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Friday, August 20, 2021 2:02 o'clock p.m.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: (via Zoom): All right. Good afternoon, everyone. Welcome and thank you to everyone who's tuning in to California Citizens Redistricting Commission Communities of Interest Input Meeting. I am Commissioner Linda Akutagawa and I will be co-chairing today's meeting with my fellow commissioner Jane Anderson. So today, we are offering one Language Line in Spanish so Spanish speakers can listen into the meeting in their native language.

Could I please have our interpreters provide our call-in numbers? And can I have the Spanish interpreter read the Spanish Language Line instructions?

SPANISH INTERPRETER: [Instructions read in Spanish].

Thank you.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you very much. Okay. So now let's go to Robbie for a Roll call of the Commissioners.

MR. SINGH: Thank you, Chair. Commissioner Anderson?

VICE CHAIR ANDERSON (via Zoom): Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fernandez?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ (via Zoom): Present.
MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fornaciari?
COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI (via Zoom): Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Kennedy?
COMMISSIONER KENNEDY (via Zoom): Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Le Mons?
COMMISSIONER LE MONS (via Zoom): Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Sadhwani?
Commissioner Sinay?
COMMISSIONER SINAY (via Zoom): Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Taylor?
COMMISSIONER TAYLOR (via Zoom): Present.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Toledo?
COMMISSIONER TOLEDO (via Zoom): Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Turner?
COMMISSIONER TURNER (via Zoom): Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Vazquez?
Commissioner Yee?
COMMISSIONER YEE (via Zoom): Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Ahmad?
COMMISSIONER AHMAD (via Zoom): Here.

MR. SINGH: And Commissioner Akutagawa?

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Here.

MR. SINGH: Roll call is compute -- complete,

Chair, sorry.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Ravi. Okay. I will
start by sharing a little bit about the Commission. Every ten years after the Federal Government publishes updated census information, California must redraw the boundaries of its congressional, state Senate, state Assembly, and state Board of Equalization districts so that the districts correctly reflect the state's population. In 2008, California voters authorized the creation of the independent commission when they passed the Voters FIRST Act. It authorized the Commission to redraw or draw the new district lines for state Senate, state Assembly and state Board of Equalization districts.

In 2019, the congressional Voters FIRST Act added the responsibility of drawing congressional districts to the Commission. The 14-member commission is made up of five Republicans, five Democrats, and four non-affiliated with either of those two parties. The Commission must draw the district lines in conformity with strict, non-partisan rules designated or designed to create districts of relatively equal population that will provide fair representation for all Californians.

The census redistricting data was released the week of August 9th. When the official California Redistricting Database is available in late September, the Commission will begin drawing maps using six line-drawing criteria as outlined in the California Constitution. One
of these is minimizing the division of cities, counties, neighborhoods and communities of interest to the extent possible. We can obtain city and county information from those jurisdictions, but we need the neighborhood and communities of interest information from Californians directly. That's why we have launched these Communities of Interest input sessions to get that valuable information from you directly, and we encourage all Californians to participate in this process. If you would rather submit your input over the internet, you can do so from our website or by visiting drawmycacommunity.org; Skip the line, Go online.

Now, I will call on all commissioners to introduce themselves and to say hello. To see the biographies of all 14 commissioners or for additional information or to sign up for our email distribution, please visit our website at wedrawthelinesca.org.

So let's begin with my co-chair Commissioner Anderson.

VICE CHAIR ANDERSON: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa.

My name's Jane Anderson and I'm going to be co-chairing this meeting today. And I'm coming to you from Berkley, California. My connection to the great area east of the foothills and then east of the Sierras is I have
cousins who live in Amador County and I just want to do a shout out to our friends in Alpine County who are still recovering from fires and earthquakes and all of our friends in Amador who are also being caught up by the winds of this -- the fires around them as well. Fires are a big issue in this whole area, so we understand that this might not be the ideal time for you to call in, but for all of those who are going to call in today, thank you, thank you. And we look forward to hearing about your communities and what makes them special.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right. Let's go to Commissioner Isra Ahmad.

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Chair, and thank you everyone for being here to our -- here in our Community of Interest input meeting. I'm so excited to continue to learn about the communities across California, so I'm looking forward to a great meeting.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you very much.

Let's go to Commissioner Alicia Fernandez?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Good afternoon, everyone. I'm Alicia Fernandez from Yolo County, your neighbors to the -- let me think -- west. Right? I'm kind of directionally challenged, but that's okay. Commissioner Kennedy is nodding his head, so I think I got it right. And I'm so looking forward to the continuing input and I
appreciate all of you that are calling in to provide testimony. But again, it's -- this is not the only way to provide testimony. So thank you so much and I look forward to all of your communities.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right. Thank you very much.

Let's go to Commissioner Neil Fornaciari.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Good afternoon, California. I'm Commissioner Neil Fornaciari. I'm coming to you from Tracy, California in San Joaquin County. Looking forward to hearing more about your Community of Interest and what makes your area special. Thanks for joining us.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right. Thank you very much.

Let's go to Commissioner Ray Kennedy.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. Good afternoon, California. I'm joining the meeting from my home in Morongo Valley just north of the San Bernardino Riverside County line on the way to Joshua Tree here in the desert of San Bernardino County. Looking forward to hearing what makes your community special to you. Thanks again.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right. Thank you.

Let's go to Commissioner Antonio Le Mons.
COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Good afternoon, Californians. Buenas Tardes. Looking forward to hearing your Community of Interest input. It's been a very exciting run over the last few weeks and I am looking forward to it continuing. Thank you.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right. Thank you. Not sure if she's back, but let's go to Commissioner Sara Sadhwani if she's available?

Okay. Maybe she is not back yet. Okay. Let's go to Commissioner Patricia Sinay.


CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right. Thank you. And let's see. I don't see Commissioner Derric Taylor, but I'll just say his name out loud just in case. Oh, there he is. He is here.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: I am -- I'm here. Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa.

Good afternoon, California. I am Derric Taylor joining you today from Alta Dena, California in Los Angeles County. Look forward to all the input from our community members. I echo the sentiment of the other commissioners and look forward to continuing the work. Thank you.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right. Thank you very
Let's go to Commissioner Trena Turner.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Beautiful. Thank you. Thank you for choosing me. Picking me. Californians, I'm Trena Turner. I'm an ordained elder in the City of Stockton, and I come to you from San Joaquin County and I never would try the whole directional bit. I have not a clue. I'm in San Joaquin. Hopefully you know where I am. I'm going to learn all about you today because you're going to call in and tell us about your beautiful area and I will be attentively listening. Thank you.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right. Thank you very much.

Let's go to Commissioner Pedro Toledo.

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you, Chair. My name is Pedro Toledo and I'm a commissioner from Petaluma, California in wine country. I'm looking forward to hearing your testimony. Appreciate it. Back to Chair.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right. Thank you very much.

I also again want to -- I don't believe Commissioner Angela Vazquez is with us, but I still want to say her name out loud just in case. Okay. All right then, I'm going to go ahead and move on. Let's go to Commissioner Russell Yee.
COMMISSIONER YEE: Good afternoon, California. And my name is Russell Yee, and I am here in my hometown of Oakland. And all 14 of us represent the entire state, so all 14 of us today are keenly interested in the eastern/southeastern counties, central and southeastern counties of California and look forward to hearing from you today.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right. Thank you very much.

And let me just briefly introduce myself. My name is Commissioner Linda Akutagawa and I am from Orange County, California, so I am a neighbor to the south, although not the far south, in San Diego. I'm a little bit north of there, but definitely south if you all live in the eastern Sierras in the counties that we'll be covering. Today, I just want to also add my welcomes to you all and also want to echo what Commissioner Anderson said. We appreciate any of you who are able to join in.

We are very much aware that in the northern parts of the state you're facing quite a bit of difficulties with the fires. Unfortunately, I think it's a reality for a lot of people across all of California, so I think we -- we definitely feel your pain and also are really just wishing the best for you all. So we're looking forward to hearing from you and thank you very much and please encourage, you
know, family, friends, colleagues, co-workers, anybody who has an interest in, really, the future of California. Encourage them to get involved either by going online or participating on one of these calls, either today or in the future when we have our state-wide meetings.

All right. So I do want to just note that we are also active on social media, so please also encourage your others, as well as yourself, to follow us on the California Citizens Redistricting Commission via our social media channels. You can find us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn, and YouTube at wedrawthelinesCA. Okay? wedrawthelinesCA. And you could, you know, follow us on social media to get some more information about redistricting as well as updates about what is happening with the -- with the redistricting commission. Before we continue, could I please have our interpreters provide our Language Line numbers one more time? And can I --

Let's start with our Spanish interpreter. Please read the Spanish Language Line instructions.

SPANISH INTERPRETER: Yes. [Instructions read in Spanish]. Thank you.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you.

Okay. So this meeting is primarily for Communities of Interest testimony focused on Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Inyo, Mariposa, Mono, and Tuolumne
counties and their surrounding areas. However, anyone in California can call in to provide input. General public comment will take place at the end of the meeting. Although the Commission has divided up California into 11 outreach zones, that, in no way, is relative to or reflective of redistricting lines or boundaries. The commission created the zones to assist commissioners and staff in their outreach efforts only, not as an indication of planned boundaries.

Today, we are joined by our line-drawing team, Haystaq DNA and Q2 Data & Research LLC, who will be displaying a map of the area that attendees or callers will be describing. Please start with the areas you would like to discuss and be as specific as possible about the boundaries of where you community is located. It is our goal to find the area on the map that you would like to discuss prior to your testimony so we can all be looking at it.

If you are within a specific neighborhood of a large city, please mention it by name. Once we are able to locate your area, your timer will begin. Attendees will not be able to share their screen. We are also joined by Spanish interpreters and Katie, our comment moderator, will be introducing attendees when it is their turn to speak. When you join the meeting, please use the raise hand button
at the bottom of your Zoom screen to enter the queue. If you have registered for a time slot, we encourage you to call in during your appointment time slot. When it is your turn to speak, Katie, our comment moderator, will be identifying you by your assigned unique I.D. number. You will be reconnected to the session with the ability to enable your own video and/or audio.

Registration is not required to participate in this public input meeting. The public has the option of calling in during this meeting to get in the queue to speak. If you do not have an appointment and wish to call in to provide public input, the number is (877) 853-5247. Again, the number to provide public input is (877) 853-5247. You will need to enter Meeting I.D. Number 88961386844. Again the Meeting I.D. Number is 88961386844.

This call-in information and access code is also listed on the livestream. You will need to dial this number in order to give public input. Today, we will also have Spanish interpreters available to interpret non-English input at this call-in number. The comment moderator will assign you a speaker order number before you begin speaking and please make a note of this for future reference. You will be able to use this number to identify your COI testimony on our website at a future date.

The commission will be enforcing a three-minute
time limit for English speakers and a six-minute time limit for those with an interpreter. There will be a warning at 30 seconds and 15 seconds time remaining.

At the beginning of your input, you will see a map on the screen. Please remind the mapper what area you would like to see on the screen and be as specific as possible about the boundaries where your community is located. If, at the conclusion of the meeting, there is still a need to allow for members of the public in the queue to speak, we will continue this COI input meeting at a new date and time and we'll attempt to reschedule the remaining members of the public to speak for the allotted three minutes. Please monitor the website as we expect a post-continuation of this agenda within 24 hours.

Okay. Community of Interest rules. While there are no clear rules how to define Community of Interest, we've identified ways for you to describe your community. First, begin with your county or city. Second, mention the street names and significant locations in your neighborhood to help us identify the parameters of your community. Three, what are your shared interests? Four, what brings your community together? Five, what is important to your community? Six, are there nearby areas you want to be in a district with? Number seven, are there nearby areas that you don't want to be in a district with, and tell us why or
why not.

And then lastly, number eight, has your community come together to advocate for important services, better schools, roads, or health centers, for example, in your neighborhood. Also, we invite you to use the Community of Interest tool to draw a map and describe your community by visiting DrawMyCACommunity.org. This website is available in 16 languages. Again, Skip the Line, Go Online. Submit your COI Input today. And please encourage at least three other people to do the same.

As a reminder, even though we are focusing on specific counties for this COI Input Meeting, Californians from anywhere in the state are welcome to provide input today. We will now begin the public input sessions and will start with people who are registered and then open the lines, if there is time, before the next session for those who have called in. If you are calling in without an appointment, please do not hang up as you will lose your place in line.

I'm going to go ahead and pass this over to Katie, our comment moderator now.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, Chair. Welcome to the public input session. Please use the raise hand button at the bottom of your screen to enter the queue. When it is your turn to speak, you will be
identified by your assigned unique I.D. number, which you
received yesterday. You will be reconnected to the session
with the ability to enable your own video and/or audio.
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begin speaking. Please make a note of your speaker order
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At the end of your public input or at the end of
your time, you will be reconnected in a listen and view-
only mode. At the beginning of your input, please remind
the mapper of what area you would like to see on the
screen.

And at this time, we will have 003 and then up
next will be 004.

003, I will be promoting you now. 003, your
speaker order number will be number 1. If you will please
make note of that for a future reference. You can now
enable your audio and video in the lower-left corner of
MR. GARDNER: Thank you very much. My name is Bob Gardner. I'm on the Mono County Board of Supervisors. I'm speaking today as a private citizen within Mono County, but I do believe our county board of supervisors and our counsel of government, the eastern Sierra Council of Government, have sent correspondence to the Commission with many of these points I'm going to raise today.

I certainly appreciate the opportunity to provide input on California's 2020 redistricting process. Our first priority, my first priority, is that eastern Sierra Counties, specifically Inyo and Mono counties should be defined as a Community of Interest with shared state and federal representation. Currently, Mono County is represented by State Assembly District 5 and Inyo County is represented by Assembly District 26. Both counties are represented by California Senate District 8.

Historically, our constituents in both counties have felt under represented at the state level largely due to our geographic isolation on the east side of the Sierra Nevada. No state representative maintains a local office in either Inyo or Mono County. Eastern California districts are currently connected to greater population centers on the western slope of the Sierra Nevada and
central valley that do not share any of those characteristics in common with the east side of the Sierra Nevada. Access to the eastern Sierra from the west side of the Sierra Nevada requires traversing the 14,000-foot mountain range over high mountain passes, travel that's lengthy and circuitous in summer months and significantly extended when mountain passes close for winter months.

Indeed, these mountains present such a formidable barrier between the Central Valley and eastern Sierra that no roads cross the Sierra Nevada for a span of about 250 miles. When residents of Inyo and Mono counties need to access urban amenities such as international airport or a big box retailer, they tend to travel south to LA or north to Reno as traveling west over the mountains is inefficient and difficult. Thus, we feel that it makes little sense and dilutes the voice of the residents of Inyo and Mono counties to tether eastside residents to west side counties that are so geographically divided from the eastern Sierra.

The eastern Sierra region has unique and unifying regional issues that would benefit from united regional state representation. Both counties are characterized by significant percentages of federal owned and managed land as well as water exportation and land management by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. No other county in the State of California is characterized greater than 50
percent of private land owned by a California municipality outside their boundaries. Both counties have less than five percent of their land area available for private ownership or development, a shared community and economic development constraint impacting shared regional housing and retail development opportunities.

As a second priority, Inyo and Mono counties I think would like to share regional representation with other Sierra Nevada counties including --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MR. GARDNER: -- including Mariposa County, Tuolumne County, Calaveras County, Amador County, Alpine County and parts of El Dorado and Placer counties. We would -- as well as Nevada County and Sierra County -- like to form a Sierra Nevada district defined by shared issues and geography --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

MR. GARDNER: -- watersheds, histories, and cultures. I respectfully request the redistricting commission redraw these boundaries to include Inyo and Mono counties within the same districts and to seriously look at shared representation for all counties with the Sierra Nevada and particular within the eastern watershed --

MR. MANOFF: Time.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.
CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have 004 and then up next will be 001.

004, I will be promoting you now. 004, your speaker order number is number 2, if you will please make note of that for future reference. You can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. If you will please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss today, the floor is yours.

MR. MONSEN: Thank you very much. I just wanted to confirm you can hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

MR. MONSEN: Well, that's excellent. So we need to go down to Los Angeles County and within Los Angeles County, we need to look at the mighty San Gabriel Mountains and the communities, foothill communities below them from Pacoima across to Claremont. And I don't know if the map's moving slower than you're seeing it, but it's not moving for me.

MR. MANOFF: Just a moment, please while (indiscernible) brings that area up for you.

MR. MONSEN: Oh, you've got it. Right. So move it down a little and then you'll be looking at the foothill cities that are disappearing there. In any case, if -- yeah, move it -- move the map south. Can you find the
Angeles National Forest? Thank you. Okay. That's going to be, I suppose, good enough.

My name is John Monsen and I wanted to talk today about the importance of the relationship of public lands to the congressional districts they're placed in. Specifically I wanted to talk about the congressional districts where the foothill communities from Pacoima all the way across east to Claremont are located in congressional districts. I was born in Pasadena and I'm a long-time resident of the foothill communities from Pacoima to Claremont, which are just south of the Angeles National Forest and generally north of the 210 freeway.

I worked on many issues involving these mountains including urging the Obama Administration to create the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument in 2014. In 2011, I headed up a group called Citizens for the San Gabriel Mountains, which made the case for that -- to that commission that the foothill cities from Pacoima east to Claremont formed a Community of Interest based on their geographic, economic, and historical relationship to their backyard mountain range, the San Gabriel mountains and on the traits they have in common with each other in relationship to the mountains.

The proximity of the San Gabriels is a major source of their community identities. Pasadena, for
example, was a popular tourist site from the 1860s to 1920s because they were close to the wilds of the San Gabriel Mountains where people could escape urbanization and experience wild nature. These days, these communities are united by the threat of wildfire and many of them are in -- all of them, in fact, have high severity fire risk zones. They share a common geographical orientation to the mountains and they're residents are frequent visitors.

Because of the terrain, foothill cities face a heightened risk of floods. Many of these foothill cities have trail systems that lead directly from the cities into the mountains. The range is a source of tourist dollars for local businesses. And we were pleased that the Commission in 2011 had a very favorable reaction to our suggestions that they were a Community of Interest and we're hoping that you will recognize them in the same way.

They -- these cities also share common concerns about the management of the range by the federal --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds remaining.

MR. MONSEN: -- federal government including fuels and fire management, watershed and other issues. And the only way they can have any clout in Congress is by having the same member of Congress that represents the mountains to their north, so they need to be in the same districts.
MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

MR. MONSEN: Please do not forget the importance of our public lands to the people who live near them. These people need to be in the same congressional districts as the public lands adjacent to them.

Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

Right now we will have 001. I will be promoting you now. 001, your speaker order number is number 3. If you would please make note of that for a future reference? If you will please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss today, the floor is yours.

MS. KAUFMAN: Thank you. Inyo Counties, Mono, Alpine, Amador, Tuolumne, Mariposa, Calaveras, and parts of Placer, El Dorado and also Madera. Good afternoon. My name is Joyce Kaufman. I live in June Lake in Mono County. This central Sierra Nevada is a geographically distinct area that comprises the communities that abut the crest of the Sierra Nevada Mountain Range in the counties I've just mentioned.

Although I know the Commission's preference is not to divide counties, in some cases there are reasons to do so. For example, the eastern part of Mariposa, which includes the Devil's Postpile, which is accessed from Mammoth in Mono County. The community of interest
described here is namely rural and frontier. Our community is bonded by the type of person who chooses to live here. We are people who live away from urban centers and many of us consider ourselves stewards of the rugged wilderness we inhabit.

The economy of the central Sierra depends upon recreation such as skiing, camping, fishing, hiking, backpacking, and small businesses that often support these recreational activities. We face many challenges including adequate funding of forest management to mitigate and address forest wildfires, concern about water rights, access to Broadband, access to air transportation, and access to healthcare.

The people in this Community of Interest share concerns about making the state and federal government provide resources to our rural communities and therefore request the creation of representative districts that will allow us to speak with one collective voice rather than splitting our Community of Interest into unrelated state, State Assembly, Senate, and federal congressional districts. At the present time, none of our federal or state representatives have offices in our composed area and none of them routinely visits this area.

Our current member of the assembly, Frank Bigelow, is based in Madera in the southwest portion of the
county. While it might appear that Madera is contiguous to Mono, we are separated by a mountain range which makes it virtually impossible to traverse in the winter.

What is perhaps most telling is that on his website --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. KAUFMAN: -- under my district as of this writing, Mr. Bigelow did not have anything posted about the Tamarack Fire despite the fact that members of his district were affected by it. This really --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

MS. KAUFMAN: -- speaks to the important point of making sure that we have representatives who know us, understand us, and can advocate for us. Thank you.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Can we -- are you still there?

We just lost her.

MR. MANOFF: Just a moment, Chair.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Can we -- can we bring her back?

MR. MANOFF: Yes. Just a moment.

Speaker 001, the Chair had some additional questions for you, please.

MS. KAUFMAN: Yes. Can you hear me?

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yes. I can hear you. Thank you. And thank you for your testimony. I do have a couple
clarification questions.

MS. KAUFMAN: Mm-hmm.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: You mentioned that -- you mentioned several counties including parts of Madera, parts of Placer, and parts of El Dorado. Could you give us a little bit more detail in terms of what parts of Madera, what parts -- how far into Madera, how -- what parts of Placer and El Dorado are you thinking you would like to see included in as part of your Community of Interest?

MS. KAUFMAN: Sure. For Madera, we're looking at the eastern part that's bounded by the San Joaquin River. And the reason for that -- and the reason for that is because that really makes sure that the eastern part includes Devil's Postpile and other park and natural and forest areas that are, in effect, accessed through Mammoth, which are Mono -- which is in Mono County. So what we're trying to do is make it more contiguous.

As far as the areas in Placer and El Dorado, what we're looking at is the parts on the eastern side that abut the ridge or the crest of the Sierra Nevada which comes up basically about a third of the way to the east. So it's really about a third eastward to the Nevada border. Does that help clarify?

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay. That -- yes, I -- I do believe so. I believe our map drawers got what they
needed. You saw them -- I don't know if you were able to see where they were, you know, moving the cursor. Is that about what you --?

MS. KAUFMAN: I did.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: -- were thinking? Okay.

MS. KAUFMAN: Actually, even a little further to the east but that's roughly it. So it includes the Lake Tahoe area and the areas along that shore. So, yeah, that's about right.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Perfect. Thank you so much. We appreciate your testimony.

MS. KAUFMAN: Thank you for your time.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And, Chair, at this time that is all of our people in the queue. Would you like me to read the call instructions at this time?

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yes. That would be wonderful.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: In order to maximize transparency and public participation in our process, the Commissioners will be taking Community of Interest input by phone. To call in, dial the telephone number provided on the livestream feed. It is (877) 853-5247.

When prompted to enter the Meeting I.D. number provided on the livestream feed, it is 88961386844 for this meeting. When prompted to enter a participant I.D., simply press the pound key. Once you have dialed in, you will be
placed in a queue. To indicate you wish to comment, please press star-nine. This will raise your hand for the moderator.

When it is your turn to speak, you will hear a message that says the host would like you to talk and to press star-six to speak. If you would like to give your name, please state and spell it for the record. You are not required to provide your name to give public comment.

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

And at this time, we do not have anyone in the queue, Chair.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right. Thank you so much, Katie.

Can I have the Spanish interpreter also give the same translation of the call-in instructions so we can insure that we have everybody able to or interested in calling in if they all have the information.

SPANISH INTERPRETER: Hi, Chair. This is the Spanish Interpreter. I can go ahead and give the call-in instructions. Would these be the full call-in instructions?
CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Let's just go ahead and give the full call-in instructions.

SPANISH INTERPRETER: Sounds good. [Instructions read in Spanish]. Gracias. Thank you.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right. Thank you.

Katie, I do see that we have someone. I do want to encourage everybody, please call in. Again, remember you can call in from anywhere across the state although we do want to encourage those from our Outreach Zone G to please call in and give us your input.

Katie, I'm going to turn this back over to you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right, Chair.

Caller with the last four 3981, if you would please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star-six?

Caller 3981, your speaker order number will be number 4. If you'll please make note of that for future reference, and if you'll please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

MS. ZELENY: I'd like to discuss the area from Inyo County up through Nevada County along the border with Nevada.

MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead, please.

MS. ZELENY: Okay. My name is Ocilla Zeleny. That's O-c-i-l-l-a. Last name is Z-e-l-e-n-y. I live at
277 Hillside Drive in Mammoth Lakes, Mono County, California.

This region depends on tourism. National parks and national forests draw folks from around the world. Skiing, hiking, camping, backpacking, fishing, music and film festivals are some of the additional attractions that support numerous small businesses. As a result, a sustainable environment, affordable housing, reliable Broadband, accessible healthcare and transportation are key. Naturally, wildfires, mining operations, forest management, threats to clean air and water are concerns.

To address all this, state and federal representatives need to live in this area. They do not. This is reflected in their lack of concern for this area demonstrated in their newsletters and on their websites.

The crest and the east side of the Sierra Nevada Mountain Range brings geographic commonality to the rural areas located in the following counties: Inyo, Mono, Madera east of the San Joaquin River, Mariposa, Tuolumne, Alpine, Calaveras, Amador, and portions of El Dorado, Placer, and Nevada including the Lake Tahoe Basin and Truckee.

Folks who live here prefer less congested wilderness areas to urban living. They enjoy sharing the wonders of this area with visitors, encouraging them to
treat this land with care and respect. Please keep us together and eliminate the outliers who do not have the same common interests and concerns. For example, they have nearby access to urban areas with access to hospitals, medical specialties, airports, multiple Broadband providers and the like. The Sierra Nevada Mountain Range provides a clear demarcation. Going further south from Inyo County would likely continue the challenge of having state and federal representatives located a distance from the needs and concerns of Zone G. Thank you very much.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you very much.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: That was all of our callers at this time, Chair.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Well, let's -- let's do this. Reading off the instructions the last time seems to have inspired somebody to call in. Hopefully that was a result. Why don't we play the five-minute video that may -- anyone who's watching maybe it might inspire them to call in and we'll just be back in five minutes?

(Off the record at 2:49 p.m.)

(Back on the record at 2:54 p.m.)

MR. MANOFF: All right. That five-minute video is playing on the livestream, Chair.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right. Thank you so much and hope everybody who is watching found the video
interesting.

Do you want to just remind folks that we would love to hear your public input testimony? If you prefer to do so online, that is fine, too, but if you are inspired to give us your testimony based on what some of the other callers have said, please -- please do call in. Otherwise, for anyone else who's listening and you're from outside of the region, I do want to also encourage you to consider calling in as well, too, if you'd like to call in about your particular community. In the meantime, we haven't done this in a while. I'd like to perhaps maybe see if our commissioners might have some new stories that they might want to share with us around our Zone Z -- Zone G counties of Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Tuolumne, Mariposa, Mono, and Inyo?

We've done memories. I don't know if any -- oh, Commissioner Anderson, thank you. And I had to expand it out. Otherwise, the way it's set up right now, I can't see anything but four people at a time. So I'll try to scroll through things.

VICE CHAIR ANDERSON: Yeah. Since we had some callers from Mono County, I'd talk a little bit about my adventures in Mono. I don't have a great deal of adventures. I've been there probably two or three times. Unfortunately, it's not -- not nearly enough. I can't say
enough about it. If you've never seen Mono Lake, it's something you must see. It is literally like, of course, being on the moon, and I believe they actually did some of the preliminary -- certainly a lot of filming is done in that entire area for ideas of, you know, you're on the moon, that sort of thing. But there's some other, actually, gorgeous areas through -- through Mono further north. Unfortunately, far north, that's where that earthquake, the six-nine earthquake -- six-nine earthquake not that long ago did some damage to a lovely, interesting -- I don't want to say it's a tourist shop, but it sort of is. It's an art studio that they, unfortunately -- have artists from all over the world and unfortunately it got damaged in the earthquake and they're trying to rebuild.

But Mono also has a sneaky way up into the back of Yosemite, which, if you've never driven that going from the desert floor up and over into Yosemite, it's very, very fun to do particularly in a very fast car. So I'll -- I'll just leave it at that and then hopefully some other commissioners have some fun things to say.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thanks for sharing that, Commissioner Anderson. I know that I, you know, even though statues of limitations may be up on speeding, I think we don't want to admit too much publicly about some of our -- our law breaking.
Right, Commissioner Taylor?

Okay. Let's see. Anyone else have any stories that they might want to share about the region? I did get another suggestion of a prompt, but I thought I'd ask about any other stories you might want to share with us about the region.

All right. So let me share this suggested prompt. So does -- would anybody be willing to share their favorite voting memories or their first voting experience?

Ah, Commissioner Anderson. All right.

VICE CHAIR ANDERSON: I'll do one, because it wasn't in California, and it was -- I won't tell you exactly where it was. But it was a different state where you'd actually go in and it was a like a big, grey machine. And I mean big like a, you know, really almost eight feet tall by about four-feet wide.

You'd pull a curtain. You'd hit this rod and you'd pull -- the curtain would close behind you. And it had all these bunch of little levers that you would push and it was -- it's my very first time voting and my mother, she and I were going to vote, and so we went in and you push in these little levers to actually register your vote. And then you kind of -- and then at the end there's a big, almost like a lottery handle that you'd grab, you know, at the side and pull it down. And it would go sh-sh-sh-sh-sh
(makes noise), and then they'd all reset. And -- and it
would also open the curtain behind you.

So we sort of walked out and it was a bit like
you'd been to the moon sort of -- there I go to the moon
again, but it was a very, very unusual experience. So it’s
-- my first time voting, that's what I did.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: That is quite memorable. I --
it -- I'd have to say it kind of reminds me of something
you would see out of a movie maybe.

Commissioner Sinay, it looks like you have
something to share, and I think Commissioner Yee after that
has a memory to share too.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: The year I became a U.S.
citizen was my junior year in high school. And it was also
a presidential election year. And I remember I became a
U.S. citizen in May or June -- probably late May or early
June. The next morning I went straight to go get my
passport because I was traveling at the end of June, so I
filled out all that -- I registered to vote, right -- five
minutes after I became a U.S. citizen. And I got my
passport within 24 hours.

My mom was like, When did you apply for this?
You know, it was probably the fastest ever passport created
because I had gone to the federal office and the woman
liked me and put a speed on it and she had heard my story
that I had just became a U.S. citizen and she got really excited for me. And I just remember just that feeling of I get to vote as well. And, you know, it's the first time my whole family voted, because my parents kept going back and forth about becoming a U.S. citizen, but once I did my paperwork, they're like, eh, you're -- you know, she's doing it. We'll do it. So we all became citizens at the same time.

I think the second most memorable time I voted was probably when my name was on the ballet and that was kind of a surreal experience in having my kids there and they were learning how to read. So it's like can you find Mommy's name, you know, and we kind of made it this whole -- whole production. And then my daughter would go from my ballet to my husband's ballet, which you're not supposed to, but because we usually vote -- we counter each other's votes. We cancel each other's votes out, she just wanted to make sure he was voting correctly from mine. So that was a pretty memorable voting experience.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: That's a great story. Thank you, Commissioner Sinay.

Okay. Let's go to Commissioner Yee.

COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you, Chair. I'll actually respond to both prompts. The first by saying for those in Mono County, you'd be hearted by how many cars
around here in Oakland, Alameda County, have a Save Mono Lake bumper sticker. You know, it's actually pretty common and even though it's quite far away, we care about your part of the state as well.

As for voting, let's see. 1996, in mid-October of 1996, my wife and I became parents through adoption and our oldest child came into our lives as a newborn mid-October. And then in November there were the elections, so we went to our local polling place to vote and had our newborn adopted child with us and so we get to the polling place and we had the kind of League of Woman Voters, senior citizens running the poll, polling place, and they took an interest -- the two ladies there took an interest -- the senior ladies took an interest in our newborn.

And they took an even greater interest in my wife because they -- they were whispering to each other, Oh, these modern women. Because there she was, they thought post-partum, (laughing) all trim and fit and with her newborn and just couldn't believe it. So the voting all went well, but that's the thing I remember about that election is the -- pulling a fast one on the ladies there working the polling place.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: That's a great story,

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: My most memorable voting
moment was when I didn't get to vote. It was my first U.N. mission. I was in East Timor at the time of the elections in 2000 starting the preparations for the elections in East Timor in 2001. And because when I left I didn't know what my mailing address would be or anything, I -- I had Washington, D.C. send my ballots to the Election Division at U.N. Headquarters in New York, figuring that they would be able to put it in a pouch to me.

Well, they're like oh, we don't have to put it in a pouch. We've got another staffer going out there and because it was 2000 and the Millennium Summit and every leader in the world was showing up at U.N. Headquarters, security was so tight that they -- they pretty much closed U.N. Headquarters to all but those heads of state. And the staffer's contract was delayed, and so she wasn't able to hand me my ballot until several weeks after the election.

Well, luckily, I thought, a U.S. warship paid a port visit to Dili, East Timor, and I managed to get a ticket for a tour of the ship. And so I was very happy to get onboard the ship and find the first crew member and say I need to speak with your voting assistance officer only to be told that the voting assistance officer was onshore. So I didn't get to vote.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Commissioner Kennedy, I would have to give you credit though for all the effort that you
COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Well, since --

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Go ahead.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Since then, I've perfected overseas voting. I've had occasion to do it on multiple occasions. The Pentagon does have a relay service so that you can -- I was able to send my ballot to the Federal Voting Assistance Program at the Pentagon, which used their relay service to transmit it appropriately to Riverside County back when I lived in Riverside County. So I've gotten better at this over the years.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Well, I do have to say, you know, one of the benefits from sharing all these stories from everybody is that you learn some really interesting things and I never knew that, so that's really interesting. Thank you for sharing that.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Well, you know, every U.S. military installation and every U.S. Navy ship is supposed to have a voting assistance officer. So that -- that's why I was so thrilled when I heard that the warship was going to be in Dili harbor on Election Day. I was like, I've got this nailed and then they were onshore.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Great. Does this inspire anybody else to share a story?
VICE CHAIR ANDERSON: Well, I just want to say thank you, Commissioner Kennedy, for saying that because that's information that I didn't know and, you know, I did live overseas too. Of course, I wasn't able to vote at that time, but I'm thinking anyone who's listening here I'm sure has learned a lot. You know, anyone who is traveling different areas, that you can do that. That's a -- that's really interesting. Thank you. I appreciate that.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you. And I'll also say this. If a commissioner would like to pose a prompt to share some memory whether it's around the regions that we're looking at this time around or if there's some other question prompt you might want to have us discuss, feel free to raise your hand.

Commissioner Fernandez, thank you.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: It's kind of a voting memory. Not my voting memory, but my mom's. She -- my parents were born in Mexico, so she eventually became a citizen. And so after the first day she was sworn in, of course we signed her up to make sure that she was registered to vote. So this is how the voting went every time there was a primary or a major election. She would be like, hey, Lis (phonetic), which is me, her nickname for me. What do you -- what does this mean? How are you voting? So like I almost had two votes for everything
because she was like, Okay. Okay. That sounds like a good idea. That sounds like a good position to be in. So -- and it kind of depended on if it was me or maybe some more of my sisters and we might have had a debate, and that's how she would decide how she would vote. So for us, it was kind of -- it was kind of fun because we'd just be around the table talking to her about it and I can't remember if at this time, I don't believe, they had ballots in Spanish, so, you know, she couldn't really read the information. So I think for me that's a really, like a fond memory of, you know, my mom still wanting to vote not really understanding the issues, but, you know, getting -- getting us around the table to kind of discuss what our positions were. So that's -- for me that's kind of a fun memory.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: That's great. I love that. And, you know, it helped her to really also understand what were the issues as well, too, because she was discussing it with you. So that's awesome.

Commissioner Sinay?

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Commissioner Kennedy sparked a memory but kind of similar but different. My parents are from South America and for a long time a lot of South America was under military dictatorship. And -- and then after military dictatorship, basically you're all -- it's compulsory [sic] to vote. You don't get a choice. And
so you have to show that you voted.

And so I remember the first election, Peruvian --
I think it was Peruvian, election after the dictatorship,
my mom just grabbing all the kids and having to go
somewhere in downtown LA. It was probably -- it wasn't the
Consulate, but it was somewhere. And there were all these
Peruvians. And I just remember thinking, gosh, there's
this many Peruvians in Los Angeles?

And, you know, just the excitement of voting, but
it was also very stressful because you have to vote or you
can't go -- it's in your documents so you can't go back
into your country if you haven't voted. And so it was a
full different feel. My parents have always had this
different feel than the feel of the excitement of voting
because it's a -- it's a right but it's also a privilege,
and -- and you are choosing to vote versus you have to do
it or there's going to be all these consequences if you
don't do it. And so I think having been exposed to what it
was like to live in a military dictatorships, because we
would go to visit in South America, when my family were in
those situations, as well as our democracy is one of the
reasons I'm very passionate about civic engagement and
engaging -- and making sure that all feel welcome into --
and finding their place to engage.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you so much. That's
actually an interesting kind of perspective. I mean, you
know, would never have realized that that was -- it was
conducted in such a way that people did not really feel
that it was a right and a privilege or at least a -- a, you
know, a positive thing versus a less than positive
experience. And so that's good to know.

All right. I know that we will be going to our
break in about technically 17 minutes if I'm counting
correctly. I'd like to see if anybody has an additional
memory?

Thank you, Commissioner Anderson.

VICE CHAIR ANDERSON: Commissioner Fernandez's
comment about discussing, you know, how did you vote, that
sort of thing, brought up -- which I realize we sort of do
all the time, my husband and I sort of joined with a bunch
of different friends many years ago. You know, in
California you have all those propositions and, you know,
going through the propositions is always a -- you know,
what do you think, what do you think.

And so we actually had a group, which we did
several -- several voting times, and you'd -- you'd take
about two or three of them. You'd have divided it out, and
you'd have to come and present it and say, okay, now what
do you think? But you have -- you couldn't just -- you
could say what you wanted, but you had to say pros and cons
of them, which was really, really interesting and fun. And
then children sort of duh, duh, duh. But well, we do
something now, I realize, with my children because when
they -- my two oldest who are voters -- then they went off
to college, so you do that remotely. And they would look
up different sources for information. So it was really
interesting having that whole discussion, which -- and one
thing I think I did want to bring up, because we have that
voter pamphlet, you know.

And I have -- I said I have not always voted in
California. I mean for many, many years I have, but we're
one of the few states that does -- that do that. And it's
a marvelous, marvelous things because it really kind of
gives, you know, there are pros and cons of it, but it is a
source for information as opposed to, well, there nothing
out there. Just what commercials you happen to see on
television.

And, you know, I -- hearing Commissioner
Fernandez, I thought now we'll have to bring all that back
with, you know, the larger group or have more organized
meetings about each proposition, you know, voting time.
Because it was really fun. It was really -- talking about
getting people engaged in the whole voting process. So you
might have to take that on for the Commission after we're
done with the maps.
CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right. Well, thank you very much, Commissioner Anderson, for sharing that too. That is, I -- you know it's interesting because I -- I guess in some ways each state does do their own thing and I guess I always thought that if there is -- there is a similar type of voter's pamphlet that we have as well too.

So good news, all. We do have a caller.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We do. Caller 0494, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute at this time. Caller 0494, your speaker order number will be number 5. If you'll please make note of that for a future reference. And if you'll please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

MS. HUTCHINSON: Hi. Yes. Am I allowed to talk now?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely. Floor is yours.

MS. HUTCHINSON: Great. Thank you.

Yeah, good afternoon, Commissioners. My name is Sharon Hutchinson. I live in Clovis, which is in Fresno County, but I'm actually calling in today to give input on Mariposa County. I just wanted to urge the Commissioners that when drawing the lines to make sure to keep the valley floor and the foothill and mountain community separate. These two areas definitely don't belong together in
districts. They are different economies, demographics, and -- and they definitely have different policy concerns.

My family and I are long-time property owners in Maricopa County. We have owned a cabin in Wawona for generations that we use primarily as income property and family recreation. And there are many other families in our Wawona neighborhood that have owned their properties for a long time and used that property for the same -- for the same means, which is, you know, income and family recreation. And that is to say that Mariposa County and other counties like Tuolumne and Calaveras, you know, all the -- all the counties that are in that Zone G, you know, heavily -- are heavily reliant on an economy based on recreation and tourism. And that is just not the case for the valley.

You know, down here our economy is reliant on agriculture, health care, manufacturing, warehouse distribution, and you know, the seasonal and year-round residents in the mountains rely heavily on tourism. Right? So rental properties, hotels, restaurants, you know, -- you know the like. But the demographic in the central valley and those mountain communities are also very different. Right?

So like I just recently read some new census data that shows that in the valley, the valley's urban area,
because we're growing more diverse. We have more Latino folks here, a lot more younger folks taking over, and quite frankly, folks here are really struggling with income equality and that is not the case for my neighbors in Wawona. We are -- I -- much more Caucasian and much more upper to middle -- more upper income. Right? And that lends to having different priorities on policy. Again the valley is Ag based, so we're concerned about water, drought, farm labor, immigration reform. And the mountains, we're more concerned about disaster relief, wildfires, property insurance because of those things, and obviously, forest management and protecting the land.

So anyway, I -- I just feel like the valley and mountains deserve their own representation and --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. HUTCHINSON: -- and I'll just wrap it up. The valley deserves to be represented by someone that understands our demographics, our need for dignified immigration reform, our Ag-based economy, and the mountains deserve to have someone that -- that is invested in protecting --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.


CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right.
PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.
And that was all of our callers at this time,
Chair.
CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Thank you so much. Why
don't we do this? Why don't we just go to our break early?
Perhaps Christian, is it okay if we play the 20-minute
video while we're -- while we're on break?
MR. MANOFF: Sure thing.
CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Let's do that. And hopefully
for anyone who's watching and has not seen the 20-minute
video, it is actually a very interesting and it's very
instructive. So at least there's -- there's something that
people can also hopefully walk away having learned
something new as a result of being part of this COI input
meeting.
So let's go ahead and let's go to break. We do
need to come back I believe at 3:45, which is when the next
public input session will begin. So we'll go ahead and we
will take a 25-minute break. And during that time, we'll
play the 20-minute video also.
VICE CHAIR ANDERSON: I do see a caller.
CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Oh, you -- oh, wait. Is that
the same person that just called in?
VICE CHAIR ANDERSON: Oh, yes.
CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: I think --
VICE CHAIR ANDERSON: Yes.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yes, it is.

Okay. All right. Let's go ahead and let's just take our break. We'll be back at 3:45 at which time Commissioner Anderson will be taking over as the Chair for that second half.

(Off the record at 3:21 p.m.)

(Back on the record at 3:45 p.m.)

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: Welcome back to the California Census Redistricting Commission Community of Interest input meeting. We also encourage you to visit the Community of Interest tool to draw a map and describe your community by visiting drawmyCAcommunity.org.

Now, for anyone who has joined us recently, we are offering a Language Line for the Spanish speakers to listen to the meeting in their native language and a separate line for those who wish to provide public comment or public input.

May I please have our interpreter provide our Language Line numbers and the information to provide public input?

SPANISH INTERPRETER: Hi. This is the interpreter.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: Thank you. Could you --
could you please read the cite -- the translation of full call-in instructions?

SPANISH INTERPRETER: Yes, Madam Chair. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: Thank you.

SPANISH INTERPRETER: I think -- you're welcome.

[Instructions read in Spanish]. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: Thank you.

Now as a reminder, even though we're focusing on the specific counties Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Tuolumne, Mariposa, Mono, and Inyo, anyone in California may call in and anywhere in the state to provide public input. Now, I'm going to pass this over to Katie, our comment moderator to continue with any public input, and we'll start with people who are registered and open the phone lines if there's time before the next session.

And, Katie, could you please go ahead and read the full call-in instructions as well?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I was actually going to ask you, Chair, if I could just go ahead and do those because we don't have our -- our registered participants at this time.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: So we will do -- welcome to the public input session. In order to maximize
transparency and public participation in our process, the Commissioners will be taking Community of Interest input by phone. To call in, dial the telephone number provided on the livestream feed. It is (877) 853-5247.

When prompted to enter the Meeting I.D. number provided on the livestream feed, it is 88961386844 for this meeting. When prompted to enter a participant I.D., simply press the pound key. Once you have dialed in, you will be placed in a queue. To indicate you wish to comment, please press star-nine. This will raise your hand for the moderator.

When it is your turn to speak, you will hear a message that says the host would like you to talk and to press star-six to speak. If you would like to give your name, please state and spell it for the record. You are not required to provide your name to give public comment.

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

And the Commission will be enforcing a three-minute time limit. There will be a warning at 30 seconds and 15 seconds remaining. It is the Commission's goal to find the area on the map you would like to discuss prior to
your testimony. If you are within a specific neighborhood of a large city, please mention it by name. Once we are able to locate your area, your three-minute testimony will begin. Let's see -- at the end -- oh wait. I didn't mean to read that part. I apologize.

At this time we do not have any callers in the queue, Chair.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: Thank you, Katie. We might give it a couple minutes here. We do have a few appointments for this time block and we will give them a chance to call in. At this point, we might pause just for a few minutes and pause -- we go to that five-minute video allowing people a chance to log in, figure out what they're doing, then call in.

Could you please tell me when everything is -- the instructions have finished on that live video?

MR. MANOFF: All right. We're at that five-minute video on the livestream, Chair. And so we're on break right now.

To the interpreters, thank you so much.

(Off the record at 3:51 p.m.)

(Back on the record at 4:19 p.m.)

VICE CHAIR ANDERSON: Welcome back to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission Community of Interest input meeting. At this time we are listening to
anyone who is calling in for their Community of Interest
and I will turn this over to our Katie, to our comment
moderator.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much,
Chair.

I would like to invite those that have called in
to please press star-nine on their telephone keypad to
raise their hand indicating they wish to comment. There we
go.

Caller 3739, if you will please follow the
prompts to unmute by pressing star-six? Caller 3739, you
are unmuted. Your speaker order number will be number 6.
If you will please make note of that for future reference,
and if you'll please let the mapper know what area you
would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

JESSICA: Hello. My name is Jessica. I'm a
Fresno County resident and an elementary school teacher in
Fresno. I will be giving input today about eastern Fresno
County, eastern Madera County, and the relationship to
other foothill mountain areas of Mariposa, Calaveras, and
Tuolumne County. Like many valley residents, my family and
I have spent years traveling up to the foothills and Sierra
Nevada community. We've spent a lot of time hiking,
camping, boating, jet skiing, and enjoying the outdoors and
the beautiful National Parks and the lakes that are in the
The foothill and mountain communities are very different from the valley in terms of topography, demographics, economy, and the issues we face. Looking at a map, we can see where the valley ends and the foothill mountains begin. The eastern portion of Fresno County and the eastern portions of Madera County are both very similar to each other and very similar to Mariposa, Calaveras, Tuolumne, and the other mountain counties. They're essentially one cohesive region. The communities around Huntington Lake, Shaver Lake, and Pine Flats Lake in Fresno County and the communities of Oakhurst, Coarsegold, and Bass Lake in Madera County should be included in the district with the mountain counties and National Parks.

It is okay to split Fresno and Madera Counties in order to respect the differences between the valley floor and the foothill mountain community. (Clears throat). Excuse me. Our valley economy is heavily reliant on agriculture and we always worry about water and air quality as obvious today. Valley communities are heavily Latino and although we have many small, rural towns, we also have several large, urban centers that need focused representation.

The foothill and mountain communities rely heavily on recreation and tourism to drive their economy.
and forest management is always a concern. The foothill
mountain area has small unincorporated communities that are
less diverse than the valley, and the residents are always
cconcerned with wildfires, excuse me. Again, there are
clear differences between the valley floor and the foothill
mountain communities.

In order to respect those differences and for the
residents to get their representation they deserve, the
Commission should look to split eastern Fresno and eastern
Madera County and join them with Mariposa, Tuolumne, and
Calaveras Counties. Thank you so much.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: One minute, caller, if I
-- could I ask a question please?

JESSICA: Okay.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: Could you give us a
little bit more descrip -- geographic description of what
you mean by eastern Fresno and eastern Madero counties?
Like what area -- landmarks, cities?

JESSICA: I'm looking. Let me look at the map,
okay? Eastern Madera. I'm trying to pull up a map.
Sorry. I had my notes typed and I'm looking.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: Okay. We also -- if you
can see the map that we are showing if that helps?

JESSICA: So I'm actually -- I'm calling -- I'm
referring to lake communities. That's what I'm referring
to when I say the eastern Madero County and eastern Madero.

    COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: Okay. So the lake

3 communities of -- of what? You mentioned -- you mentioned,

4 was it Shaver Lake?

    JESSICA: Yes. Yes.

    COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: Okay. And --

7 JESSICA: And Huntington. Yes.

    COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: Sorry. Go ahead.

8 JESSICA: Yes. Shaver Lake and Huntington Lake

and Pine Flats in Fresno.

    COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: Pine Flats in Fresno.

And in Madero --

    JESSICA: Yes.

    COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: -- the like Yosemite

15 Lakes is it or is that too far -- too far west?

    PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Chair, she actually

17 hung up.

    COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: Oh, she did?

    PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes.

    COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: Okay. All right. Well,

21 thank you very much.

    PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: However, we do have

23 006 and 007 here.

    006, we will be starting with you now.

And 007, you will be up next.
006, I will be promoting you now. 006, your speaker order number will be number 7. If you'll please make note of that for future reference. You can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. If you will please remind the mapper of what area you would like to discuss today, the floor is yours.

MR. CALLOWAY: My name is Arthur Calloway. The area that I would like to discuss is the congressional -- 25th Congressional District, which is the Antelope Valley, Santa Clarita Valley, and Simi Valley currently.

MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead, please.

MR. CALLOWAY: Yes. So I wanted to discuss that -- the recommendation that I would have for our congressional 25th District is to change the district to exclude Simi Valley because Simi Valley district actually drowns out the -- the demographics that are predominant in the Antelope Valley. Antelope Valley cities are predominantly minority cities, predominantly Lancaster, Palmdale is Hispanic.

And the way that they cut the -- the district into -- if you looked at the map for Lancaster, there's even a portion of Lancaster that does not count that falls into the 23rd. Everybody in the Antelope Valley has more -- more in common with people in Santa Clarita because of the Plant 42. There's a lot of people that work in
Santa Clarita that works in the Antelope Valley; a lot of the people that live in the Antelope Valley that work down in Santa Clarita.

I would say that -- (audio break) collects the political leaning and the demographic leaning of the area. If you have any knowledge of the Antelope Valley, it is -- there is currently a lot of things that shows the -- the actual suppression and oppression of the minority community to include a Department of Justice settlement that was done towards -- that was -- that is against the Sheriffs for the disparaging treatment that they did to Section 8 people, to people of color of -- and the homeless now is the ACLU has sued them for problems with the homeless. And it is just very important for our representation to be able to reflect who's in the actual community of Antelope Valley and Santa Clarita.

One second. I want to make sure that I did -- and this also trickles into our schools as well. We are predominantly minority schools and we need to have the ability to have representation to make sure that we get the funding that we need to make sure that those --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MR. CALLOWAY: -- that funding is actually applied to the places that it needs to be applied to. And then to wrap up, the -- basically the recommendation is to
put Simi Valley in with like-minded people probably to --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

MR. CALLOWAY: -- the south and east of it. And then to include all of Lancaster into the 25th Congressional District. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: One minute, caller, please?

MR. CALLOWAY: Yes, ma'am. Yes, ma'am.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: Could you please clarify -- you're very clear about saying not Simi Valley, but could you please clarify what cities that you do want to include in your Community of Interest?

MR. CALLOWAY: So if you see the green line and how it dips into Lancaster and Quartz Hill?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: Yes.

MR. CALLOWAY: That area, yes, below the red -- below Rosamund south, that -- that should be included. So part of Lancaster, you can live in Lancaster and depending on the street be in the 23rd District and then across the street be the 25th because of that dip right there.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: So it's Lancaster and what other cities did you want to --

MR. CALLOWAY: Quartz Hill, Lancaster should all be included. That green line should just be flat up against the bottom of the Rosamund.
COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: Okay. So you're saying including all the way to Santa -- everything that's shown on the map now --

MR. CALLOWAY: Yes.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: -- with -- except --

MR. CALLOWAY: Yes, ma'am.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: -- including -- okay.

Thank you very much.

MR. CALLOWAY: Including the -- yeah. Including that part of Lancaster and then excluding Simi Valley, and I think that that will be a true representation of our community.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: Thank you very much.

MR. CALLOWAY: No problem.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

Right now we will have 007. 007, your speaker order number will be number 8. If you'll please make note of that for future reference, and if you'll please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

MS. CARLE: Okay. Can you hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

MS. CARLE: Okay, great. I don't see a picture. I'm not quite sure how to get my video on, but maybe you're not doing video, right?
PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We can see you.

MS. CARLE: Okay. Okay, great. I can't see myself, so I'm glad you can see me. Anyway, I'm Janet Carle. I'm from the eastern Sierra little community of Lee Vining. I'm a retired state park ranger, and I think you've probably had some other folks from our area talk about the central Sierra Community of Interest today.

We are currently in the congressional district 8, which goes all the way down to San Bernardino, and many of us in the eastern Sierra would like to have other people -- a district that truly represents the interests -- this would be something like Inyo, Mono, Alpine, Amador, Tuolumne, Mariposa, Calaveras, the Lake Tahoe basin and a very small part of Madero County that has Devil's Postpile National Monument in it. And those are places that hear many things like sustainable tourism is one of our goals. We have -- it's a resort area so we have housing issues with, you know, the local workers competing with second homeowners, vacationers, Airbnbs for housing. There's mining pressure, health of our forests and watershed, and adequate staff to manage public lands.

So all the people in the central Sierra area are working with these issues in the mountains, so we definitely have a Community of Interest.

Right now our -- Frank Bigelow, our state
representative is on the west side separated by a mountain range of the Sierra in Madera County and our congressional representative is down in San Bernardino. And when Paul Cook was our rep I -- I continually asked him for meetings and even just phone calls and it was just really hard to get a response for our issues that we're so different from what he was front and center for him down -- down in the desert.

We also have healthcare issues, Broadband. We share Highway 395 as the main corridor. We are experiencing wildfire as we speak. I'm looking out at a smoky sky. We're all dealing with taking care of our forests, worrying about our snowpack, and transportation issues with weather-related. We're dealing with snow. We're dealing with closed passes in winter.

So thank you, redistricting committee for listening to us in the eastern Sierra and the central Sierra to take an opportunity to design a district that would really truly represent like-minded needs and people dealing with similar issues. So we hope you will consider a central Sierra district --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. CARLE: -- for us. That's all. Thank you.

VICE CHAIR ANDERSON: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.
That was all of our callers and appointments at this time.

VICE CHAIR ANDERSON: Great. Well, thank you very much, Katie. Could you go ahead and read the instructions, the full instructions including for public comment at this time?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely.

In order to maximize transparency and public participation in our process, the Commissioners will be taking Community of Interest input and general public comment by phone. To call in, dial the telephone number provided on the livestream feed. It is (877) 853-5247.

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When it is your turn to speak, you will hear a message that says the host would like you to talk and to press star-six to speak. If you would like to give your name, please state and spell it for the record. You are not required to provide your name to give public comment.

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livestream audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during your call. Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for when it is your turn to speak and again, please turn down the livestream volume.

And for those who have just called in, if you will please press star-nine to raise your hand indicating you wish to comment. As for a caller with the last four 7679, if you called to comment at this time, please press star-nine. This will raise your hand indicating you wish to comment.

Perfect. Caller 7679, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star-six?

MS. MILLER: Am I unmuted?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hi, Caller 7. Hi. You are unmuted. Your speaker order number -- will you please mute your computer?

MS. MILLER: Hello?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hi. Will you please mute your livestream audio?

MS. MILLER: I'll try.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh, okay.

MS. MILLER: Okay. I'm good.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: There you are. Your speaker order number will be number 9. If you'll please make note of that for future reference and if you'll please
let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss, 
the floor is yours.

MS. MILLER: Okay. Right now?
PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now.
MS. MILLER: Okay. Are you ready for me?
PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure are.
MS. MILLER: Okay. I don't see the -- well, I 
guess I'm muted. My name is Sally Miller. I have lived in 
Mono County for 37 years. I was a county planning 
commissioner for 16 years where I participated in a 
citizens-appointed committee to recommend districts for 
Mono County supervisorial districts. I'm very marginally 
familiar with your process, therefore, and I wanted to talk 
today about recommending a congressional district. I 
support the central Sierra assembly district people have 
talked about. I'd like to also recommend a congressional 
district that encompasses --

(Computer audio replays) I was a county planning 
commissioner for 16 years where I participated in a 
citizens-appointed committee --

Hello? I -- I think I unmuted myself by mistake. 
Can you still hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.
MS. MILLER: Okay. Sorry about that. I wanted 
to recommend a congressional district that is based in the
Sierra and my reasons are as follows: There are a lot of commonalities from north of Lake Tahoe, such as Nevada County and Foster County all the way down to northern Inyo County and over to the west side of the Sierra including Yosemite and the Mother low country. We're rural.

I -- I won't get into politics other than to say that all the citizens who live in these counties and communities are independent. We share mountains and the mountainous part of the Sierra Nevada. It's where we live. It's common ground. We also are virtually dependent on tourism for our economy.

I think with respect to health care, we have a lot in common. For folks on the east side of the Sierra, most of us travel and also in the Tahoe basin to the Reno/Tahoe area for -- or I should say to the Reno area, Reno/Carson area in Nevada for our health care that isn't minor things, and we really need a more cohesive system that's going to protect our rural communities.

And on the west side, I don't know exactly where folks travel, but if I were to look at the boundaries and the transportation corridors related to this district, it would be U.S. 395 on the east, Highway 49 on west, and then 50, 80, and 88. And, of course, we are very deeply connected to Yosemite in Mono County in the summers, but in the winter --
MS. MILLER: Thirty seconds.

MS. MILLER: -- there is no access over to those counties. That's all I'll say for now. The other thing that I think we share is a deep concern about fire and forest management. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Chair, you're on mute. Were you trying to ask for -- oh, she already hung up.

VICE CHAIR ANDERSON: I -- I was. Did -- I think she hung up.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes.

VICE CHAIR ANDERSON: Yeah. I didn't realize I was on mute. Okay. Well, thank you.

At this time we are -- it's 4:40. We might want to -- in case someone might want to call in for public comment, let's go to -- let's go to -- I'd say one of our -- which videos did we do already?

MR. MANOFF: We've played them all, Chair.

VICE CHAIR ANDERSON: Oh, yeah. Well, let's go to our -- we have a Spanish video. Let's, yeah, please put the Spanish video on. Thank you.

(Off the record at 4:41 p.m.)

(Back on the record at 5:00 p.m.)

VICE CHAIR ANDERSON: Welcome back to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission Community of Input -- Interest input meeting. Now, for anyone who wants
to join us recently, we're offering a Language Line for Spanish speakers, Spanish language speakers to listen to in the meeting in their native language and a separate line for those who wish to provide public comment or public input.

Could I please have the Spanish interpreter go ahead and read the call-in instructions?

SPANISH INTERPRETER: Yes. Is that the full call-in instructions?

VICE CHAIR ANDERSON: Yes, including public comment.

SPANISH INTERPRETER: Okay.

VICE CHAIR ANDERSON: Thank you.

SPANISH INTERPRETER: [Instructions read in Spanish]. Gracias. Thank you.

VICE CHAIR ANDERSON: Thank you.

So this session's specifically dedicated to the -- those in Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Tuolumne, Mariposa, Mono, and Inyo counties, but all Californians can call in. And at this time, we're taking Community of Interest input. We're also taking public comment.

And could you, Katie, could you please read the full instructions on the call in?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair.

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And we do not have anyone in the queue at this
time, Chair.
VICE CHAIR ANDERSON: Thank you.

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Now, this input meeting is not the only way to provide public input. There are numerous ways to provide public input to the Commission. The COI public input meetings take place throughout the summer and are coming to a conclusion. Visit wedrawthelinesCA.org for more information.

The Community of Interest mapping tool, which is -- you can get also through our website at wedrawthelinesCA.org, or go directly to drawmyCAcommunity.org. This online tool is available in English, Spanish, simplified Chinese, traditional Chinese, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Korean, Armenian, Farsi, Arabic, Russian, Japanese, Punjabi, Mare, Hmong, and Thai. Tutorials are also available in those languages. You can give input on our website at www.wedrawthelinesCA.org and click on the Draw My Community icon.

By email at votersFIRSTact@crc.ca.gov. And
notice this one's a dot-gov. Email is dot gov. All the other are websites and the -- our website and our community tool is dot org. Or by mail to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission, 721 Capitol Mall, Suite 260, Sacramento, California 95814.

And as a reminder, if you need an interpreter to provide input on any day when there is no Language Line, please submit your request at least five business days prior to that meeting. You can submit your request via email to Interpreter.request@crc.ca.gov on the COI media appointment form or call the business office at (916) 323-0323.

Now, in the coming weeks we actually -- in the coming week we have four Community of Interest input meetings. The first is tomorrow, Saturday, August 21st at 9:00 a.m. focusing on the counties of El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, Sierra, Sutter, Yolo, and Yuma counties and their surrounding areas. And we'll have a Spanish listening line and a Spanish interpreter available.

The second meeting is on Monday, August 23rd at 3:00 p.m. focusing on Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, Lake, Napa, Sonoma, and Trinity counties and their surrounding areas. It will also have a Spanish listening line and a Spanish interpreter available.

On Tuesday, August 24th at 3:00 p.m., the meeting
will be focused on Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Solano counties and their surrounding areas. This meeting will have Spanish, Mandarin, Russian, and Cantonese listening lines and interpreters available.

And on Wednesday, August 25th at 3:00 p.m., we'll have a COI input meeting focusing on Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Tulare counties and their surrounding areas. This meeting will have a Spanish listening line and a Spanish interpreter available.

Registration for each meeting closes two calendar days before 5:00 p.m. The next commission business meeting will be on August 31st at 9:30 in the morning. Now, remember you're not required to make an appointment to provide input at community -- at COI meetings, Community of Interest meetings, however, it is recommended. You can also call in the day of the meeting.

At this time our meetings are still being held virtually so anyone in California can provide input. Please go to our website at wedrawthelinesCA.org for meeting information.

At this time I don't see anyone in the queue and we have been here a while. I believe we've sort of certainly been here hoping for other public comment or anything like that.
Do we have any additional questions or comments from our commissioners? I don't see anything. We did -- we lost -- so we had a caller here, but they probably went to the online tool, so thank you very much, everyone. I think I'm about to call this meeting adjourned, and I want to thank our line drawers, our staff, all our video helpers, and particularly Katie, our moderator, who always does a fantastic job, and including our Spanish interpreter, Margarita. Thank you very much for your assistance today and this meeting is adjourned.

(Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.)
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