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APPEARANCES

Commissioners Present:

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

Staff Present:

Alvaro E. Hernandez, Executive Director
Marian Johnston, Counsel
Freda Ceja, Communications Director

Also present:

Kristian Manoff, AV Tech

Public Comment:

Karen Lawson
Renee West-Lusk

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P R O C E E D I N G S

Tuesday, March 16, 2021 9:30 o'clock a.m.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Good morning. It is 9:30 and I call this meeting to order. Welcome to the March 16 through 18, 2021 meeting of the 2020 California Citizens Redistricting Commission.

Please call the roll.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Good morning, Chair.

We'll start off with Commissioner Fernandez.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Here.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fornaciari?

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Here.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Kennedy?

VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Here.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Le Mons?

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Here.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sadhwani?

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Here.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sinay?

1 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Here.

2 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner

3 Taylor?

4 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Present.

5 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner

6 Toledo?

7 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Present.

8 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner

9 Turner?

10 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Here.

11 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner

12 Vasquez?

13 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: Here.

14 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Yee?

15 COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.

16 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner

17 Ahmad?

18 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Here.

19 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner

20 Akutagawa?

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Here.

22 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: And Commissioner

23 Andersen?

24 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Here. Thank you.

25 At this time, we'd like to invite the public to

1 call in -- and you'll be reading the instructions -- for
2 any kind of comment you'd like to give and advise or
3 recommendations you want to give to the Commission.

4 Kristian, please read the instructions at this
5 time.

6 MR. MANOFF: In order to maximize transparency
7 and public participation in our process, the Commissioners
8 will be taking public comment by phone. To call in, dial
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22 your computer or livestream audio to prevent any feedback
23 or distortion during your call.

24 Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for
25 when it is your turn to speak and, again, please turn down

1 the livestream volume.

2 And we do have a caller in the queue, Chair.
3 Standby and I'll invite them in.

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

5 MR. MANOFF: Go ahead, caller.

6 MS. LAWSON: Hello. Good morning. My name is
7 Karen Lawson, K-A-R-E-N L-A-W-S-O-N. And I want to, first,
8 thank the Commissioners for the really good that you're
9 doing, and for this opportunity to give a comment.

10 I've been following the progress of the
11 Commission as much as I am able to do so. And I'm calling
12 to point out and amplify the feedback about the public
13 input training gap that exists across regions of the state.

14 Having spoken with statewide groups, such as
15 Common Cause, Advancement, and NALEO, as well as our
16 county-level civic engagement tables, and the Census ACBOs.
17 I've learned that these organizations tend to limit their
18 public input training to their immediate partners, but
19 there don't seem to be resources of field-level engagement
20 to encourage other nonpartisan groups or individuals to
21 form communities of interest and to learn the types of
22 issues that they may want to advocate for.

23 So a redistricting basics presentation is helpful
24 to inform people, of course, about the structure and the
25 role of the Commission. And outreach is starting to

1 capture public attention but the public doesn't have access
2 to help for organizing themselves and training on the steps
3 necessary to consider their issues, prepare, and then
4 submit appropriate COI input. It will be, in my opinion,
5 really important that the remaining outreach funds be
6 directed to public input training so that input will
7 include not only the two dozen large VRA partner groups
8 but, also, the smaller community-focused groups as well.

9 I suggest this matter be placed on a future
10 agenda for consideration so the Commission can expedited
11 field-level COI engagement and training for groups to
12 submit meaningful public input since the hearings are
13 planning to begin in June.

14 Thank you for your time.

15 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you for that comment and
16 that is very valuable feedback.

17 At this time, I would like you to continue to pay
18 attention to today's meeting and very much follow,
19 particularly, the Thursday meeting which is about public
20 input meeting design. These are very helpful tips for us.
21 And we'll definitely be looking into, a little bit more,
22 about the types of public training, so thank you very much.

23 Next caller please.

24 MR. MANOFF: As a reminder, if you've called in
25 and you would like to give a comment, please press star

1 nine to raise your hand.

2 We do have someone with their hand raised.

3 Standby.

4 Go ahead, caller.

5 MS. WESTA-LUSK: Hello. This is Renee Westa-Lusk
6 calling about the community of interest criteria. Maybe
7 this will be covered on Thursday, March 18th, but I think
8 there needs to be some direction. And maybe even have like
9 a tab on the webpage of where groups forming or trying to
10 form a community of interest can go and get the criteria on
11 which the Commissioners are going to base the community
12 input on, like what do you want to hear as far as being
13 good community testimony or information? What are you
14 going to accept? What will you not accept from persons
15 giving community of interest input?

16 That's my comment. Thank you.

17 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Ms. Westa-Lusk. That
18 is also very helpful. Clearly, these are items that the
19 Commission is very happy to hear because this is the time
20 when we're working on modifying our documents and how we
21 approach the communities so they can best give us
22 information.

23 So please keep every -- all public members,
24 please keep these comments coming. They are very, very
25 helpful and we do take them to heart. Thank you.

1 And are there any other callers?

2 MR. MANOFF: As a reminder, if you are in the
3 queue and would like to give a comment, please press star
4 nine to raise your hand.

5 There are no other callers at this time, Chair.

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

7 At this time, are there any other general
8 announcements or updates, items of interest, by the
9 Commissioners? I see no hands at this time.

10 Then, the Chair Report. Just a few items for
11 discussion right now.

12 The number one item is let's go over the agenda.
13 There are a few changes to it. Specifically, we have -- at
14 our last Committee meeting we added a few more
15 subcommittees, the first of which is the Website
16 Subcommittee, which is Commissioners Kennedy and Taylor.
17 We'll actually discuss that one after the Materials
18 Development, which is 9H. We'll sort of tuck in there.

19 The Subcommittee O, Executive Director
20 Recruitments, that has sunsetted, so please remove that
21 from the list.

22 Then add another subcommittee, which is the Chief
23 Counsel Recruitment Subcommittee. That has been reenacted.
24 This is Commissioners Andersen and Toledo.

25 And the number 11, unfortunately, our Labor

1 Panel, Labor Sector Panel, we could not get that arranged
2 for this meeting so that will not be happening. So if you
3 could go ahead and eliminate number 11 from the agenda.

4 We will be going into a closed session today at
5 the three o'clock break. We will not be coming back. We
6 will end this, end today, in a closed session. And we will
7 start up again tomorrow morning at 9:30 after the three
8 o'clock break.

9 Then, for the March -- Thursday, March 18, please
10 note that this meeting is -- starts at 4:00 p.m. in the
11 afternoon and goes until eight o'clock at night. This is
12 the public input meeting subcommittee design -- Design
13 Subcommittee. And on this agenda you'll notice that the
14 members listed do not match what we changed them to at the
15 last Committee, the last -- our last full meeting, so the
16 Committee Members should be Ahmad, Akutagawa, Andersen,
17 Fernandez, Fornaciari, Sinay, and Turner. So if you could
18 delete Taylor, delete Yee?

19 And those are the changes to the agenda.

20 And I have no other additional comments at this
21 time, so we'll go into the Executive Director's Report.

22 Director Hernandez?

23 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair.

24 Good morning, Commissioners. Good morning, Californians.

25 We recently conducted interviews for the

1 Commissioner -- Commission Secretary and we are ready to
2 make a selection. The candidate is available to start next
3 week. The candidate has experience working on boards,
4 taking minutes, organizing, so we are very pleased with the
5 individual, and so we'd like to bring them on moving
6 forward so that we have additional staff to help during the
7 meetings, as well as helping other staff work needing to be
8 done here in the office.

9 We'll be posting the -- any questions or
10 comments?

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Director -- I'm sorry.
12 Commissioner Fernandez?

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Ooh, a director.

14 I think we need to vote on that; correct? Or we
15 need to have a motion. So I will move. And I did sit in
16 on the interviews with Executive Director Hernandez. And
17 I'm glad and happy to report that we found a candidate that
18 we feel comfortable moving forward with, so we're very
19 excited about that.

20 And I will make a motion to move forward with
21 that, the hiring of the Commission Secretary.

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Any seconds? I see Commissioner
23 Fornaciari has seconded.

24 Any questions, discussion?

25 At this time do we get the person's name or is

1 that until after? I'm seeing it's after.

2 Then any other -- I see no other comments. Can
3 we call the vote please?

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Public comment, I think.

5 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh.

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Do we go to public
7 comment?

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you very much. Yes, we
9 do.

10 Kristian, could you please read the instructions
11 for public comment?

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9 like to give a comment, please press star nine to raise
10 your hand.

11 Chair, there is no one with their hand raised at
12 this time.

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

14 Commissioner Ahmad?

15 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Just a quick process
16 question. Are we voting on going out and hiring for the
17 position or are we voting on a person?

18 CHAIR ANDERSEN: A person. Yeah, there is a
19 person who has been interviewed for this position and we --
20 they've been recommended to the Commission, and we are
21 voting on accepting this person.

22 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Okay. And we won't know who
23 the person is until after we vote or --

24 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Actually, yeah.

25 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: -- is that the process?

1 CHAIR ANDERSEN: I did see Commissioner Vasquez.
2 But I believe Commissioner Fernandez is answering this one.

3 So Commissioner Fernandez?

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: We do know who the
5 person is. We have to, after we make the decision, we have
6 to call them to make the offer, make sure they're still
7 interested, so -- and then once all of it's accepted, then
8 we will come back -- Executive Director Hernandez will come
9 back and introduce the person.

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

11 Commissioner Vasquez?

12 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: Yeah. Another process
13 question.

14 So will this technically be a Commission hire or
15 is this Director Hernandez's hire, even though we are
16 approving it?

17 MS. JOHNSTON: All hiring is by the Commission,
18 by the special 3-3-3 vote.

19 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Okay.

20 CHAIR ANDERSEN: It's a recommendation. All
21 hires come through us. We approve everything on staff
22 hiring. The policy was that we gave the discretion to the
23 Executive Director with the --

24 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Interviewing and all.

25 CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- interview process.

1 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Got it. I'm remembering
2 this now. Yes. Thank you.

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Certainly.
4 Commissioner Kennedy?

5 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: I don't understand how the
6 public is supposed to give comment on a hire when they
7 don't know the name. It just seems like a bit of a Catch
8 22.

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. Commissioner Le Mons?

10 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Pass.

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: That is an item that I believe
12 we should have a look at our Policy Group. Can we look at
13 that, how that is -- there's a personnel issue here in
14 privacy. But there is, you know, a duty to, you know, the
15 public, I see.

16 Actually, I might go directly to Counsel
17 Johnston.

18 MS. JOHNSTON: One possibility would be to take
19 this up during your closed session. And then it could be
20 announced when we come back into session tomorrow morning.
21 Hiring can be done in closed session or in public session,
22 usually in closed session to protect the privacy of the
23 individual.

24 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Fernandez?

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. And I want to

1 respond directly to Commissioner Kennedy.

2 And the reason that we don't give the name right
3 now is, and it's happened in the past, that the candidates
4 have requested -- because it's not an approved position,
5 they haven't given notice yet, and they've requested that
6 we not publicly announce the name because they haven't told
7 their employer, and they don't want their employer to hear;
8 right? I mean, not to say that -- they're probably not
9 watching this. They may not be watching our meetings but,
10 again, we need to confirm because nothing is finalized.
11 And we can't make a firm offer until the Commission
12 approves it.

13 So it's kind of like this Catch 22, like I would
14 love to give you the name but there's also privacy issues.
15 And maybe closed session might be a better way to handle
16 it.

17 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Le Mons, then
18 Commissioner Vasquez.

19 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yeah. I was going to say,
20 the public can comment on the -- they can comment on
21 whether they think we should have a secretary or something
22 if they think that that's not a good use of our resources,
23 but they're not doing the hiring. So I don't think it's
24 important that the person's name be released or that
25 information be released. We established a policy early on

1 that the Executive Director would have hiring discretion on
2 the roles outside of the Executive Director, the Director
3 of Communications, and the Legal Counsel, which we would do
4 ourselves.

5 So I guess I'm wondering why we are nitpicking
6 this situation at this point? We've done this with several
7 hires already leading up to today. So if the process was
8 in question, I feel like Commissioners should have raised
9 questions about the process long ago. The Executive
10 Director has worked with the Subcommittee who has done the
11 vetting and all the stuff that we trust them to do. I
12 would hope that we could move on.

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Vasquez?

14 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: I was just going to offer
15 that, in the future, if we do this in public session, if we
16 could just get a little bit more of a de-identified resume
17 or experience. I do think we've had a little bit more
18 discussion about the person's qualifications, a bit more of
19 a briefing, even just a couple more sentences because I do
20 feel like, if we're going to ask for public comment, we
21 should give the public more things to comment on.
22 Otherwise, we should do this process in closed session.

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Le Mons, and then
24 Commissioner Fernandez.

25 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I have a question for

1 Marian.

2 Does -- if we did this in closed session, we
3 would just come back and announce the outcome and not be
4 subject to public comment? Would that -- is that what the
5 issue is here?

6 MS. JOHNSTON: That is correct.

7 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Okay. So I would agree
8 with Commissioner Vasquez that probably the error was in
9 the way we did it today, so --

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay.

11 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: -- thank you.

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Fernandez?

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah, so maybe we need
14 to discuss because the policy does say that both -- it was
15 delegated to the Finance and Admin Committee and we did
16 review the resume, we did review the duty statement. As I
17 noted, I did sit in on the interview just because it is a
18 Commission Secretary so it's supporting all of us, as well
19 as our Executive Director. So if -- and that's a policy
20 that we all approved, so if that needs to be changed, then
21 we need to change that policy.

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: This is an item that, I believe,
23 we should discuss. If the -- I would like the Finance and
24 Administration committee -- Subcommittee to have a quick
25 look at this and come back to the Commission to say, should

1 we be doing this in closed session and just announce or do
2 we bring it up, the first time the full Commission is
3 getting this, in a public session or whether -- and then we
4 can then -- so please do that, come back to us, and we will
5 move on as we've done it, this way.

6 Oh, go ahead, Ms. Johnston.

7 MS. JOHNSTON: Just one comment on the fact that
8 the Subcommittee has looked at it. Your subcommittees, two
9 or fewer, are only purely advisory. They cannot make any
10 decisions. If they were to be making a decision, it would
11 have to be done in an open meeting. So the Subcommittee
12 makes -- advises the Commission but it still has to be a
13 Commission decision.

14 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. Maybe I wasn't clear.
15 Okay. Where I was going with that is can the Subcommittee
16 have a look at the two options, give them our two options,
17 what we've been doing right now, how that is a bit of a
18 problem, and have a recommendation for us at the next
19 Committee moving forward.

20 Commissioner Fornaciari?

21 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes, we can do that.

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Thank you.

23 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I was just reviewing
24 the document and we are following the procedures in the
25 document right now. It says, the first sentence is, "Any

1 decision to hire an employee may only be made in a public
2 meeting of the Commission," so this is the process.

3 Commissioner Fernandez and myself will get with
4 Ms. Johnston and think about other options and come back
5 next meeting with that.

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: So with that, this is our policy
7 at this time. I believe we should go ahead with the vote.
8 And, yes, there is a bit of an issue here in terms of what
9 the public knows. We can certainly tell the public as soon
10 as it's -- as we know more.

11 But we have called for the vote so, Ms. Johnston,
12 would you please -- oh, I'm sorry, if you're not doing the
13 vote, whoever is calling the vote, please do so.

14 Director Hernandez?

15 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Alrighty then.
16 The motion to move forward with the Commission Secretary
17 hire.

18 Commissioner Fernandez?

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

20 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner
21 Fornaciari?

22 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes.

23 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner
24 Kennedy?

25 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Abstain.

1 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Le
2 Mons?
3 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yes.
4 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner
5 Sadhwani?
6 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes.
7 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner
8 Sinay?
9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.
10 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner
11 Taylor?
12 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes.
13 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner
14 Toledo?
15 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yes.
16 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner
17 Turner?
18 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.
19 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner
20 Vasquez?
21 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: Yes.
22 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Yee?
23 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes.
24 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner
25 Ahmad?

1 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yes.

2 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner
3 Akutagawa?

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

5 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner
6 Andersen?

7 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.

8 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Motion passes.

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Director. Would you
10 proceed with that? And then, please, come back to the
11 Commission.

12 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Yes.

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: And continue with your report
14 please.

15 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Alrighty.

16 So next on my items is the Field Lead Staff.
17 We'll be posting that this week on the 10th.

18 The next thing I'd like to bring up is our draft
19 organizational chart. First, let me begin by apologizing.

20 Oh, yes, Commissioner Fernandez.

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Actually, okay, it's
22 kind of related to this and the org chart because you said
23 the Field Lead Staff, so not the Field Support Staff, just
24 the Lead Staff, is that what you're going to recruit for? I
25 just want clarification.

1 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: That is correct.
2 At this point, we're doing the Lead Staff first.

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. So I'm going to
4 recommend -- I would request that we would also recruit for
5 the Field Support Staff. I do think that we need more
6 support for all of our zones in terms of our outreach
7 efforts. And it makes sense to hire all of them at one
8 time so you're only doing one onboarding, you're only doing
9 training, and everyone's set and ready to go. One, we'll
10 get more help. And then, plus, when we're ready to conduct
11 our public input meetings, we'll be set and ready to go and
12 won't have to worry about recruiting and training at that
13 time. So that's just my recommendation.

14 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: I appreciate that
15 recommendation. And given that we haven't posted the
16 announcement yet, I will look to see, try to get the
17 Support Staff, the Field Support Staff announcement ready
18 to go, as well, and post those at the same time. You are
19 correct. It would be most efficient if we did it all at
20 once, so thank you.

21 So in regards to the organizational chart, I will
22 first let you know that I had posted the incorrect one. As
23 of this morning, I've updated that and I truly apologize
24 for that. I'm still adjusting to the Google Docs and the
25 revisions of them all.

1 So if you take a look at the organizational
2 chart, there's a couple of things I want to point out.
3 Obviously, we just talked about the Field Staff and the
4 Support Staff, and so those will be reporting to our
5 Outreach Coordinator, Patricia Topete, Vasquez Topete, I'm
6 sorry.

7 The other thing that you'll notice here, that
8 this version of the organizational chart does not include
9 any of the subcommittees. I tried to keep it very clean.
10 This is a reporting organizational chart and is only
11 intended for that purpose. So down the road, if we wanted
12 to have a different type of organizational chart, more than
13 happy to work on that. You know, if we want something with
14 the subcommittees and so forth, that is a different type of
15 chart. But I can easily work on that if you feel that it's
16 necessary at this point.

17 The blue are those positions that are already
18 filled. Obviously, the Commission Secretary, that will be
19 filled shortly. We also have the Data Manager there. The
20 Language Access Coordinator is another one that we'll be
21 working on those duty statements for those two different
22 positions. The timing of that we'll work out. I'll work
23 with the different subcommittees to figure out the actual
24 timing for that. I know the Data Management, we're waiting
25 on a couple of things to happen before we move forward on

1 that.

2 The other thing you'll notice is the Deputy
3 Executive Director. It is vacant. I would like to request
4 to backfill that position of the Deputy Executive Director.
5 I feel that it's necessary to have someone who does -- who
6 will continue to do the oversight of the outreach
7 activities, given that now my role has taken on a much
8 larger activities, I cannot allocate as much time as I'd
9 originally had as a Deputy Executive Director to the
10 outreach activities, so I'd like to bring somebody on board
11 for that, so I'd like to make that recommendation or that
12 request -- not recommendation, that request to bring
13 someone to backfill that position.

14 Are there any questions in regards to the
15 organizational chart?

16 Commissioner Turner and Commissioner Fernandez.

17 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. And I don't
18 know why it just struck me today, but I'm just wondering
19 about the title on Commission Secretary. And it just seems
20 very much so outdated to me and wondering, can we not
21 change it to administrative assistant or some other title?
22 It has a feel of sexism.

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Fernandez?

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Turner,
25 Executive Director Hernandez and I, I just said the same

1 thing to him yesterday, to make it an administrative
2 assistant so, hopefully, that will go forward that way.

3 And then I also -- just the other comment is if
4 the Commission does decide to move forward with the Deputy
5 Executive Director recruitment, I would request that we
6 resurrect that subcommittee, which was Commissioner Ahmad
7 and myself, so that we can move forward with that
8 recruitment.

9 Thank you.

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: And Commissioner Vasquez?

11 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: I'm happy to be overruled
12 by the rest of the Commission. But I propose, actually,
13 the title for this position be Director of Outreach.

14 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Are you -- is this
15 in regards to the Deputy Executive Director?

16 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: Yes. Sorry.

17 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Okay.

18 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: Deputy Executive Director.
19 I'm proposing Director of Outreach.

20 CHAIR ANDERSEN: I believe there's an issue with
21 classification on that one.

22 But at this point, let's see, I have Commissioner
23 Kennedy, and then Commissioner Toledo.

24 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: I would concur with
25 Commissioner Vasquez. And I know that my experience has

1 not been in the California state system. But systems where
2 I've worked, it is possible to hire one level below the
3 posted level. So, you know, I think it would be excellent
4 if we were able to fill this as a Director of Outreach.

5 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Toledo?

6 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I would concur with
7 Commissioner Vasquez and Kennedy. I just know that when we
8 have tried to bring on folks for a position title that has
9 not been approved it's been -- it just has taken a very
10 long time. So I think that's part of the issue with Calls
11 for speculation CalHR. So I know that the Deputy Executive
12 Director position is an approved position. Perhaps if
13 there's another position title that we could use in the
14 correct range, that might be possible. And I think
15 Commissioner Fernandez might be able to speak to that
16 because she's worked on that issue.

17 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, Commissioner Fernandez.
18 Then I do see Commissioner Le Mons after that.

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I think we already have
20 the Deputy Executive Director classification. What -- my
21 recommendation would be to we could have the working title
22 of the Director of Outreach. And in the process we could
23 move forward and try to reclassify that position, but I
24 wouldn't want to hold up the process waiting for the
25 official reclassification. So, I mean, I agree that's

1 probably a better name for the -- a better title for the
2 position, but so that we don't delay in filling the
3 position, but it can be done.

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Now Commissioner Le Mons, and
5 then Commissioner Turner.

6 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I concur with all the
7 previous comments. I think Commissioner Vasquez's
8 recommendation is a great one with regard to that role. I
9 also feel like we should err on the side of not delaying
10 because, you know, all that wonderful time we thought we
11 had is slipping away or has slipped away.

12 So if there could just be -- the Committee could
13 just -- the Subcommittee could identify whatever path
14 forward on that and we could agree to move in that
15 direction of a Director of Outreach and then figure out the
16 logistics of without delaying the process, I think we could
17 make a decision to do that.

18 Thank you.

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Turner.

20 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Is it me?

21 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, Commissioner Turner.

22 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. Totally in
23 support, concur with what's being said, a little bit
24 different in the how. I don't -- I would not prefer to
25 reclassify a position after someone is in it from a Deputy

1 Executive Director to a Director of Outreach. I think it
2 could be -- it feels like a demotion in the name or the
3 title or what have you.

4 And so I wonder if we -- I know working with the
5 state is different than things than I'm used to, but the
6 end all, be all that just takes long, I'm wondering if
7 there's ever an opportunity to expedite or speed it up or
8 do something different than just let that arranged shift
9 kind of dictate all of our actions?

10 I think the recommendation made or the proposal
11 by Commissioner Vasquez is an excellent one. I think it's
12 the right title for the position. And I'm wondering, at
13 what point within the system can adjustments be made and we
14 just move straight to what we want instead of having to
15 have it reclassified after someone's in the position?

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Fernandez. And
17 then I want to say something.

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Commissioner
19 Turner. I appreciate your feedback on that.

20 What I suggest is that Commissioner Ahmad and I,
21 we can meet with Raul and talk about the different options
22 that we have. And if it -- we don't want it to be a two-
23 month process. That happened last time in terms of when we
24 hired a Deputy Executive Director. So we'll research
25 different ways to expedite this process. Reclassifying a

1 position is definitely quicker than establishing a
2 position, so I wouldn't expect it to be two months, we'll
3 just see how quickly. And then we'll come forward with
4 options in terms of how we feel we can try to move through
5 this process quickly.

6 Thank you.

7 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Sadhwani?

8 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Thank you. I definitely
9 agree with Commissioner Vasquez and others that this could
10 be a Director of Outreach. To that end, though, I
11 question, does the Director of Outreach maintain the same
12 position in this organizational chart? Is someone new that
13 we bring on, who's going to have a steep learning curve,
14 going to sufficiently be the supervisor of Fredy and Marcy
15 who have been doing this work for quite some time? So I
16 just want to bring that to our thought process, that
17 perhaps such an individual is already on our team and we're
18 flushing out more of the bottom half.

19 And in that, you know, to that regard, my
20 question had originally been about the organizational
21 chart, the relationship between Patricia and Marcy and the
22 Field Lead Staff, if those individuals have like regional
23 focuses and just how everyone kind of interacts with one
24 another. I just want us to be cognizant that we are
25 already doing outreach. We are in the middle of our public

1 education component. We are very soon going to be doing
2 communities of input. And so I think hiring someone at
3 that high level right now, I have some concerns about who
4 would really understand that task and be able to step into
5 that role, given that the plane is already flying.

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Director Hernandez, can you
7 address that, please, a little bit more of what you have in
8 mind with your request for filling this position?

9 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Sure. I think
10 more than anything we need someone to do the oversight of
11 all the outreach activities, just to make sure that, you
12 know, we are continuing our path with our outreach plan
13 and, also, focusing on making any adjustments to the
14 outreach plan moving forward given that, you know, we are
15 still potentially going to be pivoting at some point to
16 doing physical outreach, and we'll talk about that a little
17 bit more. I do think that we just need to have that
18 oversight in that area because there's so much activity
19 that we put into it, there's so many things, moving parts
20 in that area that we just need to have a direct oversight.

21 Now I can do some of it. But again, now that
22 I've taken on this different role, I have other activities
23 that I'm looking at, as well, that do not allow me to
24 allocate as much time to that. And that's where the
25 importance of this particular individual, whether it's a

1 Deputy Executive Director or Director of Outreach, would
2 become a tremendous value to me, as well as the Commission,
3 I believe.

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: So you see it actually as two
5 roles, not just straight oversight -- I'm sorry, not just
6 outreach but, indeed -- because my issue with the org chart
7 is actually that the Commission's Communications Director
8 is also under this new person. And I believe that
9 communications is not just outreach. It is, indeed, all
10 communication for the entire Commission. And in terms of
11 the oversight for the outreach, yes, in which case -- but
12 if it's Deputy Director level, which I think is part of the
13 discussion here, then it is a different position.

14 So are you believing overseeing many things or
15 more of the Outreach Director?

16 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: In looking at it
17 from what I was doing previously as the Deputy Executive
18 Director, most of the activities were related to outreach.
19 So I would have them focus on the outreach activities, per
20 se.

21 Now that's not to say that, eventually, I would
22 have been involved in other activities had my tenure as
23 Deputy Executive Director continued. But for the time that
24 I was here as the Deputy Director, those are the activities
25 that I was involved in. And those are the activities that

1 I feel, at this point, continue to need someone to oversee
2 them.

3 As far as the Communication Director, my
4 understanding is that the Communication Director would
5 report directly to the Executive Director, not to the
6 Deputy Executive Director, so that may be a change that we
7 need to make. And that would remove the reporting to the
8 Deputy Executive Director and leave it just for the
9 outreach activities. Because I do agree that the
10 Communication Director and what they do is not just for
11 outreach purposes. That is for the Commission as a whole.

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: And with that in mind, if --
13 what I would ask, a show of hands, from the Commission, I
14 would actually prefer pulling the Communication Director
15 and then the Communications Manager out from under the
16 Deputy Executive Director, the vacant spot at this time,
17 having it directly under the Executive Director. And then
18 charge the newly reestablished Subcommittee for, let's see,
19 what was it, recruiting the Deputy Executive Director,
20 which is Commissioner Fernandez and Commissioner Le Mons,
21 to look into this new -- filling this spot and what level,
22 what classification that that, indeed, should be. And then
23 coming back to the Commission as quickly as possible
24 (indiscernible) for a -- so we can actually make a final
25 decision and to move forward with this.

1 And I see Commissioner Vasquez.

2 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: I'm fine with the proposed
3 changes to the org chart. I just wanted to make a comment
4 about recruitment of the vacant position, director --
5 working title, Director of Outreach. Really wanted -- want
6 to make sure that we cast a very wide net.

7 I personally feel like we would do well to look
8 into community and CBOs and nonprofits of folks who are
9 leading statewide efforts, statewide outreach efforts,
10 statewide engagement and activation efforts who have that
11 experience. I'm feeling pretty -- I'm feeling like our
12 team, in order to round it out, we really need some
13 grassroots direct experience in community and really
14 extensive leadership in that. We won't get -- we won't
15 necessarily get that kind of candidate pool if we
16 exclusively recruit through state channels.

17 And so I'm really pleased with the pool that we
18 got for our Communications Director in particular. And we
19 made an extensive effort to get that circulated very
20 broadly in the community.

21 So just wanted to flag for you, Director
22 Hernandez, that I'm happy to forward sort of the channels
23 we used to recruit for the Communications Director. I
24 really strongly encourage us to cast as wide a net as
25 possible for a Director of Outreach.

1 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Vasquez.
2 Any other? Commissioner Le Mons. And then
3 Commissioner Sinay.

4 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yeah. I just wanted to
5 thank Commissioner Vasquez for that recommendation. I
6 think you're right.

7 I was thinking about what Commissioner Sadhwani
8 said, which I also think is spot on. But I think the
9 combination of the two of your comments really get us, I
10 think, closer to where we want to go in terms of the
11 structure reorg. And then the type of person that needs to
12 be in that role, I do think that that is a missing piece
13 right now. And I think it's going to bode well for us to,
14 if we're going to fill it that way, as a Director of
15 Outreach, and not just see it as an administrative role.
16 So I think that's the distinction; right?

17 So thanks for uplifting that. And I want to
18 support those recommendations as well.

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.
20 Commissioner Sinay?

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I'm probably going to be
22 swimming against the tide but I don't agree with pulling
23 the Deputy Director out -- I mean the Communications. As
24 someone who's working really closely, outreach,
25 communications, engagement, all of that is one thing. We

1 keep trying to put them in little boxes and they're not
2 boxes.

3 And as we're moving forward, my biggest
4 frustration has been coordination of messaging, and I have
5 to speak to one team, and then I have to go talk to another
6 team. And we really do need the Deputy Director, who's
7 coordinating the messaging, the engagement, the -- it's the
8 who, what, why, where. All of that does need to be
9 coordinated. Yes, communication is broader than that. But
10 on the whole, most of the communication is going to be
11 coming from the engagement, the outreach, and activation.
12 And I'm just really concerned that we're trying to say
13 communication is separate. And, to me, that's been my
14 biggest frustration, is how slow messaging sometimes gets
15 and how we work with one group -- it's just -- it's been a
16 lot of work.

17 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Well, Commissioner Vasquez.
18 Okay.

19 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: Yeah. Can we get Director
20 Ceja to weigh in? I'd be curious what the person filling
21 the role feels like structurally as to where they might
22 fit.

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. Director Ceja, please.

24 COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR CEJA: In the words of
25 Commissioner Sinay, I am here to serve.

1 Honestly, I've worked in organizations where it's
2 both and I see the value of having both.

3 I do understand, Commissioner Sinay, that we
4 often do work in silos. And by the time one group gets the
5 information from another group there is a week in between.

6 So I'm okay with either. I can work in either
7 situation but, I mean, communication does cover more than
8 just the outreach part of it, especially as we continue to
9 reach out to media and start getting stories and pitching
10 stories and writing up and doing larger things, in addition
11 to outreach, but I leave it up to you. I'm comfortable
12 doing either.

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: I recommend that we actually --
14 you know, it's a little line drawing here but because the
15 Commission -- communications is larger than just outreach,
16 that Commissioner -- Director Ceja is, essentially, under
17 the Executive Director but then has the communication line
18 there level with and communicating back and forth with the,
19 say, the spot we're calling, where we have vacancies, what
20 we might be calling Director of Outreach.

21 Because when you talk to Director Ceja about this
22 is what we're doing in this communications outreach, I
23 expect, to the Commission, I'm going to go ahead and say, I
24 believe the entire Commission expects you to then talk
25 to -- you know, your, essentially, the Director of

1 Outreach, that's an automatic. So both trees below you get
2 activated and vice versa. If you're talking to the
3 Director of Outreach and Communications are involved, they
4 talk over and talk next to each other, and then both trees
5 are activated.

6 What I'm concerned about is that having it
7 directly under there when it is another type of
8 communication, the chain would actually be to get about
9 communications for something completely different, it would
10 have to go through the Outreach Director first, and that
11 would be an additional step which is totally unnecessary.
12 So I think the communications would be clear, it's just
13 that there, it's additional level of responsibility, I
14 guess, for the Communications Director.

15 Commissioner Sadhwani?

16 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Sorry. I think some of
17 this is just semantics. But I'm wondering if, rather than
18 Director of Outreach, if something a little more broad, yet
19 not as broad as Deputy Executive Director, something more
20 like Director of External Affairs, which captures outreach
21 and communications and helps to bring that together? I
22 hear what Commissioner Sinay is saying, right, that we
23 can't work in silos, that it has to be a team approach. So
24 I'm wondering if, you know, just changing some of the how
25 we think of that role could be helpful?

1 CHAIR ANDERSEN: So I believe we've -- these are
2 all very good points. And I think this is all great
3 information that I know I see Commissioner Le Mons and
4 Commissioner Fernandez busy writing notes. I would like to
5 charge the Subcommittee with taking this information and
6 understanding the issues involved here and discussing with
7 our Executive Director and Communication Director, also Mr.
8 Villanueva, in terms of what possibilities -- what the
9 possibilities are, and then come back to the Commission
10 about this with whatever name, whatever, you know, the
11 particulars of that. Because I believe the Commission is
12 pretty straightforward with where we're going here.

13 Commissioner Turner?

14 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. I just wanted to
15 say -- and that's a great recommendation, if they take that
16 away and determine, ultimately, what it's going to be.

17 I just wanted to go on record in supporting
18 Commissioner Sadhwani. I do think that change of that
19 title would solve some of the issues without having to do a
20 lot of the other changes and set the expectation that
21 Communications would be working with either side.

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

23 And, Commissioner Le Mons, you also had your hand
24 raised.

25 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yeah. That's okay. Thank

1 you, Chair. I'm fine with your recommendation. I think
2 this does need to be explored, so I'm with your
3 recommendation for that Subcommittee to go and, you know,
4 figure out the path, take into consideration the things
5 that have been raised today so that the needs get met.

6 I guess I would, though, just footnote that --
7 and it depends on which way this ends up going in terms of
8 process, meaning is this a new -- I guess we're trying to
9 avoid a new position, whatever that ends up being, that the
10 skill set that I think Commissioner Vasquez raised, that
11 that doesn't get lost because I could see that -- I could
12 see us looking for an administrator. So it's got to be, in
13 my mind, a balance between those two. It isn't just
14 oversight.

15 And that's kind of the problem when you do a
16 high-level position like that, it's basically
17 administrative, it's oversight, as opposed to some of that
18 more grassroots work, not that they can't live together.
19 So just don't lose that part if possible.

20 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

21 Commissioner Akutagawa?

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Not to throw more fuel
23 to this fire here, but I would be curious as to whether or
24 not, one, the Commission, and two, Director Hernandez would
25 be comfortable with him playing that more administrative

1 role that I think Commissioner Le Mons is referring to?
2 And I do say that because, one, I like the idea of having a
3 Director of Outreach that would be at a peer level with
4 Director Ceja. Because then Director Hernandez --
5 Executive Director Hernandez could be that kind of main
6 coordinator.

7 I'm just concerned about just adding another
8 level of, perhaps, I don't know, administration that is
9 then going to, you know, I won't say complicate things.
10 But I've been thinking a lot about -- and I forgot who said
11 this -- but, you know, bringing on somebody who has to come
12 up to speed on what we're doing when others have been doing
13 things already. And, honestly, I don't know if it's the
14 best use of our resources in that way. I'd rather have
15 somebody who is just really solely focused on, you know,
16 the work that needs to be done, which is outreach, and not
17 trying to do the coordination work.

18 You know, perhaps that's something that, if
19 Director Hernandez is open to, you know, that's just
20 another model that I'd like to just, you know, have the
21 Committee maybe explore.

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

23 I believe director -- oh, I'm sorry.

24 Obviously, the Commission has moved right past
25 the idea, do we -- that we totally agree that this position

1 needs to be filled. We are giving our recommendation -- or
2 our approval of Director Hernandez's request that they go
3 ahead and look into this and then hire someone, so not to
4 skirt over that issue, that is exactly what the Commission
5 is doing.

6 Do I have any, you know, no, that's not what we
7 want to do? Could any Commissioner please indicate so? I
8 see no negative thoughts on this one.

9 So I believe the recommendation stands that we've
10 discussed. The Subcommittee is charged. It's going to
11 take in all these very valid and very informative
12 recommendations and thoughts and work with Director
13 Hernandez, Commissioner -- Director Ceja, and also Mr.
14 Villanueva, to come up with exactly what is needed and come
15 back to the Commission with our possibilities. So with
16 that in mind, I believe we can move on.

17 Is there -- with -- back to the director --
18 Executive Director's Report, where are we on the org chart
19 and the other staffing issues?

20 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Sure. I wanted to
21 address the Field Staff. The question was: Are they going
22 to be regional? Yes, they would be regional. You'd have
23 on in the north, one central, one south -- two south. One
24 of them would be more in the L.A. area. And the other one
25 would be the rest of the Southern California side. That's

1 how we've mapped it out. And, likewise, with the Support
2 Staff, it would be in the same, you know, in the north, the
3 central, and the two different souths, and that's the plan
4 moving forward.

5 I did want to also direct you over to our --
6 under the Deputy Administrator, Raul, we have the Fiscal
7 Director, obviously. And we have the I.T. Manager. Given
8 what we are all doing and the fact that we are driven by
9 I.T., our computers and all of that, I wanted to kind of
10 throw it out there and see if there is a need for
11 additional I.T. support staff or staff to facilitate any of
12 the needs that we have. Obviously, our current staff
13 person is Corina Leon and she is a retired annuitant. And
14 so the time that we have is based on her available. I
15 don't know if we really have the needs for the Commission
16 by having someone who is not here full-time, so I wanted to
17 kind of throw that out there.

18 I think as we move forward with a lot of the data
19 management, a lot of the potential issues that we
20 encounter, there may be a need for additional I.T. staff,
21 full-time I.T. staff that can support us. So I, you know,
22 I just kind of wanted to throw that out there for
23 discussion and see if there's a thought on that?

24 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Director.

25 I see a hand up immediately. Commissioner

1 Fernandez?

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. This is something
3 that we discussed yesterday with Executive Director
4 Hernandez. For some reason I thought that the I.T. Manager
5 was full-time. I didn't realize it was a retired
6 annuitant, so just a part-time position. And I would agree
7 that it would be more appropriate to have a full-time
8 position. Maybe we also need an R.A. But I do feel that
9 we do need someone full-time as well.

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

11 I will jump right in on this one. I
12 wholeheartedly approve of this idea and think we can't go
13 forward on this fast enough. We absolutely need a full-
14 time I.T. person. And our I.T. Manager, Ms. Leon, is
15 actually very good, very competent, but she is part-time
16 and, I believe, most of us did not know that which right
17 now she is, essentially, doing all our troubleshooting.
18 There are -- there's opportunities right now to help out
19 with the website, any technical issue there, actually just
20 maintaining, doing the quick updating. And there is,
21 obviously, large room for expansion in this position as we
22 get into the data management and bring a line drawer
23 onboard. We really should have this position and filled
24 onboard now so we're set once everyone else gets here. So
25 I highly recommend that we go ahead.

1 And I also believe that we should, in addition to
2 our part-time person, bring in an actual I.T. Manager. So
3 that's -- having worked with the group and seeing what --
4 the needs and knowing what's happening, what's coming ahead
5 of us, I believe we should be looking into this now so we
6 have a person onboard by the time we really, really need
7 it, we really need it, rather than wait until we really
8 need a person and then it's a month or so later that we
9 have a person onboard.

10 So any other thoughts on that? Commissioner
11 Turner.

12 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Chair. I was
13 following you, so now I've lost -- Director Alvaro, was
14 your recommendation to make the current I.T. Manager
15 functional testing full-time or to hire an additional I.T.
16 Manager?

17 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: It was to hire an
18 additional I.T. person. I don't know if manager is the
19 appropriate word. But I do know that, as we move forward,
20 I can see the need to have someone available full-time to
21 troubleshoot some of the other issues that may come up with
22 the line drawer, with the website, with anything else. And
23 so just making sure that we are prepared for what is to
24 come and not being reactive but being proactive and having
25 the staff ready to move forward.

1 So that's where I was coming from. It was just I
2 wanted to throw it out there. I haven't really made a
3 recommendation for it to be an I.T. Manager or I.T. Staff,
4 you know, that. But I wanted to bring that up because I
5 see that coming in the near future.

6 COMMISSIONER TURNER: So is it on the chart now
7 or it's not?

8 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: It is not on the
9 chart currently, no.

10 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Um-hmm. Okay. And the
11 I.T. Manager, Corina, which my brief interactions with her,
12 I think she's amazing and very responsive. And so I'm
13 surprised to know that she is part-time.

14 Of the other, is there -- I'm just wondering if
15 there is value at some point in knowing, as we're hiring
16 on, which are part-time, which is full-time, because I
17 would have thought she was full-time? And where are you
18 recommending, if approved, this other full-time person,
19 what would be the relationship to Corina?

20 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: I haven't thought
21 it out that far out. But it would probably be Corina
22 reporting to that person, possibly, because of the full-
23 time status or -- yeah, that would be my thought. And it
24 depends on what the skill set that we're bringing the
25 person in on. You know, that would, to me, would dictate

1 more the level and the reporting structure for that
2 individual.

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Well, I believe, looking at
4 this, it's not quite clear, I believe at this point,
5 exactly. Would the position be under the Deputy
6 Administrator or would it actually be under, you know,
7 Executive Director possibly, how it would connect with Data
8 Manager? The actual logistics of the flow of the org chart
9 I don't believe would be straight at this time but there is
10 a need. I would see that Ms. Leon would definitely be
11 under this person, working with her, because she -- my
12 understanding with Ms. Leon is that she is doing part-time
13 and that's where she would like to stay, is part-time.

14 So at this point I think we should actually,
15 probably, establish a subcommittee to look into this.

16 Commissioner Fornaciari. Commissioner Fernandez.

17 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. I was just going
18 to suggest that we establish a subcommittee to look into
19 this and help define what the role is. There are a lot of
20 I.T. needs that are not getting met at this point. And so
21 I support the idea of getting a full-time person onboard.
22 And I'd be happy to serve on a committee to define the job
23 and conduct a job search.

24 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Great. Thank you.

25 Commissioner Fernandez?

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. If it has to be a
2 separate committee, that's cool. I was going to volunteer
3 us, Commissioner Fornaciari, to be part of ours.

4 And then in terms of where the position is going
5 to land, I think the important thing right now is just to
6 decide if we're going to move forward. And then we can
7 work with Executive Director Hernandez in terms of how that
8 org chart would look, and then we can bring that forward.
9 But I think right now it's just whether or not to move
10 forward with the position.

11 Thank you.

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Do we have -- I would push that
13 we do move forward looking into this position. I see it as
14 a huge need.

15 Any Commissioners would rather -- are not
16 interested in moving forward to look into this? I see no
17 hands involved.

18 Then I am going to appoint a subcommittee, a
19 Technology Subcommittee. I was actually hoping to be on
20 that committee with, possibly, Commissioner Fornaciari,
21 just because of my technical background.

22 Any -- Commissioner Fernandez, were you thinking
23 that this would be part of the Finance and Administration
24 Subcommittee or --

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I thought it would be

1 but if you want -- it's fine if you want to take it on.
2 That's one less thing on my plate, which is great. Did I
3 say that out loud? Is that recorded?

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: It is.

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Either way is fine. I
6 was just trying to -- because, eventually, it has to come
7 back to the org chart and the positions and the whole
8 thing, which then falls under the Finance and Admin. But
9 whichever way you want to do it is fine with me.

10 Thank you.

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. I think it is a sort of
12 separate task because then you would have someone else
13 who's looking at, well, how -- now how do we put it all
14 together. This is my view of this though.

15 However, other thoughts for the Commissioners?

16 Commissioner Ahmad.

17 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: I just had a quick question.

18 With the hiring and moving forward with an I.T.
19 person, are we right now deciding that, yes, we are going
20 to go forward with that or are you -- is this potential
21 subcommittee going to come back with a recommendation? I
22 only ask because our next meeting isn't scheduled until the
23 29th, a full Commission meeting, and I just want to be
24 cognizant of timelines of moving this forward.

25 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

1 My recommendation -- I can propose -- or let's --
2 do I hear a proposal on the floor to move it? Yes. I'm
3 getting a nod. Uh-huh.

4 Commissioner Ahmad?

5 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: I would move that we move
6 forward with the hiring of an I.T. person. And the
7 subcommittee, however you choose to establish that, Chair
8 Andersen, work with Director Hernandez to get that process
9 moving forward.

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Any seconds? I see Commissioner
11 Fernandez seconding. Then any discussion? No.

12 Oh, Commissioner Sadhwani.

13 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: My only concern about
14 moving forward is that my sense is this I.T. person will
15 have to coordinate at some level with whatever we end up
16 doing for data management. We don't know yet what data
17 management exactly looks like.

18 So this is my only concern in moving forward is
19 we might end up hiring someone who doesn't actually have
20 the right skills that we ultimately need. Certainly, we
21 can find a generalist that maybe can work to coordinate
22 with the data management piece as we continue to develop
23 that out. But I just wanted to raise that one concern.

24 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. That -- I see that
25 is a possible thought. I believe that's -- the

1 committee -- the subcommittee would certainly address that,
2 realizing what's coming forward. This data management
3 issue, primarily, is very large, a very large portion of
4 this. There are security issues. There are -- this
5 position will touch on a lot of different areas, certainly
6 as I see it.

7 And that would be -- as part of the subcommittee,
8 I would be looking forward to a person who has the
9 wherewithal to be able to handle what's coming, not a very
10 limited overview type of person or a troubleshooter type of
11 person but actually a sort of more robust resume, shall we
12 say.

13 Other Commissioners? I think we lost -- we lost
14 Commissioner Fornaciari and then we had him back again, I
15 believe.

16 Are you --?

17 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I think I'm here.

18 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. Okay.

19 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Are you -- but I'm
20 having major I.T. problems.

21 CHAIR ANDERSEN: At one point we had two of you
22 and then --

23 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Maybe I'm not the right
24 guy for the job. I can't even get my Wi-Fi to work. I'm
25 going to log off again and go in the other room, so I'll be

1 back.

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

3 Any further discussion?

4 Then I believe we need to call for public
5 comment. Oh, Ms. Johnston?

6 MS. JOHNSTON: You don't need a motion to
7 establish a subcommittee, Chair. You can simply do it --
8 you can have a motion if you wish but it's not necessary.

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Yes. I guess we're not
10 actually hiring at this time, we're just moving forward
11 with the idea of potentially hiring. So I believe, yes,
12 you're -- thank you very much, Ms. Johnston.

13 So, then so established.

14 Were there any other discussion on the org chart?

15 Oh, I'm sorry. Commissioner Le Mons.

16 Commissioner Fernandez.

17 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: I just wanted to close with
18 I'll withdraw my motion.

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, thank you very much.

20 And Commissioner Fernandez?

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: But I think the motion
22 was to establish a position.

23 Do we need to have a motion for that, Marian?

24 MS. JOHNSTON: I thought the motion was just to
25 explore the hiring of it.

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: No. It was to -- and
2 correct me if I'm wrong, Commissioner Akutagawa -- it was
3 to move forward with the recruitment of a full-time I.T.
4 position, so it's a new position.

5 MS. JOHNSTON: Well, it depends on whether you're
6 making that decision now or if you're going to wait for the
7 recommendation of your subcommittee.

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: That was the decision
9 now. We're not going to wait for the recommendation
10 because our next meeting is not for another couple of
11 weeks, so we didn't want to slow down the process.

12 MS. JOHNSTON: Then you should have a vote note.
13 I correct myself.

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay.

15 CHAIR ANDERSEN: I'm sorry. I misunderstood you
16 on that one. I thought it was okay to do it without the
17 vote.

18 So at this time, could we -- I call for the vote.

19 MS. JOHNSTON: Public comment?

20 CHAIR ANDERSEN: I'm sorry. That's right, we go
21 to public comment. Thank you. Public comment.

22 MR. MANOFF: And just to clarify, Chair, this is
23 a vote to --

24 CHAIR ANDERSEN: It's a vote --

25 MR. MANOFF: -- it's not to hire but it is to

1 create a position?

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: It's to create, correct. Yes,
3 it's to start recruiting for a position.

4 MR. MANOFF: Very good. All right.

5 CHAIR ANDERSEN: And being the Technology person,
6 I believe.

7 MR. MANOFF: In order to create a position --
8 I.T. position?

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Correct.

10 MR. MANOFF: For I.T.. Okay. Very good.

11 In order to maximize transparency and public
12 participation in our process, the Commissioners will be
13 taking public comment by phone. To call in, dial the
14 telephone number provided on the livestream feed. It is
15 (877) 853-5247. When prompted, enter the meeting I.D.
16 number provided on the livestream feed. It is 91834691695
17 for this meeting. When prompted to enter a participant
18 I.D., simply press pound.

19 Once you've dialed in you will be placed in a
20 queue. To indicate you wish to comment, please press star
21 nine. This will raise your hand for the moderator. When
22 it is your turn to speak you will hear a message that says,
23 "The host would like you to talk. Press star six to
24 speak." If you would like to give your name, please state
25 and spell it for the record. You are not required to

1 provide your name to give public comment. Please make sure
2 to mute your computer or livestream audio to prevent any
3 feedback or distortion during your call.

4 Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for
5 when it is your turn to speak and, again, please turn down
6 the livestream volume.

7 The Commission is taking public comment on the
8 vote to create a position for I.T. at this time.

9 As a reminder to those who call in, please press
10 star nine to raise your hand if you would like to give a
11 comment on this motion.

12 And there is no one in the queue with their hand
13 raised at this time, Chair.

14 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. We'll wait a few
15 minutes until the --

16 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: While we wait, can
17 I get -- was the -- Commissioner Ahmad, she's the -- the
18 motion was made by Commissioner Ahmad? Okay. And then
19 seconded by Fernandez; is that correct?

20 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Correct.

21 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Thank you.

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Any other comments as we're
23 waiting for the live feed to catch up?

24 MR. MANOFF: And as a reminder -- oh, we do have
25 a caller in the queue with their hand raised, Chair. Just

1 a moment. I'll invite them in.

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

3 MR. MANOFF: Go ahead, caller.

4 MS. WESTA-LUSK: Yes. This is Renee Westa-Lusk
5 again. I've been listening to the discussion. I'm in
6 support of any position that you have budgeted that you
7 need. If you need an I.T. person, by all means, get them
8 hired as soon as possible.

9 My only comment, basically, on your other hiring
10 discussion before this, if you could maybe just give a
11 quick two- or three-sentence summary before you vote on
12 something. The procedure by which you are using to hire
13 these people because it just gets confusing to the public.
14 And I know you're trying to be as transparent as possible.

15 But in the last discussion about hiring a
16 secretary or administrative assistant, it would have been
17 helpful if you had explained that they -- that a person had
18 been vetted by such-and-such subcommittee and because of
19 confidentiality reasons for their current job, they didn't
20 want their name revealed or anything like that. But
21 otherwise, it looked like you were just going to hire a
22 blank resume based on the Executive Director's
23 recommendation, and so it looked mysterious.

24 So that's my comment. If you could please
25 clarify your procedure when you're hiring different

1 positions?

2 Thank you.

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

4 Any other people in the queue?

5 MR. MANOFF: As a reminder, if you would like to
6 make a comment, please press star nine to raise your hand.

7 There is no one in the queue with their hand
8 raised at this time.

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Thank you, Kristian.

10 At this time I'm going to go ahead and call for
11 the vote please.

12 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Yes, Chair.

13 Commissioner Fernandez?

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

15 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner
16 Fornaciari?

17 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes.

18 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner

19 Kennedy?

20 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes.

21 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Le

22 Mons?

23 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yes. Excuse me. Yes.

24 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner

25 Sadhwani?

1 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes.
2 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner
3 Sinay?
4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.
5 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner
6 Taylor?
7 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes.
8 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner
9 Toledo?
10 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yes.
11 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner
12 Turner?
13 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.
14 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner
15 Vasquez?
16 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: Yes.
17 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Yee?
18 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes.
19 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner
20 Ahmad?
21 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yes.
22 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner
23 Akutagawa?
24 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.
25 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: And Commissioner

1 Andersen?

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.

3 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Motion passes.

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Wonderful. Thank you.

5 And back to you, Executive Director.

6 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Thank you. Give
7 us one second here.

8 I'm going to move on past the organizational
9 chart, unless anyone else has any questions on it. I think
10 we've covered all the items I wanted to cover. Obviously,
11 this will change. I will make and work with the
12 Subcommittee, the Finance and Administration Subcommittee,
13 to work out the details of the next org chart that we'll
14 present at the next meeting, hopefully.

15 So moving on, there are some additional protocols
16 that I will defer to the Finance and Administration
17 Subcommittee to provide or discuss during their
18 Subcommittee Report.

19 For the budget, we are working on the budget
20 details and trying to get as much information for the May
21 revise letter. I'm working with the Fiscal Director.
22 There are a couple of changes that were requested the last
23 time that we discussed the budget. One of them was to move
24 the per diem out of the outreach activities into the other
25 per diem for operational purposes, so we have done that.

1 Significant areas of change will come in the outreach area.

2 And so I wanted to have a discussion in regards
3 to the CRC-sponsored events. And also, as we're moving
4 forward to consider the Commission possibly pivoting to
5 doing live presentations of the public input, as you know,
6 we're hearing in the news with the vaccines, things are
7 changing. A lot more people are getting vaccinated. The
8 Governor hasn't actually declared that we're open across
9 the board but that may be coming. And so our outreach
10 activities -- our public input activities will be ongoing
11 through approximately end of October when we receive the
12 Census data, so we may be able to pivot to do the open or
13 the in-person presentations.

14 So I wanted to have some discussion on that.
15 Right now we had budgeted for 29 meetings to be public
16 input. And so I'm recommending that we -- what least half
17 of those, potentially 14, we consider having in a public
18 place. That would push us out, you know, probably in late
19 August, early September time frame, I'm not sure. But I
20 want to make sure that the Commission has budgeted for that
21 if we are able to pivot at that point versus waiting to
22 hear and then trying to adjust out budget at that point.
23 You know, it's kind of thinking ahead.

24 So with that, we would have to consider the
25 locations. And so for the 14, and that's essentially half

1 of the 29 that we had previously estimated, half of those
2 we would have to have travel for the Commissioners, Staff
3 for the setup, the venue location, security are just some
4 of the things that we would have to add to that item so
5 that we can account for those.

6 So I just wanted to see what some thoughts were
7 in that regard and moving forward? And, obviously, you
8 don't have it in front of you but I can't -- I didn't want
9 to present that and go back and change it again. And this
10 is all part of what we need to do to present for the May
11 revise letter. And John needs to have this information,
12 hopefully by the end of the week, so that he can start
13 putting together the information to submit it by the 26th
14 when it's due.

15 I saw some hands there.

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Commissioner Fornaciari?

17 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. I just -- I want
18 to let everyone know that Commissioner Fernandez and I met
19 with Director Hernandez and John Fitzgerald and talked
20 about the budget in detail. And it's in flux at this point
21 but, you know, we spent a great deal of time talking about
22 this particular topic and thought that, you know, we need
23 to at least budget for being able to have live meetings,
24 which are going to be a bit more expensive. And thought
25 half was probably a good number for the public input

1 meetings. And then also thinking about, you know, the
2 majority, probably, of the line drawing meetings being,
3 also, live meetings, and so they're working on figuring out
4 those details.

5 But you know, we just -- we thought it was good
6 to include that in the ask for the budget and then -- and
7 have the money. And if we don't need it, we can give it
8 back; right? But we thought it was important to include
9 that.

10 So that's -- I just want to give you, you know,
11 the thoughts that Commissioner Fernandez and I had when we
12 were working with them.

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Thank you.

14 Commissioner Ahmad, then Commissioner Yee.

15 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Question on this piece.

16 Well, first, thank you, Alvaro, for bringing this
17 forward. I'm super excited to go out there in person.
18 But, obviously, we have to wait until it's safe to do so.

19 I have a question related to this potential
20 hybrid model that has come up of in-person versus virtual.
21 In the case that Governor Newsom does lift a statewide
22 shelter-in-place order, would that require the Commission
23 to then be present in person? Maybe that's a Marian
24 question.

25 CHAIR ANDERSEN: It is a Marian question. And

1 that's a very, very good and pertinent question.

2 Ms. Johnston?

3 MS. JOHNSTON: If the Governor lifts the
4 executive orders that change the Bagley-Keene requirements,
5 then it would change how the Commission meets. But it
6 wouldn't necessarily mean you have to be in person at the
7 location. You could have a public location where the
8 public can come and the Commissioners can be there, or they
9 could still be meeting by teleconference.

10 The main difference, if you meet by
11 teleconference without the Governor's executive order, is
12 that you would have to be meeting in a location that's open
13 to the public and the address publicized. So, for
14 instance, going to your local library or city hall or
15 something like that, if you don't want to go to the public
16 meeting.

17 So, yes, your procedures will change. And I can
18 give you more direction if the executive orders are lifted.

19 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you for that
20 clarification.

21 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Let's see now, we actually have
22 a few. Commissioner Yee. And then we actually have Sinay
23 and Fernandez. Now is anyone directly on this one or is
24 that a new idea?

25 Commissioner Yee, because you have the floor

1 here?

2 COMMISSIONER YEE: Someone else can follow up on
3 this particular point if they'd like. I wanted to change
4 the subject.

5 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Then I will come
6 back to you then.

7 Commissioner Sinay?

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Just following up on what
9 Marian just said, that second piece is about us, the
10 Commissioners. We, as Commissioners, need to be in a
11 public place, so we can no longer be in our homes. And I
12 say this because once I had to take a call and I was in a
13 hotel room and I had to post a note saying, you know, that
14 I was -- you know, it got to be so cumbersome that it just
15 didn't make sense for me to even participate.

16 So I just wanted to be clear because if you --
17 you know, Marian was going quickly. And it's easy to
18 assume that it meant the other folks. So you, as a
19 Commissioner, can no longer be in your home for these
20 meetings if they're teleconference. You have to go to a
21 public location, like the library.

22 MS. JOHNSTON: I have just one modification --

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.

24 MS. JOHNSTON: -- that you could be in your home
25 if it meets certain requirements, such as accessible to

1 someone, and you post it, and you're willing to allow
2 members of the public into your home. That's a big if.

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you for that. That is
4 something that we, actually, I believe we might want to ask
5 as this approaches, we might want to ask the Government
6 Affairs Committee to look into because there could
7 certainly be some reasons why this -- one, the hybrid model
8 is actually working rather well. It's reaching a lot more
9 people than, particular, in some of the areas that have
10 remote locations. And there will be other reasons why some
11 people are not going to be able to jump out, despite the
12 vaccines and things like that.

13 So that would be an item that, before it just was
14 lifted and these are required of us, the changes, I would
15 like the Government Affairs Committee to kind of look into
16 that as it affects -- it will start affecting many, many
17 Commissions.

18 But then we had, coming back to Commissioner --
19 I'm sorry.

20 Commissioner Fernandez, were you also on the same
21 -- no.

22 Then Commissioner Yee?

23 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes. Thank you, Director
24 Hernandez and Subcommittee. Very exciting to think about
25 actually getting out there.

1 Director Hernandez, I just wanted to verify, then
2 the thought would be that we'd basically have two sets of
3 meetings, one for outreach and one for line drawing. And I
4 wanted to verify that the intent would be to have a set of
5 statewide meetings for each of those. I would not --
6 certainly not want to have in-person meetings only in part
7 of the state and not across the state. That would really
8 not serve our interests well in terms of impartiality and
9 fairness and all that, so -- but that would be tricky
10 because that would be a timing, you know, issue, whether we
11 could get a full set in. So I just wanted to make sure
12 that was your intention?

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Director Hernandez.

14 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Yes, that is
15 correct. And, in fact, we have separated out the large
16 group presentations, which would be the statewide groups.
17 And a lot of planning goes into this if we are going to go
18 and do in-person, you know, finding the locations,
19 facilities, and all those things is key. We would want to
20 make sure that we are covering the entire state, maybe not
21 specifically in the outreach zones but, maybe, grouping of
22 some of the outreach zones so that we cover and maximize
23 our outreach efforts and those in-person type of
24 presentations, or input meetings, I should say.

25 CHAIR ANDERSEN: And that's sort of something we

1 would look at as the -- it looks, getting closer to the
2 idea it might be lifted.

3 At this point it is 11 o'clock, time for our
4 break. So I'd like us to take our break and then we can
5 come back into our -- wrap up the Executive Director's
6 Report and then continue on from there.

7 So I have 11:01. We'll come back at 11:16.

8 (Off the record at 11:01 a.m.)

9 (On the record at 11:16 a.m.)

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Welcome back everyone. This is
11 our continuation of item number five, the Executive
12 Director's Report. And with that, I will turn it back over
13 to our Executive Director Hernandez.

14 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Yes. Thank you.

15 The one last thing I wanted to talk about in
16 regards to the budget, in the printed materials, under
17 production for outreach, we had originally estimated
18 \$50,000. Now that we're looking at the printing of the
19 paper COI form, I would like to increase that amount by
20 \$50,000, given that we may be printing quite a bit of those
21 forms. It would bring us up to \$100,000 for that
22 particular item. So that's something I wanted to mention
23 that is going to be a change that will increase the budget
24 some more in that area.

25 Are there any concerns with that?

1 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Did that also -- that number,
2 also, went through the Finance and Administration
3 Committee; is that correct?

4 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: That is correct.
5 We discussed that at length. They were okay with that
6 amount, given that we're not doing the -- looking to do the
7 public COI input form in paper.

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.

9 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: And that would be
10 used for, possibly, the rural areas, and also for the
11 incarcerated population as well.

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Commissioner Sinay?

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Actually, we may use it in
14 more places than that just because, as we're talking with
15 statewide groups to do outreach, there offering to have --
16 like, for instance, the YMCA is welcome -- is offering to
17 have it at their location so people can pick it up at the
18 Y. And we had talked at one point to talk to the Post
19 Office to see if the Post Office -- and we're also talking
20 to the California Public Libraries, so as those places open
21 up, we can have them in more places.

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

23 Commissioner Turner?

24 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. And I'm
25 wondering, in considering the public comments that we're

1 received, and to Commissioner Sinay's point about leaving
2 this particular (indiscernible) places, do we have
3 opportunity for creating a one-page cover sheet that will
4 give further instruction in how to fill this paper out and
5 what will be helpful?

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: That one, I'm looking for the --
7 oh, Commissioner Sinay?

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I think that's a great
9 point, Commissioner Turner. And the Outreach and
10 Engagement Subcommittee has really been thinking about we
11 need to start doing more around communities of interest,
12 that it's time to update our presentation already to be a
13 little more robust in that area.

14 So if we -- we will be discussing this as this --
15 as part of our input, our design input session. I mean, if
16 I can recommend that we move it to there so that we can go
17 a little bit through what pieces do we need?

18 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Turner, then Le
19 Mons, Kennedy, Fernandez.

20 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah, that's fine. I
21 brought it up now in relation to cost. If cost was
22 consideration, counting on the number of pages that are
23 here, there will be an increased cost that may impact the
24 presentation that Director Alvaro is giving us now.

25 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. Thank you.

1 Commissioner Le Mons?

2 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Just a point of
3 clarification. Are we talking about something different
4 than what Commissioner Kennedy had presented at a previous
5 meeting, which was a paper tool that could be picked up at
6 these locations which was described as having a cover sheet
7 with instructions, et cetera? So I'm just wondering, is
8 this something different or --

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. Thank you. I'm -- oh,
10 sorry, Commissioner Turner, is this direct response? Okay,
11 Commissioner Turner.

12 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Commissioner Le Mons, the
13 only thing that would be different, yes, we've made the
14 suggestion but it's not been included in the cost and we've
15 still not seen it here, so I'm just raising it again from a
16 cost perspective.

17 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

18 Commissioner Kennedy?

19 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair.

20 You might recall that the previous version had a
21 blank panel so that when you folded it the back -- the
22 front of it had our mailing address, the back of it was
23 blank. Staff have come up with some basic text to explain
24 what the form is about. And we're working on massaging it
25 a little bit. You'll see a new version in the handouts for

1 today that does have a little bit of text.

2 But, yes, the other option, if that's not enough
3 text or if we get a no from the Postal Service as, you
4 know, on having that text on the back of it, we would do it
5 like what I recall as the first voter registration form
6 that I filled out at the -- or first driver's license form
7 that I filled out at DMV when I moved to California, which
8 had a second part that was detached and that went to the
9 County Registrar of Voters for voter registration. So it
10 would be kind of one part regular paper, one part card
11 stock, but glued together so that one could be detached
12 from the other or something like that. So, yeah, we're
13 thinking about those options.

14 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

15 After -- let's see, we had Commissioner Kennedy,
16 then we have Commissioner Fernandez.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. So I just want to
18 make sure that in the costing information, if it is regular
19 paper versus hard stock, obviously, there's a price
20 difference there, so we need to take that into account.

21 And then secondly, whether we would have to
22 purchase like the display boxes or whatever they're called?
23 So that might be an additional cost, as well, but I'm not
24 sure. I don't know if like the Post Office would Avenue
25 something available. Because you really don't want to just

1 leave it on the table flat. So just make sure we include
2 that.

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

4 With that, I believe that's certainly a lot of
5 input for Director Hernandez on yes and, maybe, even
6 possibly a bit more.

7 Given the input this morning from community
8 members about the questions regarding the COI Tool, I do
9 believe we definitely need some more information about it,
10 so we'll charge that to the COI Subcommittee, I believe,
11 who is working on that.

12 Thank you very much. Any -- oh, I'm sorry, no.
13 Director Kennedy?

14 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: I think, actually, the
15 Materials Development Subcommittee, Commissioner Fernandez
16 and I, would be working on that.

17 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, correct. Yeah. Thank you.
18 I realized you're on both committees, so I got a bit
19 confused there, so perfect. So that will go to the
20 outreach -- I mean the Materials -- you're not called
21 Outreach Materials anymore, it's just Materials Committee?

22 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Materials Development.

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Materials Development
24 Subcommittee.

25 So back to you, Director Hernandez.

1 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you
2 very much for your input on all of this, Commissioners. As
3 you identify any additional costs, please send them our
4 way, myself, so that our Fiscal Director and I can finalize
5 our proposed budget and start working on the May revise.
6 It's very important that we get that in as soon as
7 possible, so I appreciate all your hard work on that.

8 The last thing under the budget, the videographer
9 RFP, we're trying to get that posted either today or
10 tomorrow, so that should be coming for those people who are
11 interested in that.

12 So now I'm going to go ahead and move onto the --
13 we still have Deputy Executive Director on the agenda, so
14 I'm going to go right into that and do the update on our
15 outreach activities.

16 We have updated the events calendar on the
17 website. We have a process in place, and I'll have
18 Director Ceja talk a little bit more on the time frame when
19 that is updated so that people are aware of the time frame
20 for it to be updated.

21 I also wanted to mention that when we approve --
22 when the Commission approved the Strategic Outreach Plan,
23 it was the understanding that it was a living document and
24 that we would be adjusting as we needed as we move forward.
25 There were a lot of unknowns. And so I just wanted to

1 remind you that that is still the case. And I'm going to
2 defer to the Outreach and Engagement Subcommittee who will
3 be discussing some additions to that Strategic Outreach
4 Plan. And as we move forward we may be updating it even
5 more because I know some of the dates, when we originally
6 proposed it, it did not include the extended time, so some
7 of those things need to be addressed, as well, as we move
8 forward.

9 And so when we have our new either Deputy
10 Executive Director or Director of Outreach, whomever that
11 may be, that would be one of the things that I would want
12 them to look at as well.

13 That's the extent of the Deputy Executive Report
14 on outreach as well.

15 Thank you.

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

17 Then number nine, we actually have the -- do we
18 have a Counsel's Report? Ms. Johnston, did you happen to
19 have any items to mention?

20 MS. JOHNSTON: I have nothing to report.

21 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

22 Then we go to item number eight, which is our
23 Communications --

24 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Chair?

25 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, I'm sorry, we have

1 Commissioner Kennedy.

2 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Sorry. I just wanted to
3 point out to colleagues that the version of H.R. 1 that we
4 were looking at was the original version. There is now the
5 engrossed amended version available on the congress.gov
6 website. And I would encourage colleagues, particularly
7 the Legal Committee, as well as the Government Affairs
8 Subcommittee colleagues to take a look at this amended and
9 engrossed version that was sent over to the senate because
10 it's quite different from the original version.

11 MS. JOHNSTON: I'll be happy to send that to
12 everyone if you wish.

13 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

14 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

15 Any additional comments before we go to the
16 Communications Director? No.

17 So at this point, Director Ceja, could you please
18 give us the Communications Director's Report?

19 COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR CEJA: Yeah. Thank you
20 so much.

21 I wanted to mention that this week we did two
22 interviews, one with for the Maddy (phonetic) Report
23 (indiscernible). And that was with Executive Director
24 Hernandez and Commissioner Toledo. And then we also did
25 the San Joaquin Valley Sun with Commissioner Fornaciari.

1 And we have a few more coming up in the next week. I'll
2 report at the next meeting about those.

3 I did send out proofs to everyone who's getting a
4 business card. Thank you for those who responded. And I
5 apologize for those whose names were misspelled or whose
6 information was wrong. It was not my doing. The designer,
7 I think, typed out people's names and then that created an
8 opportunity for mistakes, so we'll get those all cleared
9 up.

10 I did get one concern from a Commissioner about
11 having their email address and CRC's cell phone listed on
12 the business card. If that is an issue for any other
13 Commissioners, let me know. We'll try to figure something
14 out, either listing the main CRC's phone number and then
15 creating an alias email address so that information is not
16 out there when you're handing out your business cards.

17 One of the main concerns was having folks send
18 public input directly if we were to provide those cell
19 phone numbers and emails, which is a valid concern. So I
20 wanted to open that up, also, for further thoughts. We did
21 have Marian chime in. She sent an email earlier today
22 indicating that it is a valid concern. I don't know if we
23 want to add, maybe, to the card the statute that states
24 that we are not accepting public comment outside of public
25 meetings, and if that would ease concerns? So I open that

1 up for clarification. Does anyone have thoughts?

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Vasquez.

3 Commissioner Kennedy.

4 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: I'm agnostic but, I mean,
5 can't people guess our emails and send us public comment if
6 they want to?

7 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Kennedy?

8 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Another thought is that if
9 you really want someone in particular to have your direct
10 number or email address is to handwrite it on the card.

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Sinay.

12 Commissioner Ahmad. Commissioner Fernandez.

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Someone's got -- we're
14 getting some feedback. I'm not sure where it's coming
15 from.

16 I just want us to also remember that transparency
17 is really critical. And so being able to give someone your
18 card and they can reach you directly is important.

19 I think if we were to receive a public input,
20 maybe we were -- it would be similar to the example I
21 brought up last time on Twitter where I just had to say,
22 you know, we're only accepting public -- you know, please
23 go to our -- thank you for your input but please put it on
24 our website and you direct them to the website, so you
25 could hit reply, send it over to staff, and say thank you

1 for your -- but we only accept it -- you know, it has to go
2 to the public -- you know, accepted somewhere.

3 But to me, having a business card that doesn't
4 have our direct contact information kind of goes against
5 why -- well, I guess I would say, then we should just have
6 a general business card for the Commission and -- I don't
7 know. Sorry.

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Ahmad?

9 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Pass.

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Fernandez?

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. I'm just on the
12 same mind with Commissioner Sinay, is if I'm not going to
13 have my -- I can see not having my phone number, but my
14 email, if I get public input, I forward that to Staff. If
15 we're not going to have any of that information, then I
16 don't really see the need to have a business card if it's
17 just going to be a generic card I pass around. So I would
18 prefer to have at least the email address.

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Actually, on that, shouldn't we
20 actually just hit return, say it not be forwarded to Staff
21 but it goes back to whoever sent it to us to say this must
22 go to Staff, give them -- and have them forward it.
23 Because otherwise then, essentially, we are taking it in
24 because then we're taking it and handing it over to a staff
25 person. So that's actually kind of a legal issue on that

1 one.

2 So, Ms. Johnston, if you want to think about
3 that? If we get a comment in, like an email, directly to
4 us that's public input --

5 MS. JOHNSTON: It is. It would need to be
6 posted.

7 CHAIR ANDERSEN: So do we hand it over to Staff
8 or we ask -- send it -- say reply -- return and say to do
9 this, you must submit it through the regular channels?

10 MS. JOHNSTON: Either way would work. Probably
11 the easiest, since you already have it, is just to send it
12 to Staff to be posted.

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay.

14 And Commissioner, I think it was Turner, then
15 Fernandez, and then Le Mons.

16 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah, just to weigh in, the
17 value for me in the cards would have my telephone number
18 and contact email on it. My suggestion would be that we
19 upgrade the cards and have a line there that reminds public
20 not to put public comment on -- send public comment to our
21 personal telephone numbers, et cetera, and then follow up
22 and send it back or forward, either way, whatever the
23 directive there is, that would be great. But I would just
24 propose that the cards would have a reminder, we will
25 not -- I cannot, if it's my card, receive public comment.

1 Please do not send.

2 And for me, passing it out at an event and
3 needing to handwrite telephone numbers, I would prefer not
4 to do that.

5 CHAIR ANDERSEN: I see.

6 Commissioner Fernandez?

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh, I was just going to
8 respond prior to.

9 Me, personally, if I received an email with
10 public comment, I would forward it to Staff immediately for
11 transparency purposes because it was received. I don't
12 want to send it back to the sender and, if they don't
13 forward it, then I did receive it, so you need to forward
14 it. So I think just to make sure we're transparent, that
15 might be a policy we might want to adopt.

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: And then Commissioner Le Mons?

17 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I prefer not to have an
18 email, my personal -- I mean not personal but my
19 Commissioner email on my card so -- because I don't want to
20 have to facilitate an email. I don't want emails sent to
21 me that, if I haven't forwarded it, then I don't want to be
22 the middleman for that at all. So I'd just rather have the
23 junk normal (phonetic) one for email.

24 And then as far as the phone number, I have to
25 think about that part.

1 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Good.

2 Commissioner Yee, and then Commissioner Turner.

3 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. I'm thinking, you know,
4 why have business cards unless you have contact info on
5 them? That's the whole point of a business card.

6 I'm wondering about the case of somebody leaving
7 a voice mail message, however, that may include public
8 input. Then am I responsible? What do I do? You know, do
9 I follow up? Do I document it? So that is a problem. I
10 can see that. And so a disclaimer on the card may be worth
11 it, just as a way of covering that.

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: I have Commissioner Turner, and
13 then Commissioner Le Mons.

14 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes. Thank you. Man,
15 having said all of that, I think I am definitely in favor
16 of the email and phone numbers going to some centralized
17 source to weed through, receive the input. And should
18 there be something, I can't imagine what, that's needed
19 directly to me as a Commissioner then, yeah, send me that
20 one or two that may come. But perhaps the best way should
21 be for them to go directly to Staff to be able to receive
22 public comment, maps, or whatever people should choose to
23 send. That's just a scary thought, thinking about
24 voicemails and more voicemails and more emails and -- yes.

25 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Sadhwani? Oh, I'm

1 sorry.

2 Commissioner Le Mons, then Sadhwani.

3 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yeah. I don't really need
4 business cards. Because the more I think about it the act
5 of taking a business card, of passing it out, then I'm
6 inviting you to communicate with me directly. And I don't
7 think that I should be communicated with directly. There
8 may be the rare occasion that that needs to happen. But I
9 would rather it go to a central location. If we're using
10 it as a tool for people to be able to reach us, meaning the
11 Commission, I'm all for that and I will pass out a business
12 card that directs them back to the main office, the central
13 location. But I don't need to have any personal -- I can't
14 think of a real reason to contact me personally.

15 So I think by having my -- that personal
16 information and you passing it out, you're inviting the
17 communication back and I'm not prepared to manage it. It's
18 how many? How many, 40 million Californians?

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioners. These
20 are all very good thoughts.

21 Commissioner Sadhwani.

22 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I agree with Commissioner
23 Le Mons, Commissioner Turner. If we're going to have -- I
24 never really saw the need for them. But if we're going to
25 have them, I think just the general contact info for the

1 Commission is more than sufficient. And I think actually
2 putting the disclaimer, you know, comes back down to how
3 one legally defines redistricting matters. I don't think
4 that we can ask the public to try and sort through, like,
5 well, is this public comment or is it not or -- you know, I
6 agree. I think just the general, if we're going to have
7 them, then just the general ways of contacting the
8 Commission is more than sufficient.

9 And that being said, then we could include like
10 social media or the COI tool, you know, website information
11 there so that all of the ways in which people can contact
12 the Commission could be present.

13 COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR CEJA: So I think we'll
14 take this back to the Collateral Materials Subcommittee and
15 we'll flush it out one more time. And then we'll come back
16 with final proof for each of your business cards. Thank
17 you so much for the conversation. That was super helpful.

18 I did come up with a system to update the
19 outreach calendar on the website. So Patricia Vasquez
20 Topete will be sending me new events as they come up. And
21 I will be updating them in real time.

22 And in addition to that, every Monday, I've
23 carved out one day a week, on Mondays, to update the
24 calendar officially. So we have a spreadsheet with all the
25 different events as they come up. And I'll be making sure

1 that what I have on the website matches that list and so
2 every Monday it's updated. I've actually added language on
3 the website to indicate that we're updating it once a week,
4 giving a description of what the outreach calendar does and
5 why we have it there, and letting the public know that
6 Mondays are our days to update it. So the most up-to-date
7 information will be there every Monday.

8 For media list -- oh, yeah.

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, we have Commissioner Yee,
10 and then Commissioner Sadhwani.

11 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. Sounds good to have
12 that updated list.

13 I'm wondering if we can clarify our
14 responsibilities as Commissioners when we do make outreach
15 contacts? You know, there was that spreadsheet. There was
16 also a form or another document that Commissioner Sinay had
17 created, I think. And I'm a little confused as to, you
18 know, where exactly to report these things. There's, you
19 know, just outreach to individuals, outreach to
20 organizations, and the natural -- our educational
21 presentations. So I need some clarity on where to report
22 things.

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Sorry. Commissioner Sinay, are
24 you trying to (indiscernible) for that one directly? Okay.
25 Commissioner Sinay, then --

1 COMMISSIONER SINAY: We were going to discuss it
2 during our report. But since it's being asked right now,
3 we are looking to create a database. Right now everything
4 is all over the place. As you were saying.

5 Russell, one of the requests that Staff has is if
6 you can, on a weekly basis, at the end of the week send
7 them an email with all the contacts that you have made, you
8 know, including the name of the -- name, zone or county,
9 what you talked about, what follow-up needs to happen,
10 who's doing the follow-up, and they want it one batch
11 versus I was just cc-ing them and it was getting a little
12 overwhelming, you know, each time I responded as a follow-
13 up. So -- and then they will be inputting it somewhere, so
14 then, eventually, we can collect it all at the same time.
15 I mean, we can move it all onto a database at the same
16 time.

17 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

18 Commissioner Sadhwani?

19 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Thank you. Yeah, I had a
20 similar question as Commissioner Yee, just around like
21 clarity of what we should be sending.

22 But to that end, I mean, as I'm hearing
23 Commissioner Sinay, it sounds like a lot of things that
24 we're going to be putting on the website. And I just
25 wanted to put out there, like to Fredy, if you need

1 additional support, simply for taking that information and
2 putting it on the website, please do think about that.
3 I'll let you figure out how, you know, how you best want to
4 handle that. But I certainly have many students who are
5 open and willing to do internships if you just need a
6 student to be putting these kinds of things on the website.

7 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Sinay?

8 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Just to clarify. It's
9 not everything that I just requested would be put on the
10 website. We would be -- it would go into a database and
11 then we would pull certain reports that would go onto the
12 website, but not everything would be on the website, but
13 it's still managing all that data.

14 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

15 Director Ceja, did you want to continue and give
16 a bit more reply about what's going on with all that data?

17 COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR CEJA: Yeah. Thank you.

18 So, yeah, like Commissioner Sinay mentioned, we
19 are still having those conversations about what information
20 will actually make it onto the website. But for now, I
21 think she was alluding to the fact that we're trying to
22 figure out how best to sort data. And so we're working
23 with USDR on how best to get assistance to do that, to
24 create some sort of database or search engine or some sort
25 of mechanism to capture forms and information, and then

1 spit out reports as we need them to let people know who
2 we're meeting with and how our contacts are and things of
3 that sort.

4 So I wanted to move. The media list, I did send
5 out media lists for every zone to the Commissioners that
6 are in charge of those zones. And you're probably asking,
7 so what do I do with it now? That's a good question. So I
8 have two recommendations.

9 One is feel free to reach out, and some of you
10 have already indicated that you want to take the first stab
11 at reaching out, and introduce yourself, saying your part
12 of the Commission, what the charge is, our basic
13 educational points, and the fact that we need assistance
14 getting the word out. That's going to be the first touch.

15 The second touch that I'm doing is trying to get
16 stories placed. And in doing so, obviously, we want to
17 capture, like I've stated before, those stories about you
18 personally as Commissioners, and then about our work and
19 the timeline that we have to do our work, but also wanted
20 to start reaching out to the media outlets to see if they
21 want to do a Zoom basic presentation with us, in
22 conjunction with us, to help us amplify our voice and use
23 their constituency to get our word out.

24 So if you want to take the first stab at
25 introducing yourself, feel free to do that. I will follow

1 up immediately after your introduction with a, hey, we need
2 your help to get the word out, and we do a joint Zoom
3 presentation. We've done that in the past with other
4 organizations. But I can certainly see, like L.A. Times
5 and Los Angeles Capital Weekly or Sacramento Bee being
6 opportunities to do this, and then targeting the local
7 markets to do them, of radio stations in those areas that
8 utilize radio.

9 So that's why I put together those lists, just so
10 that you can have them at your disposal to use as you see
11 fit. But I also wanted to let you know what I plan or
12 intend to do with those lists. So one will be pitching
13 stories, obviously, but also seeing how they can help us
14 get our word out for the educational process.

15 And then as far as the Redistricting Basics video
16 that we shot two weeks ago, I did see the first rough draft
17 this week. So I'll be working with our videographer to
18 tighten a few things up before I show it to you, but
19 everyone looks great, especially the This is Us slide where
20 you all introduce yourselves. It looks pretty cool. So
21 I'll show it to you in a few days, once we add additional
22 elements to it, but it looks really good.

23 And then, lastly, I just wanted to report that I
24 got a media inquiry about the Commission's stance on H.R. 1
25 and if we have any thoughts on how that is going to affect

1 the work of the Commission? And thank you, Marian, for
2 indicating that there's an update. I hope to see that soon
3 so that I'm aware of the latest H.R. 1 version. But they
4 are looking for some sort of response from the Commission.
5 I know in a previous meeting, someone mentioned we were
6 writing a letter to Congress. So I just wanted to know if
7 that was in the works and how soon we can expect that so I
8 can share that?

9 And last but not least, we also talked about
10 having an op ed placed in multiple papers about the
11 Commission's work, now that we have an extended deadline,
12 and what we plan to use those extra months for and,
13 obviously, outreach and education and letting Californians
14 know who we are and what we're doing, so that is
15 forthcoming as well.

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

17 Any questions about that? Commissioner
18 Fernandez?

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair.
20 Actually, I just had a request.

21 Marian, would it be -- thank you for forwarding
22 the H.R. 1 but it's an 886-page document. Is there any way
23 to maybe summarize the difference between what it was
24 originally, what it is now, and how it impacts us? I mean,
25 866 pages, that might take me a little bit of time to get

1 through.

2 MS. JOHNSTON: I will do that.

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I would appreciate that.

4 MS. JOHNSTON: I will do that --

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And it is in your
6 language, so --

7 MS. JOHNSTON: -- when the meeting is over and
8 send it to you, either tonight or early in the morning.

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Great. Thank you so
10 much.

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Kennedy?

12 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: One of the biggest
13 differences between the original version and this one is
14 that the original version seemed to be targeting the
15 establishment of independent Redistricting Commissions in
16 the states before 2030 because it had deadlines for
17 appointment of members that had already passed. Now the
18 amendments make it clear that the intention, the
19 legislative intent, currently is to put in place
20 independent Redistricting Commissions for this cycle. And
21 I have some very strong opinions on that, so I may be
22 writing an op ed at some point. But that's the biggest
23 thing that I see between what we saw last week or so and
24 what's currently out there.

25 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Sorry. A clarification on that.

1 Are you saying that the original version did not imply that
2 things were affecting this cycle but the new one does?

3 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes.

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. I thought that I fully
5 understood that the original one, parts of it did indeed
6 reflect this cycle.

7 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: No, but the original one had
8 dates, deadlines for appointment of members that were
9 last -- that would have been last year. They referred to
10 deadlines in the year ending in zero. We're already in the
11 year ending in one, so those deadlines were inoperative --

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Correct.

13 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: -- for this cycle.

14 MS. JOHNSTON: But there are some of the
15 provisions that would have applied to the redistricting
16 process for the 2020 Census.

17 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. So it sounds like they've
18 cleared that up to say, oh yes, we really do mean we're
19 talking about this, what's going on right here and now.
20 Well --

21 MS. JOHNSTON: And I would also --

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- certainly you've been
23 following --

24 MS. JOHNSTON: -- encourage the Commission, when
25 it's doing it, to think about what the affects will be on

1 the 2030 Commission since you're in the best position to
2 speak to what happens to the next Commission's activities.

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. So, obviously, look
4 at that from lessons learned, as well, once something
5 actually happens, so thank you very much.

6 Commissioner -- oh, sorry. Commissioner
7 Sadhwani?

8 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I just wanted to follow
9 up on Fredy's question about a letter being written that's
10 in the Government Affairs Committee. The purpose of that
11 letter was not for the Commission to take a position,
12 though we could if we so chose to do so. The purpose of
13 that letter was to clarify the impact the H.R. 1 would
14 potentially have on our Commission. Some of the provisions
15 are somewhat different than what we have in California.
16 And so it was just simply to clarify how that would impact
17 us and also, if possible, to ensure that, should such a
18 bill move forward in the Senate, that they could create
19 provisions so that our Commission work could be maintained
20 and not need to be changed in any way, shape or form, since
21 we are already seated.

22 I think it's an interesting question. If we as a
23 Commission have a position on H.R. 1, I'm -- you know, just
24 to disclose, I do have a piece that's under consideration
25 at the Washington Post. I was informed today that it

1 should be published tomorrow morning. It's not an opinion
2 piece. It's a part of the Washington Post's Monkey Cage
3 Blog, which is a blog of political scientists, so it's
4 actually based on some of my research from a couple years
5 ago that has looked at the creation of the Commission and
6 other electoral reforms in California.

7 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

8 Commissioner Yee?

9 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes. And I could ask Maddy to
10 also, perhaps, include some notes on H.R. 4,
11 (indiscernible) H.R. 4 and what, you know, what it covers,
12 which is different than H.R. 1. I believe H.R. 4 has not
13 been reintroduced; right? But --

14 MS. JOHNSTON: Correct. The general (phonetic)
15 Voting Advancement Act has not been introduced.

16 COMMISSIONER YEE: Right.

17 MS. JOHNSTON: I think they have plans to do it
18 but I don't know if it's going to be modified or in what
19 form.

20 COMMISSIONER YEE: So maybe a little summary of
21 that so we can have some sense of what is not yet ready to
22 be included, you know?

23 MS. JOHNSTON: You want for H.R. 4 for the last
24 session?

25 COMMISSIONER YEE: Right, so major things in it

1 that are not included in H.R. 1. I think that would be
2 helpful. Thanks.

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Sadhwani?

4 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Just to respond to
5 Commissioner Yee's request, and you know, if you really
6 want that analysis, that's fine, I think that we had
7 received some materials from NALEO that outlined the major
8 provisions of H.R. 4. Just to -- I know Marian has a lot
9 on her plate, so I might hold off until -- I know they keep
10 talking about the introduction of the John Lewis Voting
11 Rights Advancement Act, and so it might make sense just to
12 hold off until that drops so that we can save Marian's
13 time, especially knowing she only has a certain number of
14 hours as a retired annuitant, for that if and when that
15 drops. But you know --

16 COMMISSIONER YEE: Sure. That's fine. That's
17 fine.

18 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. And I'm happy to
19 look of the NALEO pieces. I remember Rosalind Gold had
20 shared them with her back in the fall. I believe they were
21 posted on the old website. I'm not sure if that was all
22 transferred over but we could certainly look for them.

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

24 But to the actual question here, a letter was not
25 written yet. We just talked about a letter; is that

1 correct?

2 Commissioner Fornaciari?

3 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I think Director Ceja
4 also said he has released and given a response on our
5 position on H.R. 1. I mean, I guess it's kind of a moving
6 target at this point, so we'll have to take a position.
7 But what are we going to do? Are we going to refer that to
8 the Governmental Affairs Committee to think about or -- you
9 know, I think Fredy needs a response; right?

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Sorry. Commissioner Ceja --
11 Director Ceja?

12 COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR CEJA: Yes. I was asked
13 about a response. I mentioned that we were tracking the
14 letter. But if the letter is not ready yet, I think
15 (indiscernible). It's not an issue.

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Yes. The -- we're
17 just about to go into, when we finish Director --
18 Commissioner Ceja's [sic] part, we're going directly into
19 Government Affairs. So part of this, we're sort of jumping
20 the gun a little bit.

21 But at this point what I would like to charge,
22 which I believe they already are considering, but I'd like
23 to charge the legal -- the Government Affairs Census Group
24 with looking at H.R. 1 as the amended version, just to kind
25 of have an idea, and after Marian writes this summary, just

1 to keep tabs on it and see what's going on and be prepared.

2 It should -- Director Ceja have an, actually,
3 specific -- I need someone to say something, whether --
4 then we can address that at the time, but we certainly have
5 the background information through both Ms. Johnston and
6 the Committee.

7 So Commissioner Sadhwani?

8 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I mean, I think
9 we're talking about two separate issues here. So --

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah, we are.

11 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- on the one hand there
12 is the concern about what impact H.R. 1 will have on us as
13 a Commission. And I think that at present, my
14 understanding of the letter that Commissioner Toledo and I
15 are developing is -- has to do with clarifying what impact
16 H.R. 1 may or may not have on us if it were ever to be
17 passed.

18 I think what the reporter is asking for is do we
19 as a Commission take a stand in supporting H.R. 1? Now
20 H.R. 1, as mentioned, is 800-some-odd pages long. I think
21 we are hard pressed to say we support every single thing in
22 that document without each of us having read it. However,
23 we might ask ourselves, do we as a Commission support the
24 idea of the creation of independent commissions in all 50
25 states? I don't know the answer to that. I know my

1 personal response to that. I don't know if the Commission
2 wants to engage in taking a stand or not.

3 Again, I have a personal thought on whether or
4 not we should. I'm happy to make that recommendation. But
5 I also recognize that we may not want to take it and that's
6 perfectly fine. But I think that they are two separate
7 issues.

8 So if we're going to respond to the reporter,
9 then I think we do need to have a conversation about
10 whether or not this Commission has any intention of taking
11 a stand on policy matters such as this?

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: And Ms. Johnston, please.

13 MS. JOHNSTON: I'm sorry. H.R. 1 would only
14 address congressional redistricting. Congress would have
15 no power to tell the states what to do with its own
16 redistricting lines. So, in effect, you might have a
17 bifurcated system where there's one process for
18 congressional redistricting and a totally separate process
19 for all the state lines.

20 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Yeah, these are
21 issues. We can certainly talk about this. And I don't
22 believe -- I believe it's too early for the Commission to
23 come up with an opinion because it's in flux. It's a
24 moving target. Clearly, there are certain ideas which we,
25 I believe, as an independent Commission certainly,

1 obviously, support. But parsing that line, I would not
2 recommend that we come up with parsing that line at all at
3 this point. And I would kind of like to leave that,
4 possibly, to should the actual question be posed to us,
5 then address it at the time because it really depends on
6 how -- what the actual question is.

7 I see several hands. I see Commissioner Toledo,
8 then Commissioner Fernandez.

9 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I'm fine with having the
10 Subcommittee, the Government Affairs Subcommittee, take a
11 look at both of those issues on reviewing the legislation,
12 the updated legislation, and make a recommendation to the
13 full Commission on whether to take a stance on the issue or
14 not, on the pausing that or not, as well as the impact on
15 the -- of the legislation on our work as we move forward
16 this year, and I think the two are related. They're
17 different issues but they're related.

18 We need to understand the impacts so that we can
19 educate our policymakers on that impact on us, not so much
20 as -- not so much for lobbying but rather for education
21 purposes so that the public understands the impact of such
22 language on our work as it relates to the map drawing for
23 later in the -- later this year.

24 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

25 Now I believe both Commissioner Fernandez and

1 Commissioner Vasquez, and I don't know who came first. Can
2 you just -- I guess, you know, I guess I did believe I said
3 Commissioner Fernandez but I might have missed -- so go
4 ahead, then Commissioner Vasquez.

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And mine's just really
6 quick. I would actually be very curious as to how they
7 define independent Commission. Because I know some states
8 say that they have independent Commission and their
9 definition of independent versus mine is completely
10 different. So I think that's something that we would also
11 have to look at.

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.
13 Commissioner Vasquez?

14 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: Yeah. I just also wanted
15 to share with the Government Affairs Committee that while,
16 yes, the legislation is quite a tome, as is much federal
17 legislation, I highly recommend reading any Committee or
18 bill analyses about the legislation as a way to put it in
19 more layperson's or, at least, someone with a graduate-
20 level education could understand as compared to wonky bill
21 text.

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.
23 Any other comments on this one? All right.
24 Back to you, Director Ceja.

25 COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR CEJA: That was it for

1 me.

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Great.

3 COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR CEJA: Thank you.

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you very much.

5 So at this point we're going to jump into those
6 subcommittee updates. And we walk right into number 9A,
7 Government Affairs and Census Matters, which are
8 Commissioner Sadhwani Sadhwani and Toledo.

9 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Commissioner Toledo, do
10 you want me to start off?

11 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: You can start off.

12 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Okay. Sounds good. Fill
13 in anything that I might have forgotten.

14 So we've already discussed that a letter will be
15 developed. We'll take a closer look at this new language
16 for H.R. 1. But again, the purpose of that letter is
17 simply to clarify the impact of that bill for our
18 Commission and educate, as Commissioner Toledo had
19 mentioned.

20 In addition, we've been having conversations with
21 various stakeholders regarding the Census timeline. We had
22 previously reported a conversation with Ethan Jones from
23 the legislature this past week. We also had a conversation
24 with two representatives from the Secretary of State's
25 office. We've also made contact with -- and I always

1 forget the name of the organization, so my apologies --
2 it's the CACEO, I believe. It's the governing body or
3 organization that brings together county clerks and
4 election officials.

5 So we are trying to actually plan a joint
6 conversation between many of these key stakeholders,
7 including Karin MacDonald from the Statewide Database, who
8 can certainly serve in that capacity of when we'll receive
9 the data. And upon, you know, execution of our contract,
10 could also be a part of that conversation as our line
11 drawer. And also with good governance groups. We were
12 hoping that that might get scheduled for this Thursday. I
13 don't think that that's going to work for everyone's
14 schedules, so we're looking at alternative dates. And the
15 purpose of such a meeting is simply to think about
16 sensitive planning. So what are some possible options that
17 would be in front of us? And what would it take to execute
18 any one of those options?

19 From our conversation with the Secretary of
20 State's office, we learned a lot about the various
21 restrictions and requirements that they face in terms of
22 administering an election. And I think, you know,
23 Commissioner Kennedy had raised some of these concerns
24 previously, given his conversation with a county-level
25 registrar, I believe it was, yes, you know, things like

1 there are various timelines that I was not completely aware
2 of in terms of candidate filing, in terms of federal
3 mandates for when ballots need to be sent overseas to
4 military who are stationed overseas, things like that that
5 simply cannot change.

6 It sounds like there's some opportunity,
7 potentially, to move the June primary, but it wouldn't be
8 very far. And so maybe we could potentially ask the
9 legislature to do that and buy ourselves a couple of weeks.
10 But ultimately, I think that we do have to be very aware of
11 all of these other federal mandates when it comes down to
12 finalizing a date in which we will deliver and certify the
13 maps.

14 So ideally, in the next week or so, we'll be able
15 to come back with a further flushed out set of scenarios
16 that we could -- that we as the Commission can think about
17 and consider, as well as, potentially, some recommendations
18 of how to proceed and to set a reasonable date and deadline
19 for ourselves of finishing the maps. And, of course, that
20 is a conversation that we'll need to have.

21 You know, I think what would be helpful to hear
22 from everyone is if you want to hear from some of these
23 folks yourselves, if you want us to simply bring back
24 recommendations, if you want an education panel on all of
25 these various timelines and time frames, you know, we're

1 happy to coordinate whatever would be most satisfactory to
2 the full Commission.

3 Yesterday, I was able to have a conversation with
4 Lori Schellenberg, who many of you will, of course, know
5 and recognize. She calls in regularly as a consultant for
6 Common Cause. She had been very involved in the process
7 prior to the seating of our Commission of getting many of
8 the stakeholders onboard to have the Supreme Court weigh in
9 on extending the initial deadline. So I think she can be
10 very helpful to us as a thought partner in thinking through
11 how we can best move forward and be a good partner to all
12 of the other key players in this process.

13 So that's kind of where we're at. And I look for
14 your guidance in how you would best like to receive
15 additional information, if you would like to have a further
16 educational panel, or if you'd want us to just simply bring
17 back the, you know, the scenario planning that we discussed
18 in this meeting, and the recommendation.

19 And, Commissioner Toledo, please feel free to
20 jump in because there were other issues that the
21 Governmental Affairs Committee was working on that I knew
22 you were heading up.

23 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I think you did a great
24 job. And I think in terms of bringing back a
25 recommendation in terms of coming up with our calendar, so

1 thinking through our calendar for the work that we're doing
2 and the time frames that we have, all of the stakeholders
3 are really looking to us to come to some kind of conclusion
4 on our -- on when we will have the maps ready. And so, of
5 course, we're weighing all of the feedback and getting it.

6 And, hopefully, we'll be able to have a better
7 understanding of the information so we can put scenario
8 planning together and hopefully not have, you know -- so
9 hopefully it will give us -- allow us to make a sense of
10 the bad situation that we're all in, because I think we all
11 have to acknowledge that everyone and every single
12 stakeholder is in a difficult situation and has difficult
13 time constraints.

14 And so we're working through and trying to
15 understand each one of those stakeholder's specific issues,
16 concerns, and how we all might get together to make a bad
17 situation a little bit better for all of us, or at least
18 make the most of a bad situation, so that we can all
19 accomplish our goal, which is to have the citizens of
20 California be able to elect the people of their choosing to
21 represent them.

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Sorry. Commissioner Kennedy?

23 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair.

24 I would very much endorse the idea of an
25 educational session with CACEO and some of these others. I

1 think that would be enormously useful to us.

2 Second, I also think that we need to be following
3 very closely these suits that have been filed by other
4 states to speed up the release of Census results. We need
5 to be on top of where these stand, what chance they have of
6 succeeding, et cetera. I mean, it is truly wonderful that
7 one of the bases for the initial suit by the legislature
8 against Secretary Padilla was to give this Commission
9 certainty in its planning, and that the Supreme Court
10 actually -- the California Supreme Court cited the need by
11 this Commission for certainty in its ruling. But that
12 certainty can be yanked out from under us by actions of
13 other states in the U.S. Supreme Court, so we need to be
14 following that extremely closely.

15 Thank you.

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you and very well put.

17 Commissioner Ahmad?

18 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: I, too, would think that an
19 educational panel would be super helpful. And then, also,
20 to add to that, I think the public would really appreciate,
21 as well, to join us in that conversation regarding
22 timelines.

23 Thank you for all your work on this.

24 Commissioner Fornaciari?

25 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So who's the decision

1 maker here? I mean, we just can't pick a date that's going
2 to be -- not going to work. I mean, is the legislature the
3 decision maker or is this a Committee decision making
4 thing? And I support a panel.

5 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

6 I see Commissioner Sadhwani. Do you want to jump
7 in?

8 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Sure. It's complex;
9 right? So we are an independent Commission. We have until
10 February 15th, according to the California Supreme Court.
11 However, at the same time, I think if we just simply, you
12 know, move forward, it has significant implications on the
13 ability of the county elections officials, the Secretary of
14 State, to be able to legally hold a June -- a primary
15 election, and even later on, depending on how much it would
16 push things out, of holding a November election.

17 My sense is that we're all here because we
18 believe that Californians have the right and ability to
19 engage in the political process. So to me, yes, we are an
20 independent Commission and we do have -- you know, we --
21 we're not asking the legislature for, you know, what our
22 timeline needs to be. But I think to be good stewards of
23 fair representation and political participation, then I
24 think it is in our interest to kind of work through
25 figuring out all of these legal -- you know, the legal

1 components that our stakeholder -- that these other key
2 stakeholders have and being good partners.

3 That's kind off the approach that I've been
4 taking. Because if we just, you know, push through and
5 say, okay, we're going to just stick to February 15th
6 because we have it, it's going to have a lot of negative
7 consequences on the ability to hold a primary in the,
8 probably, November election.

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Clearly we're trying
10 to see what's out there, what things really sort of can't
11 change. And I, really, I also totally appreciate an
12 educational panel for everything, all the reasons that have
13 been said.

14 So I believe Commissioner Kennedy is probably
15 going to say what I was about to say about that February 15
16 date. I'll defer to Commissioner Kennedy.

17 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. Yes.

18 A, we won't know what our deadline is until the
19 state receives the Census data. We have an estimate of
20 when the state might receive the data. But if we read the
21 California Supreme Court ruling, you know, the
22 determination of the additional federal delay starts from
23 the -- with the number of days after July 31st that we
24 receive the data. If we do receive the data on -- if the
25 state receives the data on September 30th, my count is that

1 is 61 days. And if we take 61 days from December 15th,
2 that's actually February 14th.

3 So we just -- we need to be very precise and
4 careful in all of these discussions. Because if we plant
5 seeds in the minds of the public that are, you know, wrong
6 in the least detail, we're going to hear about it later on.
7 So let's all be very careful and very precise in our
8 discussions with this.

9 Thank you.

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: And Commissioner Toledo?

11 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I would agree with being
12 careful and precise. And in addition to that, there is
13 some urgency, too, with regards to doing scenario planning,
14 especially as it relates to any legislation that might need
15 to be put into the queue by the legislature in order to
16 change deadlines for -- in order to change the elections or
17 the primary if that's something that may or may not work.
18 And so -- and that would have to be done over the next
19 couple of weeks, if not months, probably closer to the next
20 couple of weeks, most likely.

21 And so that's just something that -- and that
22 date will be driven, to some extent, by our date. And
23 whether that's February 15th or something earlier than
24 that, you know, it does have an impact on the electoral
25 cycle, and the work of the legislature, and the work of

1 other stakeholders.

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

3 Commissioner Sinay?

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Did stakeholders, especially
5 kind of the Secretary of State, say what would be the ideal
6 time? I mean, we're kind of playing around that but I just
7 feel like we need that for scenario planning and all that.

8 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I mean, I think the ideal
9 time that they've said is also unrealistic which is,
10 really, December 31st, and so -- which is unrealistic if we
11 go by the time frame that Commissioner Kennedy kind of laid
12 out; right? September. If we got the data in September,
13 we actually can utilize it in October, and it really
14 doesn't give us enough time for meaningful public input.
15 And so that's -- that would be ideal but it's probably not
16 likely at this point, unless we get the Census data earlier
17 somehow.

18 CHAIR ANDERSEN: One thing I might add to that,
19 remember, we have requirements in our statute which are a
20 14-day period, a 7-day period, a 3-day period. And so, you
21 know, immediately you see, right away, we've got three-and-
22 a-half weeks there that we can't do any work, so you know,
23 there's that. Even if we get the data on, you know,
24 Halloween and we -- say we draw the maps the very next day,
25 remember, there are four maps that we have to draw as well.

1 This isn't just one map. So the December 31st is, you
2 know, well, everything -- this would be ideal for us but
3 we're like, we can't do it.

4 So I see there is a bit of bargaining room of
5 what really can happen, what can happen. And this
6 education panel, I feel, would be absolutely paramount to
7 determine certain things cannot change now. Can we go
8 backwards from that? Where in those little windows can we
9 shift and change that? And we really don't know. And the
10 public certainly can't feel confident in any decisions that
11 we try to make if they also haven't heard this information.

12 So the education panel is absolutely important.
13 And I really appreciate the Subcommittee bringing that idea
14 forward.

15 Commissioner Kennedy?

16 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: The other thing I would add
17 to my previous comment is, just like the December date
18 doesn't work for us, the February date doesn't work for the
19 Secretary of State. And so on both ends there are
20 troubles. There's -- the dates are problematic for
21 different stakeholders.

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

23 Commissioner Kennedy?

24 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: For purposes of just
25 orienting ourselves and the public, and everyone having a

1 clear understanding of the amount of work to do, I find
2 it -- I personally find it more useful to think in terms of
3 having approximately 175 maps to draw rather than four.
4 Four just sounds too easy. If we think of it as we have
5 approximately 175 maps to draw in a very small number of
6 days, that is going to help all of us have a better
7 understanding of the magnitude of the work before us.

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you very much. That's
9 absolutely correct.

10 Commissioner Sadhwani?

11 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Just in terms of next
12 steps, I'm happy to, you know, work on putting together an
13 education panel. I think everyone we've spoken with thus
14 far, I think, was open to that idea.

15 We have said that we would meet April 6th on an
16 as-needed basis. Would it be okay for us to move forward
17 and actually use that date and attempt -- and of course, we
18 have to check everyone's schedules, but to try and do it
19 April 6th? I think the piece that Commissioner Toledo
20 mentioned about the urgency is definitely real. We'll need
21 to make some decisions fairly soon. If we actually are
22 talking about the movement of the June primary, that's
23 going to require an action of the legislature which might
24 take some time, so I think the sooner we can do this
25 conversation the better.

1 So I just want to ask if everyone would feel
2 comfortable with that, if we can get it scheduled?

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: That date is on -- it has been
4 reserved. But I believe the time frame -- oh, sorry.

5 Commissioner Turner?

6 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I think you may have been
7 going there. I was just going to say, I have that
8 scheduled for a meeting from 4:00 to 8:00 --

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.

10 COMMISSIONER TURNER: -- on the 6th, yeah.

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: And would that be enough time?
12 It's certainly enough time to move that, given our -- yes.
13 We can certainly readjust that because it's -- that's
14 certainly four days within -- well beyond 14 days. So if
15 you could -- if the Subcommittee would please look into,
16 can some of these stakeholders make a time -- a meeting of
17 that time frame or what we would need? But, certainly,
18 this is of a highest priority. So I would please move
19 forward with seeing what you can do, what you can arrange.

20 And can we see, does anyone have any serious
21 restraints with it being anytime on April 6?

22 Commissioner Sadhwani?

23 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I have just a public
24 education session that I'm doing at noon.

25 CHAIR ANDERSEN: I know Commissioner Akutagawa

1 and I have a tentative thing but we're still working on
2 that. So we might have to move that to the 20th. They only
3 meet on Tuesdays, so we have to, now, part of Tuesday.

4 Commissioner Toledo?

5 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: We did put an item for the
6 March 29th as a placeholder just to -- it's not an
7 education session but it is an update on the impact of the
8 Census delay. And, potentially, we could bring some of
9 these stakeholders on that day, as sell, to give an update,
10 not so much an education session, that would require a
11 little more detail, but an update on how the Census delay
12 is impacting their schedule and do a fuller educational
13 panel later on, if there's an urgency.

14 So if we hear, if what Commissioner Sadhwani and
15 I hear from the stakeholders when we meet with them, is
16 that we need to bring something sooner. We could
17 potentially bring something on the 29th because we have
18 that update on the schedule, and then do an educational
19 session later as well. But we do have that flexibility.

20 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner.
21 Certainly, that is an option. I might look to my Chair who
22 will be the -- my Vice Chair who will be the Chair for that
23 Committee, in terms of possibilities.

24 Are you aware of other things that would preclude
25 that? As I said, that is, actually, an item that's already

1 on the agenda, so we could elaborate that. There are
2 several different items which I know are on that agenda or
3 will be sort of expanded on that, the 29th and the 1st,
4 agenda. But, certainly, that's very, very important.

5 So as -- I would recommend that we do, indeed,
6 see if we can bring just a quick update on that,
7 particularly if your Thursday meeting indicates that they
8 really need that, would really prefer a short on the 29th
9 versus coming in on the 6th, but then possibly do the 6th
10 as well.

11 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Let me recommend that we --
12 that Commissioner Sadhwani and I work with Commissioner
13 Kennedy on figuring out whether to do it on the 29th or the
14 6th. And that we can post accordingly and let the
15 Commissioners know what the final outcome is, depending on
16 the stakeholders schedules because everyone is very busy
17 this time of year.

18 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Correct. The one thing I would
19 say is, you know, legally, Ms. Johnston will have a look in
20 terms of can we do a full presentation? That is not on the
21 agenda. An update is, so I believe it would have to be a
22 shortened version, where on the 6th we could do a full
23 panel.

24 But that's something -- Ms. Johnston, could
25 you --

1 MS. JOHNSTON: I think that's correct.

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: But it is window, so how you --
3 Commissioner Kennedy?

4 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: If we wanted to have that,
5 have a larger event on Thursday, April 1st, it now -- it
6 currently being more than two weeks before the 1st of
7 April, could we repost a revised agenda and have that on
8 the Thursday?

9 MS. JOHNSTON: Yes, you could.

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Then that would be a separate --
11 we'd -- because, at present, it's the 29th and the 1st.
12 It's a continuation meeting. So we would have to separate
13 that as the 29th, and then the 1st. Is that an issue with
14 things that would be continued?

15 MS. JOHNSTON: You could do both. You could
16 continue the 29th meeting and also convene as a separate
17 meeting on the 1st.

18 And one other point I wanted to make, the
19 legislature has no power to change the timing of the
20 Commission, which is why we took it to the California
21 Supreme Court. But if you're concerned about your time
22 limits on the 14 days, 7 days, 3 days, that could be the
23 subject of a separate request to the California Supreme
24 Court if those times need to be adjusted. So you're not
25 wedded to those but the avenue for changing them is through

1 the court, not through the legislature in terms of how
2 this --

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Kennedy?

4 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for that, Marian.
5 In particular, I don't recall that the Supreme Court's
6 ruling from last year changed the timing of that three-day
7 notice window. And I would think that it would be
8 important for us to move that window to correspond with the
9 last month, if you will, or last two weeks of our work on
10 the maps. It will do us no good to have a three-day notice
11 requirement in August if we don't have the data yet in
12 August.

13 MS. JOHNSTON: There is workaround that the
14 Commission used in 2010. In that year, I don't know if you
15 remember, originally the three-day was for September, which
16 was when the original deadline was to draw the maps. When
17 the congressional districts were added in 2010, it left it
18 with the September date for the three-day meetings, which
19 made no sense since the maps had to be drawn by August.

20 What the Commission did as a workaround was to
21 notice hearings on every single day and then cancel them,
22 so it could be done that way as an alternative to actually
23 getting clearance from the court. As long as you notice it
24 on every day, then you've satisfied -- if you do that 14
25 days ahead of time, then you don't have to worry about the

1 three-day notice.

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. Actually, I think we're
3 talking about slightly different things here. What I was
4 talking about, there are windows where there's a time from
5 when you post a map and when it becomes final versus just
6 doing agenda items --

7 MS. JOHNSTON: Right. And as far as --

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- and those --

9 MS. JOHNSTON: -- changing those dates, that's
10 what you would need the Supreme Court to step in on because
11 you have no authority to change that.

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Right.

13 MS. JOHNSTON: But you could work around the
14 three-day requirement that you -- the way it worked is the
15 last month of map drawing you only had to give three-day
16 notice. But if you were required to do the 14 days'
17 notice, then you just notice every day 14 days ahead of
18 time and you're covered.

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Right. So putting it -- posting
20 the agendas, that won't be an issue no matter when we move
21 it. And since those, the 14- and 7- and 3-day that I was
22 talking about, refer to time for the public to go over a
23 draft map and an approved map. By map, I mean the set of
24 the 175 maps. And those, since those are public input, I
25 think we want to leave those sacrosanct because that is the

1 big issue that everyone is concerned about, given the
2 shift, is that the public will be left out or, you know,
3 not be able to participate. And so those days, I think, we
4 really need to contemplate before we every do anything with
5 them.

6 However, we have many other items that -- you
7 know, that is a fine point which we would need to consider
8 ahead of time. But as the Subcommittee has brought to us,
9 there are other dates that really have to happen, even
10 before that.

11 So let's go ahead with the Subcommittee working
12 with the stakeholders, coming back with the next Chair,
13 Kennedy, for that the 29th and the 1st meetings and see
14 what we can put in for that time frame.

15 Any other items that the Commission -- does the
16 Subcommittee have any other items? Because I know you were
17 working on several different things but, clearly, this is
18 the most important. Okay. I'm not seeing anything.
19 Great. Then thank you very much. That's a very important
20 report.

21 And now we'll move on to another equally
22 important, number 9B. Oh, actually, hang on a minute.

23 It is, actually, 12:33. Do we want to go ahead
24 and take lunch at this point or do you want to come in --
25 how much time is involved in your report?

1 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I'll make it very
2 brief.

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay.

4 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. Because we've
5 talked about -- we've already talked about half the things
6 we needed to talk about. And the other two things are just
7 sort of ongoing. Just trying to give you an update.

8 One of the things that we wanted to get a better
9 handle on is managing our meeting costs. And you know, if
10 we, you know, if we have meeting times scheduled, then we
11 cancel meetings, you know, how does that cost us? How much
12 does that cost us? How far ahead of time do we have to
13 cancel these meetings so we don't get charged, so that we
14 can be a little more diligent about managing our -- you
15 know, is it better to go longer on a day and not have a
16 two-day meeting kind of thing? So we're gathering
17 information on that, okay? That's the update.

18 And then we're also working on the meeting
19 minutes and agenda tool. I think we have an alternative
20 approach to getting that tool which would just add
21 complexity and cost and work. But we have a couple more
22 questions we're trying to answer, so we will have updates
23 on both of those topics next time we get together.

24 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you very much.

25 Then with that, well, actually, we'll go ahead

1 with 9C, GANTT chart. Any reports?

2 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Vasquez has her
3 hand up.

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, I'm sorry. I missed that
5 because you're blending in.

6 Commissioner Vasquez?

7 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: Yes. Sorry. I'm very
8 sun-setty today. Sorry.

9 Were we going to break for lunch? I just had
10 something to share before we break for lunch --

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Go ahead.

12 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: -- before lunch.

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Go ahead, Commissioner.

14 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: Well, in any case, I won't
15 be -- I may or may not be joining for closed session. I
16 wanted to let everyone know, I'm getting vaccinated today.
17 So for the public, when it is your turn, please sign up.
18 Because of my high-risk along COVID conditions, I'm
19 eligible. If you are eligible, sign up, go get vaccinated.
20 So I will be getting vaccinated this afternoon. And
21 depending on how that goes I may or may not be able to join
22 for closed session.

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Well, thank you very
24 much, and way to go.

25 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Me too --

1 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh.

2 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- this afternoon, so,
3 yeah.

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Wow. Well done. Well done.

5 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Well, I got mine last week,
6 so come on Californians. Let's get vaccinated.

7 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I was supposed to get
8 mine yesterday and they canceled it, saying there was a
9 shortage.

10 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: They canceled mine, too,
11 so I found another appointment. So yeah, we're -- I have
12 some feedback for the state on this process.

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Well, Thank you.

14 It is 12:36. Shall we break now and then come
15 back? We might as go ahead and break now, so come back,
16 let's see, at 1:36, after our wonderful lunches, and we
17 will continue. At that point, we'll jump into the exciting
18 news for the -- on the GANTT Chart, 9C, I mean, yes, 9C.

19 So thank you very much everyone and enjoy your
20 lunch.

21 (Off the record at 12:36 p.m.)

22 (On the record at 1:39 p.m.)

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Welcome back everyone. Hope you
24 had a nice lunch.

25 As our usual custom, at this time we will ask for

1 public comment.

2 Katy, could you please read the instructions?

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair.

4 In order to maximize transparency and public
5 participation in our process, the Commissioners will be
6 taking public comment by phone. To call in, dial the
7 telephone number provided on the livestream feed. It is
8 (877) 853-5247. When prompted to enter the meeting I.D.
9 number provided on the livestream feed it is 91834691695
10 for this meeting. When prompted to enter a participant
11 I.D., simply press the pound key.

12 Once you have dialed in you will be placed in a
13 queue. To indicate you wish to comment, please press star
14 nine. This will raise your hand for the moderator. When
15 it is your turn to speak you will hear a message that says,
16 "The host would like you to talk. Please press star six to
17 speak." If you would like to give your name, please state
18 it and spell it for the record. You are not required to
19 provide your name to give public comment. Please make sure
20 to mute your computer or livestream audio to prevent any
21 feedback or distortion during your call.

22 Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for
23 when it is your turn to speak and, again, please turn down
24 the livestream volume.

25 And at this time, we do not have anyone in the

1 queue.

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. We'll wait just a
3 few minutes and let the livestream catch up.

4 Commissioner Fernandez?

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair
6 Andersen.

7 I just wanted to let you know that we,
8 Commissioner Ahmad and I, met with Staff to discuss the
9 Deputy Executive Director position. So we do have our
10 recommendations if you want to go back. If not, we can
11 discuss whenever we want to fit it into the agenda.

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh. Thank you very much.
13 Actually, we might take that up, since it's fresh in our
14 minds, we might take that up next, before we move on to the
15 GANTT Chart.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And, Chair, the
17 instructions are complete on the stream.

18 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Katy. No one in the
19 queue?

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: No, Chair.

21 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

22 Then at this time, yes, I would like to go back
23 to -- well, which actual item -- that was under the --

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I've --

25 CHAIR ANDERSEN: I guess that was under the

1 Executive Director, wasn't it? Yes, under staffing.

2 So, yes, going back to that item, we have a
3 possible -- an update from Commissioner -- let's see, from
4 the Executive Director -- Deputy Executive Director
5 Recruiting Committee, which is Commissioner Fernandez and
6 Commissioner Ahmad.

7 So could you please give us your information?

8 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Sure. I'll jump in there.

9 So we had a brief meeting over lunch with Alvaro,
10 Fredy and Raul, and we have an update regarding our
11 discussion from earlier today.

12 So as the org chart has been shared online, we
13 are recommending two changes, the first change being
14 pulling out the communications arm of that org chart so
15 that the Director of Communications would report directly
16 to the Executive Director. In this case, it happens to be
17 Fredy reporting directly to Alvaro.

18 The second change, which we got confirmation from
19 Raul, is that we can change the title of Deputy Executive
20 Director to Director of Outreach without going through the
21 long process that we anticipated. So we do have that
22 ability to change that working title to reflect that new
23 position.

24 Commissioner Fernandez, is there anything else?

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. And so that

1 Director of Outreach, they would be over the outreach and
2 the data management side of it. And then also with that
3 will be updating the duty statement.

4 So at this point what we -- we just wanted
5 confirmation that we can move forward with the recruitment.
6 I don't believe it has to be an action item because the
7 position is already approved, it's just if there's
8 consensus that we can move forward with how we're
9 recommending to move forward with this position.

10 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Chair, you're muted.

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

12 Oh, Commissioner Kennedy?

13 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Just a question. We can
14 recruit with a different title. What are we -- what are
15 the boundaries as far as salary?

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: So --

17 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. Go ahead. Yes. Go ahead,
18 Commissioner Fernandez.

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Sorry. Yeah. So the
20 salary range would be the \$9,180 to \$12,800 monthly, so it
21 would be within that range, the same range that we had as a
22 Deputy Executive Director range.

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

24 And so we're not eliminating the -- or actually,
25 are we all okay with changing from the Deputy Executive

1 Director to Director of Outreach? Any objection to that?

2 Wait. Is there any objection? Hearing none. All right.

3 Well, we did discuss this. And this is an item
4 that we asked to bring back to the Commission.

5 Am I seeing any further discussion on this
6 recommendation or any objections to this recommendation?

7 Seeing none, continue with the hire please. Well
8 done. And I recommend that we make those changes to the
9 org chart as well.

10 Oh, I'm sorry, I do have one question. Do we
11 have office tech reporting now to the Director of Outreach?
12 Is that still -- it's still the same? Good. All right.
13 Thank you very much.

14 So moving back to number 9C, the GANTT Chart,
15 with Commissioners Kennedy and Taylor.

16 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Nothing significant to
17 report at this point.

18 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you very much.

19 Then 9D, the Line Drawers.

20 Commissioner Sadhwani?

21 I don't actually see her right now. Anyway, I'll
22 jump in.

23 Unfortunately, we don't have any further word
24 from the Office of Legal Services. They did ask for some
25 questions still on some numbers and it's still in their

1 hands, so no update at this point, unfortunately. We still
2 don't have the go-ahead to work with them.

3 So moving right along, number 9E, the VRA
4 Compliance Committee, and that is Yee and Sadhwani.

5 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes. Thank you.

6 Nothing new to report. We're still anticipating
7 having Eric McGhee from the Public Policy Institute come to
8 present a demographic report, probably in April now, so
9 you'll hear about that soon.

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Great. Please look ahead and
11 get that on the agenda because I know we're all
12 anticipating that information. Thank you.

13 Number 9F, Outreach and Engagement, Commissioners
14 Sinay and Fornaciari.

15 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. Sorry. I'm just
16 trying to find our write-up here. Let's see. So just --
17 so I'm going to review a bunch of different things.

18 We'll start with the public education sessions,
19 the redistricting overview sessions. Just an update, we
20 did 25 Redistricting Basic presentations to date and 11
21 upcoming presentations.

22 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Oh, so there was the --
23 Staff sent out a copy of the blurb that went out telling
24 people that we have these presentations. And if they would
25 like them in their communities, they email the -- they

1 forwarded the email. It was based on text that
2 Commissioner Kennedy had given them. And we just wanted to
3 let you know that it went out to 4,100 emails.

4 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. Let's see. We
5 continued to receive requests for public education
6 sessions. Patricia and Wanda are vetting and connecting
7 Commissioners within two days of receiving those requests.
8 There is a bit of a backlog, so they're catching up, but
9 that will be the plan, two days. And then if the
10 Commissioners could respond as soon as they can to get
11 the -- so that they can get back to the requesting group
12 within four business days.

13 As far as Q&A, last meeting, you know, someone
14 had brought up that there was some -- it would be nice to
15 gather a Q&A or frequently asked questions that the
16 Commissioners are getting during their presentations. So
17 Staff will be asking, as a follow-up to presentations, you
18 know, how many people were in attendance? What questions
19 came up? And a few other questions. So they'll follow up
20 with the Commissioners to begin to gather those -- that Q&A
21 sheet and based on what's shared with them.

22 So I mean, if you have some questions you'd like
23 to share with them, you can do that, or I mean, at this
24 point, are there any questions that anybody had during
25 their presentation that they'd like to share with us right

1 now?

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Turner.

3 And also, Commissioner Sinay, you're part of the
4 Committee, so you can sort of chime in.

5 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. I was going to
6 respond. And then Commissioner Fornaciari threw a little
7 shift on the end of his questioning, and I wasn't
8 responding to that per se.

9 I was one of the ones that was bringing up the
10 desire of having a Q&A specifically for not -- we have a
11 wonderful Q&A spot already on our website and what have you
12 for the general redistricting information.

13 I had a chance, for example, to listen to a group
14 that Commissioner Vasquez presented to. She did a
15 wonderful job. But they asked a little bit deeper
16 questions than what we typically cover from a general
17 perspective. And she did good. She ended up -- I think
18 she ended up following up on. But either way it went I
19 thought, oh, that's good. I wonder if we're capturing the
20 deeper questions to be able to share out so that there's
21 not the pause of how do I want to respond to that? Now,
22 unfortunately, I did not write those questions down.

23 This is the question I have, is when we do our
24 extra hiring for support and what have you, if there are
25 people that will sit in or through some of the sessions, I

1 think it would be more beneficial. For the sessions that
2 I've been presenting, they've gone well. But I don't see
3 that I would stop presenting, showing the slides, write
4 down the questions that they ask, and prepare -- the
5 preparation of sharing it out later, so you'd be relying on
6 my memory. Let's see, what did they ask me? How did I
7 respond? And you don't want to rely on my memory.

8 And so if there was a different way for us to
9 capture these questions, I think it would be beneficial to
10 all.

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Kennedy?

12 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. I had previously
13 suggested a feedback form. And I would reiterate that
14 suggestion, that if we can start any session with that
15 feedback form in front of us, we're more likely to collect
16 all of the information that we want.

17 Thank you.

18 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, that's -- I'll
19 get to that in a minute.

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I was, when I raised my
21 hand, I was just going to share one of the unique questions
22 that came up, and I shared it with those -- you know, the
23 one that came up for me was -- and I think it's come up
24 twice, is when you're looking at communities of interest,
25 what are you going to do when you have competing

1 communities of interest? And my response was a little --
2 it was -- you know, I just said, "I'll let you know when we
3 get there but, yes, that's what's keeping me up at night."

4 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So, Commissioner
5 Turner, in response to your question and your thought, I
6 mean, we did talk about that. At this point, you know, the
7 folks just don't have the bandwidth to do that.

8 And in response to your question, Commissioner
9 Kennedy, we're putting together -- we met with USDR
10 yesterday and talked to them about creating kind of a light
11 version of a customer relationship management tool so we
12 can track all these things. And part of that would be a
13 form to capture feedback from the sessions for the
14 Commissioners.

15 I can't see the screen when I'm talking. So just
16 yell at me if you need me to stop.

17 CHAIR ANDERSEN: You're doing a great job. And I
18 don't see any hands at this point.

19 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay.

20 CHAIR ANDERSEN: So keep going forward. Thank
21 you.

22 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. So we want to
23 thank Cecilia for the media training. And just a note that
24 the redirect techniques can be used when engaging the
25 public. If a question comes up during a presentation

1 that's near to crossing the line of how we engage, you can
2 use that technique as well. That helped me a bit yesterday
3 in my interview, so I really appreciated that part of the
4 training.

5 Let's see, oh, the Outreach and Engagement Plan,
6 we talked about updating it with the new parameters. We
7 discussed it last meeting. We've been working on it, we
8 just haven't got it quite finished, so we'll get that next
9 week.

10 As far as statewide outreach meetings, between
11 this meeting and last meeting, Commissioner Sinay and I met
12 with the -- with Kris Lev-Twombly. He's the CEO of the
13 State Alliance of YMCA. And they're definitely looking to
14 partner with us. And the reason this came up was --

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: YMCA. You went out, Neil,
16 and people were looking at what was YM --

17 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: What? What did I say?

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Your internet cut out, so I
19 was just -- people were looking --

20 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Again?

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- and trying to figure it
22 out. Yeah, it was just a second, but it was YMCA. Go
23 ahead. Sorry.

24 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. Sorry. YMCA.
25 And that came up because, you know, from the education

1 discussions we had last week, as an organization where, you
2 know, kids and adults spend some time, it was an
3 interesting conversation. The one thing of note is that
4 they lost 65 percent of their income this past year due to
5 COVID. But they see redistricting as an opportunity to
6 engage members as clubs begin to open. And they're really
7 very open to partnering with other organizations to work
8 with us. So we'll be sending him some information. He's
9 going to get with his Board of Directors. And we may be
10 giving them an education -- a Redistricting Basics
11 presentation in the near future.

12 We also met with Equality California, Tony Hoang,
13 Samuel Garret-Pate, Robbie Rodriguez, Jeremy Payne from
14 Equity California, and Paul Mitchell from Redistricting
15 Partners. So Equity California has hired Paul to conduct a
16 VRA-type of analysis for the LGBTQ+ community, just like he
17 did in 2010. And they'll create heat maps to present to
18 the Commission showing where the LGBTQ+ community resides.
19 And they also encouraged us to ask our line drawers to
20 obtain the LGBTQ+ data from the ACS Census Report. And
21 they're going to -- they're very interested in partnering
22 with us in a panel, LGBTQ+ panel coming up.

23 So that was a really good conversation too. I
24 learned a lot. I mean, I learned a lot about their work
25 and what they're doing, and so we're looking forward to

1 partnering with them.

2 We also met with Bryan Watkins. He's the Deputy
3 Executive Director of the California GOP. So it's
4 interesting, GOP is focused on encouraging participation in
5 the process. And they are probably not going to be
6 submitting maps. Another issue and focus for them is they
7 really want to see transparency from the Commission, that's
8 a big deal for the party, so we talked about that. And you
9 know, not that he didn't think we weren't being
10 transparent, just that that's important to them.

11 We had talked with them about reaching out to
12 rural communities, that came up in our last meeting, was
13 maybe a pathway through the parties to reach out to rural
14 communities, and he thought that was a good idea. And he's
15 willing to partner -- or the GOP is willing to partner with
16 other parties to host events, more centralized events in
17 rural areas to help us engage with folks who might not be
18 engaged in other or have other opportunities to be engaged
19 with community partners and that kind of thing. And so
20 Commissioner Sinay and I will be reaching out to other
21 parties too.

22 And then do you want to talk to this last bullet,
23 since you talked to Ms. Williams?

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Sure. We also -- we had a
25 meeting with the California National Association for the

1 Advancement of Colored People, just the NAACP. Sometimes
2 people know it better by their acronyms. They -- she --
3 Betty Williams is on staff. And she's going to take it to
4 their board. They did participate in Census. And she
5 thinks that they will want to participate in redistricting
6 as well. So we're putting a package together and we
7 created -- well, you know, they're sending our outreach
8 letter out to all their chapters.

9 And we also connected them with the Black Census
10 and Redistricting Hub. They didn't know -- they weren't
11 sure if they were part of the work that they were doing, so
12 we have connected them as well.

13 And then I'll -- oh, the last point here before
14 future panels is just that the CRC sent out its first
15 newsletter. We had talked about Fredy creating a
16 newsletter. It did go out. And the idea is, for the
17 statewide groups, we've been -- they've been really excited
18 to get the newsletter so they can take articles out of the
19 newsletter and put it into their newsletter. And so Fredy
20 is going to be sending that out at the beginning of the
21 month. And I've asked him to please include Commissioners,
22 just so we know what newsletters, what, you know,
23 correspondence is going out to the different zones.

24 Commissioner Fornaciari, this is for you.

25 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. So future

1 panels. At this point we're planning the LGBTQ+ panel, a
2 labor panel, a rural panel -- Dolores Huerta has asked to
3 present at this panel and we will invite her to join us --
4 a housing panel, a transportation panel, and a government
5 entities panel. And I believe Commissioner Kennedy is
6 facilitating that panel. I can't see if he's nodding or
7 not. And then zone outreach.

8 So as I -- oh, okay.

9 So the best way to -- we're trying to figure out
10 the best way to create a streamlined process for reporting
11 outreach one-on-one. As I mentioned, we're working with
12 USDR to create a database. And so we'll update you on
13 that.

14 And as Commissioner Sinay already mentioned, we'd
15 like to ask all the Commissioners to please send Marcie an
16 email, consolidated email, at the end of the week with all
17 of your meetings and outcomes and follow-up meetings,
18 including who will be doing the task, and contact
19 information that you spoke to so she can track that.

20 And Patricia and Marcie will be reaching out to
21 the zone teams to brainstorm how the field staff can better
22 support their efforts, and as the field staff, the field
23 leads will be -- jobs will be posted next week.

24 So we want to take a -- just pause a minute and
25 offer the opportunity for Commissioners to talk about any

1 outreach highlights you want to share. I don't think we
2 need to go through all the outreach, but if there are any
3 highlights they'd like to share. Great.

4 So I had one. I just -- I sent a letter to the
5 Chair, a letter of introduction on behalf of myself and
6 Commissioner Kennedy, to all of the Chairs of the Boards of
7 Supervisors in the six counties in Zone (indiscernible).
8 And so, you know, I want to connect with the Board of
9 Supervisors to offer them an opportunity for an education
10 program but, also, an opportunity for them to give us some
11 direction on communities that we should be reaching out to.

12 And so if anyone's interested in a copy of that
13 letter, I can -- and the email I sent, I'd be happy to
14 share.

15 Commissioner Turner? Okay.

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: And, yes, I'd like one please.

17 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. So I'll -- I
18 think what I'll do then is I'll probably -- I don't want to
19 break the rules here.

20 So, Fredy, I'm going to send it to you. And if
21 you can share, that would be awesome. Thank you.

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Perfect. Thank you. It's a
23 very, very thorough report here.

24 Commissioners, questions and things like that?

25 Commissioner Akutagawa?

1 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I actually have a few
2 questions. Just -- this one's going to be easy.

3 Commissioner Fornaciari, can you -- there was --
4 what did you mention after the four panels you mentioned,
5 housing, what was the one after housing and before
6 government entities?

7 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Transportation.

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Transportation.

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Transportation. Okay.
10 The reason why I asked is I'm also -- I have a question.

11 Public utilities, like electricity, gas and
12 water, actually covers a lot of ground in terms of, you
13 know, obviously throughout the state of California. And
14 I'm wondering if there would be a value, and I guess,
15 obviously, I think that there may be because I wouldn't
16 mention it but, you know, perhaps there may be a value in
17 having their public affairs folks come in and, one, to
18 understand, you know, just the extent. And then is there
19 an opportunity to also partner with them to help get the
20 word out about redistricting? And it may be that it
21 doesn't have to be a panel.

22 Maybe it's a conversation between, you know, you
23 and Commissioner Sinay, but that's just a thought. Because
24 as regulated utilities, you know, they obviously have very
25 close contact with, you know, state government, so they

1 have government affairs people, but they also serve, you
2 know, all of the people of California too. And so they
3 have touches with everybody somehow, somehow, amongst all
4 of them. That's just --

5 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Aren't you on the board
6 of So Cal Edison or something, or Advisory Board or
7 something?

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I was on their Advisory
9 Board at one point. It's been, probably, about five or six
10 years now since I've been on. But I definitely -- and I
11 think that's also why I'm thinking about it because of the,
12 I guess, what I know about them. And so I'm happy to make
13 the introduction if you think that that's appropriate as
14 well, to, so I thought I'd just ask about that.

15 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, that would be
16 great. And we can -- so I'll just respond, just quickly.

17 Commissioner Sinay and I can -- we'll kind of
18 take that. And if, yeah, if you could make the
19 introduction and you could talk to them and PG&E, and I
20 think there's one in San Diego or something.

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah.

22 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Just we'll kind of test
23 the water and see if there's something there that makes
24 sense for a panel or not.

25 CHAIR ANDERSEN: You should be able to get a list

1 of -- you know, from the -- go to the PUC because there are
2 many, many public utilities. And they might be able to
3 give you an overview of how to quickly reach, particularly,
4 this. Because while the big ones are really good, it would
5 be really nice to get in touch with the small ones because
6 that would help us with our rural outreach. Unfortunately,
7 I don't know anyone on the PUC but --

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: And it could be that if
9 you start with a couple, two or three, they might be able
10 to help you. But I agree, I think the PUC idea would also
11 be good because then you make sure that you are able to
12 cover the entire state. And, obviously, utility issues are
13 complicated here in the state, as well, too.

14 So I also have a second question for you,
15 Commissioner Fornaciari. I was interested to hear what you
16 were saying about your meeting with the California GOP.
17 And just for clarification, did -- when you mentioned --
18 well, one, I wanted to make sure I heard correctly. Did
19 they say that they will not be participating in the
20 redistricting process or the way they're going to
21 participate is different?

22 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, they said
23 they're -- it's likely they're not going to be drawing maps
24 and submitting maps to us. They're going to be encouraging
25 participation broadly.

1 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay.

2 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: And in short of a
3 nonpartisan way, they want to just encourage all
4 Californians to participate.

5 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. And did they
6 share, when they talked about transparency being important,
7 I'm curious, was there anything in particular that they
8 mentioned that they were particularly paying attention to
9 that I think may be good for all of us to just also be
10 conscious of or be aware of? Because, you know, different
11 people do look at this in different ways. And I think it's
12 just good for all of us to be aware too.

13 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: That's a great
14 question. And I think Commissioner Sinay takes way better
15 notes than I do. And I think she's looking at her notes
16 right now, so we'll follow up on that because --

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay.

18 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- I don't recall off
19 the top of my head. I just wrote down a big transparency.
20 It was important to them. But it was probably something
21 but I don't recall what it was.

22 COMMISSIONER SINAY: They -- I also talked
23 earlier to another Republican strategist. And part of this
24 was because we had noticed that a lot of our public
25 sessions are -- were more -- the Democrat Party, local

1 parties, were asking for presentations but we hadn't gotten
2 much from the Republican Party. So we just wanted to check
3 in to see if there was something we were missing. And,
4 basically, the only thing we were missing was they were
5 getting ready for their convention, so they've been really
6 busy with their convention, and that's probably why we
7 haven't heard from any of the groups.

8 And he -- you know, Bryan was pretty honest,
9 saying that transparency is really important, that it's
10 just -- it comes up and it's critical but they haven't seen
11 anything that's concerning them, but that's just what he
12 hears from -- you know, he had just gotten that back from
13 the convention. And so that was just transparency, that
14 word kept coming up, but there was nothing in particular.

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Thank you. I
16 mean, it's just interesting. It's just like communication.
17 You know, in the work that I do, communication comes up a
18 lot. But what is communication? There's so many different
19 definitions. And that's why I think, you know, the more we
20 can have people help us really speak to what's important to
21 them around transparency the better we can be in terms of
22 ensuring that we are being, you know, transparent in
23 many -- you know, in the various ways. Because I think we
24 all --

25 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

1 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- define differently,
2 too, so --

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: No. And we did ask in
4 different ways just because, like wait, we need to know
5 that. So we were as curious as you are. And we also
6 talked about the need to be transparent in -- with all
7 parties. And that's why they said, you know, we're really
8 open to doing the outreach in the rural areas with the
9 other parties, as well, that we can get our members to open
10 up, you know, provide areas where people can go and use the
11 computers.

12 And, yeah, so they were -- they definitely
13 understood that it would have to be multi-partisan, and
14 that's part of transparency, and that's part of the equal
15 access. And they -- well, it was one person we were
16 talking to but he was representing the south. So that was
17 just the main thing.

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: That sounds great. And
19 I think for Commissioner Andersen and I, that's
20 particularly welcome, welcome news, too, because we have
21 Zone G, so thank you.

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Fernandez.

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Akutagawa
24 actually jogged my memory a little bit in terms of
25 conversations I had when she mentioned the public

1 utilities. And I can't remember which county it was that I
2 was talking to, it might have been Colusa, but Commissioner
3 Le Mons might remember. But they actually said during the
4 census that they collaborated with some of the, like the
5 local government agencies, like maybe the utilities or
6 waste management or the phone companies. And what they did
7 is they were able to insert flyers into those mailings.

8 So they just suggested trying to connect with
9 some of -- whoever is already sending out bills or
10 information, either electronically or snail mail, you might
11 want to get into contact with them and collaborate with
12 them because they already have an avenue in terms of
13 receiving information.

14 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

15 Commissioner Kennedy?

16 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. That has always and
17 everywhere been a really good and effective strategy. And
18 I would say, along those lines, grocery stores and grocery
19 chains send out weekly flyers, that might be something that
20 the Subcommittee, as far as statewide outreach, looks at.
21 You know, is there a way to convince the Ralphs and Vons
22 and Albertsons and so forth of the world, or not of the
23 world but of California, to put something in their weekly
24 flyers.

25 COMMISSIONER SINAY: When I worked -- when I was

1 on the Commission for First 5, which is children zero to
2 five, I used to always say that our best outreach would be
3 to put it on baby diapers, put our advice to baby diapers
4 because parents are spending so much time changing them,
5 but I think that's a great idea.

6 I just wanted to share, I quickly looked up the
7 California PUC. They've got five commissioners and four of
8 them are women, so they beat us in women representation.
9 But we will follow up with that, thank you, with both.

10 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: You're muted, Chair.

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Sorry about that. I don't see
12 any other hands at this time.

13 I just want to bring back to some of the
14 questions that were brought in, in the public comments
15 today, this morning, about the COI Tool training. And I
16 just wanted to re-remind this Committee, if they can have a
17 look into that and contemplate that and, obviously, come
18 back to us? I just want to bring that up again. Thank
19 you.

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And we will be discussing
21 that at our design meeting because we'll need all of us,
22 yeah, the different players.

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. Just wanted to bring that
24 up. Thank you.

25 Commissioner Akutagawa?

1 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Just when you mentioned
2 COI Tool, it just reminded me of a couple other things.

3 In the Orange County outreach zone, two separate
4 things. One is one of the early outreach partners that
5 we've been communicating with, they were the ACBO for the
6 census in the Orange County region, they are willing to
7 help once we're ready to do public education meetings that,
8 I believe, we said we were going to do, you know, the
9 presentations, the Redistricting Basics presentation that
10 would be done by the Commission. They did say that they
11 would be willing to help put the word out for that. And I
12 just wanted to say that because I did say that, you know,
13 stay tuned until we can determine when those dates will be.

14 We also, Commissioner Sadhwani and I, also did
15 meet with the Orange County Civic Engagement Table. And
16 they, too, are looking to not necessarily -- so this is the
17 question, I guess, or maybe what I will just share, they
18 said that their members are -- they're pretty well versed
19 in just the basics of redistricting. I think they're
20 looking for something that would be a little bit more.

21 And they mentioned -- I guess, maybe, this goes
22 into the questions, like they wanted to know more about the
23 Commission structure. It sounded like they wanted to --
24 you know, how we're going to be making decisions. It
25 sounded like they're looking for, you know, a little bit

1 more of the, I guess as someone maybe once said, the
2 sausage making. They wanted to understand that a little
3 bit more.

4 So we're going to be -- they're going to send in
5 a request for presentation but the presentation would be
6 for something that would be, I guess you could say,
7 Redistricting Basics 2.01 (phonetic) maybe. So I thought
8 I'd just share that, as well, too.

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

10 Any other items from the Committee? No? Thank
11 you very much.

12 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: We're just looking
13 forward to our meeting on input -- the Input Design meeting
14 on Thursday afternoon.

15 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Great. Thank you.

16 Then moving on, we go to 9G, which is language
17 access, Commissioners Akutagawa and Fernandez.

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: In terms of -- we don't
19 have another update on the contracts yet. Those are still
20 going through the system for translation and interpreter
21 services.

22 And then, also, as Commissioner Fornaciari said,
23 we are -- much of the information will be discussed during
24 the Subcommittee meeting on Thursday.

25 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

1 Then we have item 9H, Materials Development,
2 Commissioners Fernandez and Kennedy.

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay, so I think the
4 only thing we have is the COI Tool, the communities of
5 interest tool, the paper. There have been revisions to it.
6 It is posted online so, hopefully, you've had a chance to
7 review it.

8 The other collateral materials that have been
9 approved are already online under Outreach, and it's under
10 Materials. So those that are listening, if they want to
11 get the most recent and up-to-date documents, they can go
12 there.

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: And are you actually the group,
14 more, who will be coming up with a, say this redistricting,
15 you know, more in depth, and the more in depth with the COI
16 Tool, or is this a joint with you and the Outreach Group?

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I don't know.

18 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: My sense is that we're the
19 team or the Materials Development Subcommittee was the team
20 that came up with the Redistricting Basics. Happy to get
21 input from any and all Commissioners. But we were the ones
22 that finalized that, so I would imagine it would be the
23 same.

24 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Well, then I believe I'd like to
25 charge you with coming up with like a COI Tool training

1 basic because, clearly, that's been asked and asked and
2 asked, certainly this morning, and I know it's been
3 mentioned before. So that is a little presentation in
4 itself, as well as then -- and I don't know if you want to
5 start thinking of ideas. This sort of is our natural
6 progression, is that education we talked about, going into
7 the COI, then going a little bit deeper, possibly, into
8 more info on the criteria of redistricting.

9 So if you could -- the Subcommittee could please
10 look into what's next? And obviously, please work with the
11 Outreach Committee -- Subcommittee.

12 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Well, and we will take
13 our next comment from also have to work with Statewide
14 Database because there is an online tutorial for the COI
15 Tool.

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Correct.

17 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So we don't want to
18 duplicate anything. We may need to develop something that
19 helps point people to materials that Statewide Database has
20 already developed.

21 CHAIR ANDERSEN: That's exactly what the
22 Commission would like the Subcommittee to look into to come
23 back with a recommendation for us. Thank you.

24 Okay. And any other questions for the
25 Subcommittee? Seeing none.

1 We do have a new subcommittee, it's called the
2 Website Subcommittee. And it's been brought to my
3 attention that it may make sense to insert this between
4 materials and -- right after the Materials Development. So
5 I'm just going to call on them at this point to say hello
6 and just give a little bit of any idea. So the Website
7 Committee, which would be Commissioners Kennedy and Taylor.

8 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Good afternoon.

9 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Taylor.

10 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Good afternoon everyone.
11 Just I guess as a point of process, we try to just make
12 sure that's everything is functioning and working with the
13 website. As of this morning, everything appears okay. It
14 doesn't mean that there aren't any bugs that might come up.
15 When they do, we'll address them accordingly.

16 Please continue to send any of your ideas and
17 feedback and we'll try to make sure that things translate
18 from the theoretical onto the website, like, for instance,
19 posting the videos or posting the schedules. We're just
20 trying to make sure that becomes an efficient process.

21 Anything additional, Commissioner Kennedy or
22 Commissioner Fornaciari?

23 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Not at this point.

24 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I assume you called on
25 me, Commissioner Andersen.

1 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, yes, I did.

2 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: (Indiscernible.)

3 Just --

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. Okay.

5 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- so received some
6 questions about the old website and some of the
7 unavailability of some of the videos. And what I had heard
8 was that the server had crashed and some of those were
9 permanently lost. Is that -- do you guys have any info on
10 that or what's still available, what's lost? Do you know
11 at all or had you heard that, I guess?

12 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes, that is what we heard.
13 I found out about that last week too. Along with the
14 Communications Director, Director Ceja, we're trying to
15 assess what we have and what we don't and if anything is
16 recoverable. What we have we'll try to re-post. And we
17 will recreate what we can to try to get that 2010 website
18 back to what it was.

19 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. Yeah, I just --
20 I wanted to have that brought up so the public could hear
21 that, you know, some of them -- it's likely that some of
22 them are lost, but we're figuring it out.

23 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: I have gone to the way-back
24 machine. I haven't started digging around for the 2010
25 materials on the way-back machine. But, you know, my sense

1 is that we may be able to find some of that material
2 elsewhere.

3 I also saw a document about the 2010 Commission
4 having some of its materials archived at a university. So
5 you know, we, I think, are going to have a couple of
6 different sources to pull from. You know, even if it is a,
7 you know, process of rebuilding it piece by piece, I think
8 we'll be able to find most of the pieces.

9 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: I agree with Commissioner
10 Kennedy. He just gave away one of my investigative
11 techniques. If you know specifically where something lived
12 you typically can go back and find it because the internet
13 is constantly saving itself.

14 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Ms. Johnston, and then
15 Commissioner Yee.

16 MS. JOHNSTON: This may have been looked at
17 already, and I only have a vague memory of it, but I
18 believe that there was a backup drive that was preserved at
19 the end of the ten-year period that one of the
20 Commissioners had. And I don't know if that's been
21 explored or not.

22 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: And this will be my first
23 I'm hearing of that and we'll go down that avenue.

24 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Yee.

25 COMMISSIONER YEE: I just wanted to mention,

1 there are full transcripts of the 2010 Commission meetings
2 readily available and linked. So I mean, they look full to
3 me. I have not exhaustively confirmed that but, yeah, full
4 verbatim transcripts are available, so it's not all lost.

5 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Thank you.

6 MR. MANOFF: Chair, this is Kristian. I wanted
7 to interject real quick and give you a quick update. I did
8 get a request from Staff to begin converting the video that
9 we have from the first Commission. And we have begun that
10 process of uploading and converting the video from the
11 first Commission. And we have almost all of it, except for
12 at the very, very beginning there were a couple of meetings
13 that were either delivered by hand or were not done by us.
14 But the majority of those videos I have and are in the
15 process of being converted to a more modern format.

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, thank you very much,
17 Kristian. That's a new source of information.

18 Commissioner Kennedy?

19 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. Can I take the
20 opportunity to ask Staff where we are on getting
21 transcripts of the 2020 Commission meetings?

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Do we have any Staff who might
23 be able to answer that?

24 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: I was going to
25 defer to Commissioner Fernandez.

1 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh.

2 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: We had a
3 conversation about that in particular.

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, okay. Thank you. I didn't
5 realize you were -- Commissioner Fernandez?

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: First of all, as far as
7 I'm aware we've never agreed to have transcripts because a
8 transcript of just one day would probably be 800 pages. So
9 I'm not -- we've never agreed to that and that would be a
10 huge cost factor. So if that's something that the
11 Commission wants, which I would not support that, I mean, I
12 wouldn't want to have it because of the cost.

13 The second thing that we're looking at is, as
14 Commissioner Fornaciari discussed earlier in our Finance
15 and Administration, we are looking at different ways to
16 manage our meeting, which would also consist of how to
17 align our meeting agendas with the actual video in terms of
18 being able to, if somebody wants to go back to last meeting
19 for item number ten, we could actually point them to the
20 time on the video that they could Zoom forward to. Those
21 videos would have captioning also.

22 But again, in terms of transcriptions, we've --
23 as far as I'm aware that was never something that was
24 decided as a Commission that I'm aware of.

25 CHAIR ANDERSEN: We have had parts of these

1 discussions before because we had a very elaborate
2 discussion about trying to match the time on the video to
3 the agenda, so quite a bit of this has been discussed. I
4 don't quite know the status of it.

5 And one thing that -- because there was the idea
6 of transcripts, and we've always been talking about can we
7 just get a meeting summary, some sort of an outline
8 summary? And that started happening and then stopped
9 happening and we're nowhere.

10 So I might ask Commissioner Kennedy, and then
11 also Director Hernandez.

12 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I can answer that, if
13 you'd like.

14 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, if you have information on
15 that one, unless --

16 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Sure.

17 CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- Kennedy and you both know.

18 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. Do you want me
19 to go?

20 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, please.

21 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. So the -- let's
22 see. So this is a role that the Commission Secretary is
23 going to fulfill as far as providing a meeting summary.
24 And as Commissioner Fernandez said, we're trying to develop
25 a process where the Commission Secretary can kind of track

1 when items are being discussed. And then the idea would be
2 put up an updated agenda with the time on the video when
3 each of the topics are being discussed so that folks don't
4 have to watch the whole video. They can just go directly
5 to the section that they're interested in hearing about.

6 MR. MANOFF: And, Chair, this is Kristian again.
7 We have scheduled some time, also, with the Subcommittee
8 later this week to discuss options about how to do that.

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Sorry. Thank you, Kristian.
10 Commissioner Kennedy?

11 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: I mean, we don't have good
12 records of what we have and haven't discussed, other than
13 the videos. But the 2010 Commission had transcripts of all
14 of its meetings available on its website, or at least a lot
15 of meetings. I'm sitting here looking at the list. I
16 believe there were transcripts from the first eight,
17 although the Shape California's Future website seems to be
18 down at this point.

19 And so maybe I was assuming that we would have
20 transcripts but it seems like there's plenty of transcripts
21 of other meetings. And I know that we have had public
22 calls saying that it would certainly be a lot easier for
23 them to go in and find things if there were a transcript
24 rather than having to sit through an entire video.

25 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Fornaciari, did you

1 want to answer that one or --

2 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah.

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay.

4 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So that was kind of the
5 idea of this kind of compromise; right? So we -- yeah, I
6 mean, I don't recall the conversations either. But you
7 know, it just -- it wasn't started -- transcripts weren't
8 started. It's my understanding that they did transcripts
9 last time as a part of a -- as just sort of an ongoing
10 thing because last time the Auditor started doing
11 transcripts, so they just continued doing them. And I
12 mean, I don't know how we got to a point where we're not
13 doing transcripts this time, but that would -- that's where
14 we are.

15 And so we thought it would be a reasonable
16 compromise approach, you know, to time code each agenda
17 item so that folks could go back and just watch the agenda
18 item that they're interested in learning or seeing about,
19 if that -- I mean, that was our thinking.

20 CHAIR ANDERSEN: I believe this is an item that
21 the public, who is listening, might want to call in about
22 at the end of the day when we do our public comments and
23 clearly -- and give us some input.

24 Commissioner Kennedy, I'm sorry. I keep on
25 going.

1 Director Hernandez, you did want to say
2 something.

3 Then I'll come back to you, Commissioner Kennedy.

4 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Yeah. I just
5 wanted to say that, you know, our videos do have closed
6 captioning on them. And we do have a Court Reporter who is
7 available who is capturing that information.

8 One of the things that we found in trying to post
9 any transcripts in .pdf, it's not accessible -- readable, I
10 should, not accessible, it's not readable, and so that
11 causes some issues for those that are using -- trying to --
12 screen readers, thank you very much. I lost my track of
13 thought. So it's not -- it doesn't work well with screen
14 readers, the .pdf versions of those type of documents, so
15 that's been the challenge and it causes problems in that
16 way.

17 But we do have the closed captioning, we do have
18 a Court Reporter that is capturing that information. So we
19 do have the video, as well, that is available in lieu of
20 actual transcripts.

21 So I think though the Commission in 2010 did
22 that, I don't know if it's absolutely a must that we have
23 to have it this go-around because we have these other
24 options that weren't available then.

25 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Kennedy.

1 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: I think, I mean, my
2 recollection is that the individual who called in last --
3 probably not the last meeting but the one before, the issue
4 was being able to do like a keyword search. If there's a
5 transcript, you can do a keyword search. If there's a
6 video, you can't do a keyword search.

7 CHAIR ANDERSEN: True. Well, at this point we
8 have -- the Subcommittee could go ahead and look into, you
9 know, just give us -- you know, say, oh, the cost is a
10 great deal, kind of give us an idea of the cost, but also
11 continue looking into other ways we might be able to
12 address this, including how can people access this
13 material? Obviously, if we can do a summary, as well as
14 then a link to the time frame in a video, that would
15 certainly be -- the summary would be keyword searchable,
16 and then you could go and look at the videos.

17 And the videos, all the videos, do have their
18 closed caption to the bottom; is that correct? I'm seeing
19 some nods. Yes. Okay. Because I'm thinking of
20 accessibility. Okay. Thank you very much. Then a lot
21 here, obvious.

22 Is there any other items in this one or
23 discussion by Commissioner? No. Okay. Thank you very
24 much then.

25 So that brings us then to -- let me check the

1 timing -- Data Management, which is --

2 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Chair.

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah.

4 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes. Thank you. That's
5 myself and Commissioner Ahmad.

6 Currently, we will not have anything in this
7 update time period to report out on. And we are also
8 giving back the time on the schedule for agenda item number
9 13 until we move forward with our other hire.

10 Thank you.

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you very much. And so
12 we'll note that item 13 on the agenda can be struck
13 through.

14 If you'll notice, I did not say that about item
15 number 12, the Line Drawer RFP presentation because I keep
16 on hoping that at the end of today we'll have the contract
17 done by the Office of Legal Services and we would have a
18 line drawer just come and give us a quick summary tomorrow.
19 If that does not happen tonight, obviously, item 12 will
20 also be struck. But at this time, I'm going to go ahead
21 and remove item 13 from the agenda.

22 Thank you very much, Commissioners.

23 Moving on to item J, 9J, Grants, Commissioner
24 Akutagawa and Commissioner Le Mons.

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. On this one, I

1 just want to just report, we don't have a lot to report.
2 We are still researching the various options. We're
3 running into a little bit of a glitch which I think we may
4 have alluded to last week that we might have to make a
5 switch from an RFA to an RFP. There's just some process
6 kind of things that we're just trying to work out. So at
7 this time, right now, we don't have anything further to
8 report.

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Thank you.

10 So we go to item K, Community of Interest Tool,
11 Commissioners Akutagawa and Kennedy.

12 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Akutagawa, do
13 you want to start?

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. I'll just start
15 by saying we did release the Communities of Interest Tool
16 last week in both traditional and simplified Chinese, as
17 well as Tagalog, which is one of the Filipino languages.
18 We're excited to say that we will also now be releasing in
19 Vietnamese. I believe tomorrow, it's scheduled for.

20 And then, additional, we did get a note from the
21 Statewide Database. Jaime Clark said that they do have the
22 budget and they would be willing to translate into
23 additional languages which we had left up as a to-be-
24 determined. And that would be in Thai, because that was
25 one of the approved languages by the Secretary of State for

1 elections. And we felt that it was important to try to
2 accommodate if we could.

3 And then the other additional language, which was
4 on the bubble, also, was Hmong. So just wanted to share
5 that that is going to be in process, as well, too.

6 COMMISSIONER TURNER: What was the other one?

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Hmong.

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Sinay.

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I just wanted to say, I was
10 at a meeting in Southern San Diego last night and they
11 applauded the COI, it being in Tagalog. So I just wanted
12 to put it out there.

13 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Were you in National
14 City?

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: They discussed National City
16 but I was -- it was a South Bay, but National City is part
17 of it.

18 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: I've also asked Statewide
19 Database, in their weekly reporting, to start providing us
20 with usage statistics, anything that they're easily able to
21 generate. We're trying not to overload them but we would
22 like to be able to provide the Commission with some sort of
23 ongoing reporting as far as how many people are using the
24 tool, including how many people are using it in different
25 languages?

1 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

2 Could also, for the next meeting, could the group
3 actually come back with just, and use as a handout, what a
4 -- when someone goes onto the Communities of Interest Tool
5 and uses it, what do they get? What do they come away
6 with? Just so we have sort of the public can actually see.
7 For the people who have not participated, even if we need
8 to make up a community of our own for a couple -- for
9 examples, that would -- I think that would be very helpful
10 for the Commission moving forward so we actually have a
11 good idea of what people are looking at, and just for the
12 general public. That would be helpful.

13 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Commissioner Andersen,
14 just for clarification, are you talking about the once you
15 put in your responses to the questions and you submit your
16 map, then I think, you know, we're supposed to get an email
17 that confirms what it is that we submitted, are you talking
18 about that?

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.

20 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay.

21 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Just want to make sure.

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. They're -- additionally,
24 we could get just, like again, just one or two examples
25 from the Statewide Database in terms of what, then, they

1 will be sending. But the one I was originally discussing
2 is what does the public get so we understand, when we're
3 talking to our -- going on our outreach, what the public is
4 actually looking at.

5 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Commissioner Kennedy
6 wanted to say something.

7 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, yes, Commissioner Kennedy.
8 Thank you.

9 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: No, no, I just roger that.
10 We will make sure that we have that for the next meeting.

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Great. Thank you.

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Also, Commissioner
13 Andersen -- Chair Andersen, I just want to also note that
14 the paper COI Tool was also available as one of the
15 handouts, so I know it was part of the materials. But I
16 wanted to connect it to the electronic COI Tool, as well,
17 to the Communities of Interest Tool.

18 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Yes. And I do
19 assume that the Materials Subcommittee is working with the
20 COI Tool Subcommittee. So if that had not been expressly,
21 that connection, then, you know, please do that. Please do
22 that.

23 So, Commissioner Kennedy, I think you have to
24 talk to yourself on that one. Great.

25 Any other --

1 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: And my two colleagues.

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. Any other -- any more
3 information for the Commission? No. Thank you very much.

4 Any other questions of Commissioners? No. Thank
5 you very much.

6 Moving on we go to item 9L, the Cyber Security,
7 Commissioners Fornaciari and Taylor.

8 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Nothing substantial on
9 may end.

10 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: I concur.

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Well, we're zipping right
12 through this one.

13 Moving on then to item 9M, the Incarcerated
14 Populations, which is Commissioners Fernandez and Sinay.

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: There isn't an update
16 from last week. We're still waiting for the last meeting
17 which will take place, I believe, on Monday for that.

18 CHAIR ANDERSEN: I'm sorry. What was that again?

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I said there isn't an
20 update from last -- our last meeting because we're waiting
21 for our final meeting on Monday with our external partners.

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, thank you very much.
23 Commissioner Kennedy?

24 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Just an ask of the
25 Subcommittee. If you can confirm for us what restrictions

1 there are on paper documents, specifically in relation to
2 the paper COI Tool. We want to make sure that the final
3 specs before we go into production are in line with any
4 restrictions on getting these into the Bureau's facilities.

5 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Sinay?

6 COMMISSIONER SINAY: When is your production
7 deadline?

8 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: We don't have one yet.

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. I'm just checking.
10 But, yeah, I think that's a good idea. We may do that as a
11 follow-up, Alicia, to those -- I mean, I'm sorry,
12 Commissioner Fernandez, to those we spoke to, yes.

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. And we do know
14 that for sure they can't have stamps. It would have to be
15 like a pre -- whatever that's called. It can't have a
16 stamp on there. And I would think they would say no
17 staples, so -- but we'll follow up with that. Thank you.

18 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. We've revisited.
19 We've don't a little bit of work on the redesign. So the
20 three main headings are now in reverse print so that you
21 can find section one, section two, section three, or step
22 one, step two, step three much easier. And it does say,
23 "Fold and tape." So -- and, yes, there's the space for the
24 business reply permit. And Staff will be checking with
25 U.S. Postal Service to make sure that all of our design

1 elements are compliant with Postal Service guidelines and
2 that we have permit number and funding in the permit
3 account all before we get this thing out in the public.

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

5 Commissioner Sinay? Oh. Okay.

6 Any other questions? No?

7 Seeing none, we move on to item number nine,
8 Lessons Learned, Commissioner Ahmad, Commissioner Kennedy.

9 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Ahmad, do you
10 have anything?

11 At this point we have replied to an introduction
12 that Fredy made to the Director of Communications for the
13 Michigan Commission to say that we are happy to be in touch
14 and share anything that we've learned with the Michigan
15 Commission. We hope to learn from them as well. And I did
16 send a follow-up today to their Communications Director to
17 make sure that he had received our message. So
18 that's the only thing that we have at this point.

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Great. Thank you.

20 Then the next item, we scratched the Executive
21 Director Recruitment.

22 And before we go into the public meeting, well,
23 public input meeting, we do have our -- the Chief Counsel
24 Recruitment Committee, which is myself and Commissioner
25 Toledo. I might turn it over to Commissioner Toledo just

1 for a quick --

2 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: A quick update?

3 So in terms of an update, we are in the process
4 of finalizing our posting for the Chief Counsel. It should
5 be up any day now, hopefully by the end of the day today or
6 tomorrow, at which point we're going to ask all
7 Commissioners and the community to disseminate the posting
8 widely and to help us get as large of an applicant pool as
9 possible. And we will certainly let everybody know once
10 that position has been posted.

11 Our time frame for recruitment is about three
12 weeks, so we're finalizing that at this point. It's about
13 three weeks at this point for the search, and so it will be
14 a quick turnaround. And if there's any questions, please
15 feel free to reach out to myself or Commissioner Andersen.

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. That does -- that
17 summarizes that.

18 Looking at our agenda at this point, and it's ten
19 minutes to 3:00, the public -- I do know that the Public
20 Input Meeting Design is, actually, a rather lengthy
21 presentation, I'm assuming. That's not just a couple of
22 lines or am I incorrect on that one? I was proposing that
23 we might stop for public comment at the end of the day,
24 right now, because then we'll go into closed session as we
25 come back from break.

1 Commissioner Fornaciari?

2 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I don't think we have
3 anything to report at this point. We'll report out next
4 time, after our first meeting. But, you know, at this
5 point we don't have anything to report out.

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Well, we just heard the 9P then.
7 Thank you very much.

8 So moving on then from that, before we do jump
9 into Legal Affairs, because I'm assuming that that is
10 rather lengthy, we're going to be going over documents and
11 the questions, so I would like to move that until, well,
12 until tomorrow. How much time -- how long do you believe
13 the -- I'm sorry.

14 May I ask from the Legal Affairs Committee, what
15 is your plan for your update?

16 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes. So in preparation for
17 the interviews, which will happen next week -- I'm sorry,
18 two weeks from now, we were hoping to get -- I'm sorry, no,
19 next week, that's right -- we wanted to get any last
20 feedback on the interview questions and applicant
21 evaluation worksheets. All of those are handouts for
22 today's meeting.

23 We also just received a public comment from
24 former Commission Angela Ancheta which raises a good point
25 which may lead to adding one additional question to the

1 (indiscernible) questions. But those won't necessarily
2 take much time, unless there's some -- you know, any
3 substantial revision needed.

4 There's also a question of counsel presence
5 during the interviews. And the Committee would like to get
6 the advice of the Commission on a decision about that. I
7 don't think that will be lengthy, as well, though.

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah, because we're scheduled
9 for a break, I believe.

10 Kristian, is that correct, we need to take a
11 break about, really, literally about ten minutes; is that
12 correct?

13 MR. MANOFF: 3:06, Chair.

14 CHAIR ANDERSEN: 3:06, yeah, so we don't have a
15 great deal of time. And I know that we're looking at the
16 rest of our agenda which really is, other than talk about
17 our future meeting dates just to confirm a few items there,
18 we don't really have much. But as we know -- well, we
19 understand that we've already -- canceling the meeting
20 tomorrow would not do us any good in terms of financially.
21 And I don't want to cut this conversation short on the
22 Legal Affairs Committee. So we'd require -- we'd have
23 about ten minutes to do this, less than that now.

24 So what is the feeling of the -- what would the
25 Legal Affairs Committee, what would be their preference?

1 And what would the other Commissioners' preference be? Try
2 and jump into this now, realizing that we have to take a
3 break and then we're going into closed session, or put this
4 off until tomorrow?

5 COMMISSIONER YEE: You know, I think the
6 interview questions and the worksheet, we've already had
7 several revisions to them. I'm actually comfortable with
8 them. But, you know, we do want the full Commission to
9 have the chance to make any comments.

10 Consideration about counsel presence, you know,
11 that could be a short discussion.

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Fernandez?

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Based on how we like to
14 go through questions and provide input, I would recommend
15 that we maybe go into closed session and then come back
16 tomorrow to discuss the Legal Affairs section.

17 CHAIR ANDERSEN: And Commissioner Toledo?

18 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I would concur, just also
19 because I know that a couple of Commissioners have to leave
20 early today. And so it may make sense to go into closed
21 session so that -- so we can all be part of the closed
22 session --

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay.

24 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: -- at least for a portion
25 of that.

1 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. That would be my
2 preference. And unless there is a strong I'd really rather
3 not, that's what I would like to do. So if you have a
4 really strong objection to doing that, say so now. I see no
5 hands. Wait.

6 Commissioner Kennedy?

7 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: I have a scheduled
8 presentation to the Greater High Desert Chamber of Commerce
9 at nine o'clock tomorrow morning. So I should be finished
10 by 10:00 but I'm committed at 9:00.

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

12 Commissioner Le Mons?

13 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Don't we already have the
14 questions from the first time we did this?

15 COMMISSIONER TURNER: We do.

16 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: So what do we need to talk
17 about?

18 COMMISSIONER YEE: We had the questions from the
19 2010 Commission but we've revised them significantly.

20 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: No. This is for the
21 counsel? I'm sorry. Is this for the --

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: No. Oh, I'm sorry. This is for
23 the vote -- the Legal Affairs. This is for the voting
24 rights.

25 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Oh, okay. I thought this

1 was for the Chief Counsel (indiscernible).

2 COMMISSIONER YEE: And litigation, yeah.

3 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Okay. Okay.

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Completely different group.

5 Completely different group.

6 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Got it. Thank you.

7 COMMISSIONER YEE: A lot of counsels. We

8 lawyered up.

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: That's okay. Okay. I am going
10 to say, let's hold because, yes, I definitely want to have
11 a look at the questions, and I believe there are other
12 items involved in that too.

13 So at this point I would like to call for public
14 comment before, because we will go into closed session, we
15 will not be coming back today, and then we'll come back at
16 9:30 tomorrow in open session.

17 So could, Katy, could you read the instructions
18 please?

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair.

20 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: In order to maximize
22 transparency and public participation in our process, the
23 Commissioners will be taking public comment by phone. To
24 call in, dial the telephone number provided on the
25 livestream feed. It is (877) 853-5247. When prompted,

1 enter the meeting I.D. number provided on the livestream
2 feed. It is 91834691695 for this meeting. When prompted
3 to enter a participant I.D., simply press the pound key.

4 Once you have dialed in you will be placed in a
5 queue. To indicate you wish to comment, please press star
6 nine. This will raise your hand for the moderator. When
7 it is your turn to speak you will hear a message that says,
8 "The host would like you to talk," and to press star six to
9 speak. If you would like to give your name, please state
10 it and spell it for the record. You are not required to
11 provide your name to give public comment. Please make sure
12 to mute your computer or livestream audio to prevent any
13 feedback or distortion during your call.

14 Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for
15 when it is your turn to speak and, again, please turn down
16 the livestream volume.

17 And there is no one in the queue at this time.

18 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Katy. We'll wait
19 those couple of minutes for the livestream to catch up to
20 us.

21 (Pause)

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The instructions are
23 done in the queue, Chair.

24 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And there's still no

1 one in the queue.

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: All right. We will pause just
3 for a minute because sometimes if you then sort of try to
4 fumble and dial that number --

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh, someone's in the
6 queue.

7 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Please let them in.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: If you were calling in
9 to make a comment, a public comment, if you could press
10 star nine to raise your hand and indicate you would like to
11 share a comment, it would make my job easier? And you
12 would like to make a comment. And the floor is yours.

13 UNIDENTIFIED PUBLIC COMMENTER: Good afternoon
14 Commissioner. First of all, thank you for all your work
15 thus far. As a current political science major at the
16 University of Laverne, I started to follow the Commission
17 and try as much as possible to watch these hearings between
18 my job and classes.

19 I'm calling in today to reiterate how important
20 these transcripts will be for everyday folks like myself.
21 While I sit and -- while I love to sit and watch all these
22 videos, I actually have multiple roommates, and we live in
23 small places with weak internet connection. And being able
24 to download these transcripts will be so much easier and
25 accessible. I'm hoping, if you will take people like me

1 into consideration, especially as much as you try to like
2 reach out to people in this process, that would be great.

3 Thank you.

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you for that comment.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And that was it,
6 Chair.

7 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Thank you very much,
8 Katy.

9 Well, at this time I will recess our meeting. We
10 will go into closed session, so we will return to the
11 public tomorrow morning at 9:30. So thank you very much
12 and we will see the public tomorrow.

13 (The Commission convened a closed session at 3:01 p.m.)

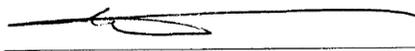
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