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APPEARANCES

Commissioners Present:

Angela Vasquez, Chair
Linda Akutagawa, Vice Chair
Isra Ahmad
Jane Andersen
Alicia Fernandez
Neal Fornaciari
J. Ray Kennedy
Antonio Le Mons
Sara Sadhwani
Patricia Sinay
Derric H. Taylor
Pedro Toledo
Russell Yee

Staff Present:

Daniel Claypool, Executive Director
Marian Johnston, Counsel
Raul Villanueva

Also present:

Kristian Manoff, AV Tech

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P R O C E E D I N G S

Monday, October 12, 2020 9:35 o'clock a.m.

CHAIR VASQUEZ: Welcome everybody. I do believe we have a packed agenda over the next several days, so if we could call the roll?

MS. JOHNSTON: Yes. Commissioner Ahmad?

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Here.

MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Akutagawa?

VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Here.

MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Andersen?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Here.

MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Fernandez?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Here.

MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Fornaciari?

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Here.

MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Kennedy?

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.

MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner La Mons?

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Here.

MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Sadhwani?

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Here.

MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Sinay?

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Here.

MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Taylor?

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Present.

1 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Commissioner Toledo?

2 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Here.

3 Commissioner Turner? Oh, she's out.

4 Commissioner Vasquez?

5 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Here.

6 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Yee?

7 COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.

8 MS. JOHNSTON: All present except for

9 Commissioner Turner.

10 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Great. Thank you. All right.

11 Any general announcements?

12 All right, hearing none, we will move to public
13 comment for the morning.

14 Raul, could you read the instructions?

15 MR. VILLANUEVA: Yes, Chair. One moment.

16 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Yup.

17 MR. VILLANUEVA: In order to maximize
18 transparency and public participation in our process, the
19 Commissioners will be taking public comment during their
20 meeting by phone. There will be opportunities to address
21 the Commissioners regarding the items on the agenda. There
22 will also be opportunities for the public to submit general
23 comments about items not on the agenda, and that is what we
24 are calling for right now for general comments.

25 Please note that the Commission is not able to

1 comment or discuss items that are not on the agenda. The
2 Commission will advise the viewing audience when it is time
3 to submit public comment and then allow time for those who
4 wish to comment to dial in.

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6 number provided on the livestream feed.

7 Second, when prompted, enter the meeting I.D.
8 number provided on the livestream feed using your dial pad.

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10 simply press the pound sign.

11 Once you have dialed in, you will be placed in a
12 queue from which a moderator will begin un-muting callers
13 to submit their comment. You'll also hear an automatic
14 message to "press star nine to raise your hand," indicating
15 that you wish to comment.

16 When it is your turn to speak the moderator will
17 un-mute you and you will hear an automatic message stating,
18 "The host would like you to talk and to press star six to
19 speak." You will then have time to provide your comment.

20 Please make sure to mute your computer or
21 livestream audio to prevent any feedback or distortion
22 during your call. Once are you are waiting in the queue,
23 be alert for when it is your time to speak. And again,
24 please remember to turn down the livestream audio volume.

25 The process for making a comment will be the same

1 each time. Please begin by dialing the telephone number
2 provided on the livestream feed and following the steps as
3 I have just described. These instructions are also on the
4 website. Thank you.

5 Chair?

6 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Great. Thank you.

7 Do we have anybody in the queue?

8 OPERATOR: We do not have anyone in the queue at
9 this time.

10 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Great. Let's give two minutes,
11 to 9:40.

12 MS. JOHNSTON: Madam Chair, if you like, I could
13 give a brief update on the status of the census litigation?

14 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Yes, let's do that.

15 MS. JOHNSTON: The only update is after the Ninth
16 Circuit rule that the time would be extended until the end
17 of October, an emergency appeal was hot filed with the
18 Supreme Court. To date, they have not taken any action on
19 that, so it's all still in limbo.

20 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Great. Thank you for that
21 update.

22 Yes, Commissioner Andersen?

23 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: On that, Counsel, does
24 that mean that it's sort of null and void or is the
25 first -- you know, since it was appealed, does it still

1 mean October 31st is the current -- that's what's going on
2 or are things actually on hold?

3 MS. JOHNSTON: October 31st is the current date,
4 although I'm not sure that the census has complied with
5 that yet because of the appeal. The order is still in
6 effect. The Ninth Circuit did not continue the stay on the
7 December date but that's three months away so --

8 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Did not continue the
9 stay?

10 MS. JOHNSTON: They said it was not necessary at
11 this time.

12 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: So implication being that
13 they're just -- you know, they could stick with the
14 December 21st?

15 MS. JOHNSTON: They could.

16 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Do we have anybody?

17 OPERATOR: We do not have anybody in the queue at
18 this time.

19 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Great. Thank you. All righty.

20 Let's move on. We're going to have a slight
21 change in the order of our agenda because we have a new
22 addition to the team. So with that, I will hand it over to
23 Commissioner Ahmad.

24 Did I say your last name right? I don't want to
25 spend (indiscernible) Ahmad.

1 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Madam Chair.

2 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Yeah. Great.

3 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you for the adjustment
4 in the agenda as well.

5 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Yes.

6 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: We would just like to take a
7 moment to welcome Daniel Claypool, our new Executive
8 Director for the 2020 CRC. We are extremely excited to
9 have you onboard. And we are ready to put you to work.
10 Before I turn the floor over to my fellow
11 Commissioners, is there any opening remarks you would like
12 to make, Mr. Claypool?

13 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: First of all, I'm
14 extremely excited to be here. And if everybody will hold
15 their breath, this is what I look like, so it might be the
16 last time. But, yes, it's so exciting to be part of this
17 process in general. And to be able to go all the way
18 through two cycles is probably more than I could ask for
19 professionally, but here I am, and we're going to get
20 moving. So you tell me what you'd like me to do and I'll
21 tell you what I think I can do and we'll get there.

22 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Great.

23 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Okay?

24 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Great. Thank you so much.

25 I was hoping that we can take two minutes or less

1 per Commissioner to sort of share with you, Mr. Claypool,
2 our vision for the role and our vision for our work moving
3 forward.

4 Madam Chair, I just wanted to check in with you,
5 your thoughts about how to proceed forward with this?

6 CHAIR VASQUEZ: I don't -- I was not quite
7 prepared for this, so maybe if folks -- and I'm not sure
8 others were either. So maybe if we want to do a hands-up
9 if you have urgent remarks and then we can go from there?
10 Does that sound all right?

11 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Sure.

12 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Does anyone have initial
13 thoughts?

14 Yes, Commissioner Sadhwani?

15 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I certainly didn't have
16 anything prepared, I didn't know we were going to do this,
17 but since no one else wanted to jump in, I would just say,
18 welcome, Mr. Claypool. We're very excited to have you
19 onboard and to be moving this process forward. You know, I
20 think that we really, I guess speaking on behalf of all of
21 us who are here, or just myself, perhaps, is more
22 appropriate, we're very excited about the experience that
23 you had from 2010. And I think, you know, 2020 is going to
24 be a whole new ballgame, obviously, given COVID, given
25 changes in the law since that time. So we're really

1 excited to have you onboard and hit the ground running, and
2 we welcome you.

3 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Thank you.

4 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Yes. Is that Commissioner
5 Fernandez?

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. I'm incognito over
7 here today. Yes.

8 I also wanted to welcome you. And I am excited
9 that you do have the experience from the 2010. This is
10 2020. We have a whole 14 new Commissioners, new -- I mean,
11 our ultimate goal, obviously, is the same, but we may have
12 different visions. We do -- we welcome your advice, but
13 there's also 14 new people with new ideas, but we're super
14 excited to have you onboard. So thank you very much for
15 being here today. And you're going to be busy.

16 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Yes, I am.

17 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Great. And just as a
18 facilitator's note, for my fellow Commissioners, if I
19 neglect to see you, please feel free to take it upon
20 yourself to give me a, hey or, you know, Chair, as I may
21 not see you waving. So just throughout the day, please
22 feel free to make sure that I acknowledge you. All righty.

23 Thank you, Mr. Claypool, for joining us today and
24 taking on this huge task of helping to facilitate the
25 Commission's vision for the massive task ahead. We are

1 glad to have you onboard and we're excited to get to work,
2 so thank you. Great. All right.

3 Let's move to agenda item four. Any Commissioner
4 updates, general updates? This is sort of open mic.

5 Commissioner Sinay?

6 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I did -- Commissioner Turner
7 and I had a great meeting before she took off to her
8 mystery vacation. And we met with the Center for Civic
9 Design and they gave us a lot of really good food for
10 thought of what we may be -- what we may be -- what we're
11 needing -- just food for thought on input, civic
12 engagement, how technology can support us.

13 The truth is we're in the middle of civic tech
14 innovation, being in the state of California. And so when
15 looking at job descriptions for I.T. and communication, all
16 those things, we really need to think through the civic --
17 kind of the civic design piece. Having said that, you can
18 hire others to help those Staff figure out how to do civic
19 design.

20 I will -- I didn't have time to write down my
21 notes. But I just wanted to say that it was a really
22 helpful conversation. And it may behoove us all -- part of
23 the reason to have the conversation was to see if it makes
24 sense to bring someone in to talk to us as part of the
25 Outreach and Engagement Subcommittee. And I think it would

1 be helpful to have someone, like these folks, just to kind
2 of help us think through everything from how we're doing,
3 our agendas. You know, right now, that's one of our
4 biggest practical complaints is we don't have all of the
5 attachments to the agenda. We've got to run around looking
6 for it. What happens when you're looking for old
7 documents? How do you find old agendas and documents?
8 So all of that, to how do we engage and create different
9 tools?

10 So I just wanted to put that out there, that that
11 conversation was had. And it will come to all of us so
12 that we can all learn together.

13 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Okay. Commissioner Akutagawa?

14 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: I just wanted to just make
15 a quick request of all of the Commissioners. And I'll also
16 follow-up via email. I apologize, I did mean to do it this
17 weekend and my day job just really got in the way a little
18 bit here. But I wanted to -- I shouldn't say, got in the
19 way. Actually, my day job had to be the priority this
20 weekend. I should say it more that way. So I don't want
21 anybody thinking that I don't care about my job, so I care
22 about both these jobs.

23 But I did want to make an announcement or a
24 request of all of the Commissioners. On the agenda for
25 next week -- and I am very conscious about what

1 Commissioner Sinay just said about the creation of the
2 agenda, this experience of putting together the agenda and
3 really thinking farther in advance has made it very clear
4 that I think there's -- we've got to try to get ahead of
5 some of this.

6 And so one of the things that we have put on the
7 agenda for next week is a conversation or discussion around
8 major milestones between now and at least March, so the
9 next six months, so we could start identifying the big
10 pieces that we do need to be focusing on so that,
11 hopefully, both as a Commission, but also for whoever is
12 going to be chairing the future meetings, you'll also have
13 an idea of some of the major items that you must be
14 thinking about in terms of what needs to be on the agenda,
15 along with many other things that will be coming up.

16 And so I'm making a request for all of the
17 subcommittees, but specifically the subcommittees where
18 we'll have ongoing work -- I'm conscious that some of the
19 subcommittees will be phasing out because it's specific to
20 the hiring of Staff -- but for the subcommittee Chairs or
21 leads, if you could be thinking about the major milestones
22 that all of, as a Commission, need to be aware of, if you
23 could start putting a list down, putting major dates down,
24 and if you could submit something in writing, if possible,
25 so that we could be using that as a discussion piece, if

1 you could send that to the Staff, they will compile all of
2 the major milestones.

3 If it's sounding like it's going to overlap with
4 the GANTT chart, yes. We will be putting it into the GANTT
5 chart. But for the time being, right now, to make it easy
6 I'm just going to ask that each of the subcommittees take
7 the responsibility of thinking about what your major
8 milestones are. I know that the GANTT Chart Committee has
9 put together their thoughts on it and that was really
10 helpful. But I think we need to get input from each of the
11 subcommittees, as well, too, and especially around the
12 major dates. And then that way, then the Staff could
13 collect all of those and we could use that as discussion as
14 part of the milestones conversation. And then it will be,
15 also, embedded into the GANTT chart, as well, too.

16 And I see that Commissioner Sinay has --

17 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Commissioner Sinay?

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I'm going to say this, I
19 appreciate everything the Chairs are doing, but I do
20 recommend, I do strongly as that the Chairs please follow
21 up with the committees who have work. We do have a plan.
22 And we did have speakers scheduled. And we had a way we
23 were thinking this through. Decisions have been made and
24 were just announced that, hey, we knocked you off the
25 agenda.

1 Please come back to those who are working on
2 items on the agenda to make sure they haven't talked to the
3 community, they haven't created things. This shouldn't be
4 unilateral. It should be, really, we're all working really
5 hard and we should be following up and making those
6 decisions. It's okay to move things around because we need
7 to. But let's talk to the folks who have already done the
8 groundwork to make sure that they can re-figure it out.
9 Just because a Chair doesn't understand the logic doesn't
10 mean that there wasn't logic there or, yes, there was other
11 priorities. But let's have conversations and not just tell
12 someone, sorry, you've been pushed out.

13 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. And I think that's
14 why having this milestones conversation is going to be
15 helpful because I think there's competing agenda items that
16 we do need to balance. And so I think that's why we felt
17 that having this conversation would be helpful to ensure
18 that we don't inadvertently displace an agenda item, and
19 then we don't inadvertently also get behind on an agenda
20 item, as well, too.

21 And so it's with that in mind that we've put this
22 on the agenda for next week and that I'm requesting the
23 Commissioners who are leading the subcommittees to help us
24 put these milestones into place with some major dates so
25 that we could see it in the entirety of the big picture.

1 CHAIR VASQUEZ: All right. Thank you.

2 And, Mr. Claypool, I'm hoping, as you're hearing,
3 that the big pinch point right now is, I think, creating
4 agendas several weeks out. And I think we would welcome
5 any support you might have in terms of smoothing out that
6 process. It's been quite difficult. So just as a flag for
7 you.

8 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Certainly. And it
9 was difficult for the prior Commission, as well, and
10 particularly in the startup. And I hear a little bit of
11 the frustration that comes with everyone trying to hit the
12 ground running. And I will listen and I'll learn.

13 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Great. Thank you. Okay.

14 Any other updates? All righty.

15 Counsel update.

16 MS. JOHNSTON: I don't have anything, other than
17 what I did.

18 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Great.

19 Let's move into the subcommittee updates. I know
20 we just went through most of this last week but want to
21 make sure that if folks had any work in the intervening
22 days, that they have a chance to give any updates, so we'll
23 just go in the order here.

24 Our Census Subcommittee?

25 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Very briefly. In the

1 last meeting, you all had instructed us to ensure that
2 Senator Feinstein was aware of our position. We have done
3 that. We sent those letters on. We received an immediate
4 response from her Staff members saying they're happy to
5 receive this information and that they support the -- they
6 are actively advocating for the same.

7 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Great. Thank you.

8 Questions?

9 All right, seeing none, our Chief Counsel
10 Subcommittee, you'll have more of the space the rest of
11 this week, but any updates for the public?

12 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I would just say one thing.
13 We did have an opportunity to meet with former Chief
14 Counsel Miller, and just to get a little bit more
15 information about what the job entails day to day, what he
16 did day to day and through the two years that he was with
17 the -- or the time that he was with the Commission, rather,
18 and also just got feedback around the position and other
19 aspects of the role. So we'll talk more about that in
20 executive session.

21 Thank you.

22 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Great. Thank you.

23 Questions?

24 Seeing none, our Communications Subcommittee.

25 I'm not sure, Commissioner Taylor?

1 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yeah. I just think we know
2 that we will discuss our process in closed session. I
3 think we all received the update that we lost one
4 candidate -- or one candidate withdrew today. So we will
5 be interviewing four candidates on Wednesday and we'll
6 proceed from there.

7 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Great. Thank you.

8 Our Finance Subcommittee?

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: NSTR; is that right?

10 CHAIR VASQUEZ: All righty.

11 Trouble Shooting Subcommittee?

12 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Is it safe to say NSTR?

13 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. We didn't actually
14 meet, so --

15 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Got it.

16 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- I think that says it
17 well.

18 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Roger that. All righty.

19 GANTT Chart?

20 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Just two things. I've
21 gone back in and updated some of the dates, particularly on
22 the selection process because I hadn't. That was not a
23 priority when we first presented it, that being previous to
24 where we are. But we do want it to be reflective of the
25 entire process.

1 And second of all, we will be turning this over
2 to the Executive Director. But in the meantime, any input
3 to it can go to Staff and Staff can compile and share with
4 us so that what we hand over to the Executive Director will
5 be our best effort at this point.

6 Thank you.

7 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Great. Thank you.

8 Questions? Commissioner Fornaciari?

9 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. I just want to
10 follow up with the GANTT chart and what Commissioner
11 Akutagawa mentioned earlier about the request from the
12 subcommittees.

13 We also wanted to request that the Executive
14 Director work on the -- there's like a second part of the
15 GANTT chart. There's -- you know, what's the plan for
16 putting the office together, for hiring Staff or, you know,
17 what are the milestones there? And I just want to make
18 sure that didn't get lost.

19 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Great. Thank you.

20 And on the topic of the agendas, actually, I was
21 wondering if maybe, Mr. Claypool, if you -- we have already
22 calendared out the rest of the year in terms of meetings.
23 I know I would find it helpful if we just had a calendar
24 with who is chairing each committee. For the whole
25 Commission, as well as for all the subcommittees, it would

1 be really helpful in planning out the sequencing of any
2 agenda topics so that we know which Commissioners to reach
3 out to in advance of planning said agenda.

4 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: (Off mike.)
5 (Indiscernible.)

6 CHAIR VASQUEZ: That would be helpful.

7 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: (Off mike.)
8 (Indiscernible.)

9 CHAIR VASQUEZ: I'm not sure we --

10 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: So we --

11 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Okay. Yes.

12 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: -- we have the
13 email. So what I understand, we have the email for the
14 Chair and the Vice Chair for the meetings, but you want the
15 same one for all of the subcommittees as well?

16 CHAIR VASQUEZ: No. Sorry. We have just a
17 rotation laid out --

18 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Okay.

19 CHAIR VASQUEZ: -- not a schedule. And so if we
20 --

21 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Right.

22 CHAIR VASQUEZ: -- could just attach dates to
23 that rotation so that we know the next meeting is, you
24 know, next week, the 20th. Who is chairing that meeting?
25 The next meeting is in November. Who is chairing those

1 meetings? Just for the rest of the year. That way, again,
2 if I'm on my subcommittee thinking about, you know, four
3 agendas out, who -- which Chair, which Commissioner --

4 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Oh, right.

5 CHAIR VASQUEZ: -- should I reach out to?

6 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: I believe -- go
7 ahead.

8 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Yes, Commissioner Fernandez?

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I did forward that
10 information to Raul that has like all of the dates that we
11 have from here to December. And I identified the Chair and
12 Sub-Chair, so --

13 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Oh. Got it.

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- I will then forward
15 that to Mr. Claypool. I don't think it's been forwarded
16 yet because it's his first day today, so we should be able
17 to get that.

18 And then if you can send it out to all the
19 Commissioners?

20 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Absolutely.

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I believe that's what
22 Chair Vasquez would want.

23 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: And, actually, it
24 should probably be posted to our website?

25 CHAIR VASQUEZ: I don't see why not.

1 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Right.

2 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Commissioner Sinay?

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Oh, one thought was to make
4 sure that when we post an agenda, that we post the Chair
5 and the Vice Chair's names on the agenda, so we'll all
6 aware, including the public, who the Chair and the Vice
7 Chair will be for that meeting.

8 CHAIR VASQUEZ: That is also a great upgrade to
9 our agendas.

10 Commissioner Andersen?

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: A question about the --
12 on the GANTT chart. If we to turn this over, will -- you
13 know, where will we be able to find this document, you
14 know, from in -- you know, from continuing on, and as it
15 get updated so we can check in and go, oh, right, right, I
16 agree with that, oh, no, I have to change something? Where
17 will it be posted? Where will be find it?

18 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: (Indiscernible) the Google
19 Docs?

20 MR. VILLANUEVA: I'm sorry.

21 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: The GANTT chart?

22 MR. VILLANUEVA: The GANTT chart is currently
23 posted on the website. I don't know if --

24 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Where would that be?

25 MR. VILLANUEVA: -- I don't know if the

1 subcommittee posted to Google Documents.

2 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: No. And where would one
3 find it on the website? Under -- what would that be under?

4 MR. VILLANUEVA: It's with last week's handouts.
5 Can I send you a link?

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. No, no, no, no.
7 If I -- yeah.

8 CHAIR VASQUEZ: I think --

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: So it's -- but is that
10 where --

11 CHAIR VASQUEZ: I think if you go "Meetings" --

12 MR. VILLANUEVA: Well, I would --

13 CHAIR VASQUEZ: -- if you --

14 MR. VILLANUEVA: -- I would suggest that the
15 subcommittee post it onto the Google Docs and that way
16 everybody can access it. That would probably be the
17 easiest as a working document.

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: A shared Google Doc.

19 And, similarly, then that was also going to
20 be our floating agenda, a floating agenda items, that was
21 also going to be in Google Docs. I don't know if that's --
22 might have fallen from last week to this week? So we have
23 two floating Google Docs or continual Google Docs out
24 there?

25 MR. VILLANUEVA: Well, the discussion that I

1 recall about the floating agenda items was that several
2 Commissioners were going to be working on a list and
3 sending that to the Chair. If the Chair wants to send that
4 to me, then I can post that up with Google Docs. I know
5 that during our last meeting on Saturday, talking about the
6 agenda, we did have a few suggestions from other
7 Commissioners, besides the ones in the meeting. But there
8 wasn't a, per se, group list, is what I want to say.

9 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Right. So I do have an email
10 from Commissioner Fernandez, I believe, that lists several
11 future agenda item topics, I think.

12 MR. VILLANUEVA: Right. We have that.

13 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Commissioner Fornaciari, did you
14 say you were going to start or you had started a Google
15 Doc? Yeah.

16 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Commissioner Sinay put
17 up a Google Doc with several agenda items on it and shared
18 it with -- so it's -- okay, it's on Google Drive. Don't go
19 to Google Docs. Go to drive.google.com. And it is -- I'm
20 not sure, though, how extensively it was shared.

21 MR. VILLANUEVA: I don't have access to it, as a
22 by the way.

23 CHAIR VASQUEZ: I do. I'm not sure who else it's
24 been shared -- I see.

25 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, Raul, you have

1 access. But, actually, it's only with the former -- the
2 current or former Chairs or upcoming Chairs. So we need to
3 probably just share this with everyone --

4 MR. VILLANUEVA: Yes.

5 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- as a starting place.
6 So I can -- I think I can adjust that and make sure it's
7 shared with everyone.

8 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Commissioner Sadhwani?

9 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. You know, I think
10 planning for no one, one individual's fault, ends up
11 becoming just a bit of a problem. And I'm wondering if --
12 I mean, we have the GANTT Chart Committee. And I don't
13 mean to put extra work on you but I'm wondering if we want
14 to expand that slightly to like short-term/long-term
15 planning, so that there's a small committee? Perhaps they
16 can work directly with the Executive Director who, in turn,
17 given, you know, serial meeting restrictions and such
18 things, can work whoever the incoming Chair is, but that
19 committee -- or maybe it's a separate one, I don't know --
20 but could maintain a list of all of these pieces, could
21 maintain a Google Doc, so that we don't continue to have
22 these kinds of miscommunications and lags?

23 And I think one of the biggest challenges is
24 we're constantly like pushing information to one another.
25 And we're never sure, especially because of the rotating

1 Chairs, we're never really sure who to push it to, at what
2 point, and it's just really confusing.

3 So I'm wondering if we want to have a committee
4 take on a little bit more of that? Or, perhaps, now that
5 Mr. Claypool is here, you're going to be the glue that
6 really gets this together. But I think that we need a
7 better solution for how to work together under these
8 constraints that we have around, you know, talking to one
9 another, et cetera.

10 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Commissioner Akutagawa?

11 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: If I could speak on this?

12 Just having gone through this agenda-setting
13 process, I just want to say, there's a couple things that I
14 think we're trying to balance.

15 So one is the suggestions that the Commissioners
16 are sending and trying to look out ahead and, also,
17 discussing and trying to determine whether or not
18 conversations or discussions that are happening during
19 current Commission meetings need to also then be added to
20 the agenda? And then depending on the amount of time we
21 have also impacts how much we could leave on the agenda and
22 how much we're pushing out.

23 What Commissioner Sinay did put together was very
24 helpful. It served as a -- both as a guide and, also, a
25 checkpoint to see, do we, you know, make sure that we need

1 to include this. But I know, for me, last week, I was also
2 over the last two weeks, knowing that I was going to be
3 chairing the meeting, I was also taking notes and asking,
4 as Commissioner Fornaciari and as the two of us met with
5 Raul and Marian, also going through all the discussion
6 items that we had, things that were brought up during the
7 last week's meeting and the previous meetings about, quote
8 unquote, "agenda items," that we needed to also put on for
9 the future.

10 And so I think those are also some of the
11 balancing acts that I felt like we were trying to meet.
12 And then as -- I think having the Vice Chair, who is going
13 to be, then, chairing the next meeting is, also, helpful
14 too. Because I will tell you that part of our discussion
15 between Commissioner Fornaciari and I was that, okay, we're
16 either not going to be able to fit this on this agenda, or
17 is this one that we need to put in more urgently? Do we
18 move it to the next agenda?

19 And so in that sense, I believe that he was also
20 starting to build the agenda for the meetings that he'll
21 also be chairing. But that doesn't take into account
22 discussions that we'll have that will, also, then need to
23 be agendized.

24 Now, in this case, either for the 28th, since we
25 have a couple more days before we have to post the agenda,

1 or in the meetings that he'll be chairing in November,
2 which is the first, I think, week or two weeks of
3 November -- and so I just wanted to just put that out there
4 for all of us to consider.

5 That's also why just having these milestones are
6 also going to be helpful because we could then start to
7 identify for those Chairs, who will be leading those
8 meetings, we'll also be able to keep that in mind. Because
9 there's -- what we're running up into is, also, there are
10 competing, I think, agenda items that some of the
11 subcommittees that are just getting up to speed are going
12 to need to have time on the agenda which may end up also
13 bumping some of the other committees, too, which is -- you
14 know, through no disrespect, but I just wanted to just say
15 that. I think those are some of the balancing acts that I
16 felt like we were trying to manage as we were building the
17 agenda for the next two weeks after that and then,
18 possibly, further out than that.

19 And I don't know if Commissioner Fornaciari wants
20 to also speak to that since we just finished up a very long
21 session on agenda building?

22 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. Saturday. Two-
23 and-a-half hours working on the agenda. It was a long
24 conversation. I think you kind of summarized that.

25 But, Director Claypool, I mean, two big things;

1 right? We're having struggle, struggle, struggle with
2 building agendas and tracking documents. So I'm hoping you
3 can roll up your sleeves and dig in and help us out with
4 that soon.

5 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Got it.

6 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: So --

7 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Yes? Yes, Director Claypool?

8 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: The prior
9 Commission used a system where everything flowed through
10 the Chair and the Vice Chair. They kept a log. And in the
11 log, it was passed on, and they would cross off things that
12 had occurred and things that had been completed and add
13 onto that log as it processed forward. And then the Vice
14 Chair, typically, kept the log. And then when it became
15 the -- that person became the Chair, then the next Vice
16 Chair would put it up as well.

17 And everything flowed up through the Chair and
18 the Vice Chair, and then out to me, and then would flow
19 back through. I would work with Staff to get the things
20 that the Commission needed to be done-done. And then we
21 would work with individual Commissioners when the Vice
22 Chair and the Chair said, "Please work with Commissioner
23 Fornaciari on this because he's got the lead on it, and
24 make sure that we have all the documents."

25 So there is a great need to corral, if you will,

1 all of these documents you have because man of them, I
2 believe, need to be posted to the public if they're going
3 out to you, at least at some point. And so we need to make
4 sure that we're fulfilling that obligation to the public.

5 And there's also a need to, when we do that, to
6 make sure that we're maximizing our efforts by minimizing
7 the amount of overlap and amount of push on each other.

8 So when this meeting is over, I will talk with
9 Marian and Raul, and Commissioner Fernandez is here, about
10 where everything is, if you will. On my first day, it's --
11 I'm listening and I'm thinking, okay, we probably need to
12 do this, we probably need to do that. By tomorrow and
13 Wednesday, we'll have a better idea, I think, of maybe a
14 possible solution that will be acceptable to all of you for
15 kind of funneling this information and making sure that
16 we're keeping track of it, so that's what I intend to do.

17 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Commissioner Sinay?

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you, Mr. Claypool.

19 I'd like to reiterate what the two Commissioners
20 said in the opening remarks, that this is, you know, a new
21 Commission.

22 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Um-hmm.

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And we have done a heck of a
24 lot of work. As I said earlier, I already have a notebook
25 full of notes from everybody.

1 And so we really are open and excited for you to
2 hear what we're saying, see what we've done, and then build
3 on that, and bring in what may be helpful from 2010, but
4 maybe today not bring up everything that 2010 did because
5 we're still really working hard to be 2020.

6 So thank you.

7 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Um-hmm.

8 CHAIR VASQUEZ: All right. I'm going to move us
9 along.

10 Do we have any updates from Outreach and
11 Engagement, Commissioner Sinay?

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: NSTR, since we have an
13 action item later.

14 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Yes, we do. Right.
15 The Community of Interest Tool Subcommittee?

16 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Commissioner Akutagawa, do
17 you have anything to share at this point?

18 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Nothing to share.

19 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Great.

20 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay. Just to say that
21 Commissioner Akutagawa and I will be meeting with the
22 Statewide Database Team on Friday of this week.

23 The question -- a question did come to me as to
24 whether Commissioners should be sharing feedback with the
25 Statewide Database Team of with the Subcommittee? At this

1 point my sense is that, you know, any feedback that goes
2 into the Statewide Database Team, they'll be compiling and
3 sharing back to the Subcommittee.

4 If Commissioners want to share feedback with
5 Staff, Staff can compile that feedback and share it with
6 us, hopefully before Friday, so that when we sit down with
7 the Statewide Database Team on Friday, we are well
8 prepared.

9 Thank you.

10 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Great. All right, everybody, so
11 you have a deadline to get feedback into the Commission
12 Chairs by -- before Friday.

13 Yes, Commissioner La Mons?

14 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: This is feedback. For
15 example, having gone through the tool with the Statewide
16 Database, are you wanting additional? You want -- if I
17 understand you correctly, the feedback that we gave them in
18 the process is sufficient, unless we have something
19 additional we want to say?

20 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: That -- yeah. They should
21 be collecting that and be able to reflect it back to us.

22 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Okay.

23 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: But if you have anything
24 else, please route it through Staff and Staff can get it to
25 us in time.

1 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Okay. Thank you.

2 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you.

3 CHAIR VASQUEZ: All right. Any other questions
4 on the Community of Interest Tool?

5 MS. JOHNSTON: Madam Chair?

6 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Yes.

7 MS. JOHNSTON: Just to avoid Bagley-Keene
8 problems, if there's any recommendation that's going to
9 come on behalf of the full Commission, that should be
10 brought up and discussed, perhaps reschedule the COI Tool
11 Subcommittee for later this week, after they hear the
12 conversation, after they hear input from any of the other
13 Commissioners.

14 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Got it. So I will not cross this
15 Committee off of my list and make a note to revisit this
16 agenda item 7-H (phonetic), perhaps on Thursday. Great.
17 Okay.

18 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: May I?

19 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Yes, Commissioner La Mons?

20 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Can you clarify what
21 Counsel just said? I'm just confused.

22 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Well --

23 BOARD MEMBER WILLIAMS: Well, for example, if
24 there was a recommendation about what languages it should
25 be in, all of you, individually, can give that to the

1 Statewide Database. But if you want a recommendation from
2 the full Commission, that's something that would need to be
3 discussed during an open meeting before it's presented to
4 the Statewide Database.

5 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I think that was the plan,
6 right, in what Commissioner Kennedy had just laid out?

7 MS. JOHNSTON: I'm not sure.

8 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Well --

9 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: No?

10 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: -- not so much in what I
11 had laid out. But my understanding is that we are on the
12 agenda for the meeting next week. And Commissioner
13 Akutagawa and I had hoped that by having our meeting with
14 the Statewide Database Team this Friday, then we can bring
15 recommendations to the full Commission next week.

16 MS. JOHNSTON: Got it.

17 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yeah.

18 MS. JOHNSTON: Perfect.

19 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Got it. Okay. So then we can
20 close this agenda item since we will have a recommendation
21 and possible action for next week.

22 Yes, Commissioner Andersen?

23 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Just before you, since
24 we -- go on, there was an I (phonetic) under this, which I
25 don't see listed, the Line Drawing Group?

1 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Oh.

2 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: So can we --

3 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Yes. If you have an updated?

4 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: And, also, VRA.

5 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Oh. All right.

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: And, yeah, VRA.

7 CHAIR VASQUEZ: I see.

8 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Got it for future.

9 CHAIR VASQUEZ: VRA.

10 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I don't know,
11 Commissioner Sadhwani, do you want to say anything about
12 it? I'm not sure which one you want to put -- I can't
13 remember which was first but --

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Either one. Either one.
15 Why don't we start with Line Drawing, since you brought it
16 up, I can just report back?

17 And please feel to free to jump in, Commissioner
18 Andersen, that Commissioner Andersen and I are working
19 through to identify a list of line drawers. We've been
20 talking to folks to figure out if this, the list that the
21 State Auditors Office had maintained, is still relevant and
22 accurate. We're looking at various options in terms of the
23 request for proposals, and as well as other potential
24 options that we might be able to utilize to get bids from
25 line drawers.

1 And so that process is actively ongoing. We have
2 a number of conversations that we are attempting to set up
3 to kind of help inform that process as well.

4 Commissioner Andersen, do you want to add
5 anything to that?

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: That sums up very well.
7 Yeah, no -- just, yeah, so a two-prong approach, and coming
8 at it from different angles so to get the best.

9 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: That's right.

10 And then, if I may, if we can also --

11 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Yes.

12 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- do a quick VRA piece?
13 And, again, Commissioner Yee, feel free to jump
14 in.

15 We, Commissioner Yee and I, talked last week.
16 We've, similarly, kind of set up a plan. I think one
17 piece -- there's a lot of VRA, wonderful VRA, experts who
18 are out there. I've been working on compiling a list of
19 some of them.

20 Our first step is to talk with Angelo Ancheta,
21 we're working on trying to find the right date to do that,
22 just to see if it makes sense to have him come back to the
23 full Committee, or if a conversation with him can just help
24 inform how we go about doing it? Because there are so many
25 wonderful experts out there, it doesn't make sense to bring

1 15 different individuals in to speak to the Commission.

2 So how can we glean as much as information from
3 everybody that will be the most useful for Commissioners?
4 And I think, throughout the week, I might start reaching
5 out to folks or, folks, maybe it's better, if you all have
6 specific pieces in terms of VRA training? Many people have
7 said that they would like additional training. If there
8 were specific things that just seem unclear or that you
9 would additional information on, if you could email that to
10 Staff, that they could then share that with us so that we
11 kind of put together, we can have a better sense of how to
12 plan something for us, and to ensure that we're actually
13 meeting the needs of the Commissioners. That would be very
14 helpful.

15 Commissioner Yee, do you have anything else that
16 I've forgotten or that you'd like to add?

17 COMMISSIONER YEE: No, that's all good,
18 Commissioner Sadhwani.

19 Part of it is a question of timing too. You
20 know, we don't want to get the VRA training in too late.
21 But there's also too earlier, probably, also when, you
22 know, it's still all abstract and, you know, we're not
23 really thinking enough about maps to really have questions
24 in our minds that would be useful for the actual work.

25 So you might -- I could encourage you all to give

1 VRA some thought and think about, what do I need, you know,
2 and when will I need it to move forward in this process?

3 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I think that's right.
4 And I think the more we know about the VRA, it will help
5 inform us, also, when it comes to hiring outside counsel as
6 the process moves forward. So please do give that some
7 thought based on the training that we have received thus
8 far and what might still be helpful for you all.

9 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Thank you.

10 Any questions for our Subcommittee?

11 All right, seeing none, thank you everyone for
12 your updates.

13 What I'd like to do right now is, looking at the
14 rest of our agenda, knowing that we have --

15 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Oh, yes, Commissioner Akutagawa?

16 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Commissioner Akutagawa has
17 her hand up.

18 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Yes. Sorry.

19 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Sorry. I didn't have
20 questions for this Subcommittee, but we do have two more
21 Subcommittees that haven't reported, and that's the Lessons
22 Learned Subcommittee. Nothing new to report at this point.
23 But I caught that we're using an acronym for something, so
24 we should probably define what that is.

25 I don't know if, Commissioner Kennedy, you have

1 anything for that Subcommittee? No. Okay.

2 And then Commissioner Fernandez and I are sitting
3 on the Hiring of the Deputy Executive Director
4 Subcommittee. So we are working on finalizing the duty
5 statement for that.

6 Commissioner Fernandez, is there anything
7 additional to report at this time?

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: No. I think we did come
9 up with a description, so we're converting that to duty
10 statement. And we're just -- once that's done, then it can
11 go to the different, I guess, hiring authority. It goes to
12 Finance and Cal HR and Controller's Office. So that's the
13 update.

14 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Commissioner La Mons?

15 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Is there a timeline on
16 that process when we can anticipate all the administrative
17 processes complete?

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: The information we
19 received -- I'm probably going to hand it over to Raul, but
20 what we initially talked about was three weeks in terms of
21 it getting through the Department of Finance, then
22 California Human Resources, and then to the State
23 Controller's Office to actually establish the position.

24 So, Raul, if you could provide more information
25 on that?

1 MR. VILLANUEVA: So that hasn't changed. It
2 doesn't go to Cal HR, by the way. No. It goes to
3 Department of General Services H.R., who acts on our
4 behalf, and they'll provide that submittal. That's really
5 the best estimate right now, the three weeks.

6 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Three weeks from last week
7 or three weeks from this week?

8 MR. VILLANUEVA: Well, probably three weeks
9 from the time that duty statement is finalized. Nothing's
10 been -- in other words, that's part --

11 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Okay, now I'm confused.

12 MR. VILLANUEVA: -- in other words, that's part
13 of the submittal. And so we haven't done a submittal. So
14 you -- it's -- you really can't start ticking the clock
15 until that -- until you've initiated the process. So what
16 we're doing right now --

17 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: So --

18 MR. VILLANUEVA: -- is an internal process to put
19 together that duty statement.

20 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Okay.

21 CHAIR VASQUEZ: And --

22 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Can I clarify here what --

23 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Yes.

24 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: -- my question?

25 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Please.

1 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: So when I say a timeline,
2 I'm talking end to end. So it sounds like the three weeks
3 is just the processing time once something is submitted.
4 So I'm thinking more overall, like from whatever it is we
5 need to do to the final step to be able to take the action
6 that we want to take, what are we looking at, timeline?
7 And it can be an estimate. I understand that it may not be
8 exact. But it sounds like more than three weeks, maybe
9 four at this point, depending upon when we are targeted to
10 get the document submitted, and then it sounds like the
11 three weeks starts from there.

12 So that's what I'm trying to understand, the
13 whole timeline.

14 MR. VILLANUEVA: Well, let me get back to you
15 then.

16 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Okay. Thank you.

17 MR. VILLANUEVA: If you want something that
18 specific, let me go ahead and get back to you.

19 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Okay. Thanks.

20 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Yes, Director Claypool?

21 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: To be clear, so,
22 Commissioner La Mons, you want to know, in my mind, the
23 entire process to the day that person walks through the
24 door, that timeline; am I correct?

25 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Correct.

1 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: That time it takes
2 to advertise, the time it takes to set up the interviews,
3 the time it takes to -- then, is that correct?

4 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Well, in this case, we --
5 all those steps shouldn't be required --

6 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Oh. Okay.

7 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: -- based on what I
8 understand. But you're right that, from where we sit today
9 to our anticipated day of them walking in the door --

10 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Right.

11 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: -- in this very specific
12 situation that we're talking about, as it relates --

13 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Okay.

14 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: -- the Deputy Executive
15 Director, what is that timeline? That's what I'm wanting.

16 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Okay. Just want to
17 be clear. Thank you.

18 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Great. Great. All righty.

19 Oh, and just to clarify, thank you for,
20 Commissioner Ahmad, for the public. VRA is Voting Rights
21 Act. And so I will do my best to not use that acronym.

22 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: And, sorry, Madam Chair.

23 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Yes?

24 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Also N.S.-something-
25 something, I didn't --

1 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Something?

2 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: -- even catch.

3 CHAIR VASQUEZ: I think that's the nothing-to-
4 report acronym.

5 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: So it's nothing significant
6 to report or nothing new to report? I've heard a
7 combination, so just throwing that out there.

8 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Thank you for supporting our
9 language accessibility and not using jargon for the public.
10 All righty.

11 What I would like to do, looking at the rest of
12 our agenda, knowing that we have interviews for General
13 Counsel and Communications Director scheduled for tomorrow
14 and Wednesday, we also would like to take some closed
15 session time to discuss our questions and make sure we have
16 all of our ducks in a row for the interviews upcoming.

17 Would my -- my proposal to the Commission, if we
18 can get consensus, is that today by -- before we recess for
19 the evening, I'd like to do -- to have -- ideally, discuss
20 and finalize the questions for both sets of interviews.
21 I'm hoping that that will be a process we can get done,
22 hopefully, after lunch.

23 So to that end -- and perhaps this is also a
24 question for Raul. Do we -- are you prepared, Raul, to
25 give a budget update and an update on contracts, so items

1 10 and 11? Are you prepared to do that today before lunch?

2 MR. VILLANUEVA: Yes.

3 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Okay. Do I have any objections
4 from any Commissioners about that proposed timeline? So
5 that would leave items -- so, ideally, we have interviews
6 Tuesday, Wednesday. Thursday, then, we'll have item 12,
7 discussion on civic public engagement, public education,
8 outreach, and engagement, and possible action, and a
9 discussion of meeting dates and future agenda items, both
10 of which we anticipate will be lengthy conversations.

11 Does that sound like a plan for the week? I'm
12 seeing head nods. All right.

13 So just to reiterate for the public, we will --
14 the plan is, right now, to do items 10 and 11 before our
15 lunch break. We will recess into closed session after we
16 conclude items 10 and 11. We will be in recess -- or we
17 will be in closed session Tuesday and Wednesday. And we
18 will reconvene in open session on Thursday for the final
19 agenda items.

20 And, perhaps, maybe, Raul, if you have a moment
21 today, we could update the agenda that's posted on the
22 website with at least these tentative times, particularly
23 for Thursday?

24 MS. JOHNSTON: You could go in and out of closed
25 session if you wanted. For example, tomorrow afternoon,

1 when there are no interviews scheduled, you could go into
2 open session at that time. Up to the Commission.

3 CHAIR VASQUEZ: I did consider that as an option.
4 I thought, perhaps, since this is such a long week, folks
5 might enjoy an afternoon. If we have an afternoon
6 available, folks might enjoy an afternoon to reengage in
7 other priorities.

8 Anyone feel strongly about it one way or the
9 other?

10 Yes, Commissioner Fernandez?

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I agree, and especially
12 because we won't know what time we potentially would come
13 back to open session. And I would hate to throw that out
14 there and then have the public wait the whole day. So I
15 agree with and I appreciate that thinking of just wait
16 until Thursday.

17 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Great. All righty. Okay.

18 So we have 30 minutes until our required break?
19 Yes. Nothing. We have 30 minutes, so I will hand it over
20 to Raul for a budget update.

21 MR. VILLANUEVA: There's really been no change
22 since last Thursday to today, on Monday, and so I'm waiting
23 for those reports to come in.

24 Now that Mr. Claypool is here, I will be getting
25 with him and going over, really, something more substantive

1 as we start getting more information in.

2 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Got it.

3 MR. VILLANUEVA: Any -- I was going to ask --

4 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Any questions?

5 MR. VILLANUEVA: -- I was going to ask, there's
6 not a lot of information, but any questions?

7 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Okay then. Item 11.

8 MR. VILLANUEVA: As far as the contracts and
9 procurement, I've started work on the preliminaries for
10 solicitation for the videographer. And I spoke a little
11 bit with Finance Subcommittee on that. They'll probably be
12 looking at an initial draft. And then get some feedback
13 from other relevant subcommittees, just in the formative
14 stages.

15 I did send some materials to, I guess it's the
16 Line Drawer Subcommittee. I'm waiting to hear back from
17 them so we can actually talk about what the RFP needs to
18 have in it so that that conversation can get started. I
19 understand the other areas of interest and those are good
20 and helpful. But as far as a more concrete process is
21 starting that discussion about the actual RFP. And we
22 haven't had a chance to hold that discussion yet because, I
23 think, that was Thursday that we were checking in with each
24 other.

25 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Okay. Commissioner Sinay?

1 COMMISSIONER SINAY: You know, that brings up a
2 great point. And you know, I keep playing around,
3 especially with what has been requested of all the
4 subcommittees on planning. And that was part of why I was
5 asking so many questions last time about timing. And I
6 think it's important not to follow-up with you offline.
7 Like at the time, I thought it was a good recommendation to
8 follow-up with you off line. But I think we all need a lot
9 more clarity on -- and we had asked Staff to -- I believe
10 we had asked Staff to create kind of a cheat sheet on the
11 different ways we can allocate funds, how much time it
12 takes to create things, how much time, who needs to approve
13 what, and all that. Because if we don't understand that as
14 a Commission or as subcommittees, we don't really know how
15 much time we have to plan or not right now.

16 Like what was happening with the Deputy Executive
17 Director. We all feel very strongly that we want the
18 Deputy Executive Director here ASAP, but we keep hearing,
19 it may be a month, it may be this. And so we really,
20 really, to be able to do what Commissioner Akutagawa has
21 asked us for the next meeting, we need to know these
22 bureaucratic timelines so that we can plan accordingly. If
23 not, it's -- I'm completely frustrated right now because
24 I've worked so hard and I feel like everything's just been
25 thrown out and my input doesn't matter, or my thinking.

1 And it's been a lot of hours that Commissioner Vasquez and
2 I have been working and talking with others.

3 So we need that cheat sheet ASAP and -- because
4 we can't continue and saying, wait, I'm confused. It's
5 going to take three weeks. No, I'm confused. It's six
6 weeks? I think what you're trying to tell us, and we are
7 not hearing correctly because we don't know that
8 information, is that we need, ASAP, to talk about the RFP
9 for line drawing because we're going to run out of time.
10 And I'm afraid that we're running out of time on different
11 things and we're not really aware of that because we still
12 don't understand the bureaucratic system.

13 And so, therefore, I ask that, maybe during
14 breaks or whatever, Staff get together and create that
15 cheat sheet for us because we need it to be able to do what
16 we've been asked to do.

17 MR. VILLANUEVA: Well, the request was for how
18 long it took to do the different solicitations; right? So
19 I received that on Thursday and I'm putting that together.

20 The problem with having everything be ASAP is, at
21 some point in time, just contextually, other things come to
22 the fore. I understand the frustration. With some of
23 these processes, there isn't an absolute. And so when I
24 say once documents are submitted it takes approximately
25 three weeks, it's because it takes approximately three

1 weeks.

2 It's like trying to look forward and thinking,
3 once you make your offer, what's going to be required of
4 the individual in terms of the individual in terms of
5 notice to their work, to be actually able to come online.
6 Well, we can guesstimate that. We'll have an absolute once
7 that discussion occurs.

8 And so at a certain point, while it is
9 uncomfortable, working with general time frames and
10 approaches is probably the best thing that we have right
11 now until we have more concrete information. But I will
12 get you that, you, the Commission, that, those timelines.
13 But just know, again, they're approximate. They're
14 guidelines. And I will get that for you today.

15 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Yes, Commissioner Andersen,
16 Commissioner La Mons, and then I also have a comment.

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Well, thank you for that,
18 Raul. And the Line Drawing Committee did run into this.
19 And actually, rather than saying a lump one number, what
20 we'd really like are the steps involved. Because once we
21 know the steps involved, we know what time -- what has
22 playtime in it. You know, when like, i.e., you know,
23 there's the actual putting together the solicitation, how
24 long it actually takes from, hey, this is what we would
25 like until it actually gets through and becomes a document

1 that we can post. That's another step.

2 Then there's the once we post it, how long for it
3 to go out for -- you know, to post it for people to look at
4 and, you know, i.e. the hiring period?

5 Then there's the, if we do -- then there's our
6 interview-evaluation period. And then there's the -- they
7 would have to actually leave their job period.

8 And so those are distinct steps. If we can have
9 steps like that in all the different processes? And,
10 specifically, what we're looking at is what's the
11 difference between an RFP 1, and RFP 2? What is an FB --
12 you know, the RFQs, why they're not going to work properly?
13 The different types of solicitations. What's involved
14 timeline in those, in putting those together, and who they
15 might go through?

16 So rather than the whole detail, we just want
17 kind of little snippets of, roughly, you know, RFPs take
18 six weeks, you know, RF -- you know, RFP 2s only take --
19 you know, they're slightly different, or whatever that
20 might be. As well as we don't want like one whole lump
21 number, we'll put that together, but it's each of the
22 different steps involved.

23 So I think I'm saying that, so hopefully that
24 helps you in terms of what we're looking for. Please, you
25 know, does that make sense or --

1 MR. VILLANUEVA: Oh, I completely understand, but
2 it's like the request today to get the complete timeline
3 for when the Deputy Director comes onboard, that's why I
4 couldn't respond except to say that, yes, I'll get that,
5 I'll work on it. It's not -- because I understand. You
6 don't want the general. You want much more specific
7 information. And that takes a little bit of thoughtful
8 time to create that.

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Well, actually, Raul,
10 that's why I wanted to clarify here, we don't want a lump
11 sum. We just want -- and, actually, the steps.

12 MR. VILLANUEVA: You want the steps.

13 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, just the steps
14 involved.

15 MR. VILLANUEVA: You want to the steps.

16 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah.

17 MR. VILLANUEVA: Yes. So to --

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: So --

19 MR. VILLANUEVA: Exactly. So to innumerate those
20 and to attach time to them isn't an off-the-cuff response.
21 And so the answer is, yes, I will do that. But that's why
22 I couldn't provide that off the cuff in response to
23 Commissioner La Mons request.

24 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Commissioner La Mons?

25 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Well, first, I want to

1 say, Raul, I'm a fan. You know that. I think there's a
2 little bit of -- I am finding myself a little bit
3 frustrated with this conversation because I think that
4 we're going like from the vague to weeds. And I was not
5 asking either of those, actually. And so when we start
6 talking about this idea of the person needing to give
7 notice and all of that, I absolutely was not talking about
8 that.

9 When we discussed this last time, we were told it
10 was three weeks. That was just the number that was thrown
11 out. And so today, when that number was thrown out again,
12 I know a week has gone by. So it just made me wonder,
13 well, what are we referring to?

14 So then I understood a little more clearly that
15 it isn't three weeks from this discussion that we're
16 having, it's three weeks from a step that Commissioners are
17 working on, so that means that it's not three weeks.

18 So I think the problem when we say something like
19 three weeks, or that's going to take two weeks, if we -- if
20 we're talking about just a slice of it, then that is not an
21 accurate representation for any of us to walk away from the
22 conversation with, because we then have in our head, okay,
23 this is three weeks away when, in essence, it's not three
24 weeks away. And that's okay. I mean, I'm not complaining
25 that it's three weeks or four weeks or six. I just want to

1 be clear.

2 And to Commissioner Sinay's point, and I think as
3 well as Commissioner Andersen, we just want to have enough
4 information to be able to understand what we are agreeing
5 to, what we're recommending, what we're supporting, et
6 cetera, or what we can anticipate, because all of these
7 things impact one another.

8 So I don't -- I'm not trying to frustrate you. I
9 don't need to know when they need to give notice. What I
10 need to know is the steps that we, as the Commission,
11 including working with Staff, have to do in order to solve
12 the issue? And it was specific to the Deputy Executive
13 Director position because last time we had no information
14 about that. We had had conversations in closed session.
15 We left it, which dovetails into our challenges around what
16 can be communicated when.

17 So you have to -- at least for me, personally, I
18 find that there's often times when we're in the dark. And
19 not to any fault of anyone, but we're kind of in the dark
20 on certain things until we're not anymore.

21 There were some things said earlier today that
22 was a little surprising to me. I was like, oh, really?
23 Okay. But we won't -- I won't worry about that. I guess
24 it's getting handled. But I have that kind of feeling.

25 I don't know if other Commissioners have it, too,

1 where there are these ah-ha moments and it's like, oh, well
2 what happened? Like something, obviously, happened. I have
3 no idea what it was but, okay, I'll just live with that,
4 kind of thing.

5 So, Raul, I know you're working very hard. I'll
6 say that again. If we have this information, that helps us
7 navigate with you. And I hope that now that Mr. Claypool
8 is here, that will help with some of that. And we've been,
9 you know, patient around that. We've been saying, okay, we
10 know we've got to wait until we get our Staff, so we'll
11 chomping at the bit and we're ready to move. And so we're
12 all going to all ride this together. I don't want to
13 frustrate you. I'm sure none of us want to be frustrated.
14 And so I know we're figuring it out.

15 So thank you for clarifying and thank you for
16 listening.

17 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Commissioner Ahmad, I see you,
18 but I just wanted to say that I think the work -- what I'm
19 looking for is working flows because most of us are not
20 familiar with state bureaucracy. And so a workflow -- what
21 is the workflow to hiring our Deputy Executive Director
22 with guestimates of timelines, knowing, again, certain
23 things are more in our control than others? But the
24 workflows for each of these things, such as contracts, et
25 cetera, would be helpful for planning. So that's what I

1 have to say.

2 Commissioner Ahmad?

3 And then I saw someone else's hand.

4 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Madam Chair.

5 Just a consideration.

6 I'm sorry. Are you all hearing background noise?

7 CHAIR VASQUEZ: But we can hear you.

8 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: I have someone closing the
9 window.

10 Just a point of consideration in terms of
11 process. What I heard was multiple Commissioners telling
12 Raul what would be helpful for us. And at times, that
13 quote unquote, "direction," was different from one another.

14 I think it would be helpful if we, as a
15 Commission, together decide what we would want in terms of
16 next steps and relay that to the Chair and the Chair give
17 one set of direction to Staff, just so that, you know,
18 Raul's not saying, hey, here's a document with just dates,
19 here's a document with step-by-step, here's another
20 document with workflow. I just think it might be easier on
21 everyone if we come up with some sort of process of how we
22 want to communicate what we need as a Commission to our
23 Staff, rather than just individually, just for
24 consideration.

25 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Commissioner Andersen. And then

1 Commissioner La Mons.

2 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner
3 Ahmad, for that. And I understand, it's because we are --
4 you know, everyone's asking Raul, what about this, what
5 about this, what about that. And I, you know, I can see
6 Raul like calmly but ripping his hair out internally.

7 And I really apologize for what we're bombarding
8 you with, Raul. We do appreciate it. But I think what
9 we're trying to do right now is come to a consensus on the
10 information. I think there a lot of us are hitting the
11 same thing. And it's -- we understand, we must work with
12 bureaucracy, but we don't quite know enough about it. And
13 so we're trying to put in the proper terminology what we're
14 looking for as a group because what I say, and this comes
15 down to using English words that means different things at
16 different times. So what I might say can be interpreted
17 one way. And what Commissioner Sinay might say can be
18 interpreted another.

19 So I think what we're trying to do right now is
20 we all want like a workflow for different items, whatever
21 those items might be, if that's the proper terminology,
22 workflow, you know, I say it as time steps, or just the
23 steps involved that we can -- we could estimate the time
24 for. You know, some of them are pretty set. Others,
25 they're in flux. So I think we're all trying to get at

1 that same item. So rather than doing it individually, I
2 think that's going to be almost as confusing as all of us,
3 you know, asking -- talking to Raul directly.

4 You know, is that -- I could be over-speaking on
5 that, but I'm seeing a few heads nothing. So if that's --
6 that's -- we're hoping.

7 And, Raul, I -- and Chair, I don't mean to
8 overstep anybody, but I'm trying to get at a whole
9 consensus kind of here.

10 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Commissioner La Mons. And then
11 Commissioner Sadhwani.

12 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: (Indiscernible.) Okay.

13 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Got it. Thank you.

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I would just add -- and I
15 agree with everything everyone has said. And I, again,
16 want to reiterate our support for you, Raul, but
17 information is power. And we can make the best possible
18 decisions when we have information.

19 And I think like Commissioner Andersen just laid
20 out, as well as Commissioner La Mons, there's all these
21 bureaucratic pieces that we don't know -- right? -- as
22 Commissioners. And until we know them, we don't know what
23 our options really are. And I think that, for me, just in
24 terms of consensus, the concern for me is when I don't
25 understand the full range of options. For example, in the

1 line drawer of the RFP process, or for the Deputy Executive
2 Director, what are the steps that we have to go through?
3 Then I feel like my hands are tied. I don't really feel
4 empowered to make those choices, which are, ultimately,
5 ours as a Commission to make.

6 Instead, it leaves me feeling like, well, we're
7 being led down a path. And maybe we want to go down that
8 path but we haven't had all of the full information to
9 fully choose. And I get it, like these are -- it's
10 difficult. Like you're on part-time and there's a
11 bazillion requests. But I think as we move forward -- Mr.
12 Claypool is here with us today -- hopefully we'll also have
13 a Deputy Executive Director very soon, and we can begin
14 filling additional roles.

15 I think moving forward, I think just remembering
16 that this information is powerful and helps us to better
17 make -- make better decisions. And I just want to
18 encourage all of us to really push for that kind of
19 information because I do think it's important.

20 And you know, I mentioned in the last meeting, it
21 was concerning for me, after the fact, that we reported
22 that communications contract without seeing it; right? I
23 mean, I feel like, as Commissioners, we need to be doing a
24 better job asking these questions. And I think Raul and
25 all of our Staff who is to come, we need to ensure that we

1 are being able to fully get that information so that we can
2 make the best choices possible.

3 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Commissioner La Mons?

4 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yeah. I agree with
5 Commissioner Sadhwani. And I think our challenge, which
6 we've talked about, not only is having the information but
7 the flow of information is difficult here. Like this
8 system, the way it works and how we can communicate with
9 each other, et cetera, is very difficult because if we're
10 in a meeting and things are coming up we can't take action
11 on, so we have to agendize this. So this idea that we can
12 just have a discussion, tell the Chair, this is what we
13 want to do, where do we cross the line of making a decision
14 and taking action on something versus not? And I'm not
15 saying that is actually or isn't because I have no idea.

16 It's sort of we feel -- I feel like our hands are
17 tied consistently with even just being able to communicate.
18 And then when we have not enough information, it just
19 exacerbates the situation.

20 And I think also, you know, in your defense,
21 Raul, you're talking to different ones of us. So some of
22 us have certain information. And you and them, you
23 probably have the most information out of all of us because
24 you talk to the majority of us. So there are pieces of
25 information that are among the 14 of us but there's no

1 mechanism, often times, to that information without
2 potentially violating Bagley-Keene, et cetera, to get to
3 all of us. And I'm finding that to be very, very
4 challenging. Executive Director Claypool, that is a
5 frustration.

6 So if there's anything as we move forward and you
7 see little tips and things you can offer to help us
8 navigate this information sharing and how we get
9 information and how we exchange it amongst us, I think
10 that's going to be very, very helpful, and I really welcome
11 it.

12 I go back to this Deputy Executive Director. We
13 got a little bit of information in that last meeting,
14 like -- and that was sort of like we were kind of digging,
15 like it wasn't like we were presented, this is what
16 happened, this is how far we could go, this is where we are
17 in the process, this is what we can anticipate. And I
18 think there's a funny thing about questions, as I said in a
19 couple meetings back, about subcommittees really trying o
20 frame up what they're going to tell us so that we know and
21 we can anticipate what's going to be. Because the more
22 information you give, a lot of times, it minimizes
23 questions.

24 And I think what happens with us is we end up
25 asking a lot of questions. And then we get responses that

1 are all over the place which aren't -- because I didn't
2 give Raul a directive, by the way, today. I didn't ask
3 Raul to go and do anything. I just asked a question about
4 timeline that then required something to happen but that
5 wasn't my intent, was to charge him with anything, it was
6 just really to know and for all of us to know, when can we
7 anticipate the process for the Deputy Executive Director to
8 be completed and offer (indiscernible) to that person?
9 That's it. So it opened up a whole can of worms which, I
10 think, reveals the challenges that we have.

11 So I think this is a good thing ultimately. And
12 hopefully, again, Executive Director Claypool getting the
13 opportunity to observe this and bring his experience to the
14 table to, hopefully, help us navigate it in a way that we
15 can be happy with.

16 Thanks for indulging me, fellow Commissioners.

17 CHAIR VASQUEZ: All right. Any other comments.
18 Okay.

19 We -- so I'm going to propose that we take our
20 required break right now for 15 minutes. And then it seems
21 like when we come back, we should just launch straight into
22 our closed session. Oh, am I hearing -- no. Okay. All
23 righty.

24 So we -- yes, Commissioner La Mons?

25 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Do we need public comment

1 before we --

2 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Oh, yes.

3 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: When we come back maybe?

4 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Well, let's -- we have -- we
5 still have several minutes before we have to-have to take a
6 break, so let's close our open session for today with
7 taking public comment. And then when we reconvene, after
8 our 15-minute break, we will reconvene in closed session.
9 Okay.

10 So we will go to public comment right now,
11 general -- or general comments and comments on any agenda
12 items discussed thus far.

13 And, Raul, if you would read the directions?

14 MR. VILLANUEVA: Yes. So to the public, the
15 Commission will advise the viewing audience when it is time
16 to submit public comment. At this time, you are being
17 asked to submit public comment regarding items on the
18 agenda and items and general public comment.

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17 just described. These instructions are also located on the
18 website.

19 Chair?

20 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Great. Thank you.

21 And, Katy, do we have anybody in queue?

22 OPERATOR: We do not have anyone in queue at this
23 time.

24 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Great. Let's give two minutes
25 while we wait.

1 Commissioner Andersen?

2 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Chair, I'm sorry.

3 Raul, were we were completed with number 11? Did
4 we just sort of talk over you and shut you off there?

5 MR. VILLANUEVA: Unless there was more discussion
6 by the Commissioners, I had provided the information I
7 needed to provide or had to provide.

8 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you.

9 MR. VILLANUEVA: You're welcome.

10 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Thank you for checking,
11 Commissioner Andersen.

12 (Pause)

13 OPERATOR: Chair, we do not have anyone in the
14 queue at this time. And I did set a timer, so it's been --

15 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Great.

16 OPERATOR: -- two minutes.

17 CHAIR VASQUEZ: Great. Thank you so much. All
18 righty.

19 So with that, we will break for 15 minutes. And
20 we will reconvene at 11:16 in closed session. You all
21 should have received a different link from Kristian for
22 that closed session.

23 So for the rest of the public, we will see you
24 back on Thursday at 9:30.

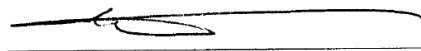
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