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In the matter of:

2020 CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION (CRC)
FIRST EIGHT COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING

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Sara Sadhwani (Remote attendance)
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PUBLIC COMMENT:

Alejandra Ponce Deleon, Redistricting Alliance
George Santana, Northern California Resident
James Woodson, Black Census and Redistricting Hub
Thomas Wong, Resident of California
Alex Hilke, Montebello, California Resident
Jesus Guzman, Healdsburg, California Resident
PUBLIC COMMENT:

Minsun Meeker, former Supervisor of Angela Vazquez
Rob Quan
Abe Ali, President, Asian Pacific Americans in Higher Education
Arturo Carmona, La Opinion de la Bahia
Jeffrey Lee
Eliot Enriquez, Board Member, Los Cien
Ahmad Nawabi
Jacqueline Coto, NALEO Educational Fund
Nelly Nieblas, Local Community Organizer, L.A.
Ann Navarro
Christy Lubin, Executive Director, Gratin Day Labor Center, Sonoma County
Tony Winer
Maricela Morales, CAUSE
Marjorie Helm, Petaluma National Association of Social Work
Walter Chip Atkin, Retired Social Worker
Yolanda Latham, Hoopa Valley Tribe
Fayaz Nawabi, DARE
Kimberley Coles, Professor of Clinical Anthropology
Tammy Tran
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Tammy Kim, Managing Director of Korean American Center, Korean Community Services, Orange County

Vanessa Hernandez, Hispanas Organized for Political Equality (HOPE)

Maria Morales

Esperanza Guevara, CHIRLA

Sky Allen, IE United, Inland Empire

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Helen Torres, HOPE

Manju Kulkarni, Executive Director, Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council (A3PCON)

Mariko Kahn, Executive Director in Mental Health
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Tammy Tumbling, Resident, City of Cerritos, California
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Joseph Williams, Elected member, San Bernardino Community College Board of Trustees
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9:30 a.m.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay, the time being 9:30 I will call this meeting to order out of recess.

Could the secretary please read the roll?

MS. PELLMAN: Yes. Commissioner Ahmad?

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Here, Commissioner Ahmad.

MS. PELLMAN: Commissioner Andersen?

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Here.

MS. PELLMAN: Commissioner Fornaciari?

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Here.

MS. PELLMAN: Commissioner Kennedy?

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.

MS. PELLMAN: Commissioner Le Mons?

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Here.

MS. PELLMAN: Commissioner Sadhwani?

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Here.

MS. PELLMAN: Commissioner Taylor?

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Present.

MS. PELLMAN: Commissioner Turner?

VICE CHAIR TURNER: Here.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: I see we have a quorum. The
first order of business is public comment. Can I have the

counsel read the instructions for the people can call in?

   MS. SAXTON: Yes, Madam Chair.

   If you’d like to make public comment regarding
Agenda Item 5, deliberation and action to select the final
six members of the Commission, please call in now by
dialing 844-291-5495. In the next few moments we’ll begin
taking public comment. And again that number is 844-291-
5495.

   After dialing the number you’ll speak with an
operator. You’ll be asked to provide either the access
code for the meeting, which is 8121803, or the name of the
meeting which is CRC selection meeting. After providing
this information the operator will ask you to provide your
name. Please note you’re not required to provide your
actual name. When the operator asks for your name, you may
provide a name other than your own.

   When it’s your turn to make public comment, the
operator will introduce you by the name you provided.
Please be assured our office is not maintaining any list of
callers by name. We ask for you to provide some name to
enable the operator to manage multiple calls simultaneously
and let you know when it’s your turn to speak.

   After speaking with the operator you’ll be placed
in a listening room. In this room you will be able to
listen to live audio of the meeting. Please mute your computer audio because the online video and audio will be delayed by approximately 60 seconds and feedback issues may occur, making it difficult for anyone to hear your comment. Also, please do not use speakerphone and speak directly into your phone.

When you decide that you want to make a comment about an action item on the agenda, press 10 and you’ll be placed in the queue to make public comment about that action item. After joining the queue to make public comment, you should hear an automatic recording informing you that you’ve been placed in the queue. When it’s your turn the operator will introduce you. At that time please state and spell your name for the transcriptionist. Then, state your comment clearly and concisely. Comments will be limited to two minutes. You will hear a time check when 15 seconds in your time remains.

After you finish making your comment, we’ll move on to the next caller. At that point please hang up your phone. If you’d like to comment on another agenda item at a later time, please call back when we open up public comment for that item and repeat this process.

If you are disconnected for any reason, please call back and explain the issue to the operator, then repeat the process, and rejoin the public comment queue by
pressing 1 0. These instructions can also be found on our
website.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Counsel.

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

AT&T OPERATOR: We do. And just a reminder it is
pressing 1 then 0 to place yourself into queue.

The first line is Alejandra Ponce Deleon. Your
line is open.

MS. PONCE DELEON: Hi, good morning
Commissioners. My name is Alejandra Ponce Deleon with the
Advancement Project of California. And I’m calling on
behalf of the Redistricting Alliance to urge you to keep
Pedro Toledo and one of the candidates from Orange County
as part of the nonaffiliated subpool.

From a racial equity perspective engagement in
our democratic processes always entail greater barriers of
participation for people of color. These barriers include
economic disparities, lack of information and knowledge
about even participating in these processes, inability to
speak the language, and all of these accumulate the
disempowerment of communities of color.

Therefore, we urge you to prioritize selecting
candidates that represent these communities of color that
continue to be disenfranchised in our democratic processes.
Pedro Toledo is the only Latino within the nonaffiliated subpool and given the complexity and diversity of the Latino population there is a need to have a Latino voice within this subpool.

Of the two candidates from Orange County, both of them represent communities of color that are critical to include their voices. Linda Akutagawa is representing the East Asian community and it’s important. And she has ties with the Hawaiian and Pacific Islander community.

The other Victoria Tamoush is Middle Eastern and this is a community that has not been uplifted throughout these hearings and it’s a critical community to also have representation.

And therefore we urge you to go with racial equity perspective in ensuring that these voices of these communities, both the Latinx and either East Asian or Middle Eastern be represented. Thank you.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Ms. Ponce Deleon.

Is there anyone else in the queue?

AT&T OPERATOR: Yes. Next we have the line of George Santana, if you would please spell your name for the reporter. Your line is open.


Dear Commissioners, my name is George and I’m a resident of Northern California. I’m calling to let you
that I’m disappointed to see that instead of adding more
Latinos onto the proposed slate, some are proposing fewer.
I’m reaching out today to respectively urge the eight of
you, to urge you to select at least four Latinos onto the
Commission, and at least one Latino from each of the three
political areas to ensure the Latino community is fairly
represented on the Commission.

As you know, Latinos comprise 40 percent of
California’s population and it’s growing. And if you only
select four Latinos, that is only 26 percent
representation, which is not enough. Latinos throughout
California have been excluded from full civic participation
for years. And with the current political climate in the
United States, it’s important to uplift Latino voices. The
Latino community is very diverse in terms of politics,
geography, language, immigration status and culture.

Please continue to support Mr. Pedro Toledo, the
nonpartisan Latino candidate. He is a former chamber of
commerce president, a healthcare leader, and has worked
hard to give under-served communities a hand up. I know
him personally and Mr. Toledo will ensure that all
Californians have a fair representation.

Thank you very much for your time.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Santana. Do we
have anyone else in the queue?
AT&T OPERATOR: We do have several more lines in the queue. Next is the line of James Woodson, if you would please spell your name for the reporter. Your line is open.

MR. WOODSON: Sure. So, it’s J-A-M-E-S W-O-O-D-S-O-N. And I’m calling on behalf of the Black Census and Redistricting Hub, a group of 35 black-led and black-serving organizations across the state.

I really want to echo the sentiments of Commissioners Turner and Sadhwani regarding, you know, the potential dismissiveness of voices and stand in solidarity with our Latinx and AAPI brothers and sisters, and in particular our partners of Asian Americans Advancing Justice, the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights, and the Lao Educational Fund to uplift the important of Latinx and AAPI candidates to fill the NPP seats.

You know, as black Californians we’ve certainly had to deal with a lot of pain, and grief, and exhaustion. Historically, we’ve been under-counted and under-represented, and dealt with decades, in fact centuries, of lifting our voice only to have people ignore that voice. And it took a public health pandemic and the murder of three people, two on camera, for people to finally wake up to hear what we had to say.

And so, we’re concerned about the arguments and
the rhetoric that was used yesterday to suggest that people raising their voice is a sign that they’ve been heard and will be represented. When, in fact, our history shows that that isn’t the case.

You all received a lot of public comments and calls, many from the Latinx and AAPI communities. And I would hate knowing that racial minorities have historically been disenfranchised in this country and in this state I’d hate for Latinx and AAPI voices to be dismissed and ignored for the simple fact that they spoke up.

We know the systems in this country and in this state that have been set up to protect older, white, male landowners. And the fact is that, you know, while California’s made strides to right these wrongs in the last 20 to 30 years, we still had to deal with vestiges of that past.

MS. PELLMAN: Fifteen seconds.

MR. WOODSON: We know that, you know, certain communities are being attacked in the Census right now. And so, it’s one thing to say we hear your voices it’s another thing to show it. So, we would urge you to put Pedro Toledo --

MS. PELLMAN: Time.

MR. WOODSON: -- and one of the Orange County applicants on the NPP subpool. Thank you.
CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Woodson.

Next in the queue, please.

AT&T OPERATOR: We have the line of Thomas Wong.

Please spell your name for the reporter. Your line is open.


I would like to commend the Commission for taking the time to do this and to take public input, and also your own time and resources to participate in this process, this critical process once a decade to redraw the lines in a fair way, for fair representation for the residents and the communities of California. I know it’s an extraordinarily tough job to make sure that a Commission of this size represents all of the diversity of the entire State of California. And that you have tough choices ahead of you and very many good candidates.

I’d like to echo my support and my encouragement, along with others who have spoken before to make sure that there is Latino representation in the remaining appointments to the Commission. But also wanted to specifically call out and support Pedro Toledo’s and Linda Akutagawa’s consideration for being added to the nonpartisan seats for the Commission.

Both have very much proven track records of involvement in the community and in state affairs, and
local affairs, and make sure they’ve demonstrated a commitment to fair representation and empowering the community. And I hope that the Commission and the Commissioners, each of you will give due attention to both of their appointments — or, their consideration. And I hope and wish you all the luck and best wishes as you kind of move forward in this process. Thanks so much.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Wong.

Next in the queue, please.

AT&T OPERATOR: We have Alex Hilke. Please spell your name for the reporter. Your line is open.

MR. HILKE: Hi, my name is Alex Hilke, A-L-E-X H-I-L-K-E. And I’m a resident of Montebello, California.

I just wanted to pose a slate to the Commission today. As I’ve been listening to testimony and feedback over the last four days, I believe the most optimal slate at this moment would be Sinay and Vazquez for the Democrats, Fernandez and Gallegos for the Republicans, and Akutagawa and Morgan for the independents.

I know Commissioner Le Mons had some concerns about negative feedback for Applicant Gallegos, but this slate would serve to be reflective of the Latino community, the Asian community, and also balance regional considerations that I’ve heard from several Commissioners over the last few days.
I thank you for your time. Thank you.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Hilke.

Next in the queue, please.

AT&T OPERATOR: Yeah, Jesus Guzman, please spell your name for the reporter. Your line is open.

MR. GUZMAN: Hi, my name is Jesus Guzman. That’s spelled J-E-S-U-S G-U-Z-M-A-N.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Please go ahead.

MR. GUZMAN: Hi, good morning Commissioners and thank you for convening us this morning. I will be brief. I want to just share a few words in urging the Commission to support the appointment of Mr. Pedro Toledo. I’m a resident here of Healdsburg, in Sonoma County. I’ve had the pleasure of working with Mr. Toledo for a number of years and have seen in action his leadership, and his advocacy for our entire community in terms of making sure that the healthcare is more than just -- that it’s a service that’s provided for everybody in the community.

He’s often approached issues through an equity lens and has fought to make sure that we have an inclusive community here in Sonoma County. So, I have no doubt that his service will continue to make sure that that’s something that’s afforded to the rest of Californians, as well.

And so, I would urge you to support Mr. Toledo.
As somebody who’s been a former chamber of commerce president, a healthcare leader and worked hard to give under-served communities a hand up. So, again, I want to thank you for your time and wish you luck in your future deliberations.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Guzman.

Next in the queue, please.

AT&T OPERATOR: We have the line of Minsun Meeker. If you would, please spell your name for the court reporter. Please go ahead.

MS. MEEKER: Hello, this is Minsun Meeker. It’s M-I-N-S-U-N. The last name is Meeker, M-E-E-K-E-R.

Good morning, Commissioners. I’m calling to support Angela Vazquez’s candidacy for the Citizen’s Redistricting Commission. I heard some concern with Ms. Vazquez that the Commission may lack a particular expertise and necessary to serve as a potential counterbalance, the legal counsel that the Commission may hire.

I was Angela’s supervisor when we worked together at the National Center for Youth Law, a national legal advocacy organization. And I wanted to assure you of Angela’s expertise in policy and legal analysis, and her ability to interpret and apply the law. Angela has spent nearly a decade of her career working with lawyers within the legally driven world of the foster care system. She
has more than once been the sole voice speaking truth to power, holding school and child welfare leaders accountable to legal violations of foster youth education rights, such as the right to remain enrolled in their school if their foster home changes.

She’s highly skilled in policy analysis, digging deeply into the state’s Education and Welfare and Institutions Codes to ensure she understands the legal context at play when advocating for policy change on behalf of children from marginalized communities.

Her skills in policy analysis and development has meant that Angela has helped author legislation alongside lawyers, including AB 1164 which ultimately ensured greater access to early learning opportunities for young children in foster care, and SB 233 which clarified exceptions to the Federal Education Rights and Privacy Act to ensure foster parents have the necessary information to support foster youth in school.

One of the Commissioners said in a prior discussion that lawyers have a certain way of thinking that would be an asset to the Commission in working with its hired counsel. I agree that deep critical analysis of existing policy is a relevant and essential skill for the Commission and I believe that Ms. Vazquez -- with Ms. Vazquez you will be gaining the expertise and the way of
thinking you desire. Thank you.

MS. PELLMAN: Fifteen seconds.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you very much, Ms. Meeker. Next in the queue, please.

AT&T OPERATOR: It’s the line of Rob Quan.

Please spell your name for the reporter. Your line is open.

MR. QUAN: Okay, R-O-B Q-U-A-N. I just had a few brief comments. I thought it was interesting, especially after all the discussion about process that towards the end of yesterday’s meeting Mr. Le Mons, you know, revealed that he had engaged in serial meetings with three of the other Commissioners that brings it to a total of four, half of the Commission. I don’t know that much about Bagley-Keene, but under the Brown Act that would be a little suspect.

I looked at the rules and regulations and it’s kind of running right up to that line because five people would constitute a quorum. So, I just wanted to flag that because, you know, if we’re talking about process and having everything aboveboard, let’s see that.

You know, I know you all have a tough day today, so I’d just say that I hope you, you know, find a way to get four Latinos on this Commission. There’s some things that you just can’t make up for in perspective. And I’ve heard a few white people on this Commission go on and on
about diversity, and talk about nooks and crannies of the state. And, frankly, I just -- it’s not really sitting well as far as what this Commission is, you know, seeking to pursue. And, you know, the concerns about geography, and resumes, like you should really be thinking about who these people are, what perspectives they have, and what they bring to the table and all of those intangibles.

I’ll end on a positive note. I really do appreciate that this Commission has made an effort to, you know, improve things along the way and make these meetings accessible. I’ll note that your hold music, your standby music is amazing. Maybe that doesn’t go to the Commission and somebody in the Auditor’s Office --

MS. PELLMAN: Fifteen seconds.

MR. QUON: -- but it’s the best standby music of any governmental body out there. So, thank you.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Quan.

Next in the queue, please.

AT&T OPERATOR: Next we have the line of Abe Ali. Please spell your name for the reporter. And now, your line is open for us.

MR. ALI: Hello, my name is Abe Ali, spelled A-B-E A-L-I. I represent the Asian Pacific Americans in Higher Education. I’m the president of that association. I also am a resident of Bakersfield, California. And I
speak on behalf of Linda Akutagawa. She is an excellent
candidate that I believe will be a great nonpartisan
participant in your process.

I applaud the Commission’s intent to include, to
be inclusive of shaping California’s future. This starts
with working and involving fair representation with all
ethnic communities and sharing the values of -- that should
be represented on the Commission.

Linda Akutagawa is that person. She’s an ideal
candidate that can work and toggle between private
businesses, where she has collected several amounts of
resources to be allocated to nonprofits throughout the
nation, but in particular California.

She has been a great asset to all three, private
sector businesses, nonprofits, and higher education.
There’s no other person that I would look to, to be fairly
representing our Asian Pacific American community.

As you know, diversity and cultural
identification has been an issue in the Asian community and

MS. PELLMAN: Fifteen seconds.

MR. ALI: -- Linda has -- Linda has participated
greatly in learning about resource distribution and
cultural identification that’s collected through Census,
and she has learned a lot --
MS. PELLMAN: Five.

MR. ALI: -- and participated in our (indiscernible) -- so, thank you and appreciate your consideration.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Ali.

Next in the queue, please.

AT&T OPERATOR: We have the line of Arturo Carmona. Please spell your name for the reporter. Your line is open.

MR. CARMONA: Hi, my name is Arturo Carmona, A-R-T-U-R-O, the last name C-A-R-M-O-N-A.

And I am calling on behalf of La Opinion, La Opinion de la Bahia, and the Latino Media Collaborative, representing 32 media outlets that help keep the millions of Latinos informed with high quality news and journalism. As a collective of outlets that value independent and unbiased journalism, we are calling to remind the Commission of the commitment they made to the public to address the complete lack of Latinx representation on the body and to uplift Pedro Toledo, a Latinx candidate who represents 40 percent of California’s population, as well as one-fourth of registered no party preference Latinx voters in this space.

We also join in support of the previously made request that at least four Latino representatives be
integrated into the Commission.

I also wanted to personally thank the Commission for this opportunity and for taking this important issue on, and the issue of ensuring full representation. Our outlets have made editorial positions on this very important issue for our state. And we stand in unison in making this request.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Carmona.

Next in the queue, please.

AT&T OPERATOR: We’ll go to the line of Jeffrey Lee. If you would please spell your name for the reporter. Your line is open.

MR. LEE: J-E-F-F-R-E-Y L-E-E. And happy -- you know, good morning and happy Friday. You know, I’m calling to just really express my appreciation for all the Commissioners’ public service in prior roles, and all the things that you’ve done, you know, leading up to this time.

Commissioner Kennedy, I’d like to say I really admire your international experience. I’m from an immigrant family and a student of international relations. I really appreciated your work on democratic elections. And in my humble opinion, I think you’re a good fit for the role.

I’m also struck by Debra Gish’s public comment about you. And just for the record Ms. Gish said that, you
know, Commissioner Kennedy really cares about everyone, especially marginalized members of society, women, minorities, differently abled, indigenous, LGBTQ. He wants everyone to enjoy fair access in a timely manner. He goes out of his way to ensure systems and procedures are in place to accomplish this.

You know, so just frankly, you know, this process has been really hard to follow sometimes, right. And I trust and acknowledge that you will support Commissioner Sadhwani and Commissioner Turner’s slate. As far as I’m able to follow those haven’t changed. It’s a strong slate. And it addresses the lack of Latino participation, as well as a very diverse API population and community in the inclusion of Peter Toledo -- I mean Pedro Toledo and Linda Akutagawa.

This slate is kind of far from yours, sir. So, it’s a coalition slate, it really is. Your two minority women colleague slate will ensure that marginalized women and minorities, LGBTQ have access to a seat at the table.

MS. PELLMAN: Fifteen seconds.

MR. LEE: This is backed by your public comment and the comments of the communities over the past three days. So, based on your background, I’m very hopeful that you will agree and I have to believe that you will demonstrate this with your vote. Thank you, Commissioner
Kennedy.

MS. PELLMAN: Time.

MR. LEE: Thank you to the rest of the Commission.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Lee. Next in the queue, please.

AT&T OPERATOR: We’ll go to the line of Eliot Enriquez. Please spell your name for the reporter. Your line is open.

MR. ENRIQUEZ: E-L-I-O-T E-N-R-I-Q-U-E-Z. Good morning Commissioners. Once again, my name is Eliot Enriquez and I am a board member for Los Cien, a Latino-based advocacy group that works to build bridges amongst all races in our community.

And I also would like to remind the Commission of its commitment to have four Latinos joined the Commission in this next round.

I also would like everyone -- remind everyone to know that Latinos do compromise 40 percent of California’s population and it’s growing. And if you only select four Latinos that is only 26 percent of the representation, which is clearly not enough for representation of the Latinx community that have been historically underrepresented and forgotten in California.

The Latino community is also very diverse in
terms of its politics, geography, language, immigration status and culture. And that’s why I would like for you to please support Mr. Pedro Toledo, who is a nonpartisan Latino candidate. He used to be the president of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce in Sonoma County. He continues to be one of the most prominent healthcare leaders in the entire State of California. And he’s been working most of his entire professional life to give underserved communities a hand up and a fair shot at living the California dream.

I have known and worked with Pedro for the past ten years. It has been an honor. And I really hope that you will give him an opportunity and also to ensure that California has fair representation amongst the Commission. Thank you for your time.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Enriquez.

Next in the queue, please.

AT&T OPERATOR: Yes, Ahmad Nawabi. Please spell your name for the reporter. And your line is now open.


I want to thank the Commission for taking my call. And I wanted to echo the sentiments of the other callers in making sure that we get Mr. Toledo into NPP
In addition to that, I’d also like to voice my concern that we’re not getting enough votes for Victoria Tamoush who’s the only Middle Eastern candidate standing before us. So, I would like to voice my support of her and Mr. Toledo. (Indiscernible) Thank you.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Nawabi.

Next in the queue, please.

AT&T OPERATOR: We have Jacqueline Coto. Please spell your name for the reporter. Your line is now open.

MS. COTO: Hi, good morning. My name is Jacqueline Coto, C-O-T-O, from the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Official, NALEO Educational Fund.

I would like to acknowledge that you have come a long way. And as Commissioners, you have obviously been facing a very difficult challenge balancing geographic diversity between two very different parts of the state.

We wanted to remind you how much you have accomplished and should be proud of. At many earlier steps of the CRC process, time and time again it fails to provide representation for the Latino community from the application process straight through to the bingo balls.

However, the eight of you have stood up together as a group to right that wrong consistently, including a
minimum of four Latinos on the Commission when selecting
the slate to ensure that the Latino community is
represented in each of the partisan pools.

We are confident that the remaining Latino
candidates in each pool will all make an excellent
Commissioner, not only for the 40 percent of the
Californians who are Latino, but also for everyone who
lives in the state.

So, you face tough tradeoffs in balancing
geographic diversity and other considerations and we do not
envy you for that work. However, in addressing those
challenges we urge you not to trade one problem for another
and sacrifice your hard work to date to bring needed racial
and ethnic diversity to the Commission. Thank you.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Ms. Coto.

Next in the queue, please.

AT&T OPERATOR: Certainly. And just a reminder,
for any late joiners it is pressing 1, followed by 0 to
place yourself into queue.

Next we have the line of Nelly Nieblas. Please
spell your name for the reporter. Your line is open.

MS. NIEBLAS: Nelly Nieblas, N-E-L-Y, Nieblas
is N-I-E-B-L-A-S. And I am a local community organizer in
the southeast area of Los Angeles and I am pushing for
support for Linda Akutagawa, and for a slate that includes
Pedro Toledo. We need a diverse -- we need a diverse group
to reflect the diversity that California itself entails.
And I appreciate your time and consideration when it comes
to this decision. Thank you.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Ms. Nieblas.
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AT&T OPERATOR: We’ll go to the line of Ann
Navarro. Please spell your name for the reporter. Your
line is open.

calling to support the slate that includes three Latinos in
the Republican and Democrat categories, two API in the
Republican and no party preference. This would make a good
coalition slate and I believe that at least six of you can
get behind. Thank you.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Ms. Navarro.
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AT&T OPERATOR: The line of Christy Lubin.
Please spell your name for the reporter. Your line is
open.

MS. LUBIN: Yes, my name -- my spelling is C-H-R-
I-S-T-Y L-U-B-I-N. And I’m Christy Lubin and I am the
Executive Director of the Graton Day Labor Center located
in Sonoma County.
Our organization organizes with day laborers and
domestic workers in the North Bay Region to build power and lift labor standards, as well as workplace safety standards. And we -- I, personally have had the honor of working in the community with Mr. Pedro Toledo for the past 15 years and I have seen him as he -- everywhere you go, you see Mr. Toledo, for years, when it comes -- anything that has to do with advocating for low wage workers, for the immigrant community, he is always at the table.

So, I want to say that I’m disappointed to see that instead of adding more Latinos onto the proposed slate, some are proposing fewer.

I’m reaching out to respectfully urge the eight of you to -- the eight of you to urge -- to select at least four Latinos onto the Commission and at least one Latino from each of the three political areas to ensure the Latino community is fairly represented on the Commission.

As you know, Latinos comprise 40 percent of California’s population, as they do Sonoma County’s population, and it is only growing. Latinos in my area and throughout the state have been excluded from full civic participation for years. And with the current political climate and with the COVID crisis that we are facing now, it is important to uplift Latino voices now more than ever.

The Latino community is very diverse in terms of politics, geography, language, immigration status and
cultural representation.

So, please continue to support Mr. Pedro Toledo, the nonpartisan Latino candidate. He is a former chamber of commerce president, a healthcare leader --

MS. PELLMAN: Fifteen seconds.

MS. LUBIN: -- and he has worked with an vast groups in many forums to give underserved communities a hand up. I know him personally and know that he will give all of --

MS. PELLMAN: Time.

MS. LUBIN: -- California fair representation.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Ms. Lubin.

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AT&T OPERATOR: We’ll go to the line of Tony Winer. Please spell your name for the reporter. Your line is open.

MR. WINER: Hi, my name’s Tony Winer, T-O-N-Y W-I-N-E-R. I’ve listened to the vast majority of the meetings over the past few days and I just wanted to bring something to your attention.

I’ve heard lots of discussion around representation culturally, geographically, socioeconomically, and lots of callers calling in to urge you to prioritize those representations, which is outstanding. But you’ve also seemed to self-impose a
secondary priority of adding someone to the committee with
a law degree that I just can’t quite wrap my head around.

And the main difference between the two slates
proposed yesterday, as far as I understand them, is that
part of you picks this person with a law degree that people
are not calling in and asking for.

So, I’d just urge you to discuss amongst
yourselves the real need for someone with a legal degree
when you will be provided with legal staff to ask questions
to. And you heard from the woman from the League of Woman
Voters, who just talked about crafting this process. It
was designed to increase representation, not to hire an
attorney who would sit on the committee.

Specifically, Michael Gennaco, who’s the
Democratic lawyer that seems to end up on a lot of slates,
as far as I can tell has not received a single public
comment for public support. I went through everything I
could find this morning and I wasn’t able to find anything.

And so, that sort of brings me to my second
point. I just wanted to echo some of the other public
comments that you have received around Angela Vasquez. She
brings more than youth to the committee that you guys have
recognized. She also has years of experience engaging in
California’s communities, and engaging at a community
level, and has direct experience working through legal
frameworks and understands how to apply the law to help
every-day Californians.

So, I’d just ask if you go back and rearrange
your slates --

MS. PELLMAN: Fifteen seconds.

MR. WINER: -- that you keep Angela Vazquez on
the slate and really hear the support that she’s received
over the past few days. Thank you.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Winer.

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AT&T OPERATOR: We have Maricela Morales. Please
spell your name for the reporter. Your line is open.

MS. MORALES: Hello, good morning. Maricela, M-
A-R-I-C-E-L-A, last name Morales, M-O-R-A-L-E-S.

I’m cofounder and Executive Director of the
Central Coast Alliance United for a Sustainable Economy, or
CAUSE. We are based in Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties
and work with partners throughout the Central Coast area,
which we consider to be Santa Cruz in the north and Ventura
County in the south.

This go around we were not successful in having a
Central Coast-based Commissioner, which even more important
though that I’m calling to lift up is the absolute absence
of Latinx representation, and that that should be the
number one priority.
As it’s been said, in listening to prior comments that California’s 40 percent Latino. But as we all know, the state is not homogenous. And that 40 percent jumps up to 85 percent in a county like Imperial County. And in fact, in most counties of California that are under a million in population, the population of that county is 50 percent or more Latino.

So, in terms of the non-metro urban areas, the absence of Latino representation just further disenfranchises and underrepresents the smaller counties of the state.

I want to lift up Pedro Toledo to be included, along with three other Latinos. And I want to raise the alarm that --

MS. PELLMAN: Fifteen seconds.

MS. MORALES: -- should there not be -- should there not be adequate representation this Commission will begin under the cloud of political apartheid, discrimination, or at best implicit bias against Latinx residents of California.

MS. PELLMAN: Time.

MS. MORALES: Thank you.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Ms. Morales.

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AT&T OPERATOR: We’ll go to the line of Marjorie
Helm. Please spell your name for the reporter. Your line is open.

MS. HELM: Good morning, this is Marjorie Helm. M-A-R-J-O-R-I-E H-E-L-M. And I’m a clinical social worker and co-chair of the Petaluma National Association of Social Work unit. And I want to thank you for your incredibly hard work to ensure representation throughout the state.

I’m calling to let you know that I’m also disappointed to see that instead of adding more Latinos onto the proposed slate you -- some are proposing fewer. I’m reaching out today to respectfully urge that you select at least four Latinos to join the Commission and at least one Latino for each of the three political areas to ensure that the Latinx community is fairly represented on the Commission.

As you know and as people are saying very consistently, Latinos comprise 40 percent of California’s population and the community is growing rapidly. If you only select four Latinos, it only provides 26 percent representation, which isn’t enough. Latinos throughout California have been excluded for years from full civic participation. In the current political climate and with the COVID crisis, it’s critical to lift and amplify Latinx voices.

The Latino community is very diverse in terms of
politics, geography, language, immigration status and

culture. Please continue to support Mr. Pedro Toledo, the

nonpartisan Latino candidate. He’s a former chamber of

commerce president, a healthcare leader, and has worked

hard to give underserved communities a voice and a hand up.

I know Mr. Toledo personally --

    MS. PELLMAN: Fifteen seconds.

    MS. HELM: -- and he will ensure all Californians

    have fair representation. Thank you for your efforts.

    CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Ms. Helm.

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    AT&T OPERATOR: We’ll go to the line of Walter

    Atkin. Please spell your name for the reporter. Your line

    is open.

    MR. ATKIN: I go by Walter Chip Atkin. It’s W-A-

    L-T-E-R C-H-I-P A-T-K-I-N.

    And I’m calling for support Pedro Toledo for the

    nonpartisan spot. I’m a retired social worker, retired

    chair of the SEIU Clinical Committee. I know Pedro because

    we live in the same town and he’s the CEO of the health

    clinic. And he’s somebody that’s known for supporting

    underserved and underrepresented people, and being an

    advocate for them.

    And I agree with the other commenters that since

    Latinos represents 40 percent of the population, they
should have at least four Latinos on the Commission. That
would still be underrepresented for their proportion of the
population, but it would be much improved.

And Pedro is the kind of advocate that you need
to find a system that’s going to be representative of all
people. So, thank you for your time.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you for that comment.

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AT&T OPERATOR: We go to the line of Yolanda
Latham. Your line is open. Please spell your name for the
court reporter.

MS. LATHAM: Good morning, Commissioners. My
name is Yolanda Latham. Yolanda, Y-O-L-A-N-D-A, Latham, L-
A-T-H-A-M.

I am Native American, a member of the Hoopa
Valley Tribe and I live in Humboldt County. I live on a
reservation with 3,000 other residents. I called yesterday
and I’m following your deliberations. I want to once again
give my enthusiastic support for Pedro Toledo. And I want
to provide more explanation as to why I support him.

Communities of color across California have for
too long been excluded and our voices have been silenced.
This is especially true for Native Americans, black and
Latino communities. And, unfortunately, I see this
happening again with the Latino and Native American
communities. We need more people of color to serve in these positions from all political backgrounds.

You can’t fix the absence of Native Americans on the Commission, but you can ensure that Latinos receive fair and adequate representation on the Commission to preserve the integrity of the redistricting process.

One thing you may not know about Mr. Toledo is that while he identifies as Mexican American, during his legal education he also studied tribal law and served as Vice President of the Native American Law Student Association. He also has had strong ties to the Native American community across the country that stemmed back to when he lived in the Native American dorm at Stanford University.

As a former CEO of the Native American Health Clinic, I wanted to share additional insights. Approximately 40 percent of people in Mendocino, Humboldt, Del Norte, and other rural communities across Northern California get their medical care at a Community Health Clinic. In my community, everyone gets their care at the tribal clinic. Over the years WIC has worked with the Rural Roundtable --

MS. PELLMAN: Fifteen seconds.

MS. LATHAN: -- and Pedro has collaborated with rural clinic leadership from all over the state, and
particularly across the North Coast. These clinics serve some of the hardest to reach people, Native American, agricultural workers, the rural poor, and we work with him to design strategies --

MS. PELLMAN: Time.

MS. LATHAM: -- to engage these populations and get them care. Pedro doesn’t just have deep respect and appreciation for the people from different backgrounds, he has dedicated his career to serving people of different backgrounds. For all those reasons I raise my voice, my strongest support for Mr. Pedro Toledo to serve on the Commission. Thank you.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Ms. Latham.

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AT&T OPERATOR: We have the line of Fayaz Nawabi. Please spell your name for the reporter. Your line is open.


I’m calling on behalf of DARE, Downtown American (indiscernible) relations, to raise my support for Pedro Toledo for the NPP pool. As many people said earlier, he does represent the Latino community. And seeing that’s the population that accounts for 40 percent of the population
of California. It’s the Latinx -- it’s unacceptable that some folks are recommending that there are no Latinx representatives on the Commission.

I’m also proposing my support for Victoria Tamoush. And Victoria, she is the founder of Interfaith Witness, which is an organization in the Orange County region that stood up for any anti -- any anti-Muslim attacks for our community. And she’s also the only Middle Eastern candidate in the entire pool. So, I’m voicing my support for both Pedro Toledo and Victoria Tamoush for the NPP pool. Thank you very much.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Nawabi.

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AT&T OPERATOR: Madam Chair, there are no further questions here in queue or comments.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Having completed the public comments portion just for the public, thank you very much for all your comments. We take them into consideration along with all of our other materials. We have received the ones that have been submitted, written as well, and we cannot comment on those at this time.

Moving along on the agenda, we will continue with Item 5, our discussion, deliberation and action on the slates for the six Commissioners.

At this time I’d like to have the group work
together and come up with some slates, have, say, a brief
discussion and get some slates proposed and do some voting.
I feel we are -- our conversations towards the end of
yesterday got a bit less than fruitful. And we know we
have a lot of difficult decisions, it’s time to move
forward.

With that in mind, I’m going to ask Commissioner
Kennedy to lead with giving us a quick update on his status
with fighting the Apple Fire around him. If you could
please -- we’ve all been concerned, if you could give us an
update, please.

COMMISIONER KENNEDY: Actually, Madam Chair,
well, I’m busy here and not fighting the fire. I’m back.
I asked Christian this morning to alert me if he sees
flames leaping up in the background behind me because I’m
focused on our work. I appreciate the support from all of
my fellow Commissioners and I’ll try to keep you posted.
We’re not sure how long we’ll be away from the property.
As of last night the fire was about eight miles away, but
with winds gusting overnight between 45 and 50 miles an
hour it’s nerve wracking.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. We’re all very concerned,
so thank you very much.

COMMISIONER KENNEDY: If I may, while I have the
floor?
CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, Commissioner Kennedy?

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: As we start our discussion of slates, I just want to go on record again as saying that the only difference between my slate and the Sadhwani and Turner slates is that I include Victoria Tamoush rather than Linda Akutagawa. But I also go on record again as saying that I do not oppose their slate. So, I want to be clear with that. So, that’s where I am right now. Thank you.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Kennedy.

Commissioner Le Mons?

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I wanted to address one of the comments from public comment because I think there needs to be a clarification. I had no side meetings with any Commissioners yesterday or at any other point in this process. And I think the three Commissioners that I referenced can affirm that. And that was Commissioner Sadhwani, Commissioner Ahmad, and Commissioner Turner.

What I was referencing is the conversation that I had with them in public view as a part of our discussion. So, I just thought that that was important to -- particularly if someone raises a question of integrity, which is one of my highest values, so I cannot let that go unaddressed.

And then, my second point of clarification will
be for you, Madam Chair. You may have felt that it was not fruitful. I didn’t feel like the discussions at the end of the day were unfruitful. So, I take a little bit of exception with your judgment. It may be uncomfortable in this process for some of us, or all of us at different points along the way. But at no point did I feel like -- and I appreciate Commissioner’s Turner’s comments at the end of the conversation, which I think was an indication, at least from her point of view, that while it’s uncomfortable, it was productive. So, that’s my response to that.

Finally, I’d like to say that I would like to propose another slate for consideration, if I can do so.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Unless, would any other -- before we do that, would any other Commissioner like to actually say anything before we move to proposing slates?

Go ahead, Commissioner Le Mons.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: So, I’d like to propose the following slate, which would include Angela Vazquez for a Democrat, Patricia Sinay for a Democrat. For a Republican it would be Alicia Fernandez and Russell Yee. And for nonparty affiliate it would be Eddie Morgan and Pedro Toledo. And I want to call that the One Tribe slate.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: I’m sorry, what was the last part you said?
COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I’d like to name it the One Tribe slate.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. We need a moment for counsel to write that down and then read that back.

MS. SAXTON: Madam Chair?

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Counsel?

MS. SAXTON: As a technical matter, a legal matter, Commissioner Le Mons will need to withdraw the other slates as each Commissioner may only have one slate for consideration at a time.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Counsel.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: That’s fine.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Le Mons, Commissioner Le Mons?

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yes. So, I guess there’s the point of either amending the previous slate or withdrawing. Is that correct, Counsel?

MS. SAXTON: That is correct.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: So, I think it will be easier because I no longer wish it to be called the Le Mons slate is to withdraw the previous slates and move forward with the one I just outlined.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Commissioner Kennedy, you have a comment?

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I have a question.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Question.
COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Looking back at my notes I understood that the last slate that Commissioner Le Mons had proposed failed, and so he does not currently have a slate on the table. So, I’m wondering what it is that needs to be withdrawn. I thought that had already been defeated.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: That was my thinking, too, Commissioner Kennedy but --

CHAIR ANDERSEN: I have to agree, I also thought that it had -- since it had failed, it did not exist anymore. But Counsel is clarifying that for us. So, we can --

MS. SAXTON: A defeated slate can still be reproposed. So, to be perfectly clear and safe, I would advise withdrawing that slate for that reason.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: No problem. I withdraw the previous slate, the amended Le Mons slate and propose the new slate.

MS. SAXTON: Thank you, Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: You’re welcome.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you for the point of clarification.

Also, Commissioner Le Mons thank you for the point of clarification in process, the public comment. That was absolutely appropriate and I appreciate you
speaking to that comment, which was about process. And I also was going to bring that up. I wanted to give you the opportunity. You’re absolutely correct and those conversations occurred in public. That as far as we saw, and have everyone verify that, that was absolutely appropriate. Thank you very much.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: You’re welcome.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Go ahead, Counsel.

MS. SAXTON: Let the record reflect that Commissioner Le Mons has proposed the One Tribe slate with the following applicants: Angela Vasquez, Democrat; Patricia Sinai, Democrat; Alicia Fernandez, Republican; Russell Yee, Republican; Eddie Morgan, neither party; Pedro Toledo, neither party.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: I have a -- well, a slate has been proposed. Is that a proposal for discussion or to propose for a vote?

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Not for a vote. I just want to put it forward for our discussion.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner. Any discussion on this slate?

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Madam Chair?

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Taylor.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes, I think this slate reveals what our impasse is, is where we like how our
slates come together up until we have the Morgan, Akutagawa. So, that’s what we have to address, which way do we want to go, to be frank.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Taylor. I might have a little clarification on that, if I may read this from our charge, which I think certainly the public might not be aware of.

We are charged, and this comes from -- let’s see, I want to get exactly where this comes from. It is -- it’s in the Government Code. These are our -- as written, as the California Code was modified by the Voters FIRST Act. And it actually comes down to the six appointees, how we must approve them.

And the six appointees shall be chosen to ensure the Commission reflects the state’s diversity including, but not limited to, racial, ethnic, geographic, and gender diversity.

It also says: Applicants shall also be chosen based on relevant analytical skills and ability to be impartial.

These are not one and then the other. These are all equal in the way it is exactly written. And that is why we are having such a hard time with this. We have conflicting considerations and they’re equally conflicting. They’re equally of the same level of consideration. There
is no one order over the other order. This is a very difficult decision.

We have both the geographical criteria, the racial/ethnic/gender criteria, the analytical skills, and the ability to be impartial. These are all items which we have been weighing and considering that the public may not be aware of. We have all the information from the Applicant Panel Review Board, which we have gone over in great detail.

Our words that we’ve chosen do not in any way summarize the entire person when we are talking about a few items. That would not be fair to any of our candidates. That’s just how we’ve had to use a few words in the point of being short in our discussions. That should not be taken as any kind of negative against any applicant. We are working at our best ability to work together as a group and these are very hard decisions.

We are indeed at a very difficult decision, coming down to the nonparty preference items. And we can’t sort of quickly summarize what one person brings versus another person and these are hard issues.

So, any comment that we make, we do not want that to be misconstrued as it’s against another. These are all highly qualified people. We’ve had the discussion that we would really like to add all three. Unfortunately, we
cannot.

So, that is what I have to say and I open the field to any other Commissioner who would like to say anything on this matter.

VICE CHAIR TURNER: Madam Chair?
CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, Commissioner Turner.
VICE CHAIR TURNER: Yes, thank you. Good morning, Commissioners. This does get down, and I appreciate the slates that have been offered and the names. It really does boil down for me of a distinction between Morgan and Akutagawa, and for all of the reasons that we’ve discussed over the last few days. Listening at the public comment, I believe with the Voter’s Right Act we are within our realm and the parameters, regardless of which candidate is selected, they both fill a niche, fill a need, and would represent. So, it comes down to what our, I guess, conviction is based on public comment, based on what we’ve heard, based on what we’ve read, viewed in their videos and what have you. Both, again, strong candidates. We keep saying that. That seems almost a moot point at this time.

For me, I’m still heavily weighing on Linda Akutagawa for the breadth of representation that she has for all of the population groups that was named. I think that it provides a greater coverage of representation. Not a better, a different than what would be Morgan. And to
that end, when it is time, I do want to lift the slate that I originally proposed the other day that actually hasn’t been proposed before, but I lift it as the Turner slate, which I’m still wanting to keep the same names we are not struggling with, Sinay, Vazquez, Fernandez, Yee, but then it would be the Toledo and Akutagawa is where I’m at this morning.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Any other Commissioner?

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Madam Chair?

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, Commissioner Taylor.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Thank you, Commissioner Turner. And I liked how you phrased that. When we look at those three in the nondenominational pool I start to think of whose breadth spans the furthest. And we know that we’re not limited by what’s said or listed on the paper. It is comforting to know that Candidate Toledo that we are getting calls from Humboldt and further north to explain his impact up north. So, that is under consideration.

And again, as a person of color with the struggles that African Americans have had with voting, it will always be difficult to think that an area is not represented. Those regions were defined for a reason and I don’t think they are to be overlooked.

But we are talking -- compromise is going to smart some. But I am starting to look at the breadth of
impact that each candidate would have and how we can reach our deficits.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner.

Commissioner Ahmad?

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Madam Chair. So, first good morning, everyone, happy Friday. I think when we left the conversation yesterday I was in true conflict with the two slates that we ended up voting on. I recognize that each slate brings a vast variety of experience and a certain level of diversity.

So, coming in to today’s call, I made sure that I made sure to set my expectations of I’m here to hear my colleagues. I’m here to hear public comment. And I’m here to absorb that information.

And what Commissioner Taylor mentioned about the calls we received regarding Candidate Toledo and his experience in Northern California also comforted me to a certain degree. Because I, too, am internally battling with the lack of representation from Northern California.

So, I just wanted to share that, that tidbit was very comforting to hear from public comment.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner.

Commissioner Le Mons?

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I want to open by saying that I, too, feel conflicted, though that may not always
come through. But I struggle with the choices, as well.

The angle that I’ve taken and having listened to all of the public comment as well, and also being a member of a minority group and understand firsthand what all that means. First, I’d like to say by the Bingo ball, while this group is not representative of the State of California, it is diverse. That’s just by accident. Because I feel like some of the suggestion has been that these eight people aren’t diverse at all, and that’s an unfair characterization as well.

So, I commend all of my fellow Commissioners who have really worked hard to listen carefully, and to absorb information that has been provided to us over the last several days, not just this week but even preceding in all of the things that we’ve read.

When I look at what is our charge, and I appreciate Madam Chair’s rereading that for the public to hear as well, and where we have constraints and where we don’t. And I think that for me the regional aspect is the one place that we don’t have the same constraint. And the fact that we have a significant representation in the Southern Coastal Region, and it’s very difficult for me to grapple with the idea that it can be suggested that because you’re a small percentage, oh, well, we’ll look out for you.
Because what happens a lot of times with the small percentage is you don’t get looked out for. And what we’re leaning toward is we’ve heard volumes, and volumes, and volumes of testimony from people in certain directions, and we’re saying, okay, that gives me the validation that I need to stand behind.

But does that protect that small percentage voice, and I’m talking about the north, that doesn’t have the volume, that doesn’t have the numbers for us to say, okay, we see you now.

So, I think we have the opportunity to make sure that at this Commission table, because it’s just a table, this is not going to reflect the entire state. This is not going to prevent us from hearing from the people in Orange County, if there isn’t an Orange County representative on the Commission itself. Of course we’re not going to ignore Orange County.

And I think that our charge as Commissioners are going to be to facilitate a process that ensures that the information that we need from the public is received to inform the maps. And so, if we’re committed to that, I think we have more of a wraparound of the Orange County area from the amount of representation in the Southern Coastal.

You know, when I look at, you know, sort of the
balance of the most recent slate that I’m calling One Tribe, I think it is certainly gender balanced. I think it’s racially balanced to the degree that we can with all of the considerations around race and ethnicity. It’s regionally balanced. It considers all of the economic categories that we have to consider as well. And it has, I think, the opportunity for us to not have any part of the state feel like they didn’t matter enough, or they weren’t big enough, or there wasn’t enough of them to say that we thought they should have a seat at the table from a regional perspective.

And I am partially comforted by Mr. Toledo’s reach, so at the end of the day if the other Commissioners don’t feel as strongly as I do about full regional representation, I think we will have an opportunity. So, that’s not lost on me as well. I’ve heard that very clearly.

However, that’s not his area. That’s not his address. That’s not the area he represents. And so, if you live in that area and you’re looking at the table, you can say, yes, we have a friend in Mr. Toledo, but he’s not ours. And we know how that works, too.

So, I just encourage us to not so quickly dismiss -- let me take that part back because I don’t -- that’s not a fair statement because I don’t think that anyone is
dismissing anything.

I’d ask us to reconsider the one opportunity that we do have to have full regional representation. This is only the second Commission. The first one wasn’t able, for whatever reasons, to be able to do that. We’re the second one. The third one won’t be for another three [sic] years. We’re here to draw the maps for the entire State of California. Let’s make sure that there’s at least a representative from every region at that table, as we take on this task.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Le Mons. Commissioner Ahmad?

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Madam Chair. I’m getting really into this conversation, so I appreciate all of the points that are being brought up.

So, two things come to mind. Without going too much into a rabbit hole yesterday, I started looking at that map that has the regions divided. And I started to question like who created this map? Who divided up the regions this way and for what purpose?

And then, when I was looking at the map, I’m in Santa Clara County, which is Central Coastal, and that branches all the way down to Santa Barbara on that map. I do not represent Central Coastal by no means, shape or form.
I can go two cities over and feel like an outsider just because that’s how diverse California is. So, I hear you a hundred and ten percent that we could have full regional representation, but if that was such a critical aspect of the Commission why wasn’t that written into the Voters FIRST Act as we need to have full regional representation above these other diversity criteria.

To me, because it’s in the same category as race, ethnicity, gender, economic status as an aspect of diversity, to me that speaks that we need to look for a balance. And I think I’ve stated this before that is the most challenging part because we tend to think in boxes. We’re trained in thinking in boxes. From K through 12 we’re either this or we’re that, or we’re from here or we’re from there. We’re from Nor Cal or we’re from So Cal. Like there’s no diversity in thought that it’s built into our system. And that shows with the whole application process from the point I put submit application I was not a hundred percent comfortable with the boxes that I was checking.

And to the point the list got sent to the California Legislature it was still not representative of California. And then, when the list came back to the Applicant Review Panel it was still not representative. So, we’re still dealing with a list that is never going to
be representative of California. Our Commission will never be able to confidently stand up and say, hey, we represent all Californians. It’s just not possible from a statistical stand point. Fourteen data points out of 50 million is never going to be enough. The sample size is just too small.

So, to me, what I think we need to be looking for, if I’m going to step back, is that do we have people who will stand up and fight for other people, regardless of what their perspectives are? Regardless of which region they come from? Which economic status? How they identify gender or race/ethnicity? Will we stand up and say, hey, that person’s voice is not at the table and it is our job to ensure that we hand our power over to those people.

And to me, every combination that has been presented in terms of slates -- I haven’t presented a slate for a very specific reason because every combination speaks that to me. That these people will stand up and fight for other people.

Where I am conflicted is how can we select a slate that will fight for as many people as possible. I’m not saying that a combination won’t fight for people, but as many people as possible. And I think that’s where I’m conflicted. That’s where I keep falling on the Turner slate because I see that slate as having a broad outreach
across all the diversity criteria that we are charged under
the Voters FIRST Act to follow. Those are my thoughts.
I’ve been holding it in for four days, so there we go.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Ahmad.

Any other comments at this time?

I do have an additional comment. The one thing I
was looking at is we are -- we are a facilitator almost in
this. We cannot by ourselves identify communities of
interest, which is why we need to reach out to the entire
state because we need their input before we can proceed
with our task. Our task is to identify those communities
of interest. Because, basically, only then do we have the
information as a group to then proceed to get that into
data in some sort of form, graphical, so that we can make
maps.

And from that we can actually, again going back
to the communities, say is this going to represent you?
And it’s really sort of a roadblock. This is not -- I see
some of our constrictions is we need the community to want
to come towards us. And we need to make the Commission as
accessible as possible. And when it comes -- I actually
went down to -- the criteria is all the same. The Voters
Rights Act is very specific in that it does deal with the
political side of this. Who, as a group has been
sidelined, almost, as far as voting and can we identify
that as a group. That’s the Voters Rights Act in a very, very simple form.

And the one thing that -- which is a part of our analysis. But we still have to get the communities interest to do the rest of our job. So, it’s almost like those are very similar things, but not quite the same. And what we don’t want to do, I feel, is put up a roadblock. And we’re sort of used to the roadblocks being about getting into vote. You know, here, here are some questions, which it doesn’t matter how you answer that question, depending on what your race is you’re going to be able to vote or you’re not going to be able to vote. You know, those are obvious, hard roadblocks.

I see this sort of geographical as a very potential roadblock. You know, I don’t like the idea that we’re putting incredibly competent Commissioners, possible Commissioners in the idea that we’re trading one versus another. I really don’t like that, but it’s sort of where we are. And I see this as a little bit of physical access, almost, where what are the differences if we have one or don’t have one?

And there’s a lot to gain by having Orange County and someone as capable as Ms. Akutagawa, there’s no doubt she would benefit the entire state.

But if we don’t have her, do we still have access
to the people that she wants to represent versus if we don’t have Mr. Morgan in the north and his connections through the entire area, again also through the state. If we don’t have him on, the people who are in his area, what are the roadblocks to accessing them?

And I just thought physically of how do we even get there? And I, of course, being an engineer ran a few different numbers of estimating just straight mileage. You know, how do we -- you know, how can we cover an area, how can we -- and it’s physically almost -- it became almost insurmountable. You know, I actually put numbers on, so it’s 20 times harder, essentially, for people in the north to access the Commission. This is just physically, a distance, than it would be the people in Orange just because of physical distance.

And I thought that’s an actual roadblock. And I was very troubled by putting an actual roadblock into accessing the Commission.

Now, I understand that given Zoom and a lot of this will be done remotely, but then I also know through the rural parts of the state, because we’ve had a bit of an issue with Commissioner Kennedy, Zoom access is not easy. And how are we actually, physically going to access people in the north part of the state. And I understand we have that issue regardless of who is on the Commission. But if
they already didn’t make it -- they were -- they had, essentially, no representative from up here, you know, there’s no one of us on that, you know, state group and they felt like that for years and it happens again, I feel will we have any credibility? And when we try to say, hey, please come and talk to us, you know, do I feel we’ve lost our credibility because we actually chose a roadblock. That’s sort of where I came down with it.

And that might be very harsh, but it could be seen in those terms. Now, there’s a lot of backing off of that, obviously, but that is one way to look at it.

So, with that I see -- I think it’s Commissioner Kennedy and Commissioner Ahmad.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Madam Chair. I really would like us to look at ourselves as not -- I mean we have to be broadly representative of the diversity of the State of California. But I don’t want us to see ourselves as representatives of particular places or constituents. We are here to serve the people of California, not -- to me we’re here more to serve than to represent. We need a body that is broadly representative in order to build and maintain the credibility of this enterprise called the Citizens Redistricting.

But we’re here to serve and each of us is here to serve every single one of the citizens of California.
Thank you.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner.

Commissioner Ahmad?

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: My researcher side kind of just jumped up and started screaming internally. I would caution the presentation of numbers that you stated, Madam Chair, specifically that it’s 20 times harder to reach the Commission without having all of that information that you took into consideration to get to that number. It just doesn’t make sense to me to throw out a number without having presented the reasoning and the calculations behind how you got to that number. It just sparks question of what does reaching the Commission even mean? Is there a certain location that you use?

From my understanding, we need to go to communities. I would never expect us to be like, hey, everyone come to Sacramento so you can spend your whole workday getting here, listening to us, and then telling used what you need. If we need community we need to go to them.

And so, the digital divide exists everywhere. I’m sure it’s more disparate in rural areas, as research has shown in California, but they exist in San Jose as well. We have those conversations on the daily.

So, I would just be very cautious to introduce
generalizations about what barriers may or may not exist across the state without having tangible evidence of that. I just wanted to share that thought.

MS. SAXTON: Madam Chair, five minutes to the first 90-minute break.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Thank you,
Commissioner Ahmad.

Commissioner Le Mons, you also had your hand up?

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yeah, real quickly I’ll just say that, I mean I agree with Commissioner Ahmad in terms of presenting data. However, I think in the spirit of what you’re saying around access, I actually agree with you. We know that those areas of the state are harder to reach for any number of reasons.

And one of the things that I do observe about Orange County is clearly, from everything we’ve heard there’s a machine already active there. And we’ll be able to get the information that we need from those communities. They’ve identified themselves, they’re well organized. We’ve heard from organizations, we’ve heard from individuals, we’ve heard from political figures. I mean we’ve heard from a machine in Orange County.

So, what that says to me is that they’re going to be watching this process very carefully. They’re going to be involved in this process as they should be, and any
other group throughout the state as well.

So, when I think about what our task is, which it is to engage with community, I think that we -- Orange County has done beautifully, has presented themselves as an organized community that’s ready to work with us.

And so, when I balance between what might be lost by not including the north versus Orange County, and again Orange County is not a region. Orange County is a subset of the Southern Coastal Region, which is very well represented, meaning the region. And I know some of you are like, well, why do you keep talking about the regions? I just keep going back to I’m a Californian, I live in Southern California, but I’m a Californian and this is the California State Redistricting Commission. And however this map got created it was the map that was given to us, just like everything else that was given to us as it relates to application, video, et cetera. All of this stuff was provided to us.

So, this is the framework, just like the three breakdowns of the political parties which, you know, I wish we had another seat, but that’s what was given to us as well.

So, I have criticisms about the tools and the frames that were given to us, but within the confines of what was I still go back to eight -- one, two, three, four,
five, six seven regions were introduced to us in a map, and
provided to us. We have the opportunity to make sure that
there’s at least representation from each of those regions
on a Commission who’s charged with serving an entire state.
And we’ve heard from the community that a particular
region, it sounds like there was only one, we had counsel
check, was the Northern Region was left out in the first
Commission, and here we are a decade later. We’re not
willing to right that wrong when part of what we’re trying
to do is right wrongs. So, I just hope that we don’t keep
that wrong in place. I think we have an opportunity to do
something as historical in making sure that all the regions
are represented. And I don’t think that the ultimate maps
are going to suffer because Orange County isn’t represented
directly. Yeah

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner.

We are basically at 11:00 o’clock. We need to
take a 15-minute break, so --

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: May I make one last
comment before we start our break?

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. Commissioner Sadhwani.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Thank you. Good morning
to everybody. In this conversation about roadblocks what
I’m concerned with here is that we are thinking about it
purely geographically. And as Madam Chair pointed out it’s
not just geography, there’s also these other components that we need to be thinking about.

I’m concerned about the use of the term roadblocks, actually. Are we talking about roadblocks to joining this Commission or roadblocks to voting?

In addition to the geographic component, as we have all said and discussed, and that is mandated by law, race and ethnicity is a factor that we need to think about. Asian American and Pacific Islanders do face significant roadblocks to voting. And I think it would be helpful if, you know, we did have those trainings, they spoke generally about the communities of interest and the kinds of barriers that communities might face to voting that we will need to think about. And the kinds of considerations that the Voting Rights Act will require us to think about.

One of those is for language minorities, of which Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders most certainly are a part of. They speak many, many different languages, right. Counties are charged with having information available to them in many different languages as well.

And so, I really would like to uplift that. I think what would be extraordinarily helpful is if we also spend a little bit of time and perhaps go back to some of the documentation from 2010 about the kinds of processes that they went into and/or seek additional information
about these supposed roadblocks that individuals have either to joining this Commission or to voting. Because ultimately, at the end of the day in terms of the communities of interest that we have to think about, one of the main considerations there is are these exact kinds of roadblocks that you’re mentioning, right, including racial and language roadblocks.

So, whether it’s -- you know, I know that we cannot shift our agenda, nor do I propose that we do. Perhaps someone like the professor who had spoken during the main trainings, Professor, I think it was Levitt from Loyola Marymount could give us additional information about the kinds of roadblocks that communities have been facing particularly over the last ten years. It seemed like the former Commissioner Ancheta had a lot of information about that.

I would welcome if -- I don’t know if any of them are listening, but I would certainly welcome them to call in during public comment and to help provide some of that legal context for us.

Or, you know, to the extent if legal counsel can provide some of that to us that would be very helpful for me.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: We are up at our time frame where we need to take a break. So, we have to continue
that discussion after. It being 11:00, five after now, we
will recess for 15 minutes and meet back at 11:20.

(Off the record at 11:03 a.m.)
(On the record at 11:19 a.m.)

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Christian. The time
being 11:20 and I see we have a quorum, I will call the
meeting out of recess and back to order.

We were in discussions about slate and an issue
came up from Commissioner Sadhwani. I actually brought up
about roadblocks and Commissioner Sadhwani advanced that,
and I must say the roadblock I was talking about was access
to our Commission. The idea of roadblocking for voting is
beyond the scope of our task right now. That’s something
we could discuss with the full Commission.

As a Commission we need -- as a group of eight we
need to ensure that the Commission is accessible by the
state. That’s one of our tasks. Because we need the
community to be able to access us. That was what I was
referring to. Any other items about the voting, I was
trying to come up with an example. I was trying to come up
with an example and I was talking numbers. Those examples
did not work and they caused misdirection which we don’t
need at this time. We need to focus at this time.

So, the point I was making is I’d rather make
sure that we didn’t artificially cause a hardship for some
of the state, people in our state in terms of just
accessing this Commission. Not necessarily being on it,
but actually accessing this Commission however that may be.
That was my point in its entirety.

Commissioner Ahmad?

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Madam Chair. I
just wanted to recognize all the Commissioners. This is a
really healthy conversation we’re having. Out of all of
the days that we’ve been speaking to each other I feel the
most comfortable today sharing my thoughts, and listening
to opposing thoughts, and really taking all of the
perspectives into consideration. So, I was just smiling
during break because I was like, wow, this is a really
healthy conversation we’re having. So, I just wanted to
appreciate everyone for allowing that space, especially for
me to feel comfortable and share my thoughts. So, thank
you.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Ahmad.

Do we have any additional comments from any of
the Commissioners? Seeing none at this time do we want to
-- would anyone like to propose a slate for a vote?

VICE CHAIR TURNER: Madam Chair, I would like to
propose the Turner slate for a vote -- as is.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: We have a proposal of the Turner
slate for a vote. If the counsel could please read the
Turner slate.

MS. SAXTON: Turner first amended slate:
Patricia Sinai, Democrat; Angela Vasquez, Democrat; Alicia Fernandez, Republican; Russell Yee, Republican; Linda Akutagawa, neither party; Petro Toledo, neither party.
CHAIR ANDERSEN: The Turner slate has been read. It has been proposed for a vote. Do I have a second.
COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I’ll second.
CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Sadhwani has seconded this slate. Would we like to discuss? And we do need to require, before we actually go to a vote we must go to public comment.

So, Commissioner -- I’m sorry, Counsel, would you please read the instructions for public comment.

MS. SAXTON: If you would like to make a public comment regarding the vote of the first eight on the Turner first amended slate please call now by dialing 844-291-5495. In the next few moments we’ll be taking public comment and that number again is 844-291-5495.

After dialing the number you will speak to an operator. You’ll be asked to provide either the access code for the meeting, which is 8121803, or the name of the meeting with is CRC selection meeting.

After providing this information the operator will ask you to provide your name. Please note that you
are not required to provide your actual name. When the
operator asks for your name, you may provide a name other
than your own. When it’s your turn to make public comment
the operator will introduce you by the name you provided.
Please be assured our office is not maintaining any list of
callers by name. We ask for you to provide some name to
enable the operator to manage multiple calls simultaneously
and let you know when it’s your turn to speak.

After speaking with the operator you will be
placed in a listening room. In this room you will be able
to listen to live audio of the meeting. Please mute your
computer audio because the online video and audio will be
delayed by approximately 60 seconds and feedback issues may
occur, making it difficult for anyone to hear your comment.
Also, please do not use a speakerphone and make sure to
speak directly into your phone.

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about an item on the agenda, press 1 0 and you’ll be placed
in the queue to make public comment about that item. After
joining the queue to make public comment you should hear an
automatic recording informing you that you’ve been placed
in the queue.

When it is your turn, the operator will introduce
you. At that time please state and spell your name for the
transcriptionist. Then, state your comment clearly and
concisely. Comments will be limited to two minutes. You will hear a time check when 15 seconds in your time remains. After you finish making your comment we will move on to the next caller. At that point please hang up your phone. If you’d like to comment on another agenda item at a later time, please call back when we open up public comment for that item and repeat this process.

If you are disconnected for any reason please call back and explain the issue to the operator, then repeat the process and rejoin the public comment queue by pressing 1 0.

These instructions can also be found on our website.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Counsel.

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

AT&T OPERATOR: We certainly do. And just a reminder, pressing 1 0 to place yourself into queue.

Our first question or comment comes from the line of Kimberley Coles. Please spell your name for the reporter. Your line is open.

MS. COLES: Thank you. My name is Kimberley, Dr. Kimberley Coles. K-I-M-B-E-R-L-E-Y C-O-L-E-S.

I called the other day and I’m going to talk about a few other things. I wanted to mention that I’m a
Professor of Clinical Anthropology, and like Commissioner Kennedy have worked overseas in international election work. And like Professor Sadhwani lecture and teach seminars on the Voting Rights Acts.

And what I’d like you to do is consider the particularity of local politics and what it looks like in different areas. Because we should be interested in disengagement and disenfranchisement. But there are different reasons for that disenfranchisement.

And so, the difference between an apathetic and a disengaged because they don’t know or because they’re angry, or they feel like they’ve been ignored for 20 years is important. And this is the difference between apathy and what could lead to boycotts or active disgruntlement and oppositional politics.

And so, this very particularity of the north I think is important. And I’d like to uplift, to use this new language, of the One Tribe slate that Commissioner Le Mons is bringing because it does address the anger that the north area has about feeling ignored, and being told in a rather patriarchal area, oh, we’ll look after you.

I say this as a proud San Diegan that Southern California tends to dismiss the north and say, oh --

MS. PELLMAN: Fifteen seconds.

MS. COLES: -- it’s not a big deal. But the
north doesn’t feel that way and I think those are important. Because like Maricela had said, the cofounder of the Central Coast Alliance, she said, oh, we were disappointed to not be successful in having Central Coast person --

MS. PELLMAN: Time.

MS. COLES: -- even though --

CHAIR ANDERSEN: AT&T Operator, that is up to our discretion to cut someone off.

MS. COLES: Thank you. I’m almost done.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah, please continue.

MS. COLES: Maricela, the founder of the Central Coast Alliance is disappointed that they’re not represented, but didn’t suggest the anger that we know exists in the north with, in the extreme case, secessionist movements and Jeffersonian politics. And I think it’s worth nothing among, or thinking more, reflecting more about the eight, about the different ways that disengagement happens.

Thank you for your time and for allowing me to go over.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Ms. Coles.

Next in the queue, please.

AT&T OPERATOR: We’ll go to the line of Eliot Enriquez. Please spell your name for the reporter. Your
line is open.

MR. ENRIQUEZ: E-L-I-O-T E-N-R-I-Q-U-E-Z. Good afternoon, Commissioners. I’m very impressed with all the conversations and everything that you have said this morning. And I want to thank you all for your hard work and your efforts in making this very difficult decision.

I also want to thank you for once again supporting and backing Pedro Toledo for the Commission. I know that you’ve been making very difficult decisions all morning, but I’m very confident in your decision to bring him on to the Commission.

Pedro is a very smart young man who has a ton of experience not only in the business sector, but in the nonprofit sector, and has been a public servant basically his entire professional life.

So, once again thank you so much for all your hard work and efforts, and thank you for supporting him and voting him on for the Commission. Thank you.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Enriquez.

Next in the queue, please.

AT&T OPERATOR: We go to the line of Tammy Tran. Please spell your name for the reporter. Your line is open.

MS. TRAN: Hello. I’m calling for - (indiscernible)
CHAIR ANDERSEN: Ms. Tran, there's an echo.

MS. TRAN: (Indiscernible) -- as well as Polynesian American. I really appreciate those Commissioners, in particular, for recognizing the diversity of our communities demonstrated in your slate. It's about choices, so this is all very --

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Ms. Tran, could you take your phone off of speaker?

MS. TRAN: -- this slate has so much (indiscernible) -- in the Republican category -- Democratic category to (indiscernible) -- and the Republican and no party preference. (Indiscernible) -- I think at least six of you get up behind them. I have a comment about how we showed up and nothing would be (indiscernible) -- if they don't show up -- (indiscernible) -- if we didn't get a seat. I really take offense to that. I'm usually not a person that -reacts in anger but that one really upsets me. Because of (indiscernible) -- because we were asking to have Linda Akutagawa for Orange County representation, please don't give up the (indiscernible) -- I ask you to support this slate. (Indiscernible) -- it's easy to have unfair perceptions based on the comments that we have been making, but they have amazing backgrounds. I tell you to (indiscernible) --

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Ms. Tran, could you please call
back?

MS. TRAN: -- (indiscernible) -- showed up, but we’re going to show up again. (Indiscernible) --

MS. SAXTON: Madam Chair, perhaps ask her to call back.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. Ms. Tran, could you please call back we cannot understand what you’re saying.

MS. TRAN: -- (indiscernible) -- all the people who have called in for Pedro Toledo (indiscernible) --

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Operator, could you break in, please?

AT&T OPERATOR: Ms. Tran, if you’re able to hear us, please lift the handset or remove from speakerphone.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: I’m sorry. Ms. Tran, if you can hear this as you’ve been watching, please call back. Your phone call was completely garbled. And if you do call in, please take your phone off of speakerphone. We appreciate you calling. We could not understand virtually anything you were saying, so please call back. Thank you.

AT&T Operator, next in the queue, please.

AT&T OPERATOR: We have the line of Tammy Kim. Please spell your name. And your line is open.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

MS. KIM: Yes, hello. Can you hear me?

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, please go ahead.
MS. KIM: Yes. Thank you so much for having me here. Tammy Kim, T-A-M-M-Y K-I-M. I am the Managing Director of Korean American Center in Korean Community Services here in Orange County, representing the 130,000 Korean Americans here.

I am calling in support of Linda Akutagawa. She will bring the depth and breadth of impact, and the ability to reach a wide swath of diverse communities. Without her we’re not going to be able to do this. If we don’t have her, we will lose access to Asian Americans in this area. And I also feel that we’re being penalized for having organized. We need to organize because if we don’t, we realize we will not have a seat at the table. And we will have -- alluding to your other caller, we will have more oppositional organization. We need to ensure that Orange County is not squeezed out by San Diego, as well as Los Angeles.

And I also want to make a point about the issues of access around physical distancing. Here in Orange County, we have language access issues. In the City of Irvine, alone, there’s 70 different languages being spoken. So, when we’re talking about access we have to think about that. And the fact that I, as a Korean American, am coming in support of Linda Akutagawa, who is Japanese American, says a lot if you look at historical issues within, you
know, our various communities.

And so, we really need to make sure that Linda Akutagawa is at the table. We have to ensure that our community has a seat at the table.

And it was alluded to yesterday --

MS. PELLMAN: Fifteen seconds.

MS. KIM: -- that she may still help our communities. And if she is not there, we will not be able to reach the diverse Asian American community that we have in Orange County.

MS. PELLMAN: Time.

MS. KIM: We are the fastest growing community in California. Thank you so much.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Ms. Kim.

Next in the queue, please.

AT&T OPERATOR: Next, we go to the line of Jacqueline Coto. Please spell your name for the reporter. Your line is open.

MS. COTO: Hi, my name is Jacqueline Coto, last name spelled C-O-T-O, from the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials, NALEO Educational Fund.

And I am briefly calling in strong support of the Turner slate. That includes the four strong candidates left in the pool, including Pedro Toledo and Linda
Akutagawa in the nonpartisan pool. Thank you so much.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Ms. Coto.

Next in the queue, please.

AT&T OPERATOR: We go to the line of Rob Quan.

Please spell your name for the reporter. Your line is open.

MR. QUAN: Okay. R-O-B Q-U-A-N. I want to call in in support of the slate. And, you know, some of the Commissioners have spoken about this before as far as, you know, what can you do to accommodate for regions or communities that feel as though they’re left out of this slate. You know, I think increasing the number of meetings in the Central Coast area, if that’s a concern as far as lack of representation. There are a number of other steps you can take.

Lastly, I just want to thank Commissioner Le Mons for the clarification and apologize for having not understood the context. Yesterday, you said that you had checked in directly with individuals. And having not seen the meetings or appreciated the context I was wrong on that. So, my apologies. And thank you all for all your time and consideration of these issues, and dealing with all the public comment. Have a good one.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you very much, Mr. Quon.

Next in the queue, please.
AT&T OPERATOR: We’ll go to the line of Vanessa Hernandez. Please spell your name for the reporter. Your line is open.


I’d like to show strong support for the Turner slate, which is inclusive of four Latinos and three Latinas. We believe this is incredibly important in completing the mandate of this Commission. This slate also includes Patricia Sinay, who is a bilingual and has amazing leadership, Angela Vasquez, who is a smart policy advocate.

And we’d also like to show our support for Linda, who is well poised to support the API community. Thank you, Commissioner Turner for uplifting this slate and we hope to see this successful moving forward. Thank you.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Ms. Hernandez.

Next in the queue, please.

AT&T OPERATOR: We’ll go to the line of Maria Morales. Please spell your name for the reporter. Your line is open.


Thank you for your work and careful deliberation.
Your mandate is to select Commissioners who are diverse and adequately represent California. The Latino community represents 40 percent of the state in 2020 and it is also expected to grow significantly in the next ten years.

Specifically, I would like to uplift Patricia Sinay, who I know has a deep community and deep connections, and is open minded and would be a great addition to the Commission. She is well poised to execute the mandate of this Commission to truly represent the diversity of California.

I’m calling on behalf of myself and also as a (indiscernible) -- political party HOPE. And would like to continue to express my support for the Turner slate. Thank you.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Ms. Morales.

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AT&T OPERATOR: We’ll go to the line of Alejandra Ponce Deleon. Please spell your name for the reporter. Your line is open.


Really appreciate Turner’s slate that she’s proposing for you to consider. And I’m calling also to
speak to the roadblocks that was discussed a moment ago. And wanted to uplift that across the board when we think about roadblocks, barriers to public participation, you know it’s not just geographic roadblocks which are important, but it’s also language access, barriers, economic barriers such as, you know, household incomes. Being able to get off of work and attend a meeting. Access to having internet, immigration status, being a mixed family. All of these barriers plus many, many more across the board have impacted the participation of Latinx, AAPI, Native Americans, black community, and other people of color. So, when it comes to voting, Census participation, engaging elected officials either writing emails, going to meetings, calling, sending letters, donating for political campaigns or even running for office these are the communities, and even now applying to be on this Redistricting Commission or getting selected they continue to be underrepresented.

And this is very critical when we think about California’s population that the majority of California’s population are people of color. But, yet, they continue to be underrepresented in all of the avenues that we have at hand to engage our democracy. And so, for these reasons we continue to urge you to place racial equity as a defining factor for redistricting in the redistricting process, but
more now today, especially the selection of the remaining six members of the Commission.

Appreciate for all your time and deliberation, and continue to urge you to think about the racial equity and these barriers of participation that are extremely important, and disempowering, and disenfranchising --

MS. PELLMAN: Fifteen seconds.

MS. Ponce De Leon: -- to communities of color.

Thank you.

Chair Andersen: Thank you, Ms. Ponce De Leon.

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AT&T Operator: We have the line of Esperanza Guevara. Please spell your name for the reporter. Your line is open.

MS. Guevara: Hi, good morning. My name is Esperanza, E-S-P-E-R-A-N-Z-A. I’ve been monitoring the meetings and, again, I’m calling on behalf of the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights, CHIRLA. I’m calling to express my support for the Turner slate, which includes both Pedro Toledo and Linda Akutagawa.

And I also wanted to mention the roadblocks that the Commissioners have brought up. I have lost count of how many calls have come in for increased Latinx representation and also for diverse API representation.

The Commission -- some of the Commissioners continue to
mention the name of a candidate who has received far less support from members of that region. And we have been -- on the other hand, we have been calling you every day, people from the Latinix and API community to tell you that we want to make sure that our communities are included proportionally on this Commission.

Again, Latinx people represent 40 percent of California’s population, as well as over one-fourth of registered no party preference Latinx voters in the state. The API community is diverse and also makes up 16 percent of our population.

We want to again uplift Pedro Toledo, who has strong ties to regions throughout Northern California, which already has been uplifted many times from people in those communities. A Latinx candidate who, again, represents a wide cross-section of the state’s population.

And speaking of roadblocks, I also started looking at some of the numbers and counties in Northern California. I just wanted to lift a couple. In Colusa County, where 58 percent of the community is Latino, 90 percent of that population is limited English proficient, which is one of those roadblocks that we are discussing.

Again, in Northern California, in Lake County --

MS. PELLMAN: Fifteen seconds.

MS. GUEVARA: -- 19 percent of the Latino
community there, 92 percent of the limited English proficient population speaks Spanish. In Trinity County, 83 percent of the limited English proficient community speaks Spanish.

MS. PELLMAN: Time.

MS. GUEVARA: And so on. So, I hope that you can support the Turner slate.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Ms. Guevara.

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AT&T OPERATOR: Next, we go to the line of Sky Allen. Please spell your name for the reporter. Your line is open.

MS. ALLEN: S-K-Y A-L-L-E-N. Can you all hear me okay?

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, please go ahead.

MS. ALLEN: Okay, perfect. Thank you. Good afternoon, my name is Sky Allen. I work for an organization called IE United, located here in the Inland Empire.

First, I want to thank you for all of your hard work over the past week. I know these are difficult choices and difficult conversations. And before I say anything else, I want to acknowledge you all for tacking them anyway, and dedicating your time to this work.

As someone who lives in the Inland Empire, I can
very much empathize with the concern regarding regional representation. However, as a black woman, I also want to uplift that two people can live in the same place and have a completely different perspective on what the issues and needs are depending on the racial and gender identification.

That being said, I want to uplift and acknowledge support for Commissioner Turner’s slate. The perspective that Pedro Toledo and Linda Akutagawa can offer as community experts and people of color are really imperative to ensuring this body can reflect the human diversity of the State of California.

Again, I fully empathize with the concern for geographic representation and equity, but this Commission can travel to see other places. You can only reflect the people of the state by approving slates that include them. Thank you so much for your time.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Ms. Allen.

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AT&T OPERATOR: We have the line of Vanessa Acosta. Please spell your name for the reporter. Your line is open.

MS. ACOSTA: Hello, my name is Vanessa Acosta, spelled V-A-N-E-S-S-A A-C-O-S-T-A.

Thank you for your work and careful
deliberations. Your mandate is to select Commissioners who are diverse and adequately representative of California. Now, I represent myself and also Hispanas Organized for Political Equality.

The Latino community comprises 40 percent of the state in 2020 and it is expected to grow substantially in the next ten years.

Specifically, I would like to uplift Patricia Sinay, who I know to have deep community connections, open minded, and would be a great addition to the Commission. She is well poised, a great leader, and will lead this Commission with integrity.

The mandate of this Commission is to truly represent the diversity of this great state. And with this we need the representation of Latinas and Latinos. And also, with the support of API is also very important. And with that, I would like to show my full support for the Turner slate.

Thank you so much for your time and thank you to Commissioner Cooper [sic].

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Ms. Acosta.

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AT&T OPERATOR: We’ll go to the line of Myron Quon. Please spell your name for the reporter. Your line is open.
MR. QUAN: Good afternoon, Commissioners. Myron Quon, M-Y-R-O-N Q-U-O-N.

I did call in yesterday and I just wanted to add a few more points after having listened to a bit of commentary from Commissioners and the public yesterday and today.

One of the things I just think we should clarify, as you’re probably starting to figure out, there are actives from throughout California calling for Linda Akutagawa. And that’s because she is able to reach and engage throughout California.

I live in L.A. County. I’ve also lived in Santa Maria (phonetic), California, Central Coast, and I recognize that Linda is one of the people who will work very hard in her capacity to ensure that all of California is represented. That’s a part of why people are strongly supporting here.

There’s no reason to penalize her joining the Commission or weigh against her because people have come out in full support. African Americans, Latinos, and Asian Americans, you’ve seen everything.

My last point I just wanted to share is that I have circled two statewide Commissions in the last several decades, I think three decades at this point. One on tobacco control, one for the state bar commission, working
for all attorneys throughout California. It is very, very hard to get rural representation because of the sparsity of the areas and because of the low density.

The best we do is not necessarily find one person from Humboldt County, but rather find people from throughout California who will honor, value and do the best to reach out to throughout California.

And so, for that reason, again, I’m with everyone else supporting Turner’s slate and recommending very strongly, without any reservation that Linda Akutagawa should join this Commission because she will help you do the best job you guys can possibly do. Thank you.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Quon.

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AT&T OPERATOR: Certainly. And just a reminder, it is pressing 1, followed by 0, to place yourself into queue.

Next, we have the line of James Woodson. Please spell your name for the reporter. Your line is open.

MR. WOODSON: So, it’s James, J-A-M-E-S, Woodson, W-O-O-D-S-O-N. Again, calling on behalf of the Black Census and Redistricting Hub to support the Turner slate and echo the comments of many of my colleagues that have been calling in.

You know, concern that the conversation has
devolved into a debate over geographic diversity to the
detriment of race and ethnicity. And I would just really
encourage the Commissioners to go and look at some of the
analysis around hard-to-count communities particularly that
the state has done, that Advancement Project and the
Census Policy Advocacy Network has done. And really dig
into why certain communities are hard to count. Largely
because they’re hard to reach. And that includes racial
and ethnic minorities, largely because of historic
government distrust, historic, you know, examples of where
folks have been left out and not heard.

And people will ultimately bring that to the
Commission in terms of their participation, in terms of how
engaged they are. And so, again, you know, you all are now
representing the state. And the question ultimately is,
you know, you can say that we’ll hear your voices. The
question is will people believe you? Your actions will
ultimately speak louder than your words.

And I think it’s important to send the message
tour Latinx and our AAPI communities that they are heard,
that their engagement won’t be disqualifying, and won’t be
ignored, and that it will be accepted and heard.

And so, I really urge folks to support the Turner
slate. Thank you.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.
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AT&T OPERATOR: We have Dyrell Foster. Please spell your name. Your line is open.

MR. FOSTER: Hello, my name is Dyrell Foster, D-Y-R-E-L-L, Foster is F-O-S-T-E-R.

I’m from the Bay Area. I’ve lived in Orange County and now I’ve moved back to the Bay Area to serve as the President at Las Positas College, in Livermore.

First, thank you for your service. I’m calling in today because I feel strongly that the work of this Commission will have a profound ripple effect for our state and for our community. And I take seriously the decisions you all must have to weigh in.

As someone in education, I know and I feel the impact of how institutions impact the lives of each student, each person that comes in our doors. Something I want to point out is the importance of keeping in mind why certain communities lack the resources and access to education, higher education and opportunities for upward mobility.

That said, I say that because I am black and Korean. And I encourage you to think about the decisions that are before you. Who we have in these positions matter. Please take into consideration the engagement and dialogue that have been presented to you over these past
days. Race does need to be a consideration.

Communities like the Latino, and Asian American communities, and African American communities need to be represented.

I urge the Commissioners to please support the Sadhwani and Turner slates which include Linda Akutagawa and Pedro Toledo. Thank you very much for your time.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Foster.

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AT&T OPERATOR: Kimberly Fuentes, please spell your name for the reporter. Your line is open.

MS. FUENTES: Yes, my name is Kimberly Fuentes, K-I-M-B-E-R-L-Y, Fuentes, F-U-E-N-T-E-S.

And I’m speaking on behalf of the California League of United Latin American Citizens, the oldest Latino civil rights organization, LULAC. It advances the economic condition, educational attainment, political influence, housing, health, and civil rights of all Latinos.

We are calling to urge the support of the Turner slate, which includes Pedro Toledo and Linda Akutagawa. We need to ensure equity and diversity among the Commission to ensure that this process is aligning with our state’s diversity and the mandate of which you are all to uphold.

Again, thank you for taking the time to hear our public comments.
CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Ms. Fuentes.

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AT&T OPERATOR: Julia Marks, please spell your name for the reporter. Your line is open.

MS. MARKS: Thank you. My name is Julia Marks, J-U-L-I-A M-A-R-K-S. And I am a voting rights attorney with Asian Americans Advancing Justice, Asian law caucus. Our organization works to promote a fair and inclusive democracy in California. And I just wanted to share some reflections from our work that may help inform your deliberations.

First, I wanted to emphasize the many barriers to democratic participation that are faced by Asian Americans. This Commission is, as you know, an essential part of the democratic process in California, so having representation here is particularly important.

Asian Americans face language barriers that affect their access to the polls and their access to public meetings and public forums. More than half of Asian American likely voters immigrated here and are naturalized citizens. Many of them face language barriers.

I also wanted to highlight that both Asian American and Latino communities have significantly lower voter participation rates than white communities. And this is relevant here because this Commission does have the
power to help reduce those disparities by including Commissioners who are representative of those communities, including across various political preferences to show that the Latinx and Asian American communities do have a voice in our democracy.

Second, I want to note the complexity of drawing districts in dense urban and suburban areas that have multiple racial and ethnic groups, such as those seen in Orange County and many other areas of the state.

Our organization has worked with communities to draw draft maps in local jurisdictions in the Bay Area, and I’ve had the privilege to be in the room while diverse groups discuss their communities, try to identify similarities and differences, and then apply these very complex concepts to the flat surface of the map. Based on these experiences, I strongly believe that having --

MS. PELLMAN: Fifteen seconds.

MS. MARKS: -- robust Latino representation, Asian American representation, and Commissioners with knowledge of Orange County’s, and similarly diverse multi-ethnic areas will help this Commission draw lines that respect communities of interest --

MS. PELLMAN: Time.

MS. MARKS: -- and also comply with the Voting Rights Act.
CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Ms. Marks.

Next in the queue, please? And we only have five minutes for lunch, until we need to break. Please, next in the queue.

AT&T OPERATOR: Next, we have the line of Belinda Barragan. Please spell your name for the reporter. Your line is open.

MS. BARRAGAN: Hello, my name is Belinda Barragan, B-E-L-I-N-D-A, Barragan, B-A-R-R-A-G-A-N. And I’m calling on behalf of HOPE, but also as a Latina from the San Fernando Valley, which is made up of over 80 percent Latinos.

And I just want to thank you all for the work that you’re doing to ensure that the Commission is representative of the state. The Latino community represents 40 percent of the state and the Commission should be represented by having four plus Latinos on the Commission because they do understand our communities.

And I would like to uplift Patricia Sinay, who has strong community roots. She is bilingual, very intelligent, and open minded, and would be a great addition to the Commission. And I would just like to show my full support for the Turner slate and I hope that the Commissioners vote on that.

Thank you for your time and thank you for
allowing me to give this testimony.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Ms. Barragan.

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AT&T OPERATOR: We have Yvette Chappell-Ingram.

Please spell your name for the reporter. Your line is open.

MS. CHAPPELL-INGRAM: Yes, my name is Yvette Chappell-Ingram. Y-V-E-T-T-E, Chappell is C-H-A-P-P-E-L-L-hyphen I-N-G-R-A-M.

Thank you for allowing me. As the President and CEO of the African American Board Leadership Institute and former state Commissioner myself, I’d like to respectfully urge the support of the Sadhwani and Akutagawa/Turner bill.

What I am very surprised to hear in some comments that were made earlier that race may not matter. And while I understand the issues here, I’d like to say that it does matter. It matters a great deal. And take that from a lot of the -- much of the bills that have been passed in the past.

And so, I’d like to really urge you -- I am a big supporter of Linda Akutagawa. She is a woman of high integrity. And I would just like to respectfully urge you to consider this bill. And yes, yes race does matter. And, you know, I continue to be disturbed about the engagement of a community being taken -- being taken as
unnecessary, but it is. In terms of race, it is.

So, again I thank you for your time.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Ms. Chappell-Ingram.

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AT&T OPERATOR: We have the line of Jay Sander.

Please spell your name for the reporter. Your line is open.

MR. SANDERS: Hello, my name is Jaype Sanders, J-A-Y-P-E. I’m from the Northern Region of California and I’m calling in strong support for the Turner slate, including the Latino candidate Pedro Toledo and Linda Akutagawa. Sorry for the misspelling -- the spelling.

It’s a nonpartisan pool who will equitably reflect the state’s diversity in representation. And I’ve greatly benefitted from the diversity in my business, so I’d like to see some of that in the representation.

Thank you for your public support and service, really appreciate what you all are doing.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Sanders.

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AT&T OPERATOR: We have the line of Timmy Lu.

Please spell your name for the reporter. Your line is open.

MR. LU: T-I-M-M-Y, the last name’s L-U. Hi, everyone, my name is Timmy Lu. I’m the Executive Director
of AAPI, for pacific empowerment and we’re an organization focused on building the political power of grassroots Asian American and Pacific Islander communities.

I just wanted to know, you know, earlier one of the Commissioners had mentioned correcting past wrongs, right. And when we think about correcting past wrongs, we really do need to consider that of race and ethnicity. And I’ll speak specifically for Asian Americans. Asian Americans did not become -- was not allowed to become citizens in the United States until after the 1965 Civil Rights Act, right, and reforms in the U.S. immigration policy.

And so, if we’re thinking about correcting past wrongs, we should really consider the way that the history of the United States has had an impact in reducing the participation of many groups within that, and I think that includes Asian Americans whose political participation did not start increasing until citizenship rates began increasing. And then, we are still in the process of sort of catching up and encouraging our immigrant monolingual-speaking community members to be a part of that process.

And also, just to note that it is extremely important that these commissions, and boards, and our elected officials reflect our community members so that we, ourselves see ourselves in the diversity of these
communities, and as a part of the political process.

So, thank you very much for your time.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Lu.

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AT&T OPERATOR: Next we have the line of Lori Shellenberger. Please spell your name for the reporter.

Your line is open.

MS. SHELLENBERGER: Hello, this Lori, L-O-R-I, Shellenberger, S-H-E-L-L-E-N-B-E-R-G-E-R. I’m the Redistricting Consultant for California Common Cause and I’m speaking on their behalf today.

And I want to thank you all for your thoughtful deliberations. And I know you’re grappling with a really difficult decision and you’ve really narrowed it down. And I think I’d like to commend the Chair and others’ commitment to facilitating participation in this process. And I understand that’s factoring into your decision here, as it should, and how best to eliminate those barriers.

And I support the comments of the prior speakers regarding the various and expansive barriers that lots of Californians face to participation. And representation on the committee certainly matters.

But in the interest of furthering your thinking on what appears to be a deadlock, I’d like to just point out another critical means of facilitating participation
that you may or may not be aware of, but that you may want
to factor into the decision that you’re grappling with.
And that’s the very generous budget that your Commission
has for outreach and education to facilitate participation
in this project -- this process.

The Legislature has allocated over $1.9 million
to you for outreach and that’s -- and there are additional
discretionary funds that you could also use for that
purpose. And that gives you a variety of ways to reach
those who, unfortunately, may not be represented
regionally, or their racial or ethnic group may not be
represented. And there are many remote corners of the
state that are not currently in the pool, and other racial
and ethnic groups that aren’t as well. And I just wanted
to make sure that you all understand you will have a lot of

MS. PELLMAN: Fifteen seconds.

MS. SHELLENBERGER: -- a lot of resources at your
disposal and a lot of community advice, I’m sure, about how
to use those to reach those hard-to-reach communities.

Thank you all for your thoughtful deliberations,
and your commitment, and the time you’ve already put into
this process.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Ms. Shellenberger.

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AT&T OPERATOR: We have the line of Helen Torres. Please spell your name for the reporter. Your line is open.

MS. TORRES: Yes, my name is Helen Torres, H-E-L-E-N T-O-R-R-E-S. I reside in San Bernardino County. I’m also a member of HOPE, Hispanas Organized for Political Equality.

I’m calling to say I’m strong support for the Turner slate. I think it reflects our state and it reflects the careful deliberation that all of the Commissioners have been partaking in, and which I’m very grateful for.

As you all know, the Latino community comprises of 40 percent of the state in 2020, yet we’re expecting a more significant growth. I believe this slate not only ensures that Latinos are represented, but also takes into consideration that a good amount of women are highly represented in the Commission as well. And that cannot be an over -- we have to be very purposeful of ensuring that gender is a high priority when we’re discussing representation.

I specifically would also like to uplift Patricia Sinay, who I personally know as someone who has been deeply rooted in community, is very connected and an open minded individual, and who has always been poised to include a
variety of voices in her decision making. And I’m glad to see that her name is being moved forward.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Ms. Torres.

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AT&T OPERATOR: We have Manju Kulkarni. Please spell your name for the reporter. Your line is open.

MS. KULKARNI: Hi, my name is Manju Kulkarni. It’s spelled M-A-N-J-U, the last name is K-U-L-K-A-R-N-I. I’m the Executive Director of APCON, the Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council. We’re a coalition of over 40 community-based organizations that serve and represent the 1.5 million AAPIs in Southern California.

I’m calling to voice my support for the Turner slate. I think the Turner slate appropriately considers and ensures racial, economic equity, and ensures that individuals on that slate will adequately represent those in the community.

I want to point out two specific points, which is that it’s very important, in addition to communities of color, that we have representation for Latino community individuals; we have representation of Asian American individuals, and those specifically to representing LEP populations, limited English proficient.

And so, for that reason I want to strongly
advocate for Linda Akutagawa, who has been representing LEP and Asian American community for a long time. And also, Pedro Toledo doing the same in terms of Latino and LEP communities.

So, thank you very much for the opportunity to share my thoughts with you today.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Ms. Kulkarni.

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AT&T OPERATOR: Madam Chair, there are no other callers in queue at this moment.

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

AT&T OPERATOR: Just as I say that, we have three in queue.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Let’s have those three and then it’s 10 after 12:00. Let’s go ahead. Thank you. Next in the queue.

AT&T OPERATOR: Next, we have Mariko Kahn.

Please spell your name for the reporter. Your line is open.


I wanted to speak in favor of the Turner slate. I think it is really a good slate that represents women, Latinos, Latinx, and API. And I think it is absolutely
essential for this Redistricting Commission to have that representation.

I’m in favor, of course, of Linda Akutagawa because she is a colleague of mine. I’ve seen her integrity, her intelligence and her knowledge really lead the API community for many years. And you can’t go wrong with a person who has that level of experience.

I also think it’s important not to dismiss us when we’re calling in, in support of a candidate because we didn’t know that we could do this. And so, the process is new to us. And now that we’re aware of it that is why I think you’re hearing from so many of us. We didn’t realize the impact that the public would have on your hearings. So, I hope you will hear our voices with clarity, compassion, and neutrally, and you will make the best decision possible for the state. Thank you.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Ms. Kahn.

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AT&T OPERATOR: Armando De La Libertad. Please spell your name for the reporter. Your line is open.


I first want to thank all of you for taking of your personal lives to contribute to this important process
for the State of California. I am a businessman in
Southern California and a corporate social responsibility
professional. But I also was a part of the Census Bureau’s
outreach team for the Census count in years’ past, and so I
really value what you all are contributing to the state
here.

I want to comment to urge support for what I
think seems to be a very balanced slate that is the Turner
slate. I want to urge you to do that because although we
heard a bit earlier a comment that Orange County is already
organized and, therefore, nothing would be lost if ayes
went elsewhere, you know, votes went elsewhere, I wanted to
really address that point as a long time Orange County and
Southern California resident.

And so, I think that something would be lost
because although that reference was made to geography, you
know, this particular slate doesn’t just represent
geography. I think there is a member of the slate that has
a focus on leadership in their professional life, which is
something that we, of course, need more of during these
tumultuous times. There is also significant ethnic/racial
-- ethnic and racial representation --

MS. PELLMAN: Fifteen seconds.

MR. DE LA LIBERTAD: -- as well as gender
representation. And, really, more than just Orange County,
but also Southern California wide and statewide interests, and awareness on the slate.

So, I want to thank you for your time and I appreciate you taking my comments into consideration. Goodbye.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. De La Libertad.

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AT&T OPERATOR: Tammy Tumbling, please spell your name for the reporter. Your line is open.


Thank you, Commissioners, for allowing me to speak to you this afternoon. I am a resident of the City of Cerritos and I’ve raised four kids in California. I have a philanthropy background, but also as an African American woman with a nonprofit and corporate experience, I’ve worked to have always been a champion for diverse and underserved communities.

I’m calling to urge you today to support the Turner slate -- in support of the Turner slate. And this is to focus on building bridges between our Latinx and Asian/Pacific Islander communities. We need to build these bridges. And I am doing my role in today’s job to do it as well. And I urge you to support four Latinos, and Linda Akutagawa as one of the API voices in the community. I
know Linda and much has already been said about her. But I think it would be a big, big loss to this Commission if Linda Akutagawa was not included.

    Thank you so much for your time.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Ms. Tumbling.

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AT&T OPERATOR: Stephanie Ramirez, please spell your name for the reporter. Your line is open.

MS. RAMIREZ: Good afternoon, everyone.


    I am calling on behalf of Hispanics Organized for Political Equality, and also as myself as a Latina immigrant, urging to support the Turner slate.

    Specifically, I’m calling to uplift the name of Patricia Sinay. She’s a qualified candidate with integrity and leadership and I know that she will be a strong voice for Latinos across the state.

    Thank you for your time, for you deliberation, and for your transparency on this process.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Ms. Ramirez.

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AT&T OPERATOR: Joseph Williams, please spell your name for the reporter. Your line is open.

MR. WILLIAMS: Good afternoon, this is Joseph Williams, J-O-S-E-P-H W-I-L-L-I-A-M-S.
I live in the City of Rialto, in the Inland Empire. I am also an elected member of the San Bernardino Community College Board of Trustees. And I am calling to support the Turner slate.

And I just want to say that the Inland Empire has traditionally been disproportionately impacted as it relates to receiving federal, state, and philanthropic dollars.

I’ve had the opportunity to work with Linda Akutagawa on the -- on an energy panel and she was a starch advocate for diversity and supporting getting resources to the Inland Empire. And I appreciate that we have a member on there. I just want to say having an additional ally from outside the community that understands our area and understands the issues that we face I think is key to this process. And just urge and ask you to support the Turner slate, and also to support Linda. Thank you.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Williams.

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AT&T OPERATOR: Tammy Tran, please spell your name for the reporter. Your line is open.

MS. TRAN: Yes, it’s Tammy, T-A-M-M-Y, first name, Tran, T-R-A-N.

And I’m sorry, I don’t know what happened earlier, and then I pressed 10, and then I guess when you
press 10 again you get queued out.

So, I’m calling to support the Turner slate, it’s a coalition slate. Four Latinas, two APIs, across the Republican, Democrat, and no party preference. Women, men, it’s a bridge-building slate. It has geographic representation. It’s not perfect. But it’s also something I learned from the public comment today, it also represents language access. This slate will have bilingual Commissioners and I think that’s something you all should take into serious consideration.

I’m sure there are a lot of people that could have called in, if they were able to do it in a language other than English.

Thank you, Commissioner Turner for being thoughtful in your reasoning behind your slate. Thank you for listening and informing us. You have been very consistent, thoughtful, informative, fact-based, culturally sensitive. I encourage you not to give up.

I know you’re about to take a vote. I think at least five of you can get behind Turner’s coalition, the bridge-building coalition slate. Commissioner Kennedy, I know you can get behind this. Please move from not opposing to yes.

We see a coalition building organically today and over the past three days. You will absolutely need this
when you start looking at Census data, communities of color, communities of interest. You will need to inspire coalitions that have been inspired by this slate between Asians, Pacific Islanders, and Latinos.

Thank you. (Not speaking English). Muchas gracias to all the Californians who have called for Pedro Toledo. I am a supporter of Linda Akutagawa, but I have heard you and I move to support Pedro Toledo.

Commissioners, I urge you to find consensus in supporting the Turner coalition Slate.

MS. PELLMAN: Fifteen seconds.

MS. TRAN: Pedro Toledo and Linda Akutagawa, plus you have your geographic representation. Thank you very much and I hope you enjoy your lunch.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Ms. Tran.

Is there anyone else in the queue?

AT&T OPERATOR: We do have the line of Beatriz Perez. Please spell your name for the reporter. Your line is open.

MS. PEREZ: Hi, good afternoon, my name is Beatriz Perez. That’s B-E-A-T-R-I-Z, last name Perez, P-E-R-E-Z.

I’d just like to say thank you for your work and careful deliberations. I’m calling on behalf of HOPE, Hispanas Organized for Political Equality. Your mandate is
to select Commissioners who are diverse and adequately represent California. The Latino community comprises of 40 percent of the state in 2020 and is expected to grow significantly in the next ten years.

Specifically, I would like to uplift Patricia Sinay, who I know to have deep community connections, is open minded, and would be a great addition to the Commission. She is well poised to execute the mandate of this Commission to truly represent the diversity of California.

Thank you for your time and I fully support the Turner slate. Thank you.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Ms. Perez.

Next in the queue?

AT&T OPERATOR: Jonathan Paik, please spell your name for the reporter. Your line is open.


I am here today as a lifelong resident of Fullerton, California, and Orange County, to be able to put forth my support for the Turner slate.

Specifically, I want to be able to uplift the names of Pedro Toledo and Linda Akutagawa. To be able to actually uplift, as many of us have said on this call today to be able to uplift what is a very organic API and Latinx
community that wanted to be able to work together to be able to draw the best districts for everyone.

As a person who has worked at the municipal level in the City of Fullerton, to be able to ensure that the Korean community can continue to be uplifted and, you know, I’ve seen what the impacts have been to be able to actually see Korean first generation immigrant communities to be able to enter into their city council, as well as to be able to meet their state legislators for the first time, and the impact on the district and being able to understand what it means for my family members to be truly represented. I wanted to be able to uplift the voices and the folks who then could lift and be able to champion our community needs.

And so, as a lifelong resident of Fullerton to be able to see that proof, I would love for folks to be able to actually uplift and support yes on the Turner slate. Thank you.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

Next in the queue, please.

AT&T OPERATOR: Byrd Loichtie, please spell your name for the reporter. Your line is open.

MS. LOCHTIE: B-Y-R-D L-O-C-H-T-I-E, Byrd Loichtie. I’ve spoken to you a couple of times before. I’m sure you remember me.
I want to congratulate those people who talked about the feelings that are in the North Coast of being ignored, not being included in California. I want to say that Eddie Morgan not only would represent the North Coast and the north of California, he’s in an area with very large Native American populations, and he’s in the pool of people that earn under $35,000. And I know you talked about trying to average out the economic part of your balancing.

I know it’s a terrible balancing act. Every member who’s in your pool has already been chosen for many good qualities of fairness, integrity, compassion, all of those things have been considered by the group that chose the 60 people, including all of you.

But people are calling in talking about specific people and the things that are good about them. There are good things about everyone. I urge you to go back and think again about ignoring Northern California. Thank you.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

Next in the queue, please.

AT&T OPERATOR: Madam Chair, there are no others in queue.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

At this time, Commission, do we want to -- we can vote right now or we can break for lunch and come back.
Can I have a show of hands for the voting right now?
Great, it looks like one.
And who would like to --
COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Madam Chair, I have a question.
CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, sorry, question from -
COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yeah, a process question.
CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh. No go ahead.
COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yeah, Ahmad, a question.
Okay, thank you. I just wanted to clarify that if we break for lunch, upon returning from lunch do we go back to public comment or how does that work?
CHAIR ANDERSEN: Well, since we were in the middle of an action, we need to sort of finish this action. So, I just didn’t know kind of --
MS. SAXTON: Madam Chair, I’m sorry.
CHAIR ANDERSEN: Counsel?
MS. SAXTON: I did not quite hear Commissioner Ahmad’s question.
CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh. As a process of a question, so Commissioner Ahmad, would you please repeat your question?
COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yes. And this question might be appropriate for counsel. If we break for lunch now, upon returning from lunch do we go back to public
comment or are we staying at this point where public
comment was concluded, and then we go to the vote portion.

MS. SAXTON: Whether or not to conclude public
comment at this time or continue after lunch is within the
purview of the first eight. That would be a decision of
the chair as to how to -- along with the other
Commissioners.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: So, I’m putting the question to
the other Commissioners. Oh, I’m sorry, we have another
question from Commissioner Ahmad -- oh, I’m sorry,
Commissioner Sadhwani.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah, just I think given that we
had informally agreed to do public -- I think we had said
like first thing in the morning, after lunch, and then at
these other key times. For me, that was why I had raised
my hand to vote now, so that we can have a vote and move on
however we need to and take that public comment when we
return.

I’m actually comfortable either way. But I just
felt like we had said that that’s what we were going to do,
so I felt like we should honor that.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: We had indeed. So, there is a
vote on -- there is a motion on the table, it has been
seconded. Shall I call for the vote? Do you have any
objection to that? No objections.
Seeing no objections, Secretary -- yeah, Secretary, would you please call the vote. So, sorry, since it’s been a moment, do we want to repeat the slate that we’re actually voting on?

Commissioner Le Mons?

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I wanted to ask a question. At the -- and this is a process question. At the point of once we finish the vote there will be a pause and we’ll have an opportunity to change our vote if we like. This question is about depending on the vote, so let me put it like this, if we end up with a unanimous vote is it possible to change the name of the slate at that time?

MS. SAXTON: I’m afraid, Commissioner, it is not.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Okay.

MS. SAXTON: It would need to be changed prior to the vote being announced.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Got it. Okay.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: From a process, standpoint.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: No, a few process questions. Go ahead, from Commissioner Sadhwani.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Just to honor Commissioner Le Mons’ question or interest as I see it, is it possible then to change the name of it now, before we actually take that vote?
MS. SAXTON: Absolutely, if Commissioner Turner, since it’s the Turner slate, wishes to change it.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Ahmad. Sorry, do you want to do Commissioner Turner first or --

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: I guess this is just segueing into the process question. First, thank you, Madam Chair, for recognizing my time. In the spirit of just direct communication, before we change the name, is it okay to ask for intent of what folks are thinking about in terms of voting? Or is that too muddy into the actual voting process? And I can direct that question to counsel.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah, that’s direct to counsel. And one minute, there’s a current issue being discussed by counsel.

MS. SAXTON: One moment, Madam Chair.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah, one moment. I do know there is no -- under Robert’s Rules there is no discussion of your vote and that would -- so, that is a very procedural question at this point because it needs to be considered.

MS. SAXTON: Madam Chair, if Commissioner Turner were to move to amend her slate, we would have to again take public comment and she would have to remove her prior slate as each Commissioner can only have one slate.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay.
MS. SAXTON: It triggers the same --
CHAIR ANDERSEN: Process.
MS. SAXTON: -- cascade of activities and process.
CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay, thank you, Counsel.
And we have additional -- well, I don’t want to assume. Commissioner Ahmad.
COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Related to that process question, at this point we must complete the voting in order to move forward to anything, right, anything else regarding the --
CHAIR ANDERSEN: We’re still in discussion. We have not actually --
COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Okay, we’re still in discussion. So, hypothetically if, let’s say a Commissioner who has not proposed a slate proposed a unity slate and then we voted on that, what would the process be for that? Would we have to withdraw the motion to vote --
CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.
COMMISSIONER AHMAD: -- and then propose another slate, and then go back to public -- second that motion to vote, and then public comment, and then vote, correct?
Okay.
CHAIR ANDERSEN: I look to Counsel, but --
MS. SAXTON: If you, a Commissioner, proposed a
new slate, then we would follow the same procedures that we
have been following. There would be a motion to adopt the
slate, there would be a second. You’d need public comment.
That slate would need to be posted on the website. And if
that Commissioner had a slate on the table currently that
slate would, of course, need to be withdrawn.

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you for the
clarification. I’ll defer back to Commissioner Turner who
submitted it.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Taylor?

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes. I see how in the
moments of trying to be efficient and, you know, there’s
some inference here, I know I would be willing to come back
after lunch and take comment, if we wanted to sort of play
around with a unified slate or a One Tribe 2 slate. I’m
willing.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you for that, Commissioner
Taylor.

MS. SAXTON: Madam Chair, there is a motion on
the floor right now to approve the Turner first amended
slate.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: So, we either need to vote,
unless that slate is withdrawn. Commissioner Le Mons.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Commissioner Turner, I’m
sure you’ve been following this conversation, I think
because it is your slate. Based upon what Commissioner Taylor just said and kind of what I alluded to, what’s your thoughts about the possibility of, A, changing it, or would you -- yeah, what are your thoughts. I won’t narrow your thoughts, I’ll ask that broadly.

VICE CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. I think I don’t have any tie to the actual name. I think I was trying to think through the timing of the day and going back into public comment. And I guess what would really necessitate that and what’s tied into the name. I don’t have any, you know, ties to it by it being Turner, my name per se, but once we vote on the slate I’m wondering is there something we’re locked into afterwards from a name perspective that actually warrants the additional time of going through all of the process. That’s what I don’t know.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Since I --

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, I’m sorry, go ahead. Go ahead.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I just want to say I think we -- I think that in our subtext of naming and our spirit of unity, and all of that, I think there will probably be other opportunities to do that. So, maybe we should move forward with the vote and then post the vote. We could have a discussion about what we call ourselves.

One of the things that I was really -- I’m
looking forward to is us really coming up with a name that is unified and not similar to the previous Commission that had whatever they were, the -- they had two different groups. And I really want, I would really love for us to have a unified name that we adopt and invite the final six into. So, that was really where my head was for the transparency on that.

So, I'd like to suggest that we move on with the vote, if everyone else is okay with that.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: I'm seeing nods, so let's call for the vote.

MS. SAXTON: Madam Chair, the motion on the floor is to adopt the Turner first amended slate that contains the following applicants: Patricia Sinay, Democrat; Angela Vasquez, Democrat; Alicia Fernandez, Republican; Russell Yee, Republican; Linda Akutagawa, neither party; Pedro Toledo, neither party.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: That's -- Commissioner Turner are you confirming that that is the --

VICE CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: That's a yes. We have a confirmation. So, Secretary, would you please call for the vote?

MS. PELLMAN: Commissioner Ahmed?

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yes.
MS. PELLMAN: Commissioner Andersen?
CHAIR ANDERSEN: No.
MS. PELLMAN: Commissioner Fornaciari?
COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes.
MS. PELLMAN: Commissioner Kennedy?
COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Aye.
MS. PELLMAN: Commissioner Le Mons?
COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yes.
MS. PELLMAN: Commissioner Sadhwani?
COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes.
MS. PELLMAN: Commissioner Taylor?
COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes.
MS. PELLMAN: Commissioner Turner?
VICE CHAIR TURNER: Yes.
MS. SAXTON: Madam Chair, we’re going to take a moment to tally the votes.
CHAIR ANDERSEN: Just Commissioner Kennedy, I’m sorry, I could not get your -- could we have a repeat of your vote?
COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I said aye.
CHAIR ANDERSEN: So, that is present?
COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I can say yes, I can say si, I can say oui.
CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, okay.
COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I’m voting in favor.
CHAIR ANDERSEN: Got it. Then, I will change my vote to a yes.

MS. SAXTON: Let the record reflect that Commissioner Andersen is changing her vote on the Turner first amended slate from no to yes.

The motion passes.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: So, we have a slate approved. I don’t know at this point is there a procedural -- you know, is there anything to a rename, or does it go officially as the Turner slate? How do we work this or can we just have a new slate approved.

MS. SAXTON: The slate is approved. And if I may, at this point the six new Commissioners to join the first eight are Patricia Sinay, Angela Vasquez, Alicia Fernandez, Russell Yee, Linda Akutagawa, and Pedro Toledo.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Counsel.

Well, we are -- congratulations we have a full Commissioner.

And with that, actually, before we move on to the next item -- oh, congratulations, by the way, to all the new Commissioners.

I believe we actually need to go to public comment, is that correct?

MS. SAXTON: Madam Chair, we are going to be required to take our next 90-minute break at 12:50.
CHAIR ANDERSEN: Excellent.

MS. SAXTON: And lunch, potentially, at that time.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Perfect. So, then I propose that we adjourn for lunch now, come back --

MS. SAXTON: Recess.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Sorry, recess for lunch now, come back and have our public comment period which will include -- Counsel, can we include our public counsel -- our public comment for, you know, general and after.

That’s our Item 5. We can combine that, is that correct?

MS. SAXTON: The next item on the agenda is introduction to temporary staff.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Correct.

MS. SAXTON: There will need to be public comment either before, during.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Right. So, my question is can we combine our, as we’ve arranged, after-lunch-public-comment with that, you know, before we -- as we start into Item Number 6, we can combine all that, is that correct, for the public comments.

MS. SAXTON: Well, you must take public comment on the agenda item, which would be limited to that agenda item.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: That would be after. After the
introduction. Sorry, we’re having a discussion with
counsel here, one minute.

Oh, do we have a question from Commissioner
Ahmad?

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Madam Chair, I think, and
counsel can correct me, I think the process is we move to
an agenda item, we discuss it, whatever needs to be
discussed related to that item, whether there’s a motion to
vote on anything, and then take public comment prior to any
motion, or public comment related to any agenda item after
that agenda item has been discussed.

So, at this point, from my understanding, since
we have concluded Agenda Item Number 5 we could move on to
6, address that agenda item and then take public comment
related to that specific agenda item.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. My --

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: I think that’s my
understanding, just to make it -- my thought process and
process clear and in hopes of making it clear for the
public as well, when they can expect to call in for public
comment.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: So, actually, my -- since we’ve
just completed Item Number 5, we would be asking for public
comment on Item Number 5. In that you’re correct, that is
how we’ve been setting up procedure.
MS. SAXTON: No. Madam Chair, I’m sorry to interrupt. Item Number 5, you had public comment on Item Number 5. If it pleases the Commission we could take more public comment on Item Number 5.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: So, as we’ve --I’m sorry, one quick question. So, our public comment, since we’ve been having it as we continued through Item 5, and we did it before the vote, then we can say that we’ve actually finished the public comment on Item 5.

MS. SAXTON: Correct.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Got it. Okay, then -- I’m sorry, we have a question from Commissioner Le Mons.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yes, I think that it seemed to me, Madam Chair, that you were trying to reconcile our commitment to post-lunch public comment, Item 6, and associated public comment associated with that. I think that’s where you were going.

And so, I think we could honor that by letting the public know that when we come back from lunch we’re going to do Item Number 6, which are introductions, and we’ll be taking public comment right after that.

And if we have some sense, since it’s introductions, I don’t know if we can estimate time so that we nail it down. Because I know when Commissioner Sadhwani initially proposed this, it was really to get people
targeted so they don’t have to sit and watch, you know, in an eternity.

So, I don’t know if counsel has any idea about whether that’s a 45, an hour, the introductions? I can’t imagine introductions would take an indefinite amount of time, but who knows? So, is there a way for us to estimate roughly how long introductions might be and then we can let people know, let the public know that when we come back from lunch we’ll do introductions, and be taking public comment about 45 minutes to an hour after we come back from lunch.

Would that satisfy, fellow Commissioners, in terms of us being in integrity of our desire to let people know when they can give targeted comment?

CHAIR ANDERSEN: That was -- thank you, Commissioner Le Mons that was exactly what I was trying to do. Do we need to have a public comment, do an item, and then again? So, because we said we were going to have public comment coming after lunch.

Can we jump into Item 6 with an idea of how long that will be, so we can tell people right now when to come back and discuss --

MS. SAXTON: I hear the question, Madam Chair.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- and make public comment?

MS. SAXTON: If you could give me just a minute
to confer with my colleagues, I would appreciate it.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Sure. Thank you.

And I do apologize how -- we still are within our 90-minute break, so the good news is once we come back from lunch we should have another full 90 minutes, should we need that time. We’ll stand down for a minute.

(Pause)

MS. SAXTON: We’re just checking on one item, Madam Chair. But I do remind the Commissioners that there is, before adjournment of the meeting, an agendized general comment from the public period that is there.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Uh-hum.

MS. SAXTON: But in terms of how long the speakers might continue, I do not believe that it would be more than an hour and likely less time than that.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. We’ll give counsel just a moment here. You need another minute?

MS. SAXTON: Yes, I do. Thank you.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: I think it might be sort of safe to say probably around 3:00 o’clock to have people call in. We can pay attention around that time. That we should be probably done with Item Number 6, and be in Number 7, and those again might not be long items. And again, there is a public, final public comment at the end of today, so that might give people a bit of a time frame.
MS. SAXTON: Thank you very much for your patience. Taking lunch, then public comment on Item Number 6, and then Item Number 6 is what would be required.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. So, I’m sorry, that means before we talk about it or at the end of the item?

MS. SAXTON: Well, you mean Item Number 6?

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Under Item Number 6.

MS. SAXTON: It can be taken before or during.

And once Item Number 6 is complete, you do have that general public comment at the end.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: All right. I’m sorry, do we still have Item Number 7, the location update?

MS. SAXTON: Yes, and that also will require public comment.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay.

MS. SAXTON: I do point out that the Commission is, in running the meetings, authorized to limit the public comment period as is reasonable. You’re not required to take every caller, but that is a decision for --

CHAIR ANDERSEN: For the Commission.

MS. SAXTON: -- the Commission.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

Okay, at this time then I’m going to propose, it’s quarter to, ten minutes to --

MS. SAXTON: Madam Chair, I’m sorry. I just
received information that in combination, the two temporary
staff members, 30 minutes.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Ah, there we go.

So, then, since it is ten minutes to 1:00, I say
we come back at ten minutes to 2:00, start up with public
comment, do the Item Number 6. Then, can we do the Item
Number 7, and then go to general? Yes, that would work.

So, we’ll come back, do we can even say a smaller
-- when we come back we could put an idea of our public
comment time, jump into Item Number 6, do Item Number 7,
and then conclude with public comments. That would cover
public comments on both Items 6 and 7.

MS. SAXTON: Also, Madam Chair, just to add some
additional information, whatever public comment is taken
next is exclusively on the subject of introductions to the
temporary 2020 staff.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, okay. I say we break for
lunch right now --

MS. SAXTON: Yes, you may.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- and let’s talk about it when
we come back. It’s ten minutes to 1:00, I say let’s come
back at ten minutes to 2:00. The meeting’s on recess.

(Off the record at 12:48 p.m.)

(On the record at 1:53 p.m.)

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Welcome back. I see everyone is
here. I will bring the meeting back to order. And at this
time we can go -- as we discussed, we’d like to go into
Item Number 6. And we have said that we’d do public
comment at this time, after lunch. But there’s a slight
change in that we -- for all of the public who have been
following, they hopefully will have seen on our agenda is
Item 8 is public comment. And that, it says all items not
on the agenda. That can be anything that is on the agenda,
as well.

As we are going to move into Item Number 6, which
is introduction of temporary 2020 Commission staff, at this
time we’re only taking public comment on that item. So, if
you’re thinking that you want to call in and congratulate
us, or yell at us, please reserve that and call that in
after we deal with Item Number 6 and Number 7. We’ll take
public comment on all of that at that time.

And we’re estimating that that will take
approximately an hour. So, if you could hold those
congratulations, way to go, or we really don’t like what
you did until about an hour from now, so come, you know,
look back in at about 3:00 o’clock, if you are not
interested in following the rest of our items. Thank you.

So, at this time we’ll proceed to Item Number 6.
Oh, we have a question from Commissioner Ahmad.

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Madam Chair. I
don’t mean to revisit this conversation, but just to clarify we can do public comment after the temporary staff are introduced and, therefore, the public can actually comment on something. I’m not sure, I’m just thinking if I was calling in what I would be able to comment on, if I hadn’t actually seen the conversation related to Agenda Item 6. Just something for consideration for the group.

MS. SAXTON: Madam Chair, the rule is before or during the agenda item.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, yeah.

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Is during before the conclusion of the agenda item or --

MS. SAXTON: That’s correct.

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Okay.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Fornaciari?

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes, I agree with that comment. I think we should go through the presentation and the introduction first, and then allow folks to comment on it because then they’ll have seen what happened, if that pleases the Chair.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Certainly. Thank you. The reason I gave the announcement about general comments are please reserve those for after Item 8, which will be approximately an hour. Because we’d put after lunch general public comments and we’re making a bit of a change
for our time purposes. So, that would be approximately 3:00 to general. So, when we do break, after the presentation now, it will be public comment would then be only on that introduction of the temporary 2020 Commission staff.

So, with that clarification thank you very much Commissioners, we will move on and I believe counsel will introduce.

MS. SAXTON: Yes, it is with great pleasure that I introduce Marian Johnston, who will be part of your temporary 2020 Commission staff. She will serve as the 2020 Commission’s temporary counsel and we’re pleased to have you here today. Thank you.

MS. JOHNSTON: It’s a pleasure to meet all of you. I’m what’s called a retired annuitant, which if you haven’t worked for the state before you don’t know it’s someone who’s retired from the state, but you get them back. It’s a good deal for everybody. They pay you your salary, but none of the benefits, and you would get me at whatever rate you’d normally pay for a state -- my salary, so it’s a bargain.

And I worked for the 2010 Commission. I’d welcome any questions you have for me.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Just for the general public and for myself, could you actually spell your name for us?

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. So, any comments or questions from the other Commissioners? Commissioner Le Mons.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Welcome, Ms. Johnston. I have a question regarding temporary counsel, exactly what does that mean? I mean how long do we have the privilege of working with you? Maybe give us a little overview of what we can expect from you in your role? Those, I’ll start with those two questions.

MS. JOHNSTON: That is totally your discretion. The Commission is free of all civil service rules, so basically I work at your pleasure. I did work for the prior Commission for about eight years. I was not with them at the very beginning. I was not their chief counsel. And I’m not applying to be your chief counsel. I’m more of like a -- sort of like what Amanda Saxton did for you here on Bagley-Keene, those other meeting requirements, Public Records Act, good government, conflict of interest type questions that come up. And I can’t work more than part time.

And it would be a decision of the full Commission, whenever you have your first meeting, about whether or not you want to continue with me or not.
COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Thus the term temporary?

MS. JOHNSTON: Thus the term temporary.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Commissioner -- let’s see, we have two hands. We have Turner and also Sadhwani.

VICE CHAIR TURNER: No, I don’t have a hand up, thank you.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, thank you, Commissioner Turner. Commissioner Sadhwani.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Thank you, Madam Chair. I was wondering, Ms. Johnston -- first, welcome, thank you for serving in this capacity. You know, could you actually give us some guidance? It wasn’t entirely clear to me what the process will be for setting that first meeting of the full Commission and I’m just curious how we’ll go about identifying that date and time, and if you will be handling that process, if Ms. Saxton will be handling it? Or, if from here on out if Ms. Saxton is kind of --

MS. JOHNSTON: I will be handling with Raul Villanueva, who’s your administrative person on a temporary basis, we could not schedule it until you had your full complement of Commissioners. As soon as we can do a survey, we’ll figure out what time would work for all of you. It’s a 14-day notice requirement for the full Commission, so the soonest this could be would be towards
mid or late August.

And we would be consulting with you all about what you wanted to have on the first agenda. There are some matters that need to be taken care of and then after that, whoever you choose for your chair and vice chair, we would work with them to schedule further meetings and further agendas.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: So, Commissioner Le Mons?

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I’m just curious, does that mean that Ms. Saxton is -- are we not hearing from her anymore or does she get to say goodbye, or does she just disappear.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: She’s already left the building. No.

(Laughter)

MS. SAXTON: Thank you, Commissioner Le Mons. The State Auditor’s Office does continue to provide support in transition. At this time I don’t know what, if any role I will play. But perhaps I might sneak over for a visit, COVID-19 willing.

MS. JOHNSTON: I’m certain there will be a lot of communication. Amanda Saxton and other people here I worked with previously, in my previous life with the Legislative Counsel’s Office, so we’re friends as well as coworkers.
CHAIR ANDERSEN: So, Ms. Johnston, could you tell us, are you giving us the information, then, about the actual logistics of where, and when, and this sort of thing, or is that Mr. Villanueva --

MS. JOHNSTON: Villanueva.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, Villanueva.

MS. JOHNSTON: It will be done cooperatively. He’ll probably take care of the logistical part of it. But I’ve been working with him on a draft agenda.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: And in terms of, you know, because where we are right now is in the State Auditor’s Office.

MS. JOHNSTON: I understand there have been offices set up for you just a block away, at 721 M Street, but I have not seen them yet. I’m going to see them next week.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay.

MS. JOHNSTON: Raul was going to be calling in. You haven’t heard from him?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes, he’s there.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh.

MR. VILLANUEVA: I am here, Marian, I’m just -- I wanted you to have your opportunity. I’m here.

MS. JOHNSTON: Well, I don’t know if anyone has any questions about me. I also wanted to talk about the
litigation on the timing of the Census, but I can wait until Raul finishes the administration portion.

MS. SAXTON: Yes, Ms. Johnston, that is agendized as Number 7.

MS. JOHNSTON: Right.

MR. VILLANUEVA: Well, let me go ahead then.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Please do. Thank you.

MR. VILLANUEVA: So, first, let me offer my congratulations to all of you as Commissioners of the 2020 Citizens --

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you very much.

MR. VILLANUEVA: -- and taking it upon yourselves to accomplish a challenging task in really challenging times. I feel confident in your ability to meet those challenges and accomplish the work. Congratulations.

By the way, everyone can hear me? Very good. My name is Raul Villanueva and I’ve been working with the California State Auditor’s Office, hired specifically to provide support to the Commission during this transition with staff and offices being fully functional required under Government Code.

Now, in 2010 I had the opportunity to provide support to the first panel. Afterwards, I worked with the 2020 Commission as their office manager. The State Auditor’s Office wanted you to have the benefit of lessons
learned from the prior Commission. Since I was there from
the beginning, I kind of have a pretty good idea of the
issues that caused them the most grief. And I’ve been
working really hard to spare you some of the challenges.

So, at this time what I’d like to do is give you
a high level report of the work we’ve done to date to help
you, and I’m also preparing a more detailed report for your
first meeting as a full Commission, a full team. But as I
give this report, please keep in mind that the primary
intent throughout this process has been to give you
options, be fully functional on day one as a full
Commission, and that you can operate independently as
intended by law.

First things first, we have secured office space
for you. We worked with the Governor’s Office to identify
available office space and we have made space available for
you at 721 Capitol Mall, Sacramento. Now, the office space
will be fully furnished and equipped, pending a few
deliveries more that I’m waiting on.

So, there is sufficient space for you and your
staff to work and for you to hold meetings consistent with
COVID-related experiences, okay. We’ve set up the offices
with a wireless network, thus you and your staff will be
able to work onsite or remotely. And you can begin work as
soon as you’re ready. You have laptops, printers, a copier
configured to your network and it’s in place.

And now that you’ve identified the final six members of the Commission, we’re going to be sending them materials similar to the ones that you received, laptops, cell phones, and those materials like Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act.

Now, your offices are secure. There’s onsite security within your offices that require card key access. You’re also close to ample public parking and light rail, and to keep you in close proximity to any other state government offices, including the State Capitol.

Well, you were asking about the meeting and the agenda. Let’s look at that. First, you’re going to need certain services to ensure your meetings are public and accessible to all Californians, we’re preparing some contracts for you to review and approve, if you so desire. These include services like videography, transcription, American Sign Language and English language interpreters. It’s really similar to the same types of services that you’ve been receiving thus far.

As far as budgeting, accounting, HR, payroll, we’ve lined up the state resources you’re going to need as a state commission to provide you support with your budget accounting, and HR payroll. And I have the interagency agreements for those services ready for you to review.
during the first meeting as a full Commission.

Also, preparing a report about your appropriation budget and how to access your funds, and that will be available to you for that first meeting.

In regards to training, I’ve retained several really great speakers for you on topics related to the California demography, the Voting Rights Act, and laws related to redistricting, as well as some pieces on the nuances of working within state government structure, among some others.

I’m going to be -- I am preparing some training and discussion after hiring. So, similar to what the Secretary of State’s Office did last time, we advertised three of the key positions you’re really going to need at meetings. Those included counsel, communications director, and the executive director.

But as you’ve been discussing, you’re already recognizing that the full Commission must hire an attorney with a certain type of skill level.

In regards to the communications director, it’s really to give you that immediate help of the press inquiries you’re going to be receiving from day one. Also, to support you in getting your message out via your website, and really to start thinking about your public information.
In regards to your executive director, I think you’ll agree that hiring this position is imperative. You’re going to need someone to hire your other staff, develop on-tracks on your behalf, and all the other things an executive director does.

I’m also preparing a training and discussion for you in contracting and procurement. Now, as a part of this item there will be discussion about that line drawer. But I have to bring up you have heard several individuals and organizations say that you should regard these recruitments and the RFP post your own.

Now, as our goal in issuing these recruitments and RFP on your behalf is to give you a head start, and particularly in light of the fact that we’re working in this COVID environment which, as you know, is impacting everyone. Still you, the full Commission you, can absolutely disregard these recruitments and the RFP and post your own. Your recruitments clearly state the full Commission may use them, reissue them, or disregard them. The RFP is nonbinding and any proposals received will be delivered to you as a full Commission unopened. There’s no intention of making any decisions for you. And you may decide to look at them, interview bidders, revise timelines, or ultimately reissue an RFP.

However, before you make your full decision as a
full Commission there is an opportunity for you to review
the documents as a body. To understand what the
recruitments and the RFP documents actually accomplished
and determine for yourselves what actions best support you
and your goals as a Commission which is something I would
urge for you to take the time to do.

As far as your agenda, we’re in an interesting
situation right now in that during this interim period
between selecting the first eight and the final six
Commissioners no one has clear legal authority to sign work
orders, contracts, or other similar documents.

The State Auditor’s Office, then, has taken the
setup of your operations really as far as possible. As
such, many of the items on your agenda for the first full
Commission meeting are going to be housekeeping items.
Things like review and approval of service contracts for
your meeting services, authorizations to obtain service, as
well as the training and the other things that I mentioned.

But I am working with the interim legal counsel,
Marian Johnston. I’d rather call her interim because
there’s nothing temporary about Marian. And using input
from the State Auditor’s Redistricting team and made a
comprehensive agenda for a multi-day meeting. So, really,
we’re hoping that that will begin before the end of August.
Well, obviously, the dates haven’t been finalized, but I do
want to put this meeting on your radar to calendar.

Because again, keep in mind that once you’re a full Commission your agendas must post for 14 days, not the 10 required by Bagley-Keene. So, for example, to hold meetings the week of August 24th, an agenda would have to be posted publicly as early as August 10th, Monday, and on August 24th.

Please consider the timing for your first meeting as a full Commission and Marian and I will be contacting you in the days ahead really to determine what schedule bests supports you all.

In closing, I’d like to thank the state staff across many state departments and agencies, who worked with me to help me accomplish these and other parts of the operation. Now, it’s one thing to assist as a part of the normal, you know, normal affairs of government, but we all know that right now we’re working in an unprecedented time. Many of these departments are working with a skeleton crew and operating from multiple locations. Nevertheless, these men and women were admirably diligent in the State Auditor’s Office and I would like to thank them for their professionalism and their dedication.

Myself, I’d like to thank the State Auditor for enabling me to perform this work on your behalf. It was wonderful working for the 2010 and I’m (indiscernible) -- I
look forward to working with the full Commission during this transition and I hope to help you to become fully functional as quickly as you can so that you and your staff can have everything you need to conduct your important work. Thank you.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

Any comments or questions from the other Commissioners? Seeing none at -- oh, we do have one from Commissioner Sadhwani.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Thank you. Yes. I mean I would just say it’s so nice to meet you both and thank you for all of the work that you’re obviously doing behind the scenes that we didn’t really have a clear sense of what all was happening. So, I greatly appreciate all of your efforts, especially during these difficult times. So, thank you.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

MR. VILLANUEVA: You all are very welcome.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: I think that sort of sums up what everyone would like to say. Thank you. And thank you very much also for pointing out thank yous to the State Auditor’s Office and the people involved here. As I’ve been seeing them on a day-to-day basis it is amazing. And they are working with a skeleton crew. So, I appreciate you bringing that up as well. And look forward to working
with both of you going forward. So, thank you.

That, I believe, brings us to the end of Item 6.
So, at this time, before we go into the litigation update
from Ms. Johnston, this would be a time when we would stop
and take public comment.

So, Counsel, could you please read those
instructions. And, yes, Mr. Villanueva’s gone. Thank you.

MS. SAXTON: Thank you, Madam Chair.

If you’d like to make public comment regarding
Agenda Item 6, introduction of temporary 2020 Commission
staff, please call in now by dialing 844-291-5495. In the
next few moments we’ll begin taking public comment and,
again, that number is 844-291-5495.

After dialing the number you’ll speak to an
operator. You will be asked to provide either the access
code for the meeting, which is 8121803, or the name of the
meeting which is CRC selection meeting.

After providing this information the operator
will ask you to provide your name. Please note, you’re not
required to provide your actual name. When the operator
asks you for your name, you may provide a name other than
your own. When it’s your turn to make a public comment,
the operator will introduce you by the name you provided.
Please be assured our office is not maintaining any list of
callers by name. We ask for you to provide some name to
enable the operator to manage multiple calls simultaneously, and let you know when it’s your turn to speak.

After speaking with the operator, you will be placed in a listening room. In this room you will be able to listen to live audio of the meeting. Please mute your computer audio because the online video and audio will be delayed by approximately 60 seconds and feedback issues may occur, making it difficult for anyone to hear your comment. Also, please do not use a speaker phone and make sure to speak directly into your phone.

When you decide that you want to make a comment about Agenda Item 8, introduction of temporary 2020 Commission staff, press 10 and you will be placed in the queue to make public comment about Agenda Item 8, introduction of temporary 2020 Commission staff.

After joining the queue to make a public comment, you should hear an automatic recording informing you that you’ve been placed in the queue. When it is your turn, the operator will introduce you. At that time please state and spell your name for the transcriptionist, then state your comment clearly and concisely.

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move on to the next caller. At that point please hang up
your phone. If you’d like to comment on another agenda
item at a later time, please call back when we open up
public comment for that item and repeat this process.

If you are disconnected for any reason, please
call back and explain the issue to the operator, then
repeat the process and rejoin the public comment queue by
pressing 1 0. These instructions can also be found on our
website.

I also comment that at this time public comment
must be in regard to Agenda Item 6, introduction of
temporary 2020 Commission staff.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Counsel.

AT&T Operator, do we have anyone on the line?

AT&T OPERATOR: Just a reminder, you can now
press 1, then 0, if you’d like to queue up here for
comment.

At this time, Madam Chair, there is no one in
queue.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

We will stand down for the usual 2 minutes to
allow people to call in.

AT&T Operator, if someone does come on the line,
please let us know.

AT&T OPERATOR: We certainly will.
CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

(Pause)

CHAIR ANDERSEN: AT&T Operator, Do we have anyone on the line at this time?

AT&T OPERATOR: Madam Chair, we have no one on the line for you.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you very much.

Having no, hearing no public comment at this time, we shall move on to Item Number 7, which is a litigation update by our lovely, delightful lady we’ve just met, Ms. Marian Johnston.

MS. JOHNSTON: Thank you. Well, I hoped I could give you a definitive answer today about what your timeline would be. As you probably know, about three months ago the Census Bureau announced because of COVID it was going to delay the processing of the Census data, collecting the Census data, then processing it to give to the states. And would not be giving it to the Commission until approximately next August, August 2021, which would give you 15 days to do all your map drawing, which would obviously be unworkable.

The Legislature then decided to file a lawsuit against the Secretary of State’s Office, which is the one responsible for collecting the data and providing it to the Commission, asking that the Supreme Court step in and
extend the time limits.

The day after the Legislature filed the lawsuit, we got a letter from the California Supreme Court asking what the opinion of the 2010 Commission was. The 2010 Commission met remotely and was very concerned that they not step on your toes in any way. They know that they cannot make any decisions for you and that anything they do is not binding on you. But they did want to preserve your opportunity to complete your job in the full, complete manner, and with the public input and outreach that is required by law.

So, with their instruction, I did file a brief in the Supreme Court agreeing with the need for delay. And about a month ago, now, the California Supreme Court did issue a decision, that I hope you all have seen by now, that set the -- gave us the extended time we’d requested for four and a half months to make up for the four and a half months that the Census was delaying.

But interestingly, they gave the decision in terms so that if the date were to change subsequent to their decision, then your timing would also change. If the federal government transmitted the Census data to the states later than August 1st, your time would be extended beyond that. So, it would no longer be what would be November, it would go back to whatever delayed time would
be added on to it.

Conversely, it also said that if the federal government transmits the Census data to the state before that time, the Commission should make every effort to expedite its process and release the preliminary and final maps in advance of the deadline set forth above.

So, that’s the state of California law right now. What we don’t know is what’s going to happen at the federal level. You may have seen that earlier this week the Census Bureau announced that it was going to in fact speed up its timing and do it a month earlier than states -- than this law required.

There are still several bills pending, one that’s tied into the HEROES Act, which is the current COVID bill before the House. And then there’s a standalone bill, also, that would extend the Census data’s time collecting it, so that you would be able to get a full and complete Census count which, of course, is essential to your job in doing the redistricting.

I have heard rumors there may be some litigation over whether the Census Bureau will be served suit on its new timing schedule or not. I have not seen the results of that litigation, yet. If anything has happened, I haven’t heard about it and I think I would have.

So, we’re waiting to find out exactly what your
timing will be. In the meantime we want to do everything, as Raul said to get you to the best position you can, so that you can begin doing the very important work that you so graciously volunteered to do.

A couple of other pieces of litigation that I just wanted to alert you to. There is a lawsuit pending about the government’s decision to collect data on undocumented immigrants. And that has been set for expedited briefing. California Attorney General filed lawsuit against Trump and there are a number of other states that have done, as well. And I will, of course, keep you alerted to whatever happens in that lawsuit.

One other piece of litigation that happened after the 2010 Commission completed its work, but we did an Amicus brief in, was on the legitimacy of having an independent Commission, like yourselves, make a decision on the Census. The way the Constitution and the federal law reads, the State Legislature is to do redistricting.

In California, and in a number of other states, there is a Power of Initiative reserved to the people. And we argued successfully that because the people have that initiative power that in that sense the people enacted the Voters FIRST Act, and then the modification that added Congress, that was a legislative decision from the states, and that the Supreme Court agreed with that. And so, your
existence is protected at least for the time being.

So, I’d be happy to answer any questions you have of any of those lawsuits.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: I do, just a quick for clarification.

MS. JOHNSTON: Sure.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Just we understand that the dates are fluid right now. Could you give us the original dates and like what is our timing, the amount of time that was requested for extension?

MS. JOHNSTON: The Census Bureau had said it was going to be delaying its work by four and a half months. So, you were originally due to have your preliminary draft map done by July 1st and your final maps done by August 15th.

We asked that it be delayed equivalently to four and a half months, so it would be until November 1st, 2021 for the draft maps and December 15th for the final maps. And then again, that was to be adjusted depending on what happened with the Census Bureau.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: So, by adjustment you mean the four and a half months is the gap and that shifts according to however the feds decided.

MS. JOHNSTON: Exactly. But you don’t have to wait until then. A lot of the work done by the prior
Commission, and I assume will be done by you as well, in your outreach, doesn’t need to wait until you get the Census data from the Census Bureau. So, you can go ahead and solicit public opinion, have your public meetings, do whatever you want to do for your public outreach. And it actually gives you more time to do it which the former Commission felt they were very rushed about collecting public input. So, in a way that is a benefit to you.

Of course, if the Census Bureau hurries up its process and gives you less time, the Supreme Court, the California Supreme Court decision is not binding on you, but it does say it strongly urges you to make every effort to expedite your process to adjust to whatever the Census Bureau does.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. And just back on the Amicus brief, is there additional move towards changing that? I might have misinterpreted that. To change that on a federal constitutional level. I mean has this been --

MS. JOHNSTON: There are two bills pending I know of, currently in the house, that would extend the date. As you probably know there’s substantial negotiations doing on with the HEROES Act at the present time. That proposed bill currently would give you an extension of time that’s all negotiable.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: And on that bill, actually, I
was talking about the validity of the Commission in terms of California that is okay. And I understand there are other issues with other states. Is there a -- was that brief only affecting our Supreme Court or was that part of a group going towards the federal.

MS. JOHNSTON: That case only had to do with California law which set your time limits and asked that those time limits be extended due to the delay of the Census.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: No, on that one I was talking about the existence of the Commission, in terms of the Legislature versus --

MS. JOHNSTON: Oh, it was actually brought by the Arizona Legislature, trying to dissolve the Arizona Redistricting Commission, which actually was formed after California’s was. No one sued the California Commission, per se, but we got involved in the case in order to protect the legitimacy of the Commission. But that is now final.

The problem is that a lot of states don’t have the initiative power and so that route of having the citizens decide that they want to have an independent redistricting commission only can happen in those states where there is an initiative power.

There is a movement among states either to have the Legislature commit, create an independent commission or
to have the people adopt one. And in fact, the past
Commission got a grant from Harvard to do some outreach
throughout the state -- throughout the United States, and I
know they've talked with a number of states that have been
working towards creating independent commissions, much like
you are.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Those are my
questions.

Any additional questions from the Commissioners?
Commissioner Ahmad.

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Madam Chair.
Thank you so much, Ms. Johnston, for this
overview. It was very helpful. I wish I had it two weeks
ago when we first met. I feel like it would have helped
kind of set the stage of where we are now. So, I want to
say thank you for that overview.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: All right. So, thank you very
much.

MS. JOHNSTON: I think there's one more question.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, we do have another question.
Commissioner -- thank you. Commissioner Sadhwani.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes, thank you. I echo
Commissioner Ahmad's thanks to you for this update, very
helpful.

I was curious, and I'm not suggesting that we
need to do this, but I’m just curious. You had mentioned that the 2010 Commission had been asked by the California Supreme Court for their input. On that matter, at the state level it seems the bigger issue is actually at the federal level with whether or not the Secretary of State’s Office is going to be delaying or speeding up the Census. Obviously, in California we have many -- as we heard from many of the public comments, we have a lot of very difficult to reach communities that could greatly be impacted by the Census. Would it behoove us as a Commission to consider sending a letter of support to say, you know, we actually -- support the extension of the Census to ensure a full count? Is that something that you would recommend? Is it something that we should be thinking about? Or is better, you know, hey, look, we just stay out of it.

MS. JOHNSTON: I think if you want to put that on the agenda at one of your first meetings, it would be very appropriate for you to discuss whether or not that’s an action you would like to take.

In fact, is there unanimous -- an interest from the Commission on us adding that to the agenda for the first meeting or so?

CHAIR ANDERSEN: I would so move that I would like to add that to the agenda as an agenda item. Is there
a second for the full meeting?

MS. JOHNSTON: Well, you don’t really need to vote on it. If there’s an interest in it, we’ll put it on the agenda for you to vote up or down at that time.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Just to consider it.

Any other questions for Ms. Johnston?

MS. JOHNSTON: Well, thank you very much. And again, commend you for your dedication. And this will be the hardest job you ever love.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Well, thank you very much. We really appreciate your time in coming, in introducing yourself and giving us that update.

So, at this time we will go to our general comment, as well as comments on this last litigation item. I think it’s okay to wrap that all together, is that correct, Item Number 8 and public comment?

MS. SAXTON: We can take public comment.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. So, we’ll do public comments on -- so, thank you very much, Ms. Johnston, we really appreciate your time.

At this point we will go to public comment.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Just for clarity is it okay to combine public comment on this agenda item and general comments? That’s my understanding of what was just made, Madam Chair. I just wanted clarity from counsel that
that is --

MS. JOHNSTON: That’s fine.

MS. SAXTON: It’s fine.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: It’s fine, okay.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah, that was my question.

That was the response.

Okay, so at this time could counsel please read the instructions for public comments?

MS. SAXTON: I have a feeling this is the last time.

MS. JOHNSTON: You’ll have to give me a copy of it.

MS. SAXTON: I’m going to frame it.

If you’d like to make public comment, please call in now by dialing 844-291-5495. In the next few moments we’ll begin taking public comment and that number again is 844-291-5495.

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CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Counsel. So, AT&T Operator, do we have anyone on the line at this time?

AT&T OPERATOR: Just a reminder, ladies and gentlemen, it is pressing 1, then 0.

At this time, Madam Chair, we have no one for public comment.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. We’ll wait our two minutes. We can stand down while we wait.

(Pause)

CHAIR ANDERSEN: AT&T Operator, do we have anyone on the line at this time?

AT&T OPERATOR: We have no one on line for public comment.
CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, AT&T Operator.

Hearing no public comment at this time, I would like to thank the group, I’d like to thank the Commissioners for giving me the privilege of serving as your temporary chair, and all your honest and hard work, coming together as a group to get all this job done. I appreciate all the comments you’ve been making and the sharing of your time.

I really want to say a thank you to the staff here. To Ms. Saxton, to Mr. Porche. You don’t know, but in the wings there’s also been counsel, Christopher Dawson, who helped the ARP. And we have other staffing.

Additionally, our video has been run beautifully and extremely helpfully by Mr. Kristian Manoff. And I just really appreciate all the time and effort you’ve taken. Thank you very much for the whole Commission.

And it’s been a privilege and I want to say thank you and open this up to any other Commissioners who would like to say anything at this point.

Commissioner Le Mons.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: You all know I’d be remiss if I didn’t say something. I just wanted to thank you, Madam Chair, for stepping up and taking on this task, and doing a very good job. I appreciate it.

And I want to thank all of my fellow
Commissioners for the lively engagement. Actually, as arduous as this has felt at some times, and challenging, I’ve actually enjoyed myself and have enjoyed getting to know each of you a little bit, and look forward to getting to know you more, and working with you, and of course the other six Commissioners who aren’t here with us today. I’m looking forward to that as well.

I know we have a tall task ahead of us. I do feel like we are definitely up to the challenge. I’m very proud of the final group that we put together.

And I also want to let the North know that we are here for you and we’re going to make sure that we address the area and make sure we have presence there, and make sure that your voice is heard. I think that’s important and I know that’s shared by my fellow Commissioners as well.

So, with that, again, just thank you to all. Oh, and I wanted to make sure I extend my thank you to the staff there, as well. Ms. Saxton, I’ve gotten used to your voice. You have a very nice voice and I’ve gotten used to your voice. And the rest of the crew there, as well.

MS. SAXTON: Thank you, Commissioner Le Mons.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Any other Commissioners?

Commissioner Sadhwani.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Thank you. I just wanted
to echo all of the thanks, I think that’s on behalf of all
of the Commissioners. Our thanks to Ms. Saxton for all
that you’ve done over these last few weeks, month, month
and a half. And to all of the staff at the Auditor’s
Office, all of the folks, Ms. Pellman, the videographer,
everybody that’s been helping out.

And I did want to just say, you know, I
definitely have had my doubts about our democracy from time
to time over the last few years. As a professor, as a
clinical scientist I study democracy and I have had my
worries at times that perhaps democracy in the United
States generally is backsliding. And recently, when
Congressman John Lewis had passed away, he had penned an
op-ed before he passed that was run.

And in it he said this: Democracy is not a
state. It is an act. And each generation must do its
part.

And I feel like today we have, and over this week
we have all done our part to uphold our commitment to an
active democracy, to an active engagement with communities
here in California.

And so, I just wanted to acknowledge all of that
hard work. I think it has been hard and contentious at
certain points in time. And I’m very pleased to welcome
the new Commissioners. And I am certain that as a full
Commission of 14 members we will all be completely committed to ensuring all of the voices that desire to be heard in California have that chance and opportunity. And that our charge is to ensure that broad representation. Thank you.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner.

Commissioner Kennedy.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Madam Chair. And just taking off on Congressman Lewis’s remarks and Commissioner Sadhwani’s remarks, I want to thank everyone who did call in or write in. That’s an important part of the democratic process as well. And for this process to remain credible, we need everyone to continue to feed into us. We have a responsibility but you, as citizens have a responsibility as well.

You know, one of the things that I loved most about President Obama was his emphasis on the role of citizen being a person’s most important role. I’m a big believer in that. I’ve even had some t-shirts printed up. I’ve quoted him on some of these things.

But citizen participation is the heart of the matter. We have a responsibility, but the people of California have a responsibility, all their time and efforts. Apologize for the frustrations in getting through. You know, I have a notebook here. I’ve got
everyone’s name. I’ve got the key points that they made. We’ve gotten all the written comments. We have read those. And just, please, keep it all coming. Thank you.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Kennedy.

Any other Commissioner want to speak in? Not at this time? Well --

VICE CHAIR TURNER: I’ll be brief, Madam Chair.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, yes, Commissioner Turner.

VICE CHAIR TURNER: I want to echo the sentiments of my other fellow Commissioners. I also wanted to again iterate my appreciation for you leading out as our temp chairperson. I think you did an admirable job. I appreciate you kind of stepping out into that territory and just wanted to express my appreciation for you and the rest of the Commissioners, for the staff, and for all of those that called in. And I look forward to the real hard work now.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

Commissioner Ahmad.

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: I can step back for Commissioner Taylor.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Taylor.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Thank you. Thank you. You know, you can’t contradict anything that was said. Thank you, guys. To staff, thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you. And
I’ll say it again to staff, thank you, thank you, thank you.

I, myself, personally I enjoy the spirit of debate. Through that we learn, we’re enlightened and we can move forward. Without it, we can’t accomplish much. Iron sharpens iron, so I expect that sort of exchange.

I look forward to the work. I’m pleased we have 14 teams of the north and we have 14 teams of orange, so we’ll put any of that fear aside. So, I look forward to the work.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Taylor.

Commissioner Ahmad, did you finish? Did we get Commissioner Ahmad?

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Madam Chair. Just echoing everyone’s comments. Expressing my deepest gratitude and thanks for everyone who had a part in this that we don’t even realize had a part in this process.

Thank you, Madam Chair for leading the efforts and facilitating the group in some very, very tough discussions. Just reflecting on the past couple of days, I am so grateful for everything that I have learned, all of the different perspectives, and ideas that feed into the common goal that we have to ensure that California’s diversity and Californians are represented in these maps.

So, it really gives me hope in democracy and it
gives me insights into the power that people actually have when they voice what they want.

So, thank you so much to everyone for an incredible four days and I look forward to the next ten years.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay, great. Commissioner Fornaciari. Thank you, Commissioner Ahmad.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, I just again want to echo everything that’s been said much more eloquently than I could ever say it.

A couple things, though, I do just want to note I really appreciate the open and frank discussion that we’ve all had. I’ve learned a lot about you all and your perspective, and it’s really -- you know, a big part of why I’m here is to learn and I’m learning a lot.

And I want to say to, you know, those listening and those who called in, you know, your comments and your participation is critical to this process. And we all really appreciated your feedback and your thoughts, and it really made an impact on the process and the outcome, as you can tell. As you can tell, we all listened deeply to what you had to say and considered that.

And I’m looking forward to continuing the process and actually, hopefully getting to meet a lot of you face to face, and hearing what you have to say, and taking in
your input and including it in the process and the final outcome. So, thank you for that.

And Commissioner Andersen thank you again for stepping up. And everyone there that has helped out, thank you so much.

Now, I look forward to getting going in a few weeks.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

Commissioner Le Mons?

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I have a question, Madam Chair and a comment. The question is I know before we broke for lunch we had told the public that to be prepared to give any feedback at 3:00, and I know we got the introductions and things, and got finished a little bit earlier. So, I just wanted to raise that up to kind of raise that up to see. I know we’re kind of close to 3:00, if we maybe could take a break and at least come back at 3:00 and see if there’s any public comment, just because we did make that very specific time spot. So, that’s the question.

And then, I’ll need your help on this, Madam Chair. I believe it was the public comment from Mr. Quon, if I remember correctly, the one that had commented about the meetings, and I addressed that. And I just wanted to acknowledge his getting back on the line and calling back
in, and acknowledging the misunderstanding. I really appreciate that. And I think that that really speaks, particularly in these kinds of dynamics with public comment when it’s kind of one directional that that was effort on his part. And I really have a lot of respect for his willingness to take some additional time to call back in to acknowledge a misunderstanding.

So, I didn’t want to let it go by without acknowledging that. So, thank you, Mr. Quon.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Le Mons. Actually, that is a very good point, question. I know we don’t need to actually ask counsel. We can certainly, at our prerogative take a break. We have not adjourned or anything like that. And we did tell the public to look about 3:00 o’clock.

And as we really do need the public’s participation for us to proceed, I also feel that’s a very good idea.

So, do I hear any objections to the idea of just breaking for a bit, coming back, right about 3:00 o’clock and listening for public comment?

I see no objections whatsoever. So, with that we’ll just recess until 3:00, coming back for public comment. Thank you.

(Off the record at 2:52 p.m.)
(On the record at 3:00 p.m.)

CHAIR ANDERSEN: All right, I see we have a quorum so I’ll bring the meeting back to order for the public who may be tuning in now. As we said, a few more bits of business and check in about 3:00 o’clock.

We have concluded our items of business on the agenda, with the exception of public comment. And so, at this time we’ll ask the staff, to counsel to please read the instructions for calling in.

MS. SAXTON: If you’d like to make public comment please call in now by dialing 844-291-5495. In the next few moments we’ll begin taking public comment and that number again is 844-291-5495.

After dialing the number, you’ll speak to an operator. You’ll be asked to provide either the access code for the meeting, which is 8121803, or the name of the meeting which is CRC selection meeting.

After providing this information, the operator will ask you to provide your name. Please note that you are not required to provide your actual name. When the operator asks for your name, you may provide a name other than your own. When it’s your turn to make a public comment, the operator will introduce you by the name you provided. Please be assured our office is not maintaining any list of callers by name. We ask for you to provide
some name to enable the operator to manage multiple calls simultaneously and let you know when it’s your turn to speak.

After speaking with the operator you will be placed in a listening room. In this room you will be able to listen to live audio of the meeting. Please mute your computer audio because the online video and audio will be delayed by approximately 60 seconds and feedback issues may occur, making it difficult for anyone to hear your comment. Also, please do not use a speakerphone and make sure to speak directly into your phone.

When you decide that you want to make a comment, press 10, and you’ll be placed in the queue to make public comment. After joining the queue to make a public comment, you should hear an automatic recording informing you that you’ve been placed in the queue.

When it is your turn, the operator will introduce you. At that time please state and spell your name for the transcriptionist, then state your comment clearly and concisely. Comments will be limited to two minutes. You will hear a time check when 15 seconds in your time remains.

After you finish making your comment, we will move on to the next caller. At that point please hang up your phone. If you’d like to comment on another agenda
item -- well, this is the end, right.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: So, you can’t.

MS. SAXTON: If you’re disconnected for any reason, please call back and explain the issue to the operator, then repeat the process and rejoin the public comment queue by pressing 1 0.

These instructions can also be found on our website.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Counsel.

For all the public who hopefully are there, we actually have finished all our business and all the Commissioners said thank you to everybody. A lot of thank you’s to the public.

As you know, now, we have a Commission of 14. Our task here of the eight to pick the next six has concluded and now our work begins.

This was not -- if you called in to participate in the Commission and said, oh, now it’s done, no. That was all pre-work. Now, we need all of you to get in touch with us as we actually begin this entire process. So, please, I hope that you stay involved regardless of if you’re happy or unhappy with this last decision. We need all of you.

So, AT&T Operator, do we happen to have anyone on the line.
AT&T OPERATOR: Well, again, if you wish to queue up, you may press 1, then 0 at this time.

Madam Chair, there are no other lines for public comment.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you very much.

MS. JOHNSTON: If there is anyone who has already signed up with the State Auditor’s Office to get notice of Commission meetings, that list will be transferred to the current Commission and you will still be on the list to receive all notices of future meetings.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Actually, a quick question on that. Do we have a website, if they want to -- right now they look at the Shape California. Is there a new website that they would look to follow?

MS. JOHNSTON: There is an old website that I think is going to be revised for this Commission. It was wedrawthelines.com. And I don’t think that has been set up, yet, but it will be soon.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: So, for them to get in touch right now what is the procedure?

MS. JOHNSTON: Through the State Auditor’s Office still.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: So, we have a question from Commissioner Kennedy.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Madam Chair.
I’m hoping that the website from the 2010 Commission will be retained somewhere. I was trying to research some things about the 2010 Commission even last night and when I clicked on the links for the “meet the Commissioners” of the 2010 Commission it took me to a list of us, which wasn’t helpful.

MS. JOHNSTON: We will need to work with the Auditor’s staff about that. My understanding was that they were going to archive the 2010 Commission, but keep the information available to the public. And we will do our best to make sure that that happens.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: So, do we have anyone on the line at this time?

AT&T OPERATOR: At this time there are no public comments.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: No public comments, okay. Well, it’s actually now seven minutes after 3:00. Do we feel we need to wait a few more minutes? I think the public has spoken.

I just wanted to additionally say, ask Commissioner Kennedy what’s the update on your fire situation?

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: My partner is back at home reporting that the winds keep shifting. So, one minute it’s clear, one minute it’s, you know, full of smoke again.
So, it’s really difficult to say. It seems like -- I mean the official reports are that they’ve made progress on the southwestern edge of the fire, which is where the fire originated. But that because of the winds we continue to have concerns about the east and northeast edges of the fire, which is what would threaten us.

So, I thank all of you for your concern and I’ll try to keep you posted. I know we’ll miss each other the next couple weeks without this daily contact.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Actually, please do keep us involved because I know I’ll be -- I will be trying to watch that tonight on the news, or getting on the internet to find it. So, best of luck.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you very much to everybody. I really appreciate this. Unless there are additional comments, I think we might be able to all go home or in your case just end the meeting.

Any additional comments? Not at this time. Thank you very much everyone. Our business is completed and I will call the meeting adjourned.

(Thereupon, the First Eight Commissioners’ meeting adjourned at 3:08 p.m.)
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