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9:30 A.M.

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Isra Ahmad, (Remote attendance)

Neal Fornaciari, (Remote attendance)

J. Ray Kennedy (Remote attendance)

Antonio Le Mons, (Remote attendance)

Sara Sadhwani, (Remote attendance)

Derric H. Taylor, (Remote attendance)

STAFF

Amanda Saxton, Counsel

Shauna Pellman, Secretary, (Remote attendance)

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Jaime Clark, UC Berkeley School of Law

AT&T Operator

ASL Interpreters

APPEARANCESPUBLIC COMMENT

Daniel Quinzy

Gil Ontai

Sophia Garcia, Dolores Huerta Foundation

Natasha Cougoule

Sean Dugar, Common Cause

Angelo Ancheta, Commissioner, 2010 Citizens Redistricting  
Commission

Vanessa Green, Alliance San Diego

Jose Garcia, Latino Community Foundation

Alejandra Ponce de Leon, Advancement Project California

Kimberly Fuentes, California League of United Latin  
American Citizens

Jonathan Mehta Stein, California Common Sense

Esperanza Guevara, Coalition for Human Immigrant Rights

Inez Gonzalez Perezchica, MANA de San Diego

Vanessa Hernandez, Hispanas Organized for Political  
Equality

Julia Marks, Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Asian Law  
Caucus

Michele Siqueiros, Campaign for College Opportunity

Carol Moon Goldberg, League of Women Voters for California

Karina Macias, City Council Member, City of Huntington Park

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Jacqueline Coto, National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials

Cynthia Dai

Miguel Canales, City Council Member, City of Artesia

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9:32 a.m.

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3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Good morning. It's now being  
4 shortly after 9:30, I will call the meeting to order.

5 Secretary, may we have roll call please?

6 MS. PELLMAN: Yes.

7 Commissioner Ahmad?

8 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Here.

9 MS. PELLMAN: Commissioner Andersen?

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Here.

11 MS. PELLMAN: Commissioner Fornaciari?

12 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Here.

13 MS. PELLMAN: Commissioner Kennedy?

14 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.

15 MS. PELLMAN: Commissioner Le Mons?

16 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Here.

17 MS. PELLMAN: Commissioner Sadhwani?

18 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Here.

19 MS. PELLMAN: Commissioner Taylor?

20 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Present.

21 MS. PELLMAN: Commissioner Turner?

22 VICE CHAIR TURNER: Here.

23 MS. PELLMAN: Thank you.

24 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

25 As today is our final day of this first, our

1 first, meeting, we have a few administrative things to go  
2 over. And I, the Chair, recognizes our Counsel, Ms.  
3 Saxton.

4 MS. SAXTON: Good morning, Commissioners. I just  
5 want to circle back with the conversation yesterday about  
6 potentially having a discussion at the end of the meeting  
7 about the training. And I wanted to clarify what is  
8 appropriate to speak about and what is not appropriate to  
9 speak about at this time at this meeting. That  
10 conservation, because this is a training meeting, it's fine  
11 to talk about what you learned, what was most valuable, and  
12 generally how the training will inform your consideration  
13 of supplemental applications and such.

14 However, what you cannot do at this meeting is to  
15 make a game plan for what's going to happen in the next  
16 meeting, reach agreements about how selection will work,  
17 make agreements on how slates will be built or have an  
18 action item to vote on those things or any action item at  
19 all.

20 I know that it's been stressed that the deadline  
21 is August 15th to select the final six Commissioners. And  
22 I know people are excited or anxious to get moving. But I  
23 want to assure you that there will be ample time to have a  
24 discussion on those matters, such as reaching agreement  
25 about how you want to make your slates and action items,

1 voting on those types of things that are appropriate for  
2 the selection meeting, which will run for multiple days.

3           And, additionally, our staff has been listening  
4 to these meetings and taking note of those items that  
5 people have expressed an interest in that are suitable for  
6 the selection meeting. And there will be an agenda item  
7 put for next time on, specifically, those items that I  
8 mentioned that are not appropriate for this meeting. You  
9 will have opportunity to make those decisions at that time.

10           If anybody has any questions on that right now,  
11 I'm happy to answer. No? Okay. And, obviously, if  
12 questions come up during that discussion, I'm here to  
13 answer those questions at that time.

14           Additionally, on a separate issue, I want to  
15 express that we did not invite any of the line drawers to  
16 call in or present in person. And we did that by design.  
17 Most likely, many of those people will bid on any line-  
18 drawing RFPs issued for or by the Commission. And we were  
19 cognizant of sensitivity to fair bidding practices. We did  
20 not want to give any single line drawer any competitive  
21 advantage. But you will have the ability to obtain  
22 presentations from bidders. And if you choose to do that,  
23 you will be able, also, to get several trainings at the  
24 selection meeting on how line are drawn.

25           Any questions about that? Okay. That's the end

1 of my remarks.

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

3 So with that, we will proceed with the first  
4 order of business today, which is 8(e), another training  
5 video. This is one is Census Data and the Process of Map-  
6 Drawing, with Karin MacDonald and Jaime Clark from the  
7 Statewide Database at UC Berkeley School of Law.

8 If you would go ahead with the video please?

9 (Video titled: "Consensus Data and the Process of  
10 Map-Drawing" played.)

11 (Video paused)

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Just for a quick -- that's in  
13 the video itself. That's not actually asking spots.

14 (Video resumed)

15 (Video paused)

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Well, I think we'd like to take  
17 our 15-minute break now so we can keep all of the  
18 communities of interest portion together. So we need to  
19 take our 15-minute break and we'll resume -- it's a little  
20 bit before 11:00, we'll resume right about -- right at  
21 11:15.

22 Thank you.

23 (Off the record at 10:59 a.m.)

24 (On the record at 11:15 a.m.)

25 CHAIR ANDERSEN: I'm going to call this meeting

1 back in order. And if you could continue? Well, we just  
2 backed up just a little bit so we can start with the  
3 communities of interest in Karin MacDonald's presentation.

4 Thank you.

5 (Video resumed)

6 (Video paused)

7 CHAIR ANDERSEN: The previous group took a break  
8 here. It just happens at a different time with ours  
9 because of our 90 minute criteria for a break for  
10 translators and American Sign Language, so we'll be  
11 starting right up with this. We're skipping over their  
12 break at this point.

13 (Video resumed)

14 (Video paused)

15 MS. MACDONALD: Any questions?

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

17 At this time, obviously, the section (e) actually  
18 has two parts. We just completed the first part, which is  
19 Karin MacDonald and the census data. And the second part,  
20 which is the, actually, process of data drawing, we'll  
21 actually take that up after lunch, since we have about 15  
22 minutes.

23 At this point, I'm going to ask Counsel if they  
24 could go ahead and read? We could take public comment only  
25 on the census data portion that we've just heard on this --

1 in this training video.

2           So if you could please invite the public, Ms.  
3 Saxton?

4           MS. SAXTON: One comment. The slides that are  
5 embedded in this presentation are available on our website  
6 on the Commissioner page under Meeting Materials.

7           I will now give the instructions for making  
8 public comment at this meeting. These instructions are  
9 also available on our website. And I will be reading a  
10 shortened version of them before the next public comment  
11 period.

12           To maximize transparency and public participation  
13 in our process, and in addition to all public comments  
14 we've received prior to our meeting, we will also be taking  
15 public comment at this time by phone. Please note,  
16 comments have a two-minute time limit in order to ensure  
17 that all those who wish to comment have that opportunity.

18           Please also note, general comment is scheduled  
19 for agenda item number 9. At this time, your comments are  
20 limited to (indiscernible). We're taking public comment on  
21 agenda item number 8, training on census data and the  
22 process of map-drawing, at this time.

23           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

24           While we're waiting for anyone to get in the  
25 queue, are there any comments on what we've seen so far or

1 thoughts from any of the Commissioners or any questions  
2 that anyone have that they'd like to ask?

3 MS. SAXTON: Madam Chair, may I -- I'm going to  
4 read the number and the access code.

5 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, thank you.

6 MS. SAXTON: Sure.

7 To make public comment, please dial 888-668-6984.  
8 Excuse me, that's the incorrect number.

9 The real number for public comment is 844-291-  
10 5495. And the access code is 8121803. That's 8121803. To  
11 make a public comment, please dial, again, 844-291-5495.  
12 And the access code is 8121803.

13 After dialing the number, you will speak to an  
14 operator. You will be asked to provide either the access  
15 code for the meeting, 8121803, or the name of the meeting,  
16 which is the Training Meeting for the First Eight  
17 Commissioners. After providing this information the  
18 operator will ask you to provide your name. Please note,  
19 you're not required to provide your actual name if you do  
20 not wish to. When the operator asks for your name, you may  
21 either provide your own name or a name other than your own,  
22 such as anonymous. And please spell your name and  
23 affiliation.

24 When it's your turn to make public comment the  
25 operator will introduce you by the name you provided.

1 Providing a name helps the operator, who's hosting our  
2 public comment process, to ensure that everyone holding for  
3 a public comment has a chance to submit their comments.  
4 Please be assured that our office is not maintaining any  
5 list of callers by name. We're only asking for some names  
6 so the operator can answer multiple calls simultaneously  
7 and let you know when it's your turn to speak.

8           After providing a name and speaking with the  
9 operator, you'll be placed in a listening room, which is a  
10 virtual waiting room, where you will wait until it's your  
11 turn to speak. In this room you will be able to listen to  
12 the live audio of the meeting. Please mute your computer  
13 or your livestream audio because the online video and the  
14 audio will be approximately 60 seconds behind the live  
15 audio that you'll be hearing on the telephone. Please  
16 note, if you fail to mute your computer livestream audio,  
17 it will be extremely difficult for you to follow the  
18 meeting and difficult for anyone to hear your comment due  
19 to issues with feedback. Therefore, once you're waiting in  
20 the queue, be alert for when you may be called upon to  
21 speak. And please mute the livestream volume.

22           From the listening room, listen to the meeting  
23 and the operator. When you decide that you want to make a  
24 comment about the agenda action item -- agenda item  
25 currently being discussed, press one, then zero and you

1 will be placed in the queue to make public comment about  
2 this item, agenda item 8.

3           When joining the queue to make public comment,  
4 you should hear an automatic recording informing you that  
5 you've been placed in the queue. You will not receive any  
6 further instruction until the operator brings you in to  
7 make your public comment. The operator will open your line  
8 and introduce you by the name you provided to the operator.  
9 Once again, make sure that you've muted any background  
10 noise from your computer. We also ask that you do not use  
11 a speakerphone but, rather, speak directly into your phone.

12           After the operator introduces you, please state  
13 your name, the name you provided to the operator, and spell  
14 your name for the transcriptionist, and then state your  
15 comment clearly and concisely. Comments will be limited to  
16 two minutes. After you finish making your comment, we will  
17 move on to the next caller. At that point, please hang up  
18 your phone.

19           If you're disconnected for any reason, please  
20 call back and explain the issue to the operator, then  
21 repeat this process and rejoin the public comment queue by  
22 pressing one and then zero.

23           The process for making a comment will be the same  
24 at the beginning each time, beginning by dialing. And,  
25 here, I'll give you the number again, that is

1 844-291-5495, and the access code is 8121803.

2 We will now take public comment on this item  
3 number 8.

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: AT&T Operator, do we happen to  
5 have anyone in queue at this time?

6 AT&T OPERATOR: We do. We a have comment from  
7 Gilead Ontai.

8 Your line is open.

9 MR. ONTAI: Yes. I'm going to wait until item 9.  
10 Thank you.

11 AT&T OPERATOR: Thank you. No further comments  
12 in queue at this time.

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Any -- we'll wait  
14 for another minute, allowing people time.

15 Any thoughts or comments from the Commissioners?  
16 Or -- we've gotten a lot of very good technical  
17 information, pretty technical.

18 I do want to say, for people who are watching  
19 this, that are listening, these are training videos that  
20 were presented to the Applicant Review Panel. So it's --  
21 they, obviously, are not talking anything about COVID  
22 issues, which we will be dealing with. And when they go --  
23 they're asking questions, they're not actually asking us  
24 right now, you know, the eight Commissioners, they were  
25 asking the Applicant Review Panel, so I hope no one gets

1 confused about that. And they have a different break  
2 schedule, so that's why we've had to adjust a little bit  
3 here, and we're right now in between what was, basically,  
4 presented as one presentation to the ARP.

5 AT&T OPERATOR: We do have a few lines in queue.

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, AT&T Operator.

7 AT&T OPERATOR: We'll go --

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Go ahead.

9 AT&T OPERATOR: Sorry, Commissioner. Thank you,  
10 Madam Chair. We'll go to Sophia Garcia.

11 Your line is open.

12 MS. GARCIA: Hello. Can you hear me?

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. Thank you. Please offer  
14 your comments.

15 MS. GARCIA: Okay. Yes. Hi. My name is Sophia  
16 Garcia, and that's spelled S-O-P-H-I-A G-A-R-C-I-A. And I  
17 am the GIS Analyst for the Dolores Huerta Foundation. And  
18 I will be making a comment on behalf of the Foundation.  
19 I'm also a member of the Integrated Voter Engagement  
20 Redistricting Alliance. And I know members of the  
21 Commission have received a letter and, hopefully, reviewed  
22 it. But right now I just wanted to make a comment on some  
23 of the items that Karin MacDonald from the redistricting --  
24 or Statewide Database uplifted in her presentation.

25 I know that she said that AB 420 and AB 2172

1 talks about how California separates their database for  
2 incarcerated folks and that it's not necessarily a  
3 requirement for the Commission to use that database that  
4 uses incarcerated people's past residence versus where they  
5 are incarcerated.

6 I want to urge the Commission to really consider  
7 using that dataset that the Statewide Database has already  
8 cleaned up for us and that it will ensure a more of a fair  
9 and accurate count in the redistricting process. She  
10 mentioned is specifically for local redistricting. And I  
11 just really want to urge the Commission and whoever, the  
12 other six members, to really utilize that in the process.

13 I also want to continue to uplift what she was  
14 saying about the importance of communities of interest and,  
15 specifically, the qualitative dataset while in the  
16 redistricting process.

17 MS. SAXTON: Fifteen seconds remaining.

18 MS. GARCIA: And I'm very familiar -- excuse me?

19 MS. SAXTON: There are 15 seconds remaining.

20 MS. GARCIA: Oh, thank you. Yes. I just want  
21 to, again, highlight and uplift the interest of public  
22 input and qualitative information during communities of  
23 interest in this process.

24 So thank you so much. And I will make another  
25 comment at the end regarding the six Commissioners. Thank

1 you.

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

3 Also, anyone who has comments like this that,  
4 actually, are very applicable to the full Board, please  
5 feel free to get -- to offer those comments again once the  
6 full Commission has been established. Because, again, we  
7 are the first eight and our very specific task is to select  
8 the next six.

9 But thank you for the comment.

10 Do we have any more in the queue right now?

11 AT&T OPERATOR: We do. We have a comment from  
12 Natasha.

13 Natasha, could you say your last name and spell  
14 it please?

15 MS. COUGOULE: Hi. Can you call hear me? Can  
16 you hear me?

17 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. Please go ahead.

18 MS. COUGOULE: Hi. My name is -- sorry. My name  
19 is Natasha Cougoule, spelled N-A-T-A-S-H-A  
20 C-O-U-G-O-U-G-L-E. And before I begin, can I ask, is it  
21 appropriate at this time to make a comment on the  
22 composition of the final six representatives on the  
23 Committee or is that for a later section?

24 CHAIR ANDERSEN: That is. Thank you for asking.  
25 That is for the later section. This, right now, we're only

1 --

2 MS. COUGOULE: Okay.

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- accepting comments on the  
4 census data portion. And please call back --

5 MS. COUGOULE: Okay. Thank you.

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- in our general section.

7 MS. COUGOULE: Okay. Thank you.

8 While I still have you, I would like to support  
9 the comments that were made by the previous caller about  
10 using the database that's available on the last location of  
11 incarcerated people so that those folks still get  
12 representation in their local district.

13 Thank you.

14 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

15 AT&T OPERATOR: And at this time --

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Do we have --

17 AT&T OPERATOR: -- there are no further comments  
18 in queue.

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. We might wait one  
20 more minute.

21 Any questions or thoughts from anyone? Seeing  
22 none, we'll just wait for the rest of the minute to give  
23 people a chance. I know it's a little tricky trying to  
24 call in.

25 And, again, we will have, after we finish the

1 videos, there will -- you know, once we hit item 9, that's  
2 the general public comments. So at this time, it is only  
3 about the census data and what we're actually -- the latest  
4 video.

5 AT&T Operator, do we happen to have any other  
6 people on the line?

7 AT&T OPERATOR: No. No other comments in line.

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Thank you.

9 At this point, since it's about five minutes  
10 until we have our lunch break, I suggest that we go ahead  
11 and recess and come back a little bit before 1:00, so we'll  
12 actually start up at one o'clock. I just -- I call the  
13 meeting in recess for lunch.

14 Thank you.

15 (Off the record at 11:55 a.m.)

16 (On the record at 1:00 p.m.)

17 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Everyone's in the room. It  
18 appears we have a quorum. At this time I'd like to call the  
19 meeting back to order.

20 So we're --

21 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. Sorry. We're just about  
22 to start up the -- we're in section, for all the public who  
23 are just joining us, we're in the last part of our training  
24 sessions. We're in number 8 of the agenda, item (e). It's  
25 a training video. It actually was two parts. It's the

1 Census Data and the Process of Map-Drawing. And we're now  
2 just starting on the process of map-drawing with Jaime  
3 Clark.

4           And there will be public comment immediately  
5 after this. And that public comment is not the general  
6 public comments on general matters. This is -- we'll have  
7 a short public comment period and it's only on the data  
8 census and the process of map-drawing. So there will be a  
9 break in between a little bit. And so please, I'll say  
10 that announcement again, but just I know there are many  
11 people who -- I hope that there are many people who would  
12 like to have public comments on general matters. There  
13 will be two distinct public comment periods.

14           So with that, could you go ahead and we'll start  
15 up the video?

16           Thank you.

17           (Video resumed)

18           (Video paused)

19           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Great. I think that is the end  
20 of the video?

21           MR. BELNAP: Yes.

22           CHAIR ANDERSEN: So, well, we certainly have  
23 heard a great deal in these last three days. This will  
24 bring us to the end of item 8.

25           We will be taking some public input on this,

1 public comments, just on this particularly map-drawing  
2 item. And we can, indeed, invite the public.

3 Now I turn this over to our counsel and where she  
4 can give the instructions.

5 And while we're waiting to see if people want to  
6 call in, only on this particular item, this is -- we're not  
7 getting to the public comments on general matters. That  
8 will proceed after we complete/conclude item 8, which we've  
9 not done yet.

10 And in the meantime, we'll invite the public.  
11 And while we're waiting for public, we can go ahead and  
12 sort of discuss anything we'd like about, basically, all  
13 the material we've seen in the last three days.

14 So at this point, if you could -- I'm going to  
15 recognize Ms. Saxton.

16 MS. SAXTON: If you would like to make public  
17 comment regarding agenda item number 8(e), Census Data and  
18 the Process of Map-Drawing, please call in now by dialing  
19 844-291-5495. In the next few moments we'll begin taking  
20 public comment. And that number, again, is 844-291-5495.  
21 After dialing the number, you will speak to an operator.  
22 You will be asked to provide either the access code for the  
23 meeting, which is 8121803, that's 8121803, or the name of  
24 the meeting, which is Training Meeting for First Eight  
25 Commissioners.

1           After providing this information, the operator  
2 will ask you to provide your name. Please note that you're  
3 not required to provide your actually name. When the  
4 operator asks for your name, you may provide a name other  
5 than your own. When it's your turn to make public comment  
6 the moderator will introduce you by the name you provided  
7 to the operator.

8           After speaking in the operator, you will be  
9 placed in a listening room. In this room you will be able  
10 to listen to live audio of the meeting. You should mute  
11 your computer audio because the online video and audio will  
12 be delayed by approximately 60 seconds.

13           When you decide that you want to make a comment  
14 about item 8(e) on the agenda, press one zero and you'll be  
15 placed in the queue to make public comment about that  
16 action item. After joining the queue to make public  
17 comment, you should hear an automatic recording informing  
18 you that you've been placed in the queue. When it is your  
19 turn the operator will introduce you. State your comment  
20 clearly and concisely. Comments will be limited to two  
21 minutes. After you finish making your comment we will move  
22 on to the next caller. At that point, please hang up you  
23 phone.

24           If you would like to comment during the general  
25 matters public comment period, which is agenda number 9,

1 please call back when we open up public comment for that  
2 item and repeat this process.

3           If you are disconnected for any reason, please  
4 call back and explain the issue to the operator, then  
5 repeat this process and rejoin the public comment queue by  
6 pressing one zero.

7           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

8           At this time, we'll invite the public to call in.

9           And, AT&T Operator, if -- I'll just ask you, do  
10 we happen to have any comments at this time?

11          AT&T OPERATOR: We do.

12          CHAIR ANDERSEN: Ah. Could you please invite  
13 them?

14          AT&T OPERATOR: Very good.

15          CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

16          AT&T OPERATOR: Our first comment comes from  
17 Angelo Ancheta.

18          Your line is open.

19          MR. ANCHETA: Good afternoon, Commissioners. I  
20 did want to raise a point related to the presentation by  
21 Ms. MacDonald and Ms. Clark.

22                 Just as a historical point, there is an important  
23 distinction between the Statewide Database's role and the  
24 role of the line-drawing consultants. And if you look back  
25 at the 2010 cycle, that might look a little bit blurred

1 because, as Ms. Clark and Ms. MacDonald, of course, are  
2 part of the Statewide Database staff, but the Commission  
3 chose to take their consulting firm, whose name is Q2,  
4 letter Q, number 2, and they were our line-drawing  
5 consultant as well. So that certainly doesn't have to be  
6 the case in any redistricting situation but it was the case  
7 in our cycle.

8           And so what you got today was, certainly, a  
9 presentation by Ms. MacDonald on some of the core data  
10 issues. Ms. Clark was presenting sort of examples of what  
11 a line-drawing consultant will typically do. But if you  
12 look back at what we did, that might be a little bit  
13 blurred if you look it at some of the transcripts because  
14 they were wearing two different hats. But I just wanted to  
15 point that out to you as you're moving forward.

16           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you for that comment.

17           Before we invite the next person, I do want to  
18 say, we do have a two-minute limit and -- (clears throat)  
19 excuse me -- you will be prompted at 15 seconds. So I  
20 don't want that to disturb you, it's just to give you a  
21 time frame.

22           So do we happen to have any more people in the  
23 queue?

24           AT&T OPERATOR: We do. We'll go to the line of  
25 Sophia Garcia.

1           Please go ahead.

2           MS. GARCIA: Yes. Hello. This is Sophia Garcia  
3 from the Dolores Huerta Foundation. I just want to say,  
4 again, that I am a GIS analyst and pretty fluent with the  
5 GIS build. And I want to thank Jaime for her presentation.  
6 And I just want to reiterate a couple of things that she  
7 said about the importance that, for whoever, whichever  
8 consultant you pick, that it will be, again, the human  
9 who's doing the line drawing itself and not necessarily the  
10 software, specifically on the point of communities of  
11 interest.

12           And I just really want to reiterate, again, that  
13 the demographer has the ability to create communities of  
14 interest from public testimony, and even from the public  
15 testimony of folks who do not give you a specific  
16 geographic boundary from the get-go.

17           And I just want to, again, just reiterate the  
18 importance of the accessibility of the demographer and that  
19 the Commission has the ability to create and make public  
20 multiple drafts. An in terms of accessibility for maps,  
21 there's a lot of different platforms. And I just want the  
22 Commission to keep that in mind, that while a lot of people  
23 have access to online maps and online dashboards, that the  
24 importance of, when you're in public meetings throughout  
25 the state, posters and, also, multiple drafts that the

1 public can see.

2           Again, Jaime said that it is a tedious process to  
3 take into account communities of interest that are going to  
4 come, I'm sure, from across the state. But I just, again,  
5 want to reiterate that the demographer has the ability.  
6 And it's the job of the Commission to assign the  
7 demographer to make multiple drafts. And then when those  
8 multiple drafts are given to you, I would urge you all to  
9 make that --

10           MS. SAXTON: Fifteen seconds.

11           MS. GARCIA: -- public so that we can make  
12 comment on those throughout the process.

13           So thank you again. And thank you, Jaime, and  
14 the Statewide Redistricting Database for these two  
15 presentations.

16           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

17           Do we have any additional public comments in the  
18 queue?

19           AT&T OPERATOR: Thank you. No one else is in  
20 queue. But if may, I'll remind callers, they may press one  
21 zero if they wish to make a comment on this topic.

22           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

23           While we wait for a few more people to call in,  
24 would any -- any of the Commissioner have anything they'd  
25 like to add or say at this point? As I've said, I know

1 we've had a lot of material to go over, and so the -- is  
2 there any kind of reflection or anything like that? Do we  
3 have people that have any comments that they'd like to add  
4 at this time?

5           Okay, not seeing not any, we'll wait a little  
6 bit.

7           AT&T OPERATOR: We do have a comment in queue.

8           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you very much. Please go  
9 ahead.

10           AT&T OPERATOR: We'll go to Vanessa Green.

11           Your line is open.

12           MS. GREEN: Thank you. I just want to say, thank  
13 you for the presentation. I'm not a Commissioner but I  
14 learn so much every time.

15           My name is Vanessa Green and I'm the Census  
16 Redistricting Fellow at Alliance San Diego, a community of  
17 paramount organization, working to ensure all residents can  
18 reach their full potential in an environment of safety,  
19 harmony, equality, and justice. We are also part of the  
20 Integrated Voter Engagement Redistricting Alliance.

21           San Diego's elected leaders at every level play a  
22 huge role in opportunity, regulation, support, and resource  
23 distribution to ensure residents can access the California  
24 dream. How they're elected begins with the process you  
25 have been selected to lead. While you are tasked with

1 selecting the next group of Commissioners, diversity is an  
2 important part of that decision. Do not forget the  
3 geographical --

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Excuse me.

5 MS. GREEN: -- diversity and (indiscernible).

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Excuse me.

7 MS. GREEN: Go ahead.

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: We are, at this point -- is this  
9 comment directed at the process of mapmaking or is this for  
10 the just general Commission?

11 MS. GREEN: General Commission.

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Thank you.

13 MS. GREEN: Am I in the wrong spot?

14 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. Exactly.

15 MS. GREEN: Am I at the wrong spot?

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. If you could call in, in  
17 not much longer, we will be opening it up for item number  
18 9, which is public comment on the general matters. And  
19 we'd invite you to come --

20 MS. GREEN: Oh. Okay.

21 CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- at that time.

22 MS. GREEN: Thank you.

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Great. Thank you.

24 MS. GREEN: I'm so sorry for that.

25 CHAIR ANDERSEN: No. Thank you. Quite all

1 right.

2 AT&T OPERATOR: Thank you, Madam Chair. No  
3 further comments in queue at this time.

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Well, I think we  
5 might, in case someone calls in, we'll wait a little bit,  
6 but we're sort of rapidly bringing this one, this item, to  
7 a conclusion. And I think maybe I'll see, do we have any  
8 ideas or opinions or feedback from anything that we got  
9 over the three days? Does anyone, any Commissioner, like  
10 to add a comment or what they felt they might have learned  
11 or over the course of -- and it can be any topic that we've  
12 gone over in these last three days?

13 The Chair recognizes Commissioner Sadhwani.

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes. Thank you.

15 You know, I recognize that most of these were  
16 actually recordings. But I did want to thank all of the  
17 presenters, even though they weren't necessarily all hear,  
18 you know, for having taken that time back in the fall to  
19 work with the Applicant Review Panel. I think these were,  
20 just as reflection, that these were extraordinarily  
21 helpful.

22 I think we ended up hearing some version of kind  
23 of similar ideas that were embedded within the California  
24 Constitution multiple times. I think it was particularly  
25 helpful, you know, receiving some of the feedback from the

1 2010 Commission, some of the lessons learned that were  
2 brought up, not only by the former Commissioners but, also,  
3 I think, particularly, Professor Levitt's legal orientation  
4 was extraordinarily helpful. And, in particular, he had  
5 mentioned that we continue to reflect on the need to kind  
6 put the VRA (phonetic) at the front and center of our lines  
7 when we're -- when we begin our process, that we can  
8 always -- and I think even seeing Miss -- I know her name  
9 is Jaime, I forgot her last name, the last presentation  
10 that we saw, actually seeing the mapping software in  
11 action, I mean, I think what we're seeing if we put that  
12 VRA, you know, just as a reflection, using this VRA  
13 components kind of first and foremost, there's a lot of  
14 opportunity, right, with the software to play with them and  
15 stay neat so that first and primary goal of equal  
16 proportions within the district. So I thought that was  
17 extraordinarily helpful.

18           The VRA provisions, of course, as were laid out  
19 are somewhat complex. I do think having additional, you  
20 know, legal understanding of the VRA and understanding of  
21 the law will be extraordinarily important for all of us,  
22 the legal counsel that we choose, for the next six  
23 Commissioners that we choose, et cetera.

24           So I think those are some of my reflections. But  
25 I did want to just thank all of those presenters, even

1 though they weren't here today or over these three days, as  
2 well as the State Auditor's Office for putting this all  
3 together. It was extraordinarily helpful.

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Thank you, Commissioner  
5 Sadhwani.

6 Any other comments from Commissioners?

7 Not having any volunteers yet, I would then say,  
8 I also thought it was very helpful, the material we went  
9 over. I actually -- yes, they were presented before and I  
10 did, as an applicant, listen to quite a bit of that, but I  
11 found it much more helpful this time around. It sort of  
12 seemed to put a lot of things in place with more time to  
13 reflect.

14 And I really, particularly, liked Professor  
15 Levitt, his comments about it's like driving because the  
16 amount of details we need to reflect on and that all of us  
17 need to come together to look at, it seems a bit daunting  
18 at times. But when you look at it as in terms of driving,  
19 if you go back to think, when you first started to learn to  
20 drive was this -- I also had to learn how to shift -- each  
21 task, it's you focus in on that task. But as you did for a  
22 bit you see it's easy to do all of them.

23 And I was struck by that, this time going through  
24 this material, how it makes sense. It sort of becomes, of  
25 course, you would look to the communities of interest, the

1 cities, all of this, basically, at that same time. And it  
2 became not as daunting a task but -- and I agree. I  
3 thought, well, we definitely need, you know, things,  
4 looking at our group that we have so far, that adding, you  
5 know, more information in this area or that area is very  
6 important, but it's also, it's just sort of the ability  
7 that individuals have to step back and sympathize and be  
8 able to come up with a creative way that could be something  
9 off the wall because I think that might be needed,  
10 particularly our COVID. You know, like they're, you know,  
11 giving a lot of information on how to get information.

12           You know, I feel that one characteristic I would  
13 be looking for is creativity and being able to think  
14 outside the box in terms of, well, you know, here we are on  
15 a Zoom call and this had complications. What other ways we  
16 can approach, once we put the whole panel together, what  
17 other ways can we approach the public?

18           And I also thought, looking at the six, their  
19 synthesis. So as opposed to looking at each individual, I  
20 feel I will really be looking at a group of six and sitting  
21 with a group of eight, so it becomes a viable group of 14,  
22 I found it was just very helpful.

23           So unless -- I don't know what else to say.

24           The Chair recognizes Commissioner Ahmad.

25           COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Hi. I just also wanted to

1 reiterate that I was very appreciative of all the  
2 presenters who took time. Thanks for all -- for these  
3 presentations.

4 I think what was helpful for me, particularly,  
5 was hearing from different folks who touched the  
6 redistricting process on different days and what skills  
7 that they found would be necessary in Commissioners to  
8 have. I know we have a very difficult task ahead for this  
9 particular portion of our job. And I'm looking forward to  
10 taking on that comment.

11 So thank you to all the presenters and I found  
12 the trainings very helpful.

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

14 Any other comments from the Commissioners?

15 Oh, Commissioner Fornaciari?

16 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. Thank you.

17 Just adding on to what's already been said, I  
18 don't want to repeat what's been said because I agree with  
19 it all, I just want to take one moment to thank  
20 Commissioner Andersen for stepping in and being the Chair.  
21 It's an extremely difficult position to be in because you  
22 have to be focused on not only running the meeting but,  
23 also, what's going on in the meeting. And it makes it even  
24 more challenging to try to learn Bagley-Keene at the same  
25 time. So thank you so much for your hard work in taking on

1 this challenge. I really appreciate it and I know it's  
2 been tough.

3 And I also want to thank -- also echo the thanks  
4 for everyone from the Auditor's Office and all the folks,  
5 you know, the A.D. folks and the interpreters and everyone  
6 who helped us put on this first meeting, so thank you.

7 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thanks for that and I totally  
8 second and third and fourth, I think, the help from all our  
9 staff here. I don't know if you can see, because you're  
10 not in the room, but there are always six or, sometimes,  
11 eight people here in the background doing different things.  
12 And it takes a lot to put this on which I, really, I think  
13 we all appreciate. Thank you very much.

14 Any other comments from the other Commissioners?  
15 Thoughts at this time?

16 Do we have any other -- AT&T Operator, do we  
17 happen to have any other public comments in queue?

18 AT&T OPERATOR: Not other comments in queue at  
19 this time.

20 MS. PELLMAN: Madam Chair, it might be a good  
21 time to take our 15-minute break, slightly ahead of  
22 schedule.

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Well, I was just going to say,  
24 at this point let's go ahead and take our 15-minute break  
25 for our interpreters and our American Sign Language people.

1 Also, thank you very much. It's a great deal of work. And  
2 I hope you all will pronounce our names and spell our names  
3 for everyone.

4 And then we will -- so it's 2:15. We'll come  
5 back and dive into our next order of business at 2:30. So  
6 we'll put the -- we're on -- the meeting is on recess for  
7 now.

8 Thank you.

9 (Off the record at 2:15 p.m.)

10 (On the record at 2:30 p.m.)

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: I believe we have a quorum so at  
12 this point I'd like to reopen the meeting. And next order  
13 of business is, indeed, the number 9, public comment on  
14 general matters.

15 At this point, I'm going to turn it over to our  
16 Counsel, Ms. Saxton, who will give the instructions on the  
17 public calling in.

18 MS. SAXTON: If you'd like to make public comment  
19 regarding agenda number 9, public comment on general  
20 matters, please call 844-291-5495, that's 844-291-5495.

21 In the next few moments we'll begin taking public  
22 comment. After dialing the number, you will speak to an  
23 operator. You will be asked to provide either the access  
24 code for the meeting, which is 8121803, or the name of the  
25 meeting, which is Training Meeting for the First Eight

1 Commissioners.

2           After providing this information the operator  
3 will ask you to provide your name. Please note, you are  
4 not required to provide your actual name. When the  
5 operator asks for your name, you may provide a name other  
6 than your own. When it's your turn to make public comment  
7 the moderator will introduce you by the name you provided  
8 to the operator.

9           After speaking with the operator, you will be  
10 placed in a listening room. In this room you will be able  
11 to listen to live audio of the meeting. You should mute  
12 your computer audio because the online video and audio will  
13 be delayed by approximately 60 seconds. When you decide  
14 that you want to make a comment, press one zero and you'll  
15 be placed in the queue to make public comment about item  
16 number 9, public comment on general matters. After joining  
17 the queue to make public comment, you should hear an  
18 automatic recording informing you that you've been placed  
19 in the queue.

20           When it's your turn the moderator will introduce  
21 you. State your comment clearly and concisely. Comments  
22 will be limited to two minutes. After you finish making  
23 your comment, we will move on to the next caller. At that  
24 point, please hang up your phone. If you are disconnected  
25 for any reason, please call back and explain the issue to

1 the operator, then repeat this process and rejoin the  
2 public comment queue by pressing one zero.

3 Please note, the first eight Commissioners may  
4 neither discuss nor take action on any matter raised during  
5 this public comment period that is not included on this  
6 agenda, except to briefly respond to statements made or  
7 questions posed, request clarification, or decide whether  
8 to place the matter on the agenda for a future meeting.

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

10 And with that, I invite the public to call in  
11 with your public comments. And there is a two-minute  
12 restriction. You will be notified with a 15-second  
13 reminder. But if you have many items, you can certainly  
14 call back, it's just that way we can give everyone a chance  
15 to speak, but you may certainly call back in to speak more.  
16 Thank you very much and we hope to hear from you.

17 AT&T Operator, do we happen to have anyone on the  
18 line at this time?

19 AT&T OPERATOR: We do. We have several in queue.

20 And as a reminder, if you're on the audio bridge,  
21 you may press one, then zero to queue up. And before you  
22 make your comment, please do state and spell your name.

23 We'll go first to the line of Angelo Ancheta.

24 Please go ahead.

25 MR. ANCHETA: Well, good afternoon, again,

1 Commissioners.

2           As I mentioned yesterday, I was the Chair at the  
3 conclusion of our Commission's term. And I did post some  
4 comments and some documents, which are now available on the  
5 website, so I would refer you to those comments.

6           I did want to highlight a couple of things that I  
7 think are important for your next set of meetings.

8           One is that the CRC Handbook, which was on the  
9 home page but I think the home page has been revised  
10 recently, some of the documents over there are either  
11 missing or you have to sort of dig for them, but I would  
12 recommend that you take a look at the handbook which is a  
13 compilation of some of the processes and recommendations  
14 that we put together several years ago after our work in  
15 2011 and 2012. There is a section dealing with the  
16 selection of the remaining six. I'd recommend you to read  
17 some of that. You're not obligated, obviously, to follow  
18 any of those recommendations but we certainly would like  
19 you to take a look at it.

20           The other issue I wanted to raise has to do with  
21 the RFP for the line-drawing consultant and, I think by  
22 extension, the recently released position announcements for  
23 the Executive Director and two of the major staff  
24 positions. We had a great concern when that was released  
25 in late June. And Vice Chair Ancheta and I sent a letter

1 to the State Auditor opposing the release of the RFP. And  
2 we recommended that it be withdrawn. The letter itself is  
3 part of the attachment that I included in my comments.

4 Even though it was released with the best of  
5 intentions and trying to speed the process along, we felt  
6 that it was inappropriate for the Auditor to release that  
7 RFP without having sufficient oversight and guidance by the  
8 full Commission. And, again, you know, you're not yet the  
9 full Commission. And I think you should be looking at  
10 dealing with this issue as soon as the full Commissioner is  
11 seated.

12 MS. PELLMAN: This is -- Madam Secretary --

13 MR. ANCHETA: I still think that that --

14 MS. PELLMAN: -- you have 15 seconds remaining.

15 MR. ANCHETA: Okay. We don't think that that RFP  
16 should be -- we realize -- we feel that they should be  
17 withdrawn. And that if it is not withdrawn (indiscernible)  
18 that the full Commission should simply start from scratch  
19 and issue a new RFP. And we did poll all of the former  
20 Commissioners on this and among those who did respond --

21 MS. PELLMAN: That is two minutes.

22 MR. ANCHETA: -- (indiscernible) -- oh,  
23 (indiscernible).

24 So thank you.

25 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

1           Just on a quick comment on that, that is a matter  
2 for the full Commission. And I appreciate that. It was  
3 also definitely informed to us is that an option that the  
4 full Commission could take if they'd like to take. It is  
5 by no means mandatory. So we appreciate that but please  
6 submit that for the full Commission.

7           Do we have another item on the line -- or people?

8           AT&T OPERATOR: We do have another comment. It  
9 comes from Jose Garcia.

10          Your line is open.

11          MR. GARCIA: Hi. Hello?

12          CHAIR ANDERSEN: Hello. Please go ahead.

13          MR. GARCIA: Oh. Good morning, Commissioners, or  
14 good afternoon now. I'm calling in today on behalf of the  
15 Latino Community Foundation because we feel the complete  
16 lack of Latino Commissioners on this panel right now is  
17 incredibly concerning.

18                 In California, Latinos make up 40 percent of our  
19 population. And for this Commission to be fair and  
20 racially equitable there would need to be a total of six  
21 Latino Commissioners approved onto the panel, which is also  
22 the exact number of vacant seats left to fill the  
23 Commission.

24                 I respectfully urge the eight of you to keep this  
25 fact in mind when selecting future applicants. Latinos are

1 needed at tables of power, like this one, to voice the  
2 concerns and needs of the largest ethnic group in the  
3 state. And by approving five Latino applicants onto the --  
4 or at least five Latino applicants onto the Commission,  
5 you'll be sending a statement to our state that racial  
6 equity is a necessary and important ideal we should  
7 continue striving for.

8 Thank you for your time. That's my entire  
9 mission -- message. Looking forward to the work of this  
10 Commission.

11 Thank you.

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

13 Are there any additional comments on this call?

14 AT&T OPERATOR: There are several more in queue.

15 Um-hmm. We'll go next to Gil Ontai.

16 Please spell your name.

17 MR. ONTAI: Gil, G-I-L, Ontai, O-N-T-A-I.

18 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Please go ahead.

19 MR. ONTAI: Am I on?

20 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, you are. Please go ahead.

21 MR. ONTAI: Good afternoon, Commissioners, and  
22 congratulations. I'm Gil Ontai, the last rotating Vice  
23 Chair of the 2010 Commission.

24 So just to emphasize Commissioner Angelo  
25 Ancheta's comment, please consider the State Auditor's

1 opening remarks to exercise your option to void the  
2 Statement Auditor's RFP and to pursue your own course of  
3 action.

4 So thank you very much for your public service  
5 and in, especially, this crucial startup phase, and for  
6 your next ten years. God bless.

7 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you very much.

8 Are there additional comments, people in the  
9 queue?

10 AT&T OPERATOR: Yes, there are. I'll next to  
11 Sophia Garcia.

12 Your line is open.

13 MS. GARCIA: Hello everybody. Again, my name is  
14 Sophia Garcia. I'm the GIS Analyst for the Dolores Huerta  
15 Foundation, and also a member of the Integrated Voter  
16 Engagement Redistricting Alliance.

17 And, again, I know the Alliance sent you all a  
18 letter to review. And I would just like to uplift some of  
19 the concerns. I also want to give a little bit of  
20 background.

21 The Foundation's mission is to inspire and  
22 organize communities empowered to pursue social justice.  
23 And we are -- we have 20 chapters throughout the San  
24 Joaquin and Antelope Valley.

25 We understand the Redistricting Commission was

1 established to ensure fair representation in our elected  
2 bodies. And we realize how important these decisions are  
3 for the lasting impact on people's lives and for fair math  
4 for our low-income communities of color.

5           It is of critical importance in today's world to  
6 erase the racial and economic inequalities that exist. So  
7 we join our fellow Alliance members to begin a partnership  
8 with the Commission. And we look forward, specifically, in  
9 participating in the San Joaquin Valley during the public  
10 meetings next year.

11           In order for the Commission to reflect the  
12 state's diversity, we recommend that the remaining six  
13 Commissioners fill the racial, ethnic, geographic, and  
14 socioeconomic gap identified in the letter that the  
15 Alliance sent.

16           And I'd also just like to uplift three specific  
17 concerns.

18           One, similar to the person who spoke earlier,  
19 based on data from the U.S. Census Bureau, Latinx  
20 Californians comprise approximately 40 percent of the  
21 state's population. And currently there are no Latinx  
22 representation for the six Commissioners.

23           We also want to uplift that, according to the  
24 Census Bureau, the median household income in California is  
25 a little over \$71,000. And there's currently no

1 representation for that economic bracket. So we would  
2 really like for the first Commissioners to really consider  
3 that, to look for someone who has an income below the  
4 \$75,000 bracket.

5 We also echo the recommendations that came  
6 earlier --

7 MS. PELLMAN: This is Madam Secretary.

8 MS. GARCIA: -- and urge the Commissioners --

9 MS. PELLMAN: You have 15 second remaining.

10 MS. GARCIA: -- okay, urge the Commissioners to  
11 remove the RFP for the demographer to give the full  
12 Commission the opportunity to decide for yourselves what is  
13 needed in a demographer. And we would like for the full  
14 Commission to establish that process with the demographer  
15 that they choose to hire.

16 Thank you so much and I'm done with my comment.

17 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you very much and we  
18 appreciate that.

19 Could -- and the next caller?

20 AT&T OPERATOR: We do have one last caller in  
21 queue. If there are additional comments, you may also  
22 press one zero.

23 We'll go to Alejandra Ponce de Leon.

24 Please go ahead.

25 MS. PONCE DE LEON: Good afternoon,

1 Commissioners. My name is Alejandra Ponce de Leon. I am a  
2 Policy and Research Analyst with Advancement Project  
3 California. We are a racial justice organization with  
4 expertise in research, advocacy, and policy. Our purpose  
5 is to transform public systems and shift public investments  
6 to create a more racially-equitable California.

7           Congratulations on your selection to be the first  
8 eight members of the 2020 Citizens Redistricting  
9 Commission. Thank you for your thoughtfulness throughout  
10 these last three days of training and affirmations to  
11 uphold your role with the utmost integrity and commitment  
12 to ensure that the Commission as a whole is reflective of  
13 California's diverse population.

14           On behalf of a diverse coalition of 15 statewide  
15 and regional organizations committed to racial and economic  
16 equity, and you've heard of them already, we want to  
17 elevate critical steps for you to intently consider in  
18 helping form your decision for the final six members.

19           As you have acknowledged, the current composition  
20 of the Commission is supposed to reflect California's  
21 diversity. And in order to have the Commission reflect our  
22 state's population, we recommend that you strive for as  
23 much proportional racial ethnic representation as possible  
24 and prioritize that next in East and Southeast Asian  
25 candidates in your selection. We also recommend that we

1 ensure more populous areas of our state are adequately  
2 represented.

3           With this in mind, we recommend that you select  
4 candidates from the Bay Area, Inland Empire, Los Angeles  
5 County, the Central Valley, Orange County, and San Diego  
6 County, prioritizing those areas that currently lack  
7 representation on the Commission, and that you strongly  
8 consider more diverse socioeconomic representation and  
9 include candidates with household incomes below \$75,000.  
10 We strongly believe that prioritizing these steps will  
11 ensure a more diverse and representative Commission. And  
12 we are committed to working in partnership with you to  
13 engage low-income communities and community of color across  
14 the state to participate in the redistricting process.

15           Thank you for your time.

16           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you very much.

17           Any additional public comments? Anyone in the  
18 queue?

19           AT&T OPERATOR: Yes, there are several additional  
20 lines in queue. We'll go to Kimberly Fuentes.

21           Please go ahead.

22           MS. FUENTES: Hello everyone. My name is  
23 Kimberly Fuentes. I am the Policy and Communications  
24 Director of the oldest Latino civil rights organization,  
25 the California League of United Latin American Citizens.

1           Latinx are the largest ethnic group, accounting  
2 for about 40 percent of the nearly 40 million California  
3 residents. And you have the critical responsibility in  
4 selecting the remaining six. As a state organization, we  
5 urge you to perform your responsibility by selecting up to  
6 five Latinx for the remaining seats. In making your  
7 selection you should also consider the partisan diversity  
8 of the Latino community and choose at least five -- at  
9 least one Latino in each of the partisan affiliation  
10 groups. There are several qualified Latinx in the  
11 applicant pool. Without our presence the Commission will  
12 be failing in its duty to reflect the state's ethnic  
13 diversity in meeting statutory regulations.

14           Therefore, we urge the current eight  
15 Commissioners to select Latinos and maintain our diversity  
16 at the state on drawing the line.

17           Thank you.

18           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you very much for that  
19 comment.

20           Next in the queue please.

21           AT&T OPERATOR: That comes from Jonathan Mehta  
22 Stein.

23           Please go ahead.

24           MR. MEHTA STEIN: Good afternoon. I'm Jonathan  
25 Mehta Stein, Executive Director with California Common

1 Cause. I provided public comment on Tuesday about the  
2 critical importance of Latinx representation on the  
3 Commission. I want to reiterate that the Latinx community  
4 in California must see itself in and trust in the work of  
5 this Commission.

6 Today, I would also like to speak to the issue of  
7 the RFP of the line-drawing consultants, also known as a  
8 demographer. The Auditor's Office, in a well-intentioned  
9 effort to assist this Commission, we feel prematurely  
10 drafted and posted the RFP for the line-drawing consultant.  
11 In a letter dated June 20th a broad set of stakeholders  
12 echoed the concerns of the former Commission, your  
13 predecessors, and asked the Auditor to withdraw the RFP.

14 What you are looking for in a line-drawing  
15 consultant is up to you and will shape how much the  
16 redistricting process operates. How many public hearings  
17 will you want the line-drawing consultant to be at? And  
18 how many languages should they be able to offer services?  
19 These are questions for you to decide before an RFP is  
20 posted.

21 We encourage you to agendize this topic for your  
22 August 4th meeting so you can discuss the situation and  
23 potentially instruct the Auditor to pull that RFP. Even if  
24 you don't make that choice, though, having the conversation  
25 in that meeting will mean you are primed for action once

1 the entire Commission is seated.

2 We note that you have been given months of extra  
3 time to do your work compared to your predecessors. And we  
4 think developing your own RFP would be a good use of that  
5 extra time.

6 The Auditor's Office, in another attempt to be  
7 helpful and to be supportive, has issued job listings for  
8 the future Executive Director, General Counsel, and  
9 Communications Director. We'd like to suggest that this is  
10 also similarly troubling and that you should use the extra  
11 time allowed to you to draft these job postings yourself,  
12 or at least review them before they go public, so you can  
13 secure staff that meet your needs. Again, we suggest that  
14 you agendize these topics for your August 4th meeting.

15 Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you very much.

17 The next person in the question.

18 AT&T OPERATOR: Thank you. That is Esperanza  
19 Guevara.

20 Please do spell your name before your comment.

21 MS. GUEVARA: Hi. Good afternoon. It's  
22 Esperanza, E-S-P-E-R-A-N-Z-A, last name, G-U-E-V-A-R-A.

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Please go ahead.

24 MS. GUEVARA: Okay. My name is Esperanza and I'm  
25 here on behalf of the Coalition for Human Immigrant Rights,

1 a community-based organization founded in 1986 to advance  
2 and protect the civil rights of immigrants (indiscernible).

3 As our partners have already been uplifting that  
4 the current selection of Commissioners fails to reflect  
5 California's diversity by many different measures, we find  
6 it critical, in particular, to address the complete lack of  
7 Latinx representation on the Commission. The importance of  
8 ensuring our community is represented on the Commission  
9 can't be understated.

10 In addition to making up over 40 percent of the  
11 state of California, the Latinx community is critical to  
12 our economy. We contribute \$83 billion in taxes and have  
13 \$92 billion in spending power. Latinx-owned businesses  
14 contribute 650,000 jobs to California and bring  
15 approximately \$100 billion to the economy annually. These  
16 contributions must be given consideration by this  
17 Commission.

18 As the Commissioners work to select candidates,  
19 we truly ask that you consider Latinx candidates from all  
20 party affiliations that will best be able to uplift  
21 communities most marginalized from our democracy,  
22 especially immigrants, and candidates that can  
23 intentionally include marginalized communities in the  
24 redistricting process. We believe using this selection  
25 criteria will result in district lines that truly represent

1 and reflect the people of California.

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you for your comments.

3 Next person in the queue.

4 AT&T OPERATOR: That is Inez Gonzalez.

5 Your line is open.

6 MS. GONZALEZ: Hello. My name is Inez Gonzalez  
7 Perezchica. I'm the Executive Director for MANA de San  
8 Diego, representing over 400 women and allies in San Diego  
9 County. Congratulations on being selected to the  
10 Commission and thank you for your service.

11 Latinos in the U.S. have a history of being  
12 underrepresented in boards and commissions, entities that  
13 make decisions that impact Latinos directly. You have an  
14 immediate and important task ahead, which is to select the  
15 rest of the Commissioners that will be representing all  
16 Californians. It is important that residents of California  
17 trust they are fairly represented by this Commission. As a  
18 San Diegan and a Latina, I'm urging you to select up to  
19 five Latinos for the remaining seats.

20 I'm also asking you to keep gender equity in  
21 mind, as well as regional representation.

22 From my understanding is that San Diego is not  
23 represented in the Commission. Being the important border  
24 region that it is, I hope you will add a San Diegan.

25 Finally, I'd like to highlight that you have a

1 great candidate in Patricia (indiscernible), a long-time  
2 MANNA de San Diego member and community leader. She has an  
3 (indiscernible) in training and experience. She will make  
4 a great Commissioner.

5 Thank you and good luck.

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

7 Next person in the queue.

8 AT&T OPERATOR: And that's Vanessa Hernandez.

9 Your line is open.

10 MS. HERNANDEZ: Thank you. My name is Vanessa  
11 Hernandez. I am the Policy Director for HOPE, which stands  
12 for Hispanas Organized for Political Equality. We are a  
13 nonprofit/nonpartisan organization committed to ensuring  
14 the political and economic parity for Latinas through  
15 leadership, advocacy, and education to benefit all  
16 communities and the status of women.

17 We are concerned that, to date, there is no  
18 Latinos represented in the eight sitting Commissioners,  
19 despite the fact that Latinos are the largest ethnic group  
20 in California, accounting for nearly 40 percent of the  
21 state's 40 million residents. Not only does this mean that  
22 the largest Latino population of any state is completely  
23 neglected in this sitting body, it also highlights that an  
24 important voice is missing from the discussions of Latina.  
25 We strongly believe that the absence of a Latina

1 perspective will negatively impact the purpose of the CRC  
2 and be detrimental in fulfilling it's (indiscernible) to  
3 better represent the diversity of the back state (phonetic)  
4 for the next decade.

5 HOPE urges you all, the eight sitting members of  
6 the CCRC, to prioritize equity in representation by  
7 considering and selecting, at minimum, three Latinas to  
8 serve as part of your entity.

9 Thank you.

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you and thank you for your  
11 letter.

12 Next person in the queue.

13 AT&T OPERATOR: That comment comes from Julia  
14 Marks.

15 Your line is open. Please go ahead.

16 MS. MARKS: Thank you. Good afternoon. My name  
17 is Julia Marks, J-U-L-I-A M-A-R-K-S. And I am a voting  
18 rights attorney at Asian Americans Advance Justice, Asian  
19 Law Caucus, a legal and civil rights organization that  
20 advocates for Asian and Pacific Islander communities.

21 First of all, congratulations on becoming members  
22 of the CRC. And thank you for your commitment to  
23 California's democracy.

24 We just wanted to reiterate the importance of  
25 having a Commission that reflects the incredible racial and

1 ethnic diversity of California. The current lack of  
2 representation of Latinx communities is deeply concerning  
3 and cannot stand.

4 We would also note that no East Asian, Southeast  
5 Asian, or Pacific Islander Commissioners have been seated.  
6 We appreciate your awareness of these issues and gaps and  
7 we urge you to select Commissioners who will make the CRC  
8 representative of the state.

9 We also wanted to reiterate earlier concerns  
10 raised about the posting of the RFP for the line-drawing  
11 consultant and other key job postings before the full  
12 Commission has been seated. We do appreciate that the  
13 State Auditor is trying to get things up and running but we  
14 believe there are significant benefits to the Commission  
15 leading this part of the process.

16 The CRC has much to gain by collectively  
17 considering the roles and responsibilities of the line  
18 drawer and other key positions, and by determining the  
19 criteria for selecting those candidates, as partners  
20 organizations who have previously submitted letters on  
21 these issues.

22 Thank you very much for your consideration.

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you very much.

24 I'd like to say at this time, we are going to go  
25 right into the next person, but the people calling in from

1 the San Diego area, there's been some sort of a glitch. Do  
2 not worry. We will stay here until that glitch gets taken  
3 care of.

4 So may we have the next caller on the line?

5 AT&T OPERATOR: Certainly. That is Michele  
6 Siqueiros.

7 Please go ahead.

8 MS. SIQUEIROS: Hi. My name is Michele  
9 Siqueiros. I'm President of the Campaign for College  
10 Opportunity, an organization dedicated to advancing college  
11 access and opportunity for Californians and closing racial  
12 ethnic gaps in higher education.

13 First, let me start by thanking you for serving  
14 on this voluntary and important public Commission. As a  
15 fellow public servant, I understand the importance of your  
16 work and the amount of time and dedication you've committed  
17 to give the State of California. Thank you for that.

18 As previous public comment has already been  
19 shared, I just want to reiterate, the lack of Latino  
20 representation on this Commission is absolutely  
21 unacceptable in a state that is 40 percent Latinx,  
22 especially as redistricting will determine the future  
23 political representation for all of California residents.

24 I urge you to select a minimum of five more  
25 Latino members to your Commission. Anything less would be

1 inadequate. Latinos are a critical population of our  
2 state. The future of California is bound to our political  
3 empowerment to not exclude our voices, our experiences, or  
4 our community from this body.

5 Thank you.

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

7 Next in the queue please.

8 AT&T OPERATOR: That is the line of Carol Moon  
9 Goldberg.

10 Your line is open.

11 MS. MOON GOLDBERG: Thank you. My name is Carol  
12 Moon Goldberg. I am President of the League of Women  
13 Voters of California speaking for the room (phonetic). As  
14 an organization, we followed the first Redistricting  
15 Commission very closely. And we are honored to be able to  
16 do that again. Congratulations on your selection to being  
17 part of the second California Citizens Redistricting  
18 Commission. We appreciate your sharing your skills,  
19 talent, and time to support democracy in California.

20 We support the statements made earlier about  
21 reconsidering the RFP for a line drawer and the other jobs  
22 that were recently posted.

23 We also agree with statements about ensuring that  
24 the selection process for the final six Commissioners leads  
25 to a Commission that is representative of California in its

1 depth and breadth.

2           We do have a few suggestions about your structure  
3 and process as you go about the work of selecting the  
4 remaining Commissioners. These suggestions are based on  
5 observations of the prior Commission's work, as well as the  
6 work of the Auditor's Office that has led to your  
7 selection.

8           First of all, remember, you are an independent  
9 body. The well-intentioned work done by the Auditor is in  
10 support of your Commission but you are charged with making  
11 your own decisions. You should question assumptions or  
12 recommendations, including recommendations to follow the  
13 example of the prior Commission. You have already shown  
14 this independence in your discussions over the last few  
15 days and we encourage you to continue. Make decisions  
16 based on the rules of your Commission in 2020 and 2021.

17           In terms of making decisions, you really need to  
18 decide how to make decisions. So ask yourselves, do you  
19 want to use voting? And if so, what percent of the  
20 Commission needs to agree with a final decision? Are there  
21 any other requirements for a final decision or is it better  
22 to use a discussion-consensus model? And, if so, what  
23 constitutes consensus? Is a single Commissioner allowed to  
24 stop a decision? These are things to consider as you move  
25 forward.

1 MS. PELLMAN: And you have 15 seconds remaining.

2 MS. MOON GOLDBERG: And, finally, remember that  
3 the criteria you are to use for selecting the remaining  
4 Commissioners will be described to you. And before you  
5 proceed to an actual consideration, make sure that you all  
6 understand and agree on what the criteria mean and how you  
7 intend to apply them.

8 Thanks very much for your service. We look  
9 forward to working with you in the future.

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

11 Next person in the queue.

12 AT&T OPERATOR: Thank you. And that is from  
13 Karina Macias.

14 Please state your name.

15 MS. MACIAS: Yes. Hi. Good afternoon. My name  
16 is Karina Macias. I am a City Council Member for the City  
17 of Huntington Park.

18 And, first, I want to, you know, thank the  
19 Commissioners for their service and congratulate them on  
20 the position that they have. However, you do have a big  
21 responsibility in your hands.

22 As many of you know, the southeast cities have  
23 always been given the short end of services. And  
24 ourselves, as local officials, have to try, you know, have  
25 to fight twice as hard for services when we have a big

1 population, not only of Latinos, but we also have a low-  
2 income population. And it has been mentioned from previous  
3 callers and public comment, you know, to please consider  
4 equity in your Commission. Please consider Latinos and  
5 Latinas and reflect the diversity of our state.

6 Not only do you have that big responsibility, but  
7 the drawing of redistricting will really affect, obviously,  
8 the representation on a higher level, on a federal level.  
9 And, you know, we really would like to see that diversity  
10 being reflected for the betterment of our community.

11 So thank you very much for giving me the  
12 opportunity to provide comment.

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

14 Next person in the queue.

15 AT&T OPERATOR: Thank you. And that will come  
16 from Natasha Cougoule.

17 Please go ahead. Natasha, you may be on mute.

18 MS. COUGOULE: Hello? Can you hear me?

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, we can. Yes, we can hear  
20 you. Please proceed.

21 MS. COUGOULE: Thank you. My name is Natasha  
22 Cougoule, spelled N-A-T-A-S-H-A C-O-U-G-O-U-L-E.

23 I want to echo the congratulations and thanks to  
24 our Commissioners for being on this critical panel. And  
25 also echo the comments urging you to choose Latinos and

1 Latinas to fill the next six seats.

2 I am affiliated with the Latino Community  
3 Foundation. I'm a member of the Latino Giving Circle in  
4 San Francisco. And I understand how important it is for us  
5 to have representation on this Committee.

6 Latinos make up nearly 40 percent of the state's  
7 population but so far the selection process has resulted in  
8 an unacceptable absence of any Latinos on the Commission.  
9 You have a critical responsibility to select the remaining  
10 six Commissioners. And under California Law, you must  
11 choose them to ensure the Commissioners reflect diversity,  
12 including but not limited to racial, ethnic, geographic,  
13 and gender diversity.

14 We also have to think of the children. We have  
15 54 percent of school children identifying as Latino in the  
16 state. And their future depends on the selections of this  
17 Committee. It's urgent and necessary that you choose at  
18 least five Latinos to fill the Committee for the remainder  
19 of the seats.

20 Thank you.

21 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

22 Next in the queue.

23 AT&T OPERATOR: Thank you. That will be  
24 Jacqueline Coto.

25 Please go ahead.

1 MS. COTO: Hello. Hi. Am I online?

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, you are. Please go ahead.

3 MS. COTO: Hi. My name is Jacqueline Coto. Good  
4 afternoon. I'm calling on behalf of the National  
5 Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials,  
6 (indiscernible) education (indiscernible).

7 I would like to briefly reiterate the concern of  
8 the lack of Latino representation that has been voice  
9 throughout public comment. And given the absence of  
10 Latinos so far on the Commission, I urge you to fulfill  
11 your responsibility by selecting up to five Latinos for the  
12 remaining seats, and at least one in each of the partisan  
13 affiliation groups.

14 The Commission will draw lines that will  
15 determine and shape California's congressional and  
16 legislative districts for the next decade. And without a  
17 strong Latino presence the Commission will simply fail to  
18 reflect the state's ethnicity, diversity, and the statutory  
19 requirements. It is imperative that the Commission fully  
20 reflects the diversity of the state's Latino population.

21 I appreciate your consideration and trust that  
22 you will exercise the core democratic principles that all  
23 people deserve a fair representation by prioritizing the  
24 selection of Latino representation in the final pool.

25 Again, thank you for your public service. We

1 truly look forward to working in partnership with you in  
2 the future.

3 Thank you.

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

5 Next in the queue.

6 AT&T OPERATOR: Thank you, Madam Chair. At this  
7 time there are no further comments in queue.

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: All right. We will wait. As I  
9 said, there have been some problems with people calling in  
10 from the San Diego area, so we will wait for a few minutes.

11 We appreciate the comments so far. And also  
12 appreciate all the -- we have received many, many letters.  
13 And believe me that all of the -- all of those have gone to  
14 all of us, the eight. We have read them and are deeply  
15 considering everything.

16 At this time, I don't know if any Commissioner  
17 has something they'd like to say about what we've heard or  
18 a comment or, again, under the criteria that we can and  
19 cannot discuss or mention? Any comments or thoughts? Not  
20 at this time?

21 Oh, sorry. Yes. The Chair recognizes  
22 Commissioner Sadhwani.

23 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I think I've  
24 enjoyed hearing all of these public comments thus far.  
25 And, you know, we'll wait and, hopefully, some more come

1 in.

2 I think just to reiterate that on Monday, in the  
3 opening of our session, you know, Commissioner Le Mons had  
4 brought to us, had brought in our opening comments, his  
5 concern for diversity. And I think just as a reminder, you  
6 know, I'm sure that the court record will reflect, that we  
7 did all kind of commit to acknowledging the absence, the  
8 current absence, of Latinos on this Commission.

9 And so I just wanted to reflect on that and, you  
10 know, ensure that they're, for the public who are actually  
11 are listening, that that is something that we have already  
12 discussed, as well, and that we welcome additional  
13 comments.

14 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner  
15 Sadhwani.

16 Any other comments from the Commissioners?

17 I would like to reiterate, I do also deeply  
18 appreciate all the groups who are saying that they are  
19 planning on working with the Commission when the full  
20 Commission is established. And please do so because,  
21 regardless of what the Commission looks like, we can't do  
22 this work and represent your communities unless you do give  
23 us information when the full Committee is formed. So  
24 please do stay involved.

25 And when we reach out to your areas, or before we

1 reach out to your areas, please reach out to us, you know,  
2 because we want to hear your input, particularly when we're  
3 considering issues such as the communities of interest.  
4 I'm, you know, basically, really asking to please stay  
5 involved, regardless of what the group ends up looking like  
6 for whatever reasons. We are deftly listening to what  
7 you're saying and appreciate all your comments.

8 MS. SAXTON: Madam Chair?

9 AT&T Operator --

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh. Yes?

11 MS. SAXTON: -- are you there?

12 AT&T OPERATOR: Yes. I'll remind everyone to get  
13 into the queue for comments. You will press one, then zero  
14 on the telephone keypad.

15 MS. SAXTON: We are told, Madam Operator, that  
16 there is a person in queue who cannot hear the meeting.  
17 Will you please provide the instructions from your end?

18 AT&T OPERATOR: Okay. Are they trying to speak  
19 at this time or they just can't hear the conference at all?

20 MS. SAXTON: They can't get through.

21 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Do they need to dial in order  
22 to --

23 AT&T OPERATOR: Oh. Okay. They're trying to --  
24 are they -- if they want to get into the queue, they will  
25 need to press one, then zero on the telephone keypad.

1 MS. SAXTON: We're going to go and check to see  
2 the status of that caller.

3 AT&T OPERATOR: Do you know the parties name?

4 MS. SAXTON: I do not at this time but we will --

5 AT&T OPERATOR: Okay.

6 MS. SAXTON: -- obtain it if we can.

7 AT&T OPERATOR: Thank you.

8 MS. SAXTON: Thank you.

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Please bear with us. We  
10 definitely want to hear from all the public members,  
11 particularly those who are trying.

12 AT&T OPERATOR: Thank you. I do have someone in  
13 the queue. That is Cynthia Dai. We can open her line.

14 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

15 AT&T OPERATOR: Thank you.

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Please go ahead.

17 AT&T OPERATOR: Please go ahead, Ms. Dai.

18 MS. DAI: Dai. Thank you. Hi guys. Just a  
19 couple of quick comments to follow up on the comments I  
20 shared with you on Tuesday.

21 One of the comments the Auditor's staff made to  
22 our Commission when looking at how we ranked against the  
23 four diversity criteria was that we, like you, were also  
24 not as diverse from a socioeconomic standpoint. And they  
25 pointed out that that's to be expected given the

1 requirements for the Commission, that we would be tilted to  
2 the higher end of the socioeconomic scale. And I know that  
3 there has been some concern about getting some diversity  
4 there. It is harder to get.

5           And I will just remind you, as I did on Tuesday,  
6 when you kind of take your own inventory of the first  
7 eight, you may find that while you may be on that higher  
8 end of the scale -- end of that scale today, that you were  
9 not always that way and that some of you may actually be  
10 able to represent the experience of someone who has  
11 experienced life from the lower income side of things.

12           And the other comment I wanted to make is that  
13 it's important for you to agendize the RFP so you can  
14 discuss this out at the first date, rather than waiting for  
15 the full Commission to be seated, because the deadline is  
16 currently slated to happen on August 17th, which is only a  
17 couple of days after all 14 of you will be officially in  
18 office. And responding to these RFPs is an incredible  
19 amount of work and quite daunting. So it would be helpful,  
20 I'm sure, for anyone who is --

21           MS. PELLMAN: You have 15 seconds remaining.

22           MS. DAI: -- preparing today to know if their  
23 bids are actually going to be opened or if you are going to  
24 change the criteria. So I would urge the first eight of  
25 you to actually take some action on that.

1 Thank you.

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

3 I might say --

4 AT&T OPERATOR: We did have a Miguel Canales in  
5 the queue but that line has disconnected.

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay.

7 MS. SAXTON: We are currently retrieving more  
8 contact information for the individual who is having  
9 trouble getting through.

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Thank you very much.

11 So is there anyone in the queue at this time?

12 AT&T OPERATOR: We have no one in the queue at  
13 this time.

14 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. One thing I might say,  
15 just a comment, I've heard from legal counsel, and I  
16 believe you probably want to know if a Commissioner has  
17 said anything, our task is limited to selecting the next  
18 six. We cannot actually agendaize doing anything with that  
19 RFP. It's an option for the full Commission to consider.  
20 So, you know, we all appreciate that information. It's  
21 something that we'll definitely be considering individually  
22 but it is not an item that we can agendaize because that's  
23 not our charge at this time.

24 So if there's any sort of other discussion right  
25 now, we're -- we know that people are trying to get in and

1 there's been a glitch, so we would like to give them every  
2 opportunity.

3 AT&T OPERATOR: I will just remind everyone  
4 again, if you'd like to get into the queue on the phone, to  
5 press one, then zero on the telephone keypad, again, that  
6 is one, then zero.

7 MS. SAXTON: The caller that had difficulty  
8 getting in has been provided instructions and is expected  
9 to call.

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you very much, Counsel.

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Well, there's been a great deal  
12 of information. And I know we'll receive more information.  
13 There's a great deal for all of us to consider. We  
14 certainly have a lot of homework to do ahead of us.

15 I, for one, am actually, once I get home, looking  
16 forward to a little relax, a little contemplation, and then  
17 getting to work because I think it's going to be very  
18 exciting. And for all the remaining applicants in the  
19 pool, I know I will be looking at each and every one of  
20 you. It's a great consideration because this is a very  
21 serious matter to which we've been charged and we're -- we  
22 were all qualified. And it's a very great task that we're  
23 honored to be charged with.

24 And I'll also say at this time, since we're sort  
25 of probably wrapping up soon, thank you very much to

1 everyone who's been involved.

2 To all our Commission, the Commissioners, thank  
3 you very much for bearing with me through learning the  
4 Chair-ship.

5 And there is literally a village. I appreciate  
6 all our technical staff working with us.

7 And I know everyone at home, it's almost like,  
8 oh, I'm at a home but, no. Having to -- breaking away and  
9 putting -- keeping everyone away from you while you're  
10 doing that is also very difficult.

11 So we're all putting our time and our efforts  
12 into this and a great deal of thanks to our State Auditor  
13 and all the support staff that have been helping through  
14 all this. Thank you very much.

15 AT&T Operator, do we happen to have anyone on the  
16 line?

17 AT&T OPERATOR: We have no one in the queue but  
18 I'll remind everyone, if you'd like to get into the queue  
19 to press one, then zero. Thank you.

20 We do have someone in the queue. We'll go to  
21 Counsel Miguel Canales.

22 The line is open. Please go ahead.

23 MR. CANALES: Thank you very much for being  
24 patient with this technology. I appreciate that.

25 First of all, congratulations to the

1 Commissioners on your selection to the Committee. The next  
2 step in completing the body of the Commission membership is  
3 important for all of California.

4           As stated, my name is Miguel Canales and I am one  
5 of the Council Members in the City of Artesia, located in  
6 Southeast Los Angeles, about 30 miles from Downtown L.A.  
7 I'm one of 21 electeds in the southeast area that has  
8 signed on to a letter from our region advocating for  
9 representation and a voice from our 17 cities. We are  
10 doing our part in our region in working with our community  
11 to make sure that our residents are counted in the 2020  
12 census, despite the fear tactics from our federal  
13 administration.

14           I ask you to choose Latinas to be part of the  
15 Committee [sic] to provide us with a voice throughout  
16 California in the redistricting process.

17           And we also ask our region to not get forgotten.  
18 We represent Artesia, Bell, Bell Gardens, Bellflower,  
19 Cerritos, Commerce, Cudahy, Downey, Hawaiian Gardens,  
20 Lakewood, Lynwood, Maywood, Ontario (phonetic), Norwalk,  
21 Paramount, Pico Rivera, and South Gate, and they need a  
22 voice that knows our region in the Redistricting Committee.  
23 So we ask that you strongly consider that.

24           Thank you for your time.

25           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you for your call.

1           Do we happen to have anyone else in the queue at  
2 this time?

3           AT&T OPERATOR: We have no one in the queue at  
4 this time.

5           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. We'll wait a few  
6 more minutes.

7           AT&T OPERATOR: Thank you. And as a reminder, if  
8 you would like to get into the queue, you will press one,  
9 then zero on your telephone keypad.

10          CHAIR ANDERSEN: We'll wait at least, at least,  
11 another minute.

12          AT&T OPERATOR: And as a reminder, if you are  
13 using a speaker phone, you may want to pick up the handset  
14 before pressing the one, then zero.

15          CHAIR ANDERSEN: I think I'll call the meeting to  
16 be just, you know, at ease for a few minutes. We'll give  
17 people a little time and we'll reread the instructions  
18 because, as I said, there was an issue down in San Diego,  
19 we're not exactly sure what happened there, just to give  
20 people a chance since we're still scheduled, and then we'll  
21 come back. So just be at ease for a few minutes.

22          AT&T OPERATOR: We did have an additional person  
23 join the conference on the phone.

24          (Pause)

25          CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you very much, AT&T

1 Operator.

2           Let's go ahead and bring the meeting back to  
3 order for our caller.

4           Please let them on the line.

5           AT&T OPERATOR: Thank you. A reminder, if you'd  
6 like to get into the queue, you may press one, then zero on  
7 the telephone keypad.

8           Okay, we go to Vanessa Green.

9           Ms. Green, your line is open.

10          MS. GREEN: Thank you so much for being patient  
11 with me. As a person with a different ability, I  
12 appreciate the interpreter and the closed captioning  
13 because I don't hear that well, so thank you for that.

14          I called earlier and I called at the wrong time.  
15 My name is Vanessa Green. I'm the Census Redistricting  
16 Fellow at Alliance San Diego, a community-empowerment  
17 organization working to ensure all residents can reach  
18 their full potential in an environment of safety, harmony,  
19 equity, and justice. We are also a part of the Integrated  
20 Voter Engagement Redistricting Alliance.

21          San Diego's elected leaders at every level play a  
22 huge role in opportunity, regulation, support, and resource  
23 distribution to ensure residents can access the California  
24 dream. How they are elected begins with the process you  
25 have been selected to lead.

1           While you are tasked with selecting the next  
2 group of Commissioners, diversity is an important part of  
3 that decision. Do not forget that geographic diversity and  
4 representation is equally important to this process. It is  
5 vital that the San Diego region have representation on this  
6 Commission.

7           San Diego has become more prominent in  
8 California's profile, especially when it comes to its  
9 economy, education, politics, (indiscernible) and  
10 innovation. In order to have credibility for residents and  
11 ensure input in the decision-making process, we strongly  
12 advocate that you select someone from San Diego to join  
13 this Commission.

14           And we agree with all the other callers who were  
15 saying that we need to have representation of our Black-  
16 backed community so that the beautiful diversity of San  
17 Diego and California, the state of California, is  
18 represented.

19           San Diego is not like Los Angeles or Orange  
20 County. San Diego is not like Riverside or San Bernardino  
21 County. San Diego deserves to have representation on this  
22 Commission and this Commission absolutely needs a  
23 representative from San Diego to have a fair and  
24 representative redistricting process.

25           I hope you will seriously consider these facts in

1 making the decision regarding the selection of the final  
2 member to the panel. And thank you so much for allowing me  
3 to come on while you took a break, et cetera. I appreciate  
4 it.

5 Thank you.

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you for the call.

7 Do we have -- AT&T Operator, do we have anyone  
8 else in the queue?

9 AT&T OPERATOR: Let me check again.

10 If you would like to enter the queue, please  
11 press one, then zero at this time, again, that is one, then  
12 zero.

13 I have no one in the queue.

14 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. We'll wait a couple  
15 of minutes. Everyone be at ease while we're waiting.

16 MS. SAXTON: Madam Chair, if I may? That call  
17 was the caller that we had been waiting for who couldn't  
18 get in.

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Well, with the -- I bring  
20 the meeting back. Since that was the caller that we had  
21 been hearing from and was waiting on, do we happen to have  
22 anymore callers in the queue at this time?

23 AT&T OPERATOR: We have no additional callers in  
24 the phone queue.

25 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you very much.

1           Given that we have been waiting for a while and  
2 we know we had an issue, the one that we did know about it  
3 has now been able to contact us, I believe that's the only  
4 one that we actually knew about, so I believe we've done a  
5 very good faith effort of waiting and giving everyone a  
6 chance who wanted to speak at this time.

7           Are there any additional comments or thoughts  
8 from any of the Commissioners?

9           Seeing no jumping and screaming and waving of  
10 hands, I will call this meeting adjourned. Thank you very  
11 much.

12           (Thereupon, the First Eight Commissioners  
13 meeting adjourned at 3:26 p.m.)

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