andersen.

24 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

25 MS. LEON: Commissioner Fernandez.

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

2 MS. LEON: Commissioner Fornaciari.

3 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes.

4 MS. LEON: Commissioner Kennedy.

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes.

6 MS. LEON: Commissioner Le Mons.

7 VICE CHAIR LE MONS: Yes.

8 MS. LEON: Commissioner Sadhwani.

9 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes.

10 MS. LEON: Commissioner Sinay.

11 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

12 MS. LEON: Commissioner Taylor.

13 Commissioner Toledo.

14 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yes.

15 MS. LEON: Commissioner Turner.

16 Commissioner Vazquez.

17 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes.

18 MS. LEON: Commissioner Yee.

19 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes.

20 MS. LEON: Okay. So that's it --

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good.

22 MS. LEON: Okay, great.

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, everyone.

24 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you, everyone.

25 MS. LEON: Thank you.

1 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you, Commissioner
2 Sadhwani, for sticking around a few extra minutes.

3 Okay, so back to hands up. Commissioner Fernandez.

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: What was my comment? Oh, I
5 remember. On the first, the very first page of the
6 Lessons Learned, and I also haven't read all of it, but
7 it talks about that beyond our own discussions, a number
8 of external stakeholders collaborate informally, a set of
9 valuable recommendations that have been taken into
10 account.

11 And I think I have a little bit of an issue with
12 that, because I was thinking, it should be more of the
13 Commission's Lessons Learned, and external stakeholders,
14 and also some of the comments that we received. I don't
15 necessarily agree that their comments or their feedback
16 should be in our report, as our Lessons Learned. I hope
17 that makes sense.

18 I actually don't have a problem with -- when I used
19 to audit, we would have the audit, and then we'd have the
20 response from the auditee. I don't have a problem
21 attaching their responses to our Lessons Learned. I just
22 feel that our Lessons Learned, is our Lessons Learned.
23 It's like someone's opinion.

24 It is my opinion. And yes, this is your opinion,
25 and we'll go ahead and put that on there. But I just

1 feel that it needs to be pure as to what the Commission's
2 opinions, and the Commission's experiences were. Thanks.

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for that. I'll speak to
4 that after a while, I think.

5 Commissioner Akutagawa.

6 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I guess mine is a
7 general comment, and I would agree with some of the
8 earlier comments that Commissioner Fernandez made about
9 the recommendations. And I think -- I guess this is just
10 more of -- maybe it's a process question. How are you
11 taking into account the comments that were made on the
12 earlier drafts of this report?

13 And I ask this because I did submit quite a few
14 edits to the report. Some of which, when I started
15 looking through the current report, I saw that a number
16 of them actually, a significant portion, were not, I
17 guess, taken into account; and so -- including typos that
18 I had noted, too; so there are still typos in the report.

19 So I am just wondering, I know you're receiving a
20 lot of inputs, but I am just also wanting to understand
21 how you're going about doing it, because to be blunt, I
22 don't want to waste my time looking through it, if it's
23 not going to be taken into account. So because it's a
24 very real, unwieldy -- very long report.

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah.

1 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I know you're getting a lot
2 of stuff, but I'm just trying to understand, you know,
3 what your -- what your processes is.

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right? Sure. So Commissioner Yee
5 is taking general lead on the first half of it. I'm
6 taking the general lead on the second half of it. We're
7 collaborating on the executive summary, and those sorts
8 of things. We are getting a lot of input, sometimes
9 input conflicts. So you know, one person's yes is
10 another person's, or another group of persons' noes.

11 And so where we're using our best judgment to look
12 at all of the input that's coming in, and see where we
13 think the report best lands.

14 Again, as we put out, a couple of meetings ago, if
15 there are issues that people have, very specific issues
16 but -- that they want to raise, but are generally okay
17 with the report, then that's one of the purposes of the
18 individual statements. And you know, I would be very --
19 you know, I would very much welcome individual statements
20 that say, you know: I take exception to these two or
21 three things, stating reasons. And then, you know,
22 generally endorsing the overall report.

23 So I would encourage colleagues to make use of that
24 option of submitting an individual statement that would
25 be published along with the report.

1 Commissioner Yee, do you want to add anything?

2 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes. No, we definitely are
3 trying to incorporate all input. And actually,
4 Commissioner Akutagawa, I'm trying to remember. I don't
5 think I got your input somehow. I don't know why I
6 wouldn't have, but I'll ask if we can get another copy
7 from you. And I remember you promising that you would
8 give input. And I was looking forward to that. And I'm
9 not sure actually, I got it. So that would be the
10 reason. So let's close the loop on that.

11 But yeah, definitely, we're trying to incorporate as
12 much as we can. And sometimes it does come to judgment
13 calls. But generally, you know, whenever -- we're trying
14 to incorporate, always deferring to your input whenever
15 possible, you know, it's been our general -- our general
16 posture. Yeah.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you. Commissioner
18 Sinay.

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: (No verbal response).

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: No. Commissioner Le Mons.

21 VICE CHAIR LE MONS: Yeah. I just wanted to say in
22 relationship to the personal statement, I understand it's
23 open-ended, but when I look at the personal statements
24 submitted so far, it isn't -- at least those individuals
25 have not approached this as a position on the document.

1 So I would ask that if that's what you want, to
2 separate that, and not make that a part of that section.
3 So if Commissioners want to offer a different perspective
4 on aspects of the document, I'd encourage a delineation.

5 COMMISSIONER YEE: Sure. And you know, and we can
6 definitely also put that into the text itself. You know,
7 this is one way of looking at this particular item.
8 Other Commissioners felt differently. Actually, we you
9 know, there are items like that already, so we can
10 definitely do that.

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: If there is further discussion, we
12 are approaching our break time. I'm happy to hold
13 further discussion over to the last block of the day
14 where we also have Lessons Learned scheduled. So you
15 know, if anyone has anything else right now, that they'd
16 like to bring up, we're certainly happy to hear it. And
17 again, we can resume discussion of this in the final
18 block today.

19 Commissioner Le Mons.

20 VICE CHAIR LE MONS: Yeah. I just have more of a
21 comment, which is a thank you, again, to both yourself
22 and Commissioner Yee. This is a huge undertaking, and I
23 think what you've produced so far is actually an
24 incredible piece of work that I think is going to have
25 value on so many, many levels.

1 So I don't have anything to offer in terms of
2 feedback right now. I think that the feedback process
3 you have currently established, from a process point of
4 view, makes the most sense to me. I can't imagine us
5 sitting up trying to have a conversation about everybody:
6 I will welcome -- to start with a conversation, about
7 each of our individual feedback. So thank you.

8 COMMISSIONER YEE: It's a pleasure working on it.

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

10 COMMISSIONER YEE: I mean, our story is a very happy
11 one in detail as well as in the big picture. So it's
12 just been a -- it's a pleasure to retell our story.

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Sinay.

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I did have a comment. Thank
15 you. I would like to support what Commissioner Fernandez
16 said, and try to keep this report about us, and doing
17 maybe what was recommended. I think it was, NALEO said,
18 you know, just have, in the resource or in the appendix,
19 have other people's comments and recommendations.

20 And the reason being, for the same reason that
21 Common Cause is having the conference that's just for
22 Commissioners, and others, who have been involved in the
23 Independent Redistricting Commission, from our
24 perspective, there's very few of us who have a
25 perspective of actually drawing the maps, and very little

1 is written from our perspective, most things are written
2 by the community's perspective, an academic perspective,
3 the media's perspective.

4 And so I think it is important to have a clean -- I
5 hadn't thought about it until Commissioner Fernandez said
6 it. But you know, the community has a report out there
7 that's already been sent to philanthropists, and others,
8 but it was never sent to us. Our input isn't asked --
9 you know, isn't asked -- our perspective isn't asked.

10 And so I think we are open, and transparent, and we
11 want people's input, but I think it should be separate
12 from our -- the fifteen of us, and our learning. And
13 then on the other report, the Staff's learning, just like
14 we asked to keep the Staff's report clean on their
15 perspective, and not necessarily, you know, bring our
16 perspective into it.

17 So I would encourage -- I know that it might be
18 late, and that a lot came at you all, and we didn't say
19 this at the very beginning, but maybe somewhere we put a
20 note in there saying, for future Commissions, the lesson
21 learned is that a report like this should come from --
22 you know, not much is written from our perspective.

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you for that.

24 It's now 11:01. We are due for a 15 minute break.
25 So let's be back at 11:16. Thank you, everyone.

1 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 11:01 a.m.
2 until 11:16 a.m.)

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, everyone. Welcome back
4 to today's meeting of the California Citizens
5 Redistricting Commission.

6 We have taken a break from our discussion on report
7 from the Lessons Learned Subcommittee, which we may
8 return to in the final block today.

9 Right now, we are turning our attention to an update
10 from the Legislative Affairs Subcommittee. So I believe
11 that's Commissioner Fernandez and Commissioner Akutagawa;
12 is that correct?

13 Take it away.

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you, Chair.
15 I'm a little winded. It's like sending the kid out for
16 recess and they never come back. So that was me. I was:
17 Oh, got to hustle back.

18 So we did have a few documents out there, and we had
19 a couple of items that we would like to take action or
20 have a motion on. And so we thought it's probably best
21 to maybe address those first. I think we -- I'm trying
22 to see who is here. I think we have enough for a motion
23 and a vote.

24 The first one, you should have seen the letter of
25 support that we posted at the last meeting. The

1 Commission had voted to approve, that we send a letter of
2 support for Assembly Bill 1761, and that one, that's the
3 bill that's clarifying what a day is under the
4 Commission's statutory authority. And what we would like
5 to have is approval to have similar letters of support as
6 it makes its way through the Legislative process.

7 Right now it did go through the Assembly, so the
8 Assembly approved it. Now, it's at the Senate, so we
9 would like to submit a letter of support to the Senate.
10 And then, if and when it gets the Governor's Office, we
11 would also like to have authority to send a letter of
12 support to the Governor.

13 And the reason we're asking for this blanket
14 approval ahead of time is that we realize in June that
15 may be our last meeting for a while. And this
16 Legislative process ends like end of August, early
17 September. And basically what we would do, would be just
18 to change who it's authored to, who we're sending it to,
19 the recipient is of these letters of support.

20 So are there any questions regarding a blanket -- I
21 don't say "blanket", but it kind of is like a blanket
22 type of letter of support as it moves along the process.

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: Any thoughts? Commissioner
24 Andersen.

25 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, just sort of the

1 obvious one. Obviously, you will be following it in case
2 it doesn't get changed contextually, for other than that
3 restriction, I have no objection whatsoever. It's a good
4 idea.

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, we will. Thank you.
6 We'll be following it. And we do continue to meet with
7 our Legislative partners, biweekly, if needed. So we get
8 updates on that, which is great.

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: Any further questions or comments?
10 Commissioner Fornaciari.

11 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Just to be clear about the
12 process. The subcommittee would put the letter together,
13 and then the Chair would review and sign the letter; is
14 about how it goes?

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Well, what I was
16 thinking --

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: The --

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh. I'm sorry.

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: The handout that's currently posted
20 is signed by the subcommittee members. And you know, as
21 such, I mean, my sense is that in the past, we've
22 generally said that a subcommittee -- subcommittee issued
23 letters don't require the approval of the full Commission
24 because they're, in essence, representing the
25 subcommittee.

1 And that, yes, if something is representing the full
2 Commission, then it should come from the Chair. And
3 that's my understanding. I'm not sure I understand.

4 Commissioner Andersen.

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. I agree with you,
6 Chair. And it says: On behalf of the Commission, in
7 which case -- yeah, can the subcommittee actually
8 write -- I'd like to get a legal thought on this one.

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And I have --

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: And could you --

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh. I'm sorry. I have it
12 done both ways, where it's the chair that signs it, or
13 subcommittee signs it, that we've done in the past.

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Tim, do you have any thoughts
15 on this?

16 COUNSEL TREICHEL: Well, Commissioners, I'd like to
17 defer to Anthony. But just in general, it seems that if
18 the Commission is being represented as signing a letter,
19 it should be -- it should be adopted by the Commission or
20 its delegate, the Chair.

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. Well, and then currently the
22 chair isn't necessarily delegated any authority in that
23 regard. I think Anthony is thinking that we may want to
24 take that step for the upcoming period when we have
25 longer gaps between meetings. Okay.

1 COUNSEL TREICHEL: Yes. That makes sense. And
2 I'll note, and I'll let Anthony know the question, for
3 confirmation.

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Okay, very good.

5 COUNSEL TREICHEL: Thank you.

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Fornaciari.

7 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I don't mean to be a pain,
8 but we have a policy that we adopted specifically on this
9 topic. And the policy, says: Correspondence on behalf of
10 the entire Commission, blah, blah, blah, blah, the
11 current Chair will sign the final version of the
12 correspondence prior to release.

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. So we have policy guidance.

14 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: And I'm just bringing that
15 up because in an expectation that we might have another
16 motion coming up to delegate to another subcommittee the
17 authority to write a letter supporting some legislation
18 that I want to have clarity on how we're going to get to
19 do that.

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: Perfect. Perfect. Thank you very
21 much. I certainly support sending letters of support for
22 this Legislation at the various points in the process,
23 so --

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Is that a motion,
25 Chair?

1 CHAIR KENNEDY: The Chair will entertain a motion?

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. I think the motion
3 would be to send letters of support as it moves along the
4 process -- the Legislative process, for Assembly Bill
5 1761, and we would follow policy.

6 Thank you, Commissioner Fornaciari, because I was --
7 I was looking back at some of the memos, and I think we
8 even had our Executive Director signed some memos. So we
9 were totally off on our policy.

10 So sorry, Californians, we'll do better. So letter
11 of support for Assembly Bill 1761, as it goes through the
12 2023 Legislative process. Does that sound okay?

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. Corina, are you catching
14 that?

15 MS. LEON: I'm working on -- yes, I'm working on it.
16 Let me share it.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. And then you have a second?

18 MS. LEON: -- it changed a little bit, so let me
19 see.

20 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I'll second it.

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Le Mons seconded.

22 MS. LEON: Okay. So okay, I think I need to change,
23 okay, so change this a little bit. Did you say -- and
24 the year, did you mention the year?

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, the 2023 Legislative

1 process.

2 MS. LEON: Okay.

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And no hyphen, it's not --
4 yeah. Yeah, there you go.

5 MS. LEON: How does that sound?

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: Let's say, "Authorize letters of
7 support."

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And let's say, "As it
9 progresses through the 2023."

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: Or actually, we're modifying the
11 "motion name" rather than the "motion details".

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh. You're right.

13 MS. LEON: Okay.

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: And "authorized" should
15 be -- should not have that "D", yeah, it's not past
16 tense, yeah.

17 MS. LEON: Okay. Right.

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And then after "as", just a
19 technical grammar, "As it progresses".

20 MS. LEON: Uh-huh.

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And the motion name would
22 just be "Letters of Support for Assembly Bill 1761."

23 MS. LEON: Thank you.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Motion made by Commissioner

1 Fernandez; seconded by Commissioner Le Mons.

2 Commissioner Fornaciari.

3 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. I'm just curious.

4 I don't really understand the process. Would that
5 include a like a letter to the Governor, too, that --
6 when it gets here? Okay.

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

8 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, just curious.

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Sorry. It should be
10 Commissioner Le Mons.

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'm sorry. Thank you.

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: And Commissioner Le Mons.

13 VICE CHAIR LE MONS: Do we need something in
14 there -- we're just going to follow policy, but I'm
15 wondering, well, do we need any policy reference, or
16 chair reference in that motion detail? It's more of a
17 question than --

18 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah, I would think not.

19 VICE CHAIR LE MONS: Okay.

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: I think if we were going to diverge
21 from policy, we would need something specifically
22 authorizing it. But to follow policy, I would say we
23 don't.

24 VICE CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. No problem. And "Le
25 Mons" has a space between the "E" and the "L".

1 MS. LEON: Thank you.

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Any further discussion?

3 Commissioner Le Mons, your hand is up. Okay.

4 Kristian, could you call for public comment on the
5 motion on the floor?

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13 stream landing page.

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15 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay We'll wait until the
16 instructions finish. Give people a few seconds to call
17 in before we get to the vote.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Those instructions are
19 complete. And there is no one in the queue.

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Okay. Corina, can you
21 proceed with the vote?

22 MS. LEON: Sure. Thank you.

23 Commissioner Ahmad.

24 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yes.

25 MS. LEON: Commissioner Akutagawa.

1 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

2 MS. LEON: Commissioner Andersen.

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

4 MS. LEON: Commissioner Fernandez.

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

6 MS. LEON: Commissioner Fornaciari.

7 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes.

8 MS. LEON: Commissioner Kennedy.

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes.

10 MS. LEON: Commissioner Le Mons.

11 VICE CHAIR LE MONS: Yes.

12 MS. LEON: Commissioner Sadhwani.

13 Commissioner Sinay.

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

15 MS. LEON: Commissioner Taylor.

16 Commissioner Toledo.

17 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yes.

18 MS. LEON: Commissioner Turner.

19 Commissioner Vazquez.

20 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes.

21 MS. LEON: Commissioner Yee.

22 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes.

23 MS. LEON: Okay.

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, everyone.

25 Commissioner Fernandez.

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: Back to you.

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh. Okay, so back to us.
4 Since we have everyone here, we have another item that we
5 would like to take a motion on. And it was one of the
6 handouts, and it's a potential amendment to Assembly Bill
7 1761, and hopefully everyone had a chance to review that
8 information. I'll try to share my screen. Let's see if
9 I can do this. Let's see. I'm not seeing my -- maybe I
10 won't share my screen in terms of pulling this up. Oh, I
11 guess I don't have --

12 Corina, could you call up that --

13 AUTOMATED RESPONSE: Hmm? I don't know that.

14 MS. LEON: Sorry. That wasn't me. That was Alexa
15 is talking to me. Sorry.

16 What would you like me to pull up, Commissioner?

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: It is the amendment to
18 Assembly Bill number 1761. It is on the handout.

19 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Do you want me to pull it
20 up. I have it right here.

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh. I think I have it. Is
22 it there?

23 MS. LEON: Yes.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Do you see it. Okay. I
25 got it. I found it.

1 Thank you, Neal. Appreciate that. I phoned a
2 friend, so appreciate that.

3 So this is a potential. It's already gone through
4 the Legislative Council, and this is addressing one of
5 the Legislative items that, as a Commission, we voted to
6 move forward and hopefully find an author. And as you
7 see in Section 8253 -- I've got to move my -- 8253, let's
8 see, (a)(4), the item that is underlined,
9 "Notwithstanding any other law, the Commission may rotate
10 the member serving as chair and vice chair as part of
11 this process." And that's the language that they came up
12 with -- excuse me -- to address being more specific as to
13 the ability to rotate the chair and vice chair.

14 And so what we're requesting, hopefully, is a motion
15 to approve the language. And we are still trying to see
16 if we can talk to the author of 1761 to see if we can add
17 this into the current bill.

18 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Yee.

19 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes. Thank you so much to the
20 subcommittee for this nice add. I like it. I will move
21 that we go forward with it.

22 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Yee has moved. Do I
23 hear a second?

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Second.

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Sinay, seconds.

1 Discussion: I will take the opportunity to just wonder
2 out loud if this is necessarily something that needs to
3 be in legislation, or if it could be, theoretically, in a
4 definition in the form of regulation.

5 We still haven't resolved the question of who is
6 responsible for putting things through the regulatory
7 process on behalf of the Commission; whether it's the
8 Commission, or the California State Auditor, or Secretary
9 of State, or some other one, or whether the Commission
10 needs to seek regulatory authority.

11 I'm just wondering if this is something that is
12 better in a regulation than in the Government Code. I'm
13 not objecting it -- objecting to it being in the
14 Government Code, I'm just raising that question.

15 Commissioner Andersen.

16 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Actually, very similar
17 thoughts, Commissioner Kennedy. I appreciate that it is
18 in here, and it does say that it can't be the same party.
19 So I see why this is where we're addressing chair and
20 vice chair. My only issue is the same bill that we just
21 wrote that we're going to authorize to move forward; is
22 this going to change that at all? I don't believe it
23 actually is.

24 But I mean, if they say, no, you can't put it in
25 there, or actually wanted to say something different,

1 then obviously that may completely change or
2 authorization in it to go forward with supporting the
3 bill. So it's a little tricky.

4 I'm assuming that you're going to the same author of
5 the bill to say: Hey, you're doing this; can you do this,
6 too?

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, we're going to do
8 that. But we've also talked about if this would change
9 it substantively from the current bill, then we would
10 seek another bill for the language, because we don't want
11 to -- right now, the current language is just going
12 through a consent calendar. And if this is going to
13 change it substantively is what -- if that's their
14 determination then we would see to have another bill.

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Got it.

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Fernandez, has there
18 been any discussion of doing this through a regulatory
19 process?

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: No. There hasn't been a
21 discussion in terms of having regulatory authority, I've
22 talked briefly with Chief Counsel Pane, and that seems to
23 be kind of an arduous task on the agency that has that
24 regulatory responsibility. So we haven't even looked
25 into what that process would entail.

1 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. Right. Well, you know, this
2 is -- has been a common theme for me for, you know, many,
3 many months, is: Do we want regulatory authority? We've
4 had some discussion of it that has generally been
5 inconclusive. We've had some discussion of whether
6 others, such as the California State Auditor, or the
7 Secretary of State, could use their regulatory authority,
8 on our behalf, to do something like this, again, without
9 any conclusive end to the discussion.

10 You know, it's clear that the State Auditor has
11 regulatory authority when it comes to issues relating to
12 the recruitment and selection of the Commission. But we
13 know that their -- the regulations that they developed,
14 basically, stop at the point at which the full Commission
15 comes into existence.

16 And the only thing that comes, chronologically,
17 after the full Commission is in existence, as far as the
18 regulations put in place by California's State Auditor,
19 has to do with the replacement of commissioners; again,
20 something in which the California State Auditor has a
21 major role.

22 So we still -- you know, maybe it would be useful
23 for the Legislative Affairs Subcommittee to, just in its
24 ongoing contacts with folks in the Legislature, just pose
25 the question, you know: Is regulatory authority something

1 that would be appropriate for the Commission to have?

2 Commissioner Fornaciari.

3 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. I guess you kind of
4 answered my question, or concern, or whatever. I mean, I
5 guess my question was: Do we have to get granted
6 regulatory authority over our stuff? Or do we just
7 magically have it?

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: Tim, I'll refer that one to you?

9 COUNSEL TREICHEL: Thank you, Chair. The
10 regulatory authority is granted, and the Office of
11 Administrative Law is in charge of the determination of
12 authority. We're not listed because the Commission is
13 not listed, because it has not been granted. As was
14 mentioned, the initial -- the creation of the new
15 Commission was done through the Department of Finance.
16 They do have regulatory authority. I think that's the
17 closest thing that exists to the regulatory authority
18 that affects, or could affect the Commission.

19 So it needs to be granted. It could have been
20 granted in the initiative. I don't think it was. The
21 Legislature could grant it. But absent having it, I
22 don't believe it's possible to promulgate regulations.
23 I'll say, with one exception, and that is with our
24 Conflict of Interest Code that was recently submitted to
25 Secretary of State for final determination, or final

1 acceptance.

2 And that was based upon the regulatory authority
3 that existed for the Fair Political Practices Commission.
4 Okay. So we were able to adopt, you could adopt then a
5 code because it was required by the FPFC, and that was a
6 regulation, and as a regulation, it's listed as being,
7 affecting the Commission.

8 I hope that's not too confusing. But any questions?

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Andersen.

10 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, I just have a quick
11 one, to follow through on that. You mentioned that it
12 could have been granted in the setup, that would be the
13 Constitutional change that we could -- did have it set
14 up? I mean, in terms of --

15 COUNSEL TREICHEL: Well, I believe the
16 Legislature -- the Legislature, as has been suggested,
17 Legislature could grant regulatory authority. It could
18 have been granted in the initiative, or specified. But
19 at this point, the Legislature has the power to grant
20 regulatory authority.

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. So to proceed with
22 this, we would have to go to Legislature.

23 COUNSEL TREICHEL: That's my understanding.

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. And regulations can be as
25 simple as definitions. I mean, if you look at the

1 regulations that currently apply to the Commission, a
2 substantial chunk of those regulations consist of
3 definitions. And so things like this, you know, that add
4 some more specificity to the language that's already in
5 Government Code, you know, can often appropriately be put
6 in place through the regulatory process, rather than
7 having to go through the Legislative process.

8 In this case, you know, I would tend to agree that
9 it may -- I would tend to agree with the Subcommittee
10 that it may just be easier for us, at this point, to seek
11 to move this through the Legislative process.

12 The question then becomes: Is there any scenario in
13 which you might want to undo this? And I would say, I
14 would say no. So I don't see any harm in trying to move
15 it through the regulatory -- I'm sorry -- through the
16 Legislative process.

17 I just continue to believe that there are things,
18 such as definitions, that the Commission may eventually
19 want to have regulatory authority be able to move things,
20 such as this, though.

21 So having said that, back to the subcommittee.
22 Commissioner Fernandez.

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you. Thank
24 you, Chair. Yes. So what we're really approving right
25 now is the language that is there that's gone through the

1 Legislative Council. We can pose the question to our
2 Legislative partners at our next meeting as to what the
3 regulatory authority, what that would consist of, and
4 what the process is to obtain that authority, depending
5 on how -- and then we'll report back, at our next
6 meeting.

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Fair enough?.

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: But again, I don't see that as
10 necessarily standing in the way of moving this through
11 the Legislative process. I'm okay with moving this
12 through the Legislative process, unless Legal Counsel
13 tells us otherwise. And I'd be happy to entertain a
14 motion to seek this change to 1761.

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Or another bill. Not
16 necessarily 1761, we're approving the language; it might
17 go into a different bill, but we're approving the
18 language.

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Yeah. And so I
21 guess just public comment then at this point, or any
22 other comments.

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Corina, do we have a motion
24 in your motion format?

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Can I end share, now,

1 Chair.

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: -- format. Yes, please.

3 Corina?

4 MS. LEON: Let me unmute. Okay.

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And just say, "Approve the
6 language." We're not -- I don't want to say that it's
7 specific to Assembly Bill 1761 in case --

8 MS. LEON: Okay.

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you. And it would
10 be: To approve the language related to the ability to
11 rotate the chair and vice chair.

12 MS. LEON: Improve the language to rotate --

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: Can we say, "Regarding rotation of"?
14 We are not mandating, we are allowing. Okay. And so --
15 okay.

16 MS. LEON: Please, do want to keep this "Seeking
17 current author" or "Seek another bill"?

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: No. Take that off because
19 we --

20 MS. LEON: Okay.

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- the motion is to approve
22 the language.

23 MS. LEON: Okay.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

25 MS. LEON: Okay.

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I think; Commissioner Yee,
2 and Sinay.

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Yee, are you good with
4 this?

5 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes, all good. Thank you.

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Commissioner Sinay.

7 COMMISSIONER SINAY: (No verbal response).

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: She has thumbs up.

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thumbs up. Okay; so any further
10 discussion among Commissioners?

11 Not seeing any. Kristian, could you call for public
12 comment on this, please?

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22 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. We'll wait for the
23 instructions to finish, and a few seconds for folks to
24 dial in.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Those instructions are

1 complete, and there is no one in the queue.

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Okay, Corina, can you proceed
3 with taking the vote?

4 MS. LEON: Sure. Commissioner Ahmad.

5 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yes.

6 MS. LEON: Thank you. Commissioner Akutagawa.

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

8 MS. LEON: Commissioner Andersen.

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

10 MS. LEON: Commissioner Fernandez.

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

12 MS. LEON: Commissioner Fornaciari.

13 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes.

14 MS. LEON: Commissioner Kennedy.

15 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

16 MS. LEON: Commissioner Le Mons.

17 VICE CHAIR LE MONS: Yes.

18 MS. LEON: Commissioner Sadhwani.

19 Commissioner Sinay.

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

21 MS. LEON: Commissioner Taylor.

22 Commissioner Toledo.

23 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yes.

24 MS. LEON: Commissioner Turner.

25 Commissioner Vazquez.

1 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes.

2 MS. LEON: Commissioner Yee.

3 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes.

4 MS. LEON: Okay. It looks good.

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. The special vote passes.

6 Thank you, to the Legislative Affairs Subcommittee
7 for that. Next item?

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: We are not done yet.

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: I saying next item of yours.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Sorry. I know you
11 wish we were done yet, but.

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: No, no. This is important work. I
13 mean, as far as post-mapping work, I think the
14 Legislative work of the Commission is certainly among our
15 most important activity in this phase of our process. So
16 thank you to the subcommittee.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, and thank
18 everyone for supporting us as we move forward. And I
19 just want to give an update on the proposed Legislative
20 changes. That's one of the handouts that we had. Those
21 are the items that we've agreed to move forward.

22 And just a quick update in terms of the reallocation
23 of the state incarcerated people, that did get resolved
24 last year in AB 1848.

25 The second one regarding the reallocation of

1 federally incarcerated people, as of today, we haven't
2 heard back from Senator Padilla's office. We continue to
3 reach out to his office, and his staff, and
4 unfortunately, we haven't had much traction there. We
5 will continue to do that.

6 The third item is empowering the Commission to make
7 grants for prospective work. There wasn't any language
8 passed in the last cycle for us to use for this grant
9 authority, but we're tracking it in the 2023, and there
10 might be a couple of areas that we can piggyback off some
11 of the language, if it passes.

12 The fourth item is exempting the Commission from
13 state procurement and contracting regulations. We're
14 working with our Legislative partners on some of that
15 language, and it looks like what we're coming forward
16 with, potentially, would be that Department of General
17 Services would give priority to future Commissions
18 during -- from inception of the new Commissioners to the
19 final maps, DGS would give priority, in terms of
20 processing any of their contracts. Unless there's some
21 sort of, you know, statewide emergency, health emergency,
22 that would trump that, or I shouldn't say "trump", that
23 would, whatever.

24 Anyway, clarifying what a day is. We just did that.
25 So that's moving forward. So thank you for that.

1 The sixth item was ability to hire outside counsel
2 without the Attorney General's prior approval. So far,
3 we've been unsuccessful in finding an author. I'm
4 thinking this -- we may not be able to go forward with
5 this if we can't find an author. Fortunately, on the
6 flip side of it, the Attorney General's Office has agreed
7 to a thousand free hours to the Commission in terms of
8 their service.

9 And then the last item is what we just voted on, was
10 the language noting: That nothing impedes the Commission
11 from rotating the chair and vice chair.

12 So that's just an update on all of the items.
13 Again, this was posted on the website, so all that
14 information is available to everyone.

15 And then the second spreadsheet that we have out
16 there, is the potential Legislative changes that pretty
17 much just documents our journey for the last year-and-a-
18 half, or two years, or however long it's been, two
19 decades. I'm not sure, Linda, probably it felt like a
20 couple of decades.

21 But really, the only items I've want to draw your
22 attention to is on page 4, is the areas requiring further
23 discussion. The first item there --

24 Oh. Commissioner Sinay, I'm sorry. Did you have a
25 question?

1 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Well, I just wanted and make a
2 statement. Regarding the prison gerrymandering, I think
3 our approach originally was to go through Senator
4 Padilla, and that he could make -- maybe move something
5 nationally. But I wanted you all to know that there is a
6 national movement right now that's really pushing the
7 census, going straight to the census versus to the
8 Legislature.

9 And that the National Council on State Legislatures
10 (sic) has done a report on this, and the Prison Policy
11 Initiative had some feedback on it. And I thought at one
12 point we had a subcommittee that was focused just on the
13 prison gerrymandering piece. And maybe it's time to
14 work, you know, collectively, with those entities that
15 are pushing the census, because it looks like they're
16 having some traction. And I will -- and I just want to
17 leave it at that.

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. Thank you. And I'm
19 part of that Federal Incarcerated Subcommittee. So thank
20 you, Commissioner Sinay.

21 And actually, what we were reaching out to the
22 Senator Padilla's office, we were just trying to find a
23 contact for the Federal Bureau of Prisons, so we could,
24 you know, work directly with them. But it's good
25 information. So if you can forward that to me. That

1 would be greatly appreciated. Thank you so much.

2 Okay. So then we go to the other document regarding
3 potential Legislative changes, page 4. The first item is
4 the earlier start date for Commissioners. We did have
5 a -- Commissioner Akutagawa and I did meet with the new
6 State Auditor on April 14th.

7 And so I will turn it over to Commissioner
8 Akutagawa, to give you a briefing on that meeting.

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. So we didn't have a
10 long meeting. It was scheduled for, you know, a brief --
11 a brief time. It was more of a meet and greet. And what
12 we did talk about is, we first started with sharing our
13 appreciation to the State Auditor for the work. Part of
14 what we wanted them to also know and understand is that
15 we know that there was more work that was conducted by
16 them, and that they were much more involved than I think
17 we were led to believe. And so we wanted to ensure that
18 we did recognize and appreciate the work that the State
19 Auditor's Office did.

20 We also shared with them, based on our Commission's
21 conversations, we shared with them that we, as a
22 Commission, are willing to help or provide support
23 towards, you know, the recruitment, particularly of the
24 2030 Commission. Helping to help do -- work with the
25 State Auditor to ensure that when the 2030 Commission is

1 seated, they will be as best positioned to hit the ground
2 running.

3 And we did offer, you know, just some ideas that we
4 had, but we also made clear that we're going to be taking
5 their lead as well, too.

6 The new State Auditor also mentioned that he is
7 hiring a new Chief of Legislative Affairs. And part of
8 the reason why he mentioned that is that, that is likely
9 the person that we may be coordinating with. It is also,
10 just so that, for the full Commission's understanding,
11 one of the things that we did take away is, we're still a
12 little early in the process for them to start doing
13 anything.

14 But we thought it would be important to share with
15 the new State Auditor, and you know, any of the staff
16 that will be -- you know, will be, later, working with
17 that; you know, we are interested in. So that way, at
18 least we wanted to put that seed.

19 I think, looking at the future, we're probably, you
20 know, at least as Commissioner Fernandez and I are
21 thinking, we are probably going to try to circle back to
22 them around the 2028, I think, time frame, when I think
23 they start to think a little bit more.

24 But right now, it was clear to them and clear to us,
25 that it's a little too early -- a little too soon right

1 now to actually start talking on, you know, what actually
2 will happen.

3 The last thing I want to mention, in terms of the
4 State Auditor, is he did mention that he will -- the
5 State Auditor does take, as it pertains to us
6 particularly, they do take direction from the
7 Legislature.

8 And I think as it relates to, you know, can the
9 new -- the 2030 Commission start earlier. You know,
10 based on the conversations that we've had, and they were
11 also aware of the panel that we had with the potential --
12 or the community-based organizations that we had, asking
13 them about, you know: What's their thought about an
14 earlier start date? What are the considerations that we
15 would need to have? They were aware of that as well too.

16 Right now, I think, because they do also take
17 direction from the Legislature, I think there's also
18 going to be, in the future, some feeling out of the
19 Legislature to see, you know, what their thoughts are
20 around an earlier or slightly, even slightly earlier
21 start date than what is currently mandated by the
22 Constitution.

23 So I think right now, in conclusion, still too
24 early. We had a nice conversation. They are aware of
25 our offer to be helpful in as best the ways they want.

1 And we will be circling back with them. And also we'll
2 continue our conversations with our Legislative partners
3 that we're working with on the legislation. And as it
4 gets closer, we'll also be talking about earlier start
5 dates, and you know, what that might look like. How
6 early is early, so.

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you so much for
8 that important update.

9 Commissioner Andersen.

10 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. Thank you. That was
11 very interesting, actually. The one thing that --
12 because I think this is the only item that we're actually
13 working with the Legislature -- the State Auditor on
14 directly, is training.

15 That's one item, you know, we'd like to get involved
16 in. You know, if there's some training items that the
17 State Auditor will do, which we really think aren't there
18 specifically, I'm talking about administrative training,
19 for the new Commission, which we didn't get any of. And
20 I think that would be very important.

21 I don't know if that is in this process, or where
22 that occurs. Is that just in our Continuity Subcommittee
23 or --

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: (No verbal response).

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: (No verbal response).

1 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I'm getting a couple of nods
2 from that subcommittee. Okay. Thank you very much.

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you, Commissioner
4 Andersen. Commissioner Yee.

5 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. Thank you to the
6 subcommittee, especially for the meeting with the new
7 Auditor. And just to mention so that the 3-R Report, as
8 it currently stands, recommends a four- to six-month
9 earlier start than we had. There's no actually mandated
10 start date. It's only formation by dates.

11 And in our reading, in theory, the Commission could
12 start as early as January 1st, in a (indiscernible) zero
13 year. So we're recommending, basically, sometime between
14 January and March, I guess, as how I would read in our
15 report. But I can understand that the Auditor is really
16 just not ready to think concretely about that.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Yee.

18 Commissioner Sinay.

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Kudos to the subcommittee for
20 meeting with the actual Auditor, the new Auditor. I
21 think that that's just really great that the Auditor, you
22 know, thought enough about us to meet with you directly
23 even if it was early on their time line; so kudos on
24 that.

25 Commissioner Yee brings up something that, of

1 course, isn't from this item, but on the recommendations,
2 I still feel like recommendations are being made in that
3 report, but we haven't all agreed on. So I just -- I do
4 want to bring that up again, because I'm just a little
5 concerned on things that are being put out there as
6 recommendations from the Commission, which haven't
7 necessarily been approved. Because when we have the
8 conversation with the groups and stuff, we said we would
9 discuss that later because we needed to have a longer
10 conversation.

11 So again, I'd like to bring up that, please, if we
12 could have a document that has all the recommendations,
13 and we can see if there's consensus, or just whatever we
14 want to call it. But I'm concerned to have a document
15 out there that says "recommendations", when we haven't
16 all agreed upon them.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you for that. I
18 wanted to go back to the list of -- and I forget whether
19 it's potential, or proposed, and particularly the ability
20 to hire outside counsel without the AG's prior approval,
21 it was number 6 on the list of proposed Legislative
22 changes.

23 And I am understanding, from the subcommittee, that
24 we are looking for an author; and I'm wondering, have we
25 all, as individual Californians, looked at the Committee

1 assignments of our respective Assembly members, and
2 senators, and I'm just wondering if any of us,
3 individually, as a citizen, might have a way in to see,
4 or speak with, an Assembly member, or senator, to see if
5 we might be able to get some traction on this.

6 I mean, to me, this is one of those areas, along
7 with the budget, where our independence, which is
8 supposed to be one of our chief features, is or can
9 theoretically be substantially constrained, unless and
10 until we get this kind of exemption, which is not unusual
11 within the State Government, in that there are other
12 entities in the state that do not require approval from
13 the Office of the Attorney General to hire outside
14 counsel.

15 And again, if we are to be a true Independent
16 Commission, I would advocate that this be one of our top
17 priorities, Legislatively, before the 2030 cohort take
18 office. So just looking for thoughts on that, or if
19 nothing else, again to express my support for
20 prioritizing that issue on the list of proposed
21 Legislative changes. Thank you. Subcommittee?

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Yeah. I mean,
23 if anyone knows, if they can reach out to the
24 Assemblyman, or Assembly member, or Senate member, that
25 would be great. Okay.

1 So moving on; we move on to page 5 of that document
2 that -- items that are still outstanding, one of them is
3 the Commissioner compensation in that one. Back in
4 February we tabled it, since there was a crucial need to
5 get this done right away and it would probably require
6 quite a bit of work. It's deferred to a later date.

7 And then the last item that was added on the list
8 that has yet to be determined which direction it's going
9 to go in, is maintain the website for ten years. And
10 that was at our March 13th meeting. We added it to the
11 list.

12 Right now, the County Board of Supervisors; have the
13 requirement to maintain their redistricting website for
14 ten years. And I know that we -- I don't know if it
15 was -- I can't remember if it was Chair Kennedy, or if it
16 was Chair Taylor, directed the Chief Counsel to review
17 the code language and report back.

18 And I don't know. Tim, did Anthony pass that on to
19 you, that information?

20 COUNSEL TREICHEL: Yeah. Yeah. Yes. Anthony
21 shared that in review of the Election's Code section, he
22 noted that it did specify "maintain at the local level",
23 the "County Board of Supervisors to maintain", that was
24 specified. And also that the legislation was specific to
25 the County Board of Supervisors, the county level, you

1 know, so that is to be considered when trying to cite
2 that legislation, of that code section for the
3 Commission.

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

5 COUNSEL TREICHEL: You're welcome.

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And I did also want to
7 point out that we do -- there is funding in our -- that
8 has been approved, for website and IT maintenance for the
9 next -- because that's ongoing -- so we do have funding
10 in there for that purpose. Whether or not we wanted to
11 go forward and try to get the Legislative change in this
12 area. That's up to the Commission. I don't know if
13 there's discussion on this.

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Andersen.

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Representing the Website
16 Subcommittee, I would really like it, because considering
17 how we have to fight to get the funding, and you know,
18 basically, the IT support that we need to do this, and
19 for precedence. Because, you know, the technology that
20 we have dealt with, you know, is quantum leaps more than
21 the 2010, and the 2030, it's going to be more.

22 You know, and so I really think that that would help
23 us not just be dissolved for three years which,
24 essentially, is what most people, and pretty much, you
25 know, the Department of Finance, believe that we indeed

1 do. If we have a requirement, that we actually must
2 maintain our website for ten years, I think that will
3 only help us.

4 And I mean, help us, just not just: Boy, help us,
5 but it would help the entire Commission moving forward.
6 So I would really like to see that added somewhere.

7 Again, I don't know where that would go in terms of
8 if that's more regulatory I don't -- I'm not quite sure.
9 But yeah, I would like to see that report.

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen. I
11 think in addition to the justification of budget after
12 the initial three-year period, there's also the issue of
13 just general harmonization between the requirements for
14 local redistricting in California, and the requirements
15 for state redistricting.

16 This Commission was established first, when lessons
17 were learned, and I feel like some of those Lessons
18 Learned were incorporated when they -- the legal
19 framework was established for -- or updated for local
20 redistricting in the state.

21 So in essence, local redistricting has benefited,
22 and has leapfrogged over an older legal framework that
23 exists for this Commission. And so to the extent that we
24 can harmonize those legal frameworks, it will, (a) reduce
25 confusion within the state, within the population of

1 California; and (b), also just bring us up to, in some
2 areas, the level that local redistricting achieved on the
3 basis of some early Lessons Learned at the state
4 redistricting level.

5 Commissioner Sinay.

6 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I think what you -- I've been
7 doing a lot of thinking on this, and not just at the --
8 you know, how you have said, harmonize the local with the
9 state, but we -- one of the frustrations we have as one
10 of the first commissions, Independent Redistricting
11 Commission that was created in the country, is that it
12 was an experiment, and something -- you know, ninety-five
13 percent worked really well, there's five percent that --

14 And you hear that when listening in on
15 conversations, because that's what I'm doing for my
16 projects. You know, people say: Well, California was
17 good, except: Don't do this, or don't do that. And you
18 know, so there is also Lessons Learned regarding our
19 Commission, as others are creating Commissions are
20 implementing.

21 And I go back to that question, and that just keeps
22 coming up, when we're looking at the Legislative changes
23 and not -- is, at what point do we make those changes
24 that, yeah, we know people feel that is needed. And
25 we've said we don't want to make a Constitutional change

1 because it's a big -- it's a big lift.

2 But I do want to put it out there that it's not just
3 us who says: Oh, it would be great if it was fifteen
4 people, or it would be great if we had three, three, and
5 three -- you know, or be five, five, five.

6 A lot of the things we are saying; is being said
7 nationally as well. And so I'm not sure if ever we have
8 that conversation of what can we do to harmonize, not
9 just with the state -- I mean, with the local
10 Redistricting Commissions, but nationally, some of those
11 Lessons Learned.

12 And a lot of that is what's going to be discussed at
13 the conference in September, talking with other
14 commissioners nationally. But I just wanted to put it
15 out there that, we're great and -- but a lot was learned
16 by us. And unfortunately, the way we were set up makes
17 it very difficult to change some of the things that could
18 make us even better.

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay. Any
20 further -- anything further from the subcommittee?

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I think that's it.

22 CHAIR KENNEDY: Perfect. We are right on schedule.

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. On this last
24 item, though, are we keeping it on this spreadsheet, or
25 moving it forward? I'm just trying to -- but I think

1 that's probably the last piece of it. Is it something
2 that we're ready to move forward, or we just want to keep
3 on the spreadsheet to discuss at future meetings? That's
4 the only other item that needs to be -- action item for
5 us. Thank you.

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Commissioner Andersen.

7 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. I would like us to
8 move forward. I would like us to take it off -- well,
9 we'll kick it down the road again. I would like to move
10 this forward. I don't know if there's anything --

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

12 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- if I proposed something
13 or -- I don't think we are -- I think just talking about
14 it, moving it on to the other list is what I'd like to
15 do.

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And I do want to mention
17 that we did, we did mention this item to our -- in our
18 Legislative Meetings, our biweekly meetings, and the
19 feedback we received was: Yes, the counties have to
20 maintain a website. But it doesn't mean that they're
21 continually updating it.

22 They're maintaining the data, and the information
23 that they obtained during the redistricting cycle, and
24 that's being maintained. They're not necessarily -- you
25 know, it's not like a, you're continually updating it,

1 making it better, it's stagnant, you've got the
2 information; and that's like the bare requirement.

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Right.

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay.

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: But that's just it. That
6 that is not what happens. If you don't actually
7 maintain, you know, that data, it crashes, because just
8 as you get updates for, you know, every bit of software
9 that comes through: Oh, here's another update. If you
10 don't follow that through, you are not keeping that data.

11 And that is what happened to us. We actually
12 thought: Oh, great, we've got our data, we got our
13 website; but no. And so that's why we need this to be
14 maintained. And it doesn't -- by being maintained and
15 updated, they think: Oh, you're making a brand new
16 website. No. There are many, many different softwares,
17 and changes, even changes with who is hosting it, that
18 you have to go -- then go in, do technical updates just
19 to keep it where it is. It doesn't mean you're creating
20 a new website.

21 And that's where there's a bit of a misnomer here.
22 And what's happened is we've gotten -- we've suffered
23 because of it. And that's why I really want to put this
24 in. Yes, we maintain it all the way through. Or even,
25 even if we then, say, define "maintain". Keep it

1 functional, maintenance -- maintained and functional,
2 maintenance and functionality. But no, I don't know.
3 Does that mean we need to make a motion here, or we just
4 move it forward?

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: How we've done in the past,
6 it's the Chair -- it's at the Chair's discretion based on
7 the feedback. It's how we've moved things forward.

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay, good. Commissioner
9 Fornaciari.

10 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I have something different
11 to talk about, so you can go ahead and finalize this
12 topic.

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Then I would concur with
14 Commissioner Andersen, and ask the subcommittee to
15 proceed with this item.

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. And with that, we're
17 done, I believe. Commissioner Akutagawa, do we have
18 anything else?

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: That's it.

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Commissioner Fornaciari.

21 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. Earlier in the
22 meeting, we talked about potentially entertaining a
23 motion during the Legislative Committee conversation
24 about us writing letters of support to Bagley-Keene --
25 for the Bagley-Keene Bill. Are you open to that at this

1 point, Chair? Or do you want to -- I mean, it's in
2 the -- the Bagley-Keene Committee is in the agenda. So
3 when do we want to address that, sir?

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Let's address that in the final
5 block. I will put that note. And we will get to it
6 later in the day. Since that subcommittee is on the
7 agenda, we'll be able to cover that.

8 Commissioner Andersen.

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Just a quick procedural
10 question. Would that require a special vote; or just a
11 majority?

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: As long as we're not voting specific
13 language that is part of the Government Code Chapter
14 relating to this Commission, my understanding is it would
15 not require special voting. If it is -- if we are
16 proposing specific changes to the Government Code Chapter
17 relating to the Commission, then that does require a
18 special vote. Tim?

19 COUNSEL TREICHEL: I believe that's correct.

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you. Okay. So at this
21 point, we have the Continuity Subcommittee until 12:45
22 when we break for lunch.

23 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Are you nodding at me to
24 go, or?

25 COMMISSIONER SINAY: (No verbal response).

1 CHAIR KENNEDY: Please.

2 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Well, thank you,
3 Commissioner Sinay. I appreciate that. I think I'm just
4 going to -- I can make this pretty simple. I think we --
5 I'm just going to quote Commissioner Akutagawa, and she
6 said something a number of times, you know, and she said,
7 "It's still too early."

8 And I think I mean, a lot of -- if you guys have
9 taken a look at, I can pull it up here -- where are we?
10 Now, I have to find it. Sorry. I had it right here.

11 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Do you want me to do it really
12 quick?

13 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Oh, I've got it.

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay.

15 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: No. That's not it. Maybe
16 you should go. Do you have it handy?

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes. But you did have it up,
18 by the way.

19 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Oh. I did. I thought I
20 had the --

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: That's right.

22 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. Let me try again.

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: But here it is. I got it.

24 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. So you know, this
25 is a sort of map of the next seven years for the

1 Commission. And you know, we spent a lot of time
2 thinking about what the schedule would look like, or what
3 actions need to be taken when. A lot of it revolves
4 around whether or not we're going to -- well, the
5 question revolves around whether or not we're going to
6 propose to move the schedule up.

7 And in just thinking about it and working through
8 it; it seemed to Commissioner Sinay and myself that
9 there's still a lot of questions that needed to be
10 answered, and a lot of support and agreement that we need
11 in order to move the schedule forward.

12 And you heard from the Legislative Committee that,
13 you know, while the Auditor, you know, is open to moving
14 the schedule forward, and will do what the Legislature
15 wants, they're not quite ready to think about it deeply.
16 The Legislature is not quite ready to think about it
17 deeply either.

18 So in that context, we put together this sort of
19 notional schedule about what decisions need to be made
20 when, and so you know, we kind of feel like now the --
21 really what needs to be done it's kind of, you know,
22 continue to work on Legislative changes, update the RFPs,
23 if they're not updated, or needed to be updated, while we
24 still remember, or before we forget.

25 Update the appropriate job descriptions. I know

1 that Anthony updated his job description. Alvaro was
2 supposed to look at his. I'm not sure if that happened.
3 I'm not sure if our other two executive level staff --
4 I'm having a little brain problem here -- updated theirs,
5 but those need to be looked at. You know, really the
6 line drawer, or VRA, or litigation counsel, should be
7 reviewed, and updated if necessary.

8 But just do that now. The appropriate committees
9 can take those on. You know, final --

10 Are Fredy and Mercy, thank you. I appreciate that.

11 You know, finalize the 3-R Committee, and post map
12 or -- oh, that's this. And yes. And then in 2024, this
13 Committee would begin conversation with the complete
14 count. They're going to begin to stand up, and let them
15 know we're interested in working together. That would
16 continue to 2025.

17 So you know, the next couple of years didn't seem
18 like there's a real lot of work going on. I mean, we
19 probably continue with Legislative changes, as needed,
20 but then, you know, begin to ramp back up in 2026
21 because, you know, that's probably when we begin to need
22 to think about what the budget looks like for the
23 preceding year, right.

24 And so you know, we need to -- we would need to
25 decide as a Commission what we want to propose the time

1 line to be, and work with JBLC, and the State Auditor to
2 try to get their concurrence with moving the time line
3 forward. And then work on that what the budget would
4 look like, right, because the State Auditor has to start
5 twenty-four months before the Commission is seated. And
6 so we start in this for the 2027/'28 budget.

7 And then, you know, '27, finalize negotiation with
8 the State Auditor, and in 2028, you know, if we get
9 agreement on that. We're updating the training, support
10 the public education effort, look at civic engagement,
11 technology, and tools, and how we would -- how the next
12 Commission can gather input. You know, and then the
13 selection process would begin, you know, the very
14 earliest, in January of '28.

15 And then '29 prepare training workshops for the
16 Commissioners, help work with -- to prepare the binders,
17 you know, administrative stuff, policies, and these kinds
18 of things that need to be done in '28/'29.

19 But again, I'll just say, you know, we kind of felt
20 it was just too soon to -- that we didn't need to make a
21 decision yet. And the folks who need to support that
22 decision aren't, aren't ready to engage in that
23 conversation anyway.

24 So Commissioner Sinay.

25 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah. I think, yeah, a long

1 time ago, Commissioner Le Mons, and I think it was -- and
2 a few of you had asked us for a seven-year plan. I know
3 we took the long route to kind of get here, but we --
4 everything we did is going to help us later on, the
5 surveys we've done, and the conversations we've had. But
6 here is the seven-year plan we promised you all.

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay. I am
8 going to be ducking out for the next two hours, and
9 handing over to Vice Chair Le Mons. But before I go, I
10 wanted to say that I was contemplating some of this last
11 week, and came up with what might be an interesting
12 approach as far as supporting the 2030 Commission, with
13 recruitment of key staff.

14 And so rather than the approach from last time where
15 the Auditor's Office hosted actual vacancy announcements,
16 and basically presented us with: Okay, here are people
17 who replied to the vacancy announcement that we posted.
18 Or even, you know, the idea of: We've posted it, but if
19 you want to take it down and post another one, you can.

20 My thought was: What if we simply posted a call for
21 expressions of interest, with the body text of that call
22 for expressions of interest being our best guess as to
23 what, you know, might be involved.

24 But it's not a vacancy announcement. It's a call
25 for expressions of interest, to build a list of potential

1 candidates, who would be, you know, an audience to send
2 the vacancy announcement to once the 2030 Commission
3 finalizes the vacancy announcement.

4 So my thinking was: How can we -- how can we give
5 them a leg up without, in any way, interfering with their
6 independence?

7 So I just wanted to put that on the table. I'll see
8 you all, hopefully, in two hours.

9 And Commissioner Le Mons, take it away.

10 VICE CHAIR LE MONS: All right.

11 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Commissioner Le Mons, can I
12 respond as to what --

13 VICE CHAIR LE MONS: Sure.

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- Commissioner Kennedy said?

15 VICE CHAIR LE MONS: Of course.

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thanks. Obviously, you know,
17 one of the things that we purposely have done is, we're
18 not going to have these discussions deeply until later on
19 because there're different pieces. But we do want those
20 ideas, those creative ideas; that allows Commissioner
21 Fornaciari and I to do research. And when we're ready to
22 actually make decisions, we'll be able to look at the
23 different options.

24 So any time you wake up in the middle of the night
25 and have an idea like that, feel free to send it over to

1 Commissioner Fornaciari, or I. You can't send it to both
2 of us, because then it would be a meeting, but either one
3 of us, and we'll collect them. We are keeping a good
4 file of these things.

5 The other piece I wanted to correct is, at the top
6 two letters had dropped out. It should say, "A staff
7 work plan still needs to be created," not "Not a 'sta'
8 work plan." So I apologize for that.

9 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. But if you wake up
10 in the middle of the night, wait until the morning to
11 send your ideas. Thank you.

12 VICE CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you. Anything else,
13 Commissioner Fornaciari and Commissioner Sinay?

14 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Commissioner Andersen
15 looks like she has a question.

16 VICE CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Andersen.

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you. Yeah, this is
18 great. I really like, you know, you kind of put all the
19 pieces, and kind of gave a location, which is really
20 wonderful. I just want to add a couple of items in
21 the -- you know, the RFPs, and the job description for
22 right now. The data manager, the line drawing, those we
23 can kind of have a look at now. It's kind of a waste of
24 time, though, to update it, because all the technology
25 will be out of date.

1 So those actually need to be moved to like --
2 actually probably '27. And the reason I'm saying that
3 is, say you have some of these ideas, begin to explore
4 the technology tools, is DGS, because to do any of this,
5 you know there's -- you know, several months if you need
6 to hire anyone to actually look at any of the stuff.

7 So I'm thinking the -- you know, an IT manager, we
8 need to write that job description, and those items for
9 the RFPs will move forward. And I'm thinking, we have it
10 done in '28 for looking at those items. I think that
11 would be really early-'28, or possibly late-'27 depending
12 on, as we've already mentioned, the early start date.

13 So I just want to kind of bring those up in terms of
14 those items will require more lead time than they did get
15 before.

16 VICE CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Commissioner
17 Andersen.

18 Commissioner Sinay.

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And just to respond. We
20 strongly encourage everybody, all subcommittees, to look
21 at job descriptions and RFPs now, because there may be
22 pieces, and you will also see that we bring them up
23 again, to review again in -- right in 2029, because
24 things may not make sense anymore. And there's research
25 that we will need to talk to the state, because there

1 will be all sorts of changes.

2 So we completely understand that there'll be
3 changes, but we want to make sure that we capture the
4 best of our memory now, even though it's already been two
5 years, and we might be late, but we strongly encourage
6 everybody to do it both times.

7 VICE CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you. Are there any other
8 questions or comments on this topic?

9 So we are coming up on our break in just a bit.
10 Well, actually, we have about ten minutes. We could go
11 into our next subcommittee report from Admin and Finance
12 if we could get started there and then continue --

13 I'm sorry. Commissioner Sinay, did you have a
14 comment?

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Just a quick question. Do we
16 need -- do we have consensus on this? Does it matter? I
17 don't know what the -- what do we need to do,
18 procedurally, right now?

19 VICE CHAIR LE MONS: With regard to.

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: To the seven-year plan.

21 VICE CHAIR LE MONS: And what, what are you needing?
22 What is the subcommittee needing, as it relates to the
23 seven-year plan? Can you give me some more context for
24 your question?

25 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Does it seemed like a good

1 idea? I mean, does this look okay, to folks? I mean, I
2 guess, is what we're thinking. Patricia -- I mean,
3 Commissioner Sinay?

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah. Just to help people --
5 just to help the other subcommittees, when thinking of
6 budgets, and all that stuff. That's why the seven-year
7 plan was asked for. And so we just want to make sure
8 that everybody feels like, okay, it's making sense for
9 right now. We understand it's a moving target, but just
10 that we, as a subcommittee, and other subcommittees,
11 we're all looking at the same work plan, as we're moving
12 forward and also the work plan that needs to be created
13 for staff.

14 VICE CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioners? Commissioner
15 Andersen.

16 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. I'm sorry. My
17 comments were, except for pulling when you have to review
18 all updated RFPs in '29, that's too late for the IT
19 manager, the data manager, line drawing, those need to be
20 moved up to '28, and the begin to explore, again for
21 those items, the need from '28 to go up to '27. So with
22 those exceptions, I'd say, yeah, that's a great idea.
23 Oh. And add in "IT manager" under Job Descriptions.

24 VICE CHAIR LE MONS: Other Commissioner feedback?
25 Commissioner Akutagawa.

1 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I think, so just to ask the
2 question, I'm figuring that this is kind of like, in an
3 ideal world kind of situation or scenario, right.
4 Because obviously, you know, I heard Commissioner
5 Fornaciari say, it's a little too soon, still. So you
6 know, I'm going to figure that there will be adjustments
7 that will be made. Okay. I just wanted to make sure.

8 The other question I have for the committee --
9 subcommittee is: Can I figure that what you have here is
10 not necessarily that you, the subcommittee, has to do all
11 this work, but this is just, generally, what the
12 Commission --

13 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Oh, yes.

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. I just wanted to, I
15 think, clarify that. So okay, good; otherwise, you'd be
16 very, very busy, just the two of you.

17 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So I guess, Chair Le Mons,
18 I guess the other thing is, you know, if there's general
19 agreement that, you know, now is a good time to review
20 the RFPs and the job descriptions, you know, I think that
21 those appropriate subcommittees that put the RFPs
22 together would take ownership in reviewing those RFPs,
23 and then --

24 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Uh-huh. We would to
25 (indiscernible).

1 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- you know, I would -- it
2 seems to me that, you know, we have a -- the Executive
3 Director, the Chief Counsel, the Outreach Director, the
4 Communications Director, the IT manager, job descriptions
5 need to be just looked at. And so I guess for the ED
6 maybe it's the Finance Committee, I guess. And Chief
7 Counsel, maybe the Legal Committee can take a look at it.

8 I'm not sure. Maybe for the Outreach Director, and
9 the Communications Director, the Outreach Committee can
10 look at that; and then the Website Committee, maybe the
11 IT manager.

12 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

13 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: And if that makes sense,
14 then I'd just like to ask those folks on those committees
15 to review those for us before, maybe before the next
16 meeting, if possible.

17 Does that seem reasonable, Chair?

18 VICE CHAIR LE MONS: I think each subcommittee, and
19 it looks like I'm getting general nods that those
20 subcommittee members are open to that. I think some
21 subcommittees probably have priorities currently in their
22 queue that may or may not make this particular task. So
23 I think I would leave that to their discretion. But in
24 terms of general assignment of the review to the
25 respective subcommittees, I would definitely support.

1 And then, whether or not there's any objection to
2 being able to have that done by the next meeting, based
3 on other things that are being worked on, that would be
4 my only caveat.

5 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. I mean, I don't
6 think it's critical that they be done by the next
7 meeting. It's just, just want to make sure that we, you
8 know, had appropriate belly buttons assigned to the
9 different -- the different things.

10 VICE CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. Fair enough. Thank you,
11 Commissioner Fornaciari. So yeah, so what we'll do is
12 have each of the committees that would be responsible for
13 the various areas, review those job descriptions
14 associated with their area for report back at our next
15 meeting, if time permits, based on your other priorities.

16 Does that feel okay there, everyone? Commissioner
17 Andersen.

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Oh. The one item is, of
19 course, where are we going to get them? Because, you
20 know, are they -- I know most of them have been taken
21 down. And I just don't quite know where one would locate
22 all of the job descriptions.

23 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I mean, Corina could
24 (indiscernible) --

25 VICE CHAIR LE MONS: Corina, is Corina still with

1 us. I don't see Corina with us right now. But we'll
2 check in with her and see if she has -- thank you for
3 raising that, Commissioner Andersen; check in with her
4 and see if she has access to those in some type of an
5 archive that we may have. And then we can identify which
6 ones are available, and if there are ones that need to be
7 sought out.

8 Any other thoughts or concerns regarding this?

9 I see none. What we'll do is go on and break for
10 lunch. We're going to break in about three minutes.
11 We'll break a little bit earlier for lunch. And then we
12 come back from lunch, we will start with the Admin and
13 Finance Committee. Is that all right?

14 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: (No verbal response).

15 VICE CHAIR LE MONS: All right. Well, you have one
16 hour and three minutes for your lunch. So see you back
17 at 1:45.

18 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 12:42 p.m.
19 until 1:45 p.m.)

20 VICE CHAIR LE MONS: Welcome back, everyone. I'm
21 Commissioner Le Mons, vice chair of today's meeting.

22 We're not going to -- I hope everyone had a
23 wonderful lunch. Let's move into our next subcommittee
24 report, which would be from Finance and Administration.

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Neal is taking his

1 time. Yeah, you're on mute. How convenient.

2 We did post the report. I think it's called the
3 Legislative Report, I'm not exactly sure. So that's the
4 report that we are required -- that the Commission is
5 required to submit to the Legislature, and also a copy to
6 Finance, and also posted on our website.

7 And it's not super long. We tried to keep it as
8 short as possible. We kept it to the very minimum in
9 terms of what's required that we produce.

10 And there're three areas that the report has to
11 include: One is the actual cost on the Commission's
12 operations. Up to the adoption of the final set of maps,
13 the second one is the actual costs incurred after the
14 adoption of the final maps. And then the third one is
15 the actual cost due to the delay of the census data that
16 impacted -- that was impacted as a result of COVID
17 pandemic.

18 And so that's what we have forward here for you to
19 review. We do want you to know that the numbers may
20 change somewhat based on -- as we receive additional
21 information, and expenditure information from the fiscal
22 reporting system.

23 So Terri and Corina have helped us put this
24 together, and tried to forecast what some of those
25 expenditures would be to the end of this fiscal year.

1 And so what we're hoping -- but I'm not sure if
2 we'll be able to do it, Neal, because I don't know if we
3 have a quorum -- or not a quorum, but enough for a
4 vote -- is to get to the point where we can at least
5 approve the language, and the format, and finalize this,
6 because it is due by June 30th of 2023.

7 Neal?

8 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. I think that that
9 covers it. Just a little footnote; we had to -- one of
10 the things we had to do was kind of talk about, or
11 estimate what the cost for the COVID delay was. And so
12 we spent a lot of time with Alvaro kind of talking about
13 it, and what does that look like? How are we going to
14 define it? It was you know -- it was kind of hard
15 because there was never, you know, a time where we just
16 weren't actually doing Commission work.

17 But what we came up with it that we felt made the
18 most sense was, you know, the delay was four-and-a-half
19 months, so we chose the time from mid-December through
20 April, because that was after we had hired the executive
21 staff, but then before we really started staffing up big
22 time for, you know, our public input, and our mapping
23 exercise.

24 So we thought that four-and-a-half month period
25 would be most representative of the time that -- of the

1 time for the COVID delay, because, again, we did delay
2 hiring through that time. But we have been staffed up,
3 which is what we would have had to have done anyway, so.

4 Commissioner Sinay.

5 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I was hoping for just -- the
6 purpose of this report is just looking back, or are we
7 trying to make any case for the future? That's my first
8 one?

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: The purpose of the report
10 is to provide the actual expenditures for the, I guess,
11 the first three years. We did put some information in
12 there in terms of, if there were areas that we were
13 significantly lower as, like for travel, our costs would
14 be completely different had we -- had everyone had to
15 travel to every meeting, so we tried to highlight a few
16 of those. But the purpose of the report; and it's very
17 clear as to what we have to do, we have to report actual
18 costs.

19 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: And yeah, the Legislature
20 is going to use this information as a projection for next
21 time around. And so that's why we included, you know,
22 the bit of the narrative about, you know what, we didn't
23 spend money on that we would have spent money on, most
24 notably, you know, meeting expenses that we would have
25 had, had we had our meetings live.

1 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And so that, so kind of, I feel
2 like you both gave me two different answers. And that's
3 where I was kind of confused, because I was -- I
4 understand that it's an accurate picture, but it's going
5 to be used for 2030, and therefore, there's some
6 narrative. And so one of my questions was, since we've
7 been talking about adding three to six months, we're not
8 sure, do we need to add that in the narrative, just so we
9 start planting those seeds for the future.

10 On table 2, did we want to add a -- because we make
11 the argument that we requested the money. It took a long
12 time to get it. So I was just wondering if we wanted to
13 include a column that said when we requested the -- when
14 we requested the funds, because we have, you know, kind
15 of -- I think that was my question.

16 And then I got a really -- what's OE&E, I know you
17 probably had told us before, but I forgot.

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: It's operating expenses and
19 equipment, so it's everything else that doesn't fit into
20 the categories that we have.

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Nonpersonnel?

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right.

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. Well, okay, I get it. I
24 was just like, I guess, like, wracking my brain going:
25 Okay, I have to figure this out. So thank you.

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Uh-huh.

2 VICE CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay.
3 Does the Committee have the response for Commissioner
4 Sinay, with regard to the request date column potential;
5 and other thoughts from other Commissioners?

6 Commissioner Fernandez.

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I mean, we could add that
8 column. I think what we're just trying to show is that
9 it should have been available July 1st, and it wasn't
10 until, like for one of them, the Budget Act of 2021, but
11 it wasn't released until November. We could go back and
12 try to dig up those dates.

13 VICE CHAIR LE MONS: Is that sufficient,
14 Commissioner Sinay, to your thought with regard to the
15 request date?

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I guess my thought was that
17 they could say: Well, when did you request it? And so by
18 just putting in that column of when we requested it, it
19 just makes it very clear that we were on top of it, it
20 wasn't on us. But I definitely support whatever the
21 subcommittee and others want.

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And then, I'm sorry,
23 Commissioner Sinay, you also mentioned if we should add
24 like a three to six months. I don't think at this point
25 it's appropriate to add that into this report because

1 that really -- that's really out of our control, and it
2 does not impact our expenditures. And the report is
3 supposed to be just what our expenditures were for the
4 first three years.

5 VICE CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Andersen.

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you, Chair. Yes. The
7 one thing I wanted to ask is, part of the line drawing
8 contract we had with them was, they were supposed to keep
9 track of what they considered to be costs due to the
10 COVID delay. And did you get those numbers from the line
11 drawing?

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: No. We just did the
13 expenditures from -- whatever the expenditures were from
14 mid-December to the end of April, that's the expenditures
15 that we used for the COVID. So if there were some
16 invoices from the line drawer or any of our contractors
17 during that time; that would be included.

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. Mid-December, which
19 December was that?

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Mid-December of 2020 to, at
21 the end of April 2021.

22 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay.

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And as Commissioner
24 Fornaciari said, we picked that time frame because that's
25 when we had our Executive Team was up and running. But

1 prior to hiring like, the Outreach, and really up and
2 fully staffing the Commission, it's kind of like that
3 little holding spot, period.

4 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. Unfortunately, that
5 that will be accurate as far as the -- that's when a lot
6 of the IT was being done, put together, attempting to be
7 put together as far as the data going, the data
8 management type, and the line drawers were drug into
9 that, which was not originally part of their contract.

10 So that's kind of a little bit like in the 2010
11 Commission, the line drawing had -- there's a huge
12 additional amount because they end up having to do the
13 VRA, which was not included in their contract.

14 And this time around, the line drawers also
15 participated in creating the -- helping us create the
16 data management, which was not originally -- coordination
17 was included, but not the amount that they needed to do
18 to help us get there, because there's a gap that --

19 Again, it's not expense that we spent, but it will
20 be expenditure for the 2030 in terms of, we spent money
21 for its under quote "line drawing" that I'm afraid is
22 being discounted, that will be spent for the 2030 as far
23 as an IT manager. So I don't know how we account for
24 that difference. The IT --

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Table 3, shows the

1 information in terms of line drawing contract was -- what
2 some of those contracts were, so I would hope that the
3 Legislature, in the future, takes a look at how much the
4 totals were for some of those contracts.

5 Again, there's not going to be a perfect set of
6 four-and-a-half months that we can pick. This is just
7 the time period that we felt was most appropriate in
8 terms of trying to figure out what that additional four-
9 and-a-half months of delay during the -- before we drew
10 the final maps. So we didn't want to pick --

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: And so I -- yeah.

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: We didn't want to pick the
13 months where we were all up and running and fully staffed
14 because that would not be representative of the delay.

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Right.

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Because up and running,
17 fully staffed, that's what every Commission is going --
18 every set of Commissioners are going to need.

19 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Right. So I just want to
20 clarify. You actually took the full amount within those
21 four months and said: Oh, well, that was extra? I mean,
22 because that's not accurate --

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, we took the full --

24 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- accurate maybe.

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- we took the full four-

1 and-a-half months, mid-December to end of April, whatever
2 the expenditures were for those -- that time period,
3 that's what we used as COVID.

4 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. But the --

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: As COVID related, or census
6 data delay, however you want to say.

7 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: A bunch of that work we
8 wouldn't have had to just cram into the other time. So I
9 think that is a little overly conservative on how much it
10 cost us -- for what was only due to COVID. But I know
11 you have to pick something.

12 VICE CHAIR LE MONS: You know, I'd say, Commissioner
13 Andersen, if you have -- if you want to put forward a
14 better formula that you think more accurately depicts the
15 task, because I think to Commissioner -- the
16 Subcommittee's point, unless we have any objections to
17 the approach they took, and then can offer -- the
18 approach, number one, that we find the approach
19 problematic. If there are Commissioners that find that
20 the approach was problematic, let's address that.

21 If you have an alternative approach that you think
22 accurately gets to the task with regard to the COVID
23 delay, then please offer that. Because we're going to
24 have to pick some approach, right? And so I think we
25 could go back and forth about whether that captures every

1 single penny, and so on, and so forth, which is not one
2 to be realistic.

3 So I just asked all Commissioners, if you have a
4 germane -- if you have an objection that's germane to the
5 approach used, let's discuss that. And if you have a
6 recommendation for a better formula or approach, you
7 think can get more accurately to the information, please
8 put that forward.

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. Thank you for that,
10 Commissioner Le Mons. I'm definitely going to have a
11 look back at the line drawing and see if there's -- if it
12 should be proportioned differently, and some other
13 portions. So thank you. I will forward that to the
14 subcommittee.

15 VICE CHAIR LE MONS: Awesome.

16 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So can I just --

17 VICE CHAIR LE MONS: Yes, please jump in,
18 Commissioner Fornaciari.

19 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes. So I'm sorry,
20 Commissioner Andersen, I'm not -- we didn't have a line
21 drawn contract at that point; so there's not contract
22 costs in this, right. This is staff costs, Commissioner
23 per diem, meeting costs, and OE&E. I mean, if the
24 Statewide Database was supporting the definition of the
25 data, I mean, they were doing it on their dime, right?

1 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Good question. Yes. Yes,
2 they were as far as -- let's see -- I can't remember. I
3 have to look at the dates in terms of when, we were
4 writing, though, that was the bulk of the time when we
5 were writing the RFP for the line drawing. And so
6 clearly, we were doing a lot of work at that point.

7 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Right, right. Everyone, I
8 mean, all of us were doing a lot of work. But you know,
9 just wasn't clear that we could come up with a kind of
10 formula for backing that out, you know, the work. I
11 mean, yeah you're right, in some ways the work -- some of
12 the work that we did was going to have to be done anyway.
13 So yeah, I mean -- but there's no contract cost in this.
14 I just want to be clear.

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. Yeah, I don't recall
16 when the contract started. So as I said, I'll get back
17 and forward what I think would be a little more helpful,
18 if at all.

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. And thanks for that,
20 Commissioner Andersen. If you look at what the
21 Legislature appropriated 3.6 million for COVID-related,
22 and what we're seeing we spent of that 3.6 was 1.3
23 million. So we were way under what they estimated. I
24 think really is kind of like the bare bones, because
25 although we were -- we did have quite a bit going on in

1 terms of Commissioners and subcommittee, we didn't have a
2 lot of contracts at that point, or very few, if at all.
3 And I just think that is a good way -- a good time period
4 to reflect those costs.

5 VICE CHAIR LE MONS: Chair Kennedy.

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thanks. You know, the (audio
7 interference) as not what I would come up with, in the
8 first trying to (audio interference) --

9 VICE CHAIR LE MONS: Chair Kennedy? Chair Kennedy,
10 Chair Kennedy your connection is --

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes.

12 VICE CHAIR LE MONS: -- really garbled. It's very
13 difficult to understand what you're saying.

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

15 VICE CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. Can you --

16 CHAIR KENNEDY: I was saying that that's --

17 VICE CHAIR LE MONS: Continue.

18 CHAIR KENNEDY: That's good?

19 VICE CHAIR LE MONS: Hmm?

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: Initially I wasn't a fan of this
21 approach, but (audio interference) it the more I
22 understood the rationale behind it. And the one other
23 thing that I would say is, the Legislature receives the
24 report and has questions about the approach. So I
25 understand once it gets done, I (audio interference) the

1 rationale for approaching it this way, and if the
2 Legislature has questions.

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Kennedy, tell
4 me if I kind of understood you. You said initially you
5 weren't okay with it, but then after the rationale, you
6 kind of understood it. And then you said if the
7 Legislature has any questions, they can ask for follow
8 up.

9 Oh, did I lose him? I lost -- oh, he's here.

10 VICE CHAIR LE MONS: Yeah, that was the gist of what
11 he said, Commissioner Fernandez.

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay, I think that's -- I
13 don't want to put words in his mouth, but from what I
14 could get.

15 VICE CHAIR LE MONS: Yeah. He said he wasn't
16 originally a fan.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Uh-huh.

18 VICE CHAIR LE MONS: Once he understood the
19 rationale, the rationale makes sense. And more
20 importantly, the Legislature can ask questions if they
21 have questions about the report. Those were two key
22 points.

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

24 VICE CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Sinay.

25 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I'm good with the approach. I

1 get it. I get what you were doing. But what I found
2 kind of funny was, you know, yes, we all did a ton of
3 work, because we didn't have staff. And if we would have
4 had staff during that time, the price would have been
5 higher than we, the Commissioners, doing the work.

6 And so it's kind of a chicken and egg. But I just
7 wanted to put that out there, that the number -- I mean,
8 that's what it is, and we need to give them a number,
9 right? And so they probably -- their estimate came that
10 we would have staff, but there is that question of; we
11 did it not because we -- well, we did it because we
12 didn't have staff, and it still needed to get done.

13 VICE CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Fornaciari.

14 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, I think,
15 Commissioner Sinay, that's a great point. Yeah, the
16 Commissioners, themselves, did a lot of work that that
17 staff would have been doing had we had staff on board.

18 And Commissioner Andersen, my notes, from last
19 meeting, show that the line drawing contract was placed
20 in mid-March.

21 VICE CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you. Any additional
22 comments, questions, concerns with regard to the Finance
23 Administration report?

24 Commissioner Yee.

25 COMMISSIONER YEE: Think you, Chair -- Vice Chair.

1 Yeah. I love the report. I love how clear, and concise,
2 and complete it looks, which I know reflects a lot of
3 work to get it in that kind of shape. So thank you to
4 the subcommittee.

5 And so I'd love to drop the whole thing into the RRR
6 report whenever it's ready for that. So just let us
7 know, hopefully the next three weeks when it's ready to
8 be placed. Thanks.

9 VICE CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. Any additional items
10 from the Finance and Administration Subcommittee?

11 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, it doesn't -- we
12 don't have a -- we don't have the folks for a vote at
13 this point.

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Huh-uh.

15 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So we'll have to do that
16 next time. And we'll take a look at Commissioner Sinay's
17 suggestions. I just want to follow up and say, you know,
18 we've been going -- working with the Department of
19 Finance for our next -- budget for the next several
20 years, and we don't have a resolution to that at this
21 point. We're still waiting.

22 They've asked some questions, and we've responded,
23 and we haven't heard. So hopefully we'll know before
24 next meeting. So we will keep you up to date on that.

25 I didn't know. Commissioner Fernandez, is there

1 anything else?

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Just, Tim, a quick
3 question. If we vote on this report, does it have to be
4 a supermajority, or can it just be a majority?

5 COUNSEL TREICHELDT: That, I'm not sure on that. The
6 report, let me just think, as I advise the Chair, that
7 unless it was a Government Code item, it didn't require a
8 supermajority. Is what I recall, the advice I gave. So
9 this report is not a Government Code item; is that
10 correct?

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: The report is required when
12 the funding -- for the funding of a Budget Act.

13 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: But when is it in the
14 Budget Act to require this report?

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right.

16 COUNSEL TREICHELDT: So the Budget Act; I don't know.
17 I can't say for sure. And I have to do some analysis.
18 Of course, the safe thing is to have a supermajority.
19 But let me just do some research and I'll try to get back
20 to you as soon as possible.

21 VICE CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Counsel.

22 COUNSEL TREICHELDT: Thank you.

23 VICE CHAIR LE MONS: We can always circle back once
24 we get that answer this afternoon before we close the
25 meeting during -- for the subcommittee reports. When is

1 the deadline for the report to be submitted?

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: By June 30th, we have to do
3 it.

4 VICE CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. So that gives us, based
5 on what our tentative scheduling is, it takes us right up
6 to the wire. So we'll wait to hear back from Tim, and
7 make a determination.

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

9 VICE CHAIR LE MONS: You're welcome. Any other
10 comments, or discussion for the Finance and
11 Administration Subcommittee; okay?

12 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I don't think so; nothing
13 else, Commissioner?

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: (No verbal response).

15 VICE CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. Thank you. So let's
16 move on to the Acceleration and Deferred Senate Districts
17 Subcommittee.

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. That's Commissioner
19 Yee and myself.

20 COMMISSIONER YEE: Go ahead, yeah.

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: And I'll let Commissioner
22 Yee sort of give us the rundown. But this was,
23 basically, did we want to include -- having the 2030
24 Commission go ahead and do that additional step to create
25 the map of the accelerated and deferred areas.

1 And I'm going to have Paul Mitchell, who is one of
2 our -- our geographer, data analyst, show us what that
3 would look like. What we're proposing to put on our
4 website.

5 MR. MITCHELL: Thanks, Commissioner Andersen. Are
6 you ready now? Do you need to pull it up right now?

7 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes, please.

8 MR. MITCHELL: Okay. Let's see, share screen. All
9 right, Commissioner. So this is a new -- you know, it's
10 the same as our original map that I made using our
11 existing license, except all of this map and the datasets
12 now reside on the California Geoportal.

13 And Commissioner Andersen, it's noting this layer
14 right here is what has been added. So this shows the
15 accelerated areas, and the deferred areas. You can zoom
16 in and interact with the dataset just as, you know, how
17 the previous map worked. When you click on it you can
18 see what this area is, unlike the map that is on the
19 Geoportal, to address this from the Department of
20 Technology. This does not include the names of the
21 representatives, or any other information, and so it's
22 pretty sparse.

23 And then also -- I'll leave this up here -- in
24 meeting with Commissioners Andersen and Yee, we came up
25 with, you know, some blurbs that we wanted to include on

1 the site, and I was able to squeeze those in with this
2 Information tab 2. Primarily, this link here, through
3 this text, when we click on here, this sends us to the
4 actual Senate page, giving some more information.

5 Let's see, let me go back now. And again, this map
6 will be embedded in the site. And so there's opportunity
7 to include other bits of text in there, too.

8 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. So this will,
9 basically, be on our Final Maps page, because right now
10 it looks very much -- very similar to what we have in
11 there. Our license for that, our actual web Map Viewer
12 has already expired, or just about to. And we are now
13 storing all the stuff on what's called the Statewide --
14 the Geoportal. But Paul has created a little,
15 essentially a widget, or something to grab, but we need
16 and want, and it will be tucked into our little portal
17 area on our website page from our maps.

18 And you can see here, the text might look a little
19 small, but this actually gives you more details about
20 what happens with the Senate between these two, and then
21 four years, right at the beginning of the zero year
22 through, you know, two and then four.

23 And so it to give basically -- and this can go up,
24 virtually, like a week after our maps come out, which
25 will get everybody, all the public, access to what areas

1 would be affected, which has not happened now. It's over
2 a year. Actually, the maps don't even come out, I think
3 even before the election, before any maps are really
4 there. And this does not have any political info with
5 it. It's literally just the land areas. So that's what
6 we propose.

7 MR. MITCHELL: Yeah. And again, Commissioner, this
8 was kind of a little bonus to be able to squeeze all this
9 information into the web map. So I think the majority of
10 the text would be best, you know, treated in that -- on
11 the actual page.

12 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Perfect. Thank you, Paul.
13 Any questions? Commissioner Fernandez.

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I tried to read quickly,
15 Paul, but I tried my best.

16 MR. MITCHELL: Also it was not that big.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: It was small, and I tried
18 to get closer and closer to the screen, and it just
19 wasn't happening. But that's okay. That's all right.

20 So I think -- thank you for doing this. Again this
21 is great. I also feel like if we choose to move in this
22 direction, there also needs to be some information,
23 because it's one thing to show the areas that are
24 impacted by this deferred versus accelerated, but then
25 the second piece to that is, so what's going to be done

1 with that, right? And that's not our responsibility.

2 That's on the Senate -- I forget what they're called.

3 But they're the ones that are responsible. So it's

4 almost like, we can put it up there, but we're going to

5 get calls because we have it up there, and I know we're

6 getting calls, we got calls this time around as well.

7 But they want to know: Okay, so who is representing me?

8 So I think there might have to be --

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- there should be some

11 more information that refers them to the Senate; what's

12 it called? Russell -- Commissioner Yee would know --

13 that actually makes the decision as to which area is

14 going to be represented by which Senator, right?

15 COMMISSIONER YEE: It's the Senate Rules Committee.

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Senate Rules Committee,

17 that's what they're called, yeah. So there has --

18 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. They have to know.

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: There has to be there has

20 to be some sort of a deferral to them, because they are

21 the ones that are ultimately responsible to make that

22 decision, not us. And so the calls need to go there, not

23 with us. And maybe that will pressure them to, you know,

24 be a little quicker with their determinations.

25 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Actually, it does. Those

1 references take you back to those pages. So it
2 basically, you're going: Oh. So if you look at that
3 info, where it says, "And for information, go here" and
4 it takes you directly to those Senate pages in terms
5 of -- so basically, that's where a person would go to
6 realizing: Oh. Okay. That's good. And it takes to
7 their blurbs, their explanation of what's happening. And
8 it doesn't really say when, but who's in charge. So
9 that's where we kind of -- we basically point a finger
10 where they're supposed to go.

11 COMMISSIONER YEE: And that's the best we can do
12 because, you know, it takes some time to make those
13 assignments, can take them over a year. So I think we
14 just -- you know, we'll just have to take the calls, you
15 know, and tell people to log on to the Senate site. It's
16 about the best we can do.

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: But it did help in that -- I
18 mean, it will really help in that they'll know who is
19 affected, who isn't affected.

20 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes. Yes.

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Because originally that was
22 what they had no clue, no idea at all. And then they
23 knew like: Oh. Okay, so I do have to look at this
24 election that's coming up. And it isn't until after the
25 first election that you have the names and populate that

1 anyway.

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: So can I continue with my
3 question?

4 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Oh. I'm sorry. I thought
5 you were.

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: No, no, no, no. I was
7 done. But now it leads to more stuff, right? And I
8 apologize. You probably already said this, Paul. So you
9 drew the maps based on our -- you drew the deferred and
10 accelerated areas based on our final maps, right?

11 And Commissioner Andersen, are you proposing that we
12 post that up now?

13 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Oh, yeah.

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Or just for future?

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: No. No.

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. And is there -- are
17 we confident that that's correct, that those deferral and
18 accelerated maps are accurate? That's my only concern.
19 Thank you.

20 MR. MITCHELL: Yes. Commissioner Fernandez, they
21 certainly are correct, it's a bloc-based geography and
22 it's a pretty straightforward kind of overlay procedure.
23 Just like those, kind of anatomy textbooks where you have
24 the transparencies that you lay over. And so that's
25 literally what I did with the districts in this case.

1 The initial test I've used actually just the
2 district boundaries. But then I had an attributed
3 dataset of the census blocs too, so then it's detailed
4 down to the bloc level, in other words.

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. So yes, it is.

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

7 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: You know, it's wonderful to
8 have an expert that you can say: Hey, can you do this for
9 us? And he did.

10 MR. MITCHELL: Well, I see a little -- I see a few
11 of the errors in there, too. It's funny, I had gone back
12 to compare at one point to the dataset that the Geoportal
13 has posted, because there are a few random blocs, you
14 know, that were missed in the actual delineating process.
15 And those appear, and I could see where they had, you
16 know, edited them out.

17 I think some folks aren't confused when they zoom in
18 and see those random one or two, you know, blocs, like a
19 floodplain bloc might show up, things like that in there.
20 So I followed suit with what the state has -- sorry not
21 state -- but the Department Technology has on Geoportal.

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Great.

23 MR. MITCHELL: I feel I should also add,
24 Commissioner Fernandez, just some follow up to your first
25 question there, because I -- I kind of lost track, when I

1 said "map", and you guys disappeared on there; but I
2 should have clicked through on the Senate page, it has
3 that address locator within there.

4 So if you're on the site, I mean, on our map, you
5 click onto that link to the Senate page, and then at the
6 bottom of that page is the Address Locator link, that
7 allows then, you know, the public or anybody to go on
8 there, put in your address and see, you know, who your
9 representative should be, or who you need to refer to, to
10 find.

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Great. So I have nothing
12 else. Commissioner Yee.

13 COMMISSIONER YEE: No. That's all. Great work by
14 Paul.

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Great work by Paul.

16 MR. MITCHELL: All right. Thank you.

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Oh. I'm sorry. Except that
18 we think our work is done, and we can sunset our
19 subcommittee.

20 VICE CHAIR LE MONS: All right. Sunsetting, done.
21 Thank you, Commissioners Yee and Andersen, for your work
22 in this committee. We appreciate it.

23 With that, we're right on time; we do need to go
24 into Closed Session on our Personnel matter. And we'll
25 step away, and be back at 3 o'clock, after going into

1 Closed Session.

2 (Whereupon, a Closed Session was held from 2:30
3 p.m. until 3:31 p.m.)

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Good afternoon, everyone. Thank you
5 for your patience during our Closed Session. We are back
6 from that. The only action that was taken during the
7 Closed Session was to form a new subcommittee on
8 Management Oversight to discuss some issues as far as how
9 we move forward with our staff. That subcommittee will
10 report to us at our June meeting.

11 At this point, I wanted to open it up. Folks have
12 had, I guess, access to the Triple-R report, the Lessons
13 Learned report, and there are key recommendations in each
14 chapter of the body, I believe.

15 Just wanted to get any input that colleagues have at
16 this point, so that Commissioner Yee and I can take those
17 inputs into consideration as we try valiantly to finalize
18 the text, so that we can have this document finalized in
19 short order.

20 So anyone have thoughts on any of the
21 recommendations that you have seen so far in the
22 document?

23 COMMISSIONER YEE: And I will get you a copy of the
24 Word version of it. I'll get it to Corina by the end of
25 today. And there is a picture sorter as well. The

1 graphic designer asked us not to put pictures in the
2 text, but keep them separate. So I just put together a
3 document with all the pictures, I think are worth
4 including. So you take a look at those and comment on
5 those as well.

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Yee. Yes.
7 And again, reiterating, Commissioner Yee's invitation, if
8 any Commissioners have their own photos, to offer up for
9 possible inclusion in the report; we'd very much
10 appreciate those.

11 Commissioner Fernandez.

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oops, I kind of
13 accidentally hit that. But anyway, I will go ahead and
14 say something. I really did appreciate the pictures.
15 That was like: Oh, that's right. You know, it was
16 stressful, but it actually brought back a smile on my
17 face. So thank you for including.

18 CHAIR KENNEDY: Great. Thanks.

19 Commissioner Sinay.

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I appreciate all the hard work
21 that you've all done. On the pictures, there's one
22 that's like Karin and Sara talking, and it's a great
23 picture, but I'm concerned that it might look like we
24 worked behind the scenes and we weren't doing all the
25 live line drawing in public.

1 So that was my gut instinct when I saw that picture.
2 So I just thought I would share -- put it out there and
3 you all chuck me, if you all don't see that, because I
4 might be -- being hypersensitive.

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: I think it's good to bring up those
6 sorts of issues. So thank you for that.

7 Commissioner Fernandez.

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. I understand where
9 Commissioner Sinay is coming from. That's a really good
10 point. But I also feel that we were very transparent
11 when we said that we -- one or two Commissioners would go
12 off -- would meet with the line drawers, to try to
13 facilitate some of the lines that we were drawing so that
14 it wouldn't have to occur during public viewing because
15 it -- sometimes it would take hours.

16 So I'm okay either way. I can definitely see where
17 Commissioner Sinay is coming from. But I also feel that
18 we were transparent, and ensuring that the public did
19 know that at times there were -- one, possibly two of us
20 working with the line drawer on different scenarios.

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. Thank you for that,
22 Commissioner Fernandez.

23 Okay. Once again, the draft report is available on
24 the Meeting Handouts page. We will make sure that
25 Commissioners have access to a Word version to be able to

1 work through that. We really are facing some looming and
2 pretty hard deadlines for production, so we really need
3 your collaboration and cooperation to get this put to bed
4 as quickly as possible.

5 At this point I think the one other item that I need
6 to take care of is the June meeting. Again, we had
7 initially a 19 -- maybe not initially -- but at one point
8 we had a 19 June date for the June meeting. We received
9 some external feedback on that date with the suggestion
10 that we move it off of Juneteenth.

11 I mentioned earlier the Civic Season concept, and my
12 initial thinking that a 19 June Meeting could be a
13 celebration of the kickoff of Civic Season. But the
14 other factor is that we -- because of some of the
15 deadlines for production of the Lessons Learned report,
16 the Triple-R report, it would be better to have that
17 meeting a week later.

18 And so my initial proposal would be a meeting on the
19 26th of June. At this point, I am concerned about the
20 amount of material that we need to get through in our
21 next meeting before the end of the fiscal year. And so I
22 am proposing, and we will adjust our calendar
23 accordingly, a two-day meeting for the 26th and 27th of
24 June.

25 If the Vice Chair and I, in our run of show meeting,

1 do conclude that we can dispatch all of the business
2 before us in a single day, we would make an announcement
3 at that point. But at this point I would like to
4 schedule the next meeting for the 26th and 27th of June.

5 And with that, Kristian, we need to take public
6 comment on agenda item 3, the Subcommittee Updates and
7 Announcements, as well as general public comment.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Sounds good.

9 The Commission will now take public comment on item
10 3, and general public comment. To give comment, please
11 call 877-853-5247, and enter meeting ID number
12 84694124372. Once you've dialed in, please press star 9
13 to enter the comment queue. The full call-in
14 instructions are read at the beginning of the meeting and
15 are provided on the live stream landing page.

16 And we do have a caller. Caller 6337, if you would,
17 please follow the prompts to unmute? The floor is yours.

18 MS. GOLD: Great. So thank you so much, Commission.
19 Rosalind Gold here, from NALEO Educational Fund; just
20 wanted to comment on the latest draft of the Lessons --
21 sorry -- RRR report. First of all, much appreciation to
22 Commissioner Kennedy and Commissioner Yee, you and all of
23 the other Commissioners for the very hard and thoughtful
24 work that went into the report.

25 Just, I did want to comment because the report is

1 talking about the time line for the Commission being
2 seated, that we would like the Commissioners to think
3 about adding the amount of time to the full term of
4 service for Commissioners.

5 First of all, what impact is that going to have on
6 the ability to recruit people to serve on the Commission,
7 having to serve for a longer time, especially people from
8 lower or moderate income households, where there may not
9 be the ability to take time off of work, or to take a
10 sabbatical, or try to balance work responsibilities with
11 Commission responsibilities.

12 And then again, I also did want to mention, although
13 this is not really addressed in detail in the report,
14 should there be anything else mentioned with respect to
15 the time line, with regard to when community of interest
16 hearings start, that we would want those not to start
17 right in a January -- at the beginning of January, at the
18 beginning of a year, so that the work for organizing
19 would have to be done over the holidays.

20 We very much appreciate seeing so many of the themes
21 that we emphasized, both in our own letter, and in the
22 letter that we worked on with our collaborative, the
23 resonance in the report for that.

24 And I also just want to acknowledge, very much
25 appreciate that this is indeed the Commission's report.

1 I do in that regard, though, also want to note that we
2 have all been learning lessons from each other, and we
3 appreciate that opportunity very much. So we just wanted
4 to share our perspectives as part of our mutual learning
5 as we start to go to the next step of this journey.
6 Thank you so much.

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Ms. Gold, for calling in,
8 and those thoughtful comments.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: That is all of our
10 callers, Chair.

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Then unless Commissioners
12 have anything else to raise; going once, going twice.

13 I will adjourn the meeting, 3:45 p.m., on the 12th
14 of May.

15 Thank you, everyone; take care, and look forward to
16 seeing you at our extended June meeting.

17 (Whereupon, the CRC Business Meeting adjourned
18 at 3:45 p.m.)

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