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Alicia Fernandez
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Antonio Le Mons
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Comment Moderator
Interpreter

Public Comment:

Bill Ruh, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Montclair
Chuck Lech
Matthew Lum, Thai Community Development Center
Christian Green, Cancel the Contract, Antelope Valley
Lucy Yang, Chinese American Association of Walnut
Sara Rohani, Asian Americans Advancing Justice
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Grant Sunoo, Little Tokyo Service Center
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P R O C E E D I N G S

Wednesday, September 8, 2021 3:00 p.m.

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Good afternoon, everyone.

Welcome, and thank you for tuning in to today's California Citizens Redistricting Commission Communities of Interest Input Meeting.

I'm Commissioner Kennedy. I'll be co-chairing today's meeting with Commissioner Sinay.

Today we are offering four language lines, in the following languages, Spanish, Cantonese, Mandarin, and Japanese, so that language speakers can listen to the meetings in their preferred language.

Could I please have our interpreters provide our phone-in numbers. Starting with the Spanish interpreter, would you please read the Spanish-language line instructions.

THE SPANISH INTERPRETER: Yes. Hi, Chair. This is Margarita, Spanish interpreter, and we'll read the Spanish-language line instructions. (Speaking Spanish.) Thank you.

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Gracias, Margarita.

Can I please have the Cantonese interpreter read the Cantonese-language line instructions?

THE CANTONESE INTERPRETER: Absolutely. (Speaking Cantonese.) Back to you.

1 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

2 Can I please have the Mandarin interpreter read
3 the Mandarin-language line instructions?

4 THE MANDARIN INTERPRETER: Of course. (Speaking
5 Mandarin.) Thank you.

6 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: And, finally, can I have the
7 Japanese interpreter read the Japanese-language line
8 instructions.

9 THE JAPANESE INTERPRETER: Sure. (Speaking
10 Japanese.) Thank you.

11 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you very much to all of
12 you.

13 Now we'll go to staff for roll call, I believe.
14 Ms. Kaplan, are you with us?

15 MS. KAPLAN: Sorry. I was muted. Thank you
16 Commissioner Ahmad?

17 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: (No response.)

18 MS. KAPLAN: Commissioner Akutagawa?

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Here.

20 MS. KAPLAN: Commissioner Andersen?

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Here.

22 MS. KAPLAN: Commissioner Fernandez?

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: (Speaking Spanish.)

24 MS. KAPLAN: Commissioner Fornaciari?

25 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Here.

1 MS. KAPLAN: Commissioner Kennedy?
2 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Here.
3 MS. KAPLAN: Commissioner Le Mons?
4 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Here.
5 MS. KAPLAN: Commissioner Sadhwani?
6 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Here.
7 MS. KAPLAN: Commissioner Sinay?
8 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Here.
9 MS. KAPLAN: Commissioner Taylor?
10 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Present.
11 MS. KAPLAN: Commissioner Toledo?
12 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: (No response.)
13 MS. KAPLAN: Commissioner Turner?
14 COMMISSIONER TURNER: (No response.)
15 MS. KAPLAN: Commissioner Vazquez?
16 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: (No response.)
17 MS. KAPLAN: Commissioner Yee.
18 COMMISSIONER YEE: (Speaking Cantonese.) Here.
19 MS. KAPLAN: Okay. Thank you, and roll call is
20 complete.
21 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Director Kaplan.
22 I'll start by sharing a little bit about the
23 Commission. Every 10 years, after the federal government
24 publishes updated census information, California must
25 redraw the boundaries of its Congressional, State Senate,

1 State Assembly, and State Board of Equalization districts,
2 so that the districts correctly reflect the state's
3 population.

4 In 2008, California voters authorized the
5 creation of the California Citizens Redistricting
6 Commission when they passed the Voters First Act. It
7 authorized the Commission to draw the new district lines
8 for State Senate, State Assembly, and State Board of
9 Equalization districts. Later, in 2010, the Voters First
10 Act for Congress added the responsibility of drawing
11 congressional districts to the Commission's mandate.

12 This 14-member Commission is made up of five
13 Democrats, five Republicans, and four not affiliated with
14 either of those two parties. The Commission must draw the
15 district lines in conformity with strict nonpartisan rules
16 established in the state constitution to create districts
17 of relatively equal population that will provide fair
18 representation for all Californians.

19 The census redistricting data was released the
20 week of August 9th. When the official California
21 Redistricting Database is available in a few more weeks, we
22 will begin drawing maps using the six line-drawing criteria
23 outlined in the California State Constitution. One of
24 those criteria is minimizing division of counties, cities,
25 neighborhoods, and communities of interest to the extent

1 possible.

2 We can easily obtain the city and county
3 information from those jurisdictions, but we need the
4 neighborhood and communities of interest information from
5 Californians directly. That's why we've launched these
6 communities of interest input sessions, to get that
7 valuable information from you, Californians, directly. We
8 encourage all Californians to participate in this process.

9 If you would rather submit your communities of
10 interest input over the Internet, you can do so from our
11 website or by visiting "DrawMyCACommunity.org." Skip the
12 line, and go on line.

13 Now I call on all Commissioners to introduce
14 themselves and say hello. To see the biographies of all 14
15 Commissioners, for additional information about the
16 Commission, or to sign up for our e-mails, please visit our
17 website at "WeDrawTheLines.ca.org."

18 We'll begin with my Co-Chair, Commissioner Sinay.

19 CO-CHAIR SINAY: (Speaking Spanish.) Good
20 afternoon, everybody. It's a pleasure serving you from San
21 Diego.

22 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay.

23 Has Commissioner Ahmad joined us? I'm not
24 hearing Commissioner Ahmad.

25 Commissioner Akutagawa.

1 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Hi, everyone. It's
2 great to be able to hear all of your communities of
3 interest testimony. We've so appreciated it. We're
4 looking forward to all the people who are registered to
5 call in, and for anybody else who doesn't have an
6 appointment, we want to hear from you, too. And so thank
7 you, and look forward to hearing what you have to tell us.

8 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner
9 Akutagawa.

10 Commissioner Andersen.

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Well, welcome,
12 California. We really look forward to hearing your
13 communities of interest from the entire southern area,
14 basically, of California, or anyone else who wants to call
15 in. I'm coming to you from Berkeley, California a little
16 different, and I can't wait to hear everything about your
17 communities. Thank you.

18 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner
19 Andersen.

20 Commissioner Fernandez.

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair.

22 (Speaking Spanish.) Good afternoon, California.
23 I'm Alicia Fernandez from Yolo County, and I was in L.A. a
24 few weeks ago, and I was very excited that I recognized
25 some of the streets that you've been telling us about,

1 specifically with Sepulveda and Mulholland. So keep it
2 coming. I feel like each time I learn a little bit more.
3 So thank you so much for calling in.

4 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner
5 Fernandez.

6 Commissioner Fornaciari.

7 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Good afternoon,
8 California. I'm Neal Fornaciari. I'm from Tracy, in San
9 Joaquin County, but today I'm coming to you from our
10 luxurious headquarters in Sacramento, California. Thanks
11 for joining us, and looking forward to hearing what is of
12 interest to you when it comes to redistricting. Thank you.

13 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner
14 Fornaciari.

15 Commissioner Le Mons.

16 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Good afternoon. Buenas
17 tardes, California. This is Commissioner Le Mons coming to
18 you from Los Angeles today, looking forward to hearing your
19 community of interest testimony.

20 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Le
21 Mons.

22 Commissioner Sadhwani.

23 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Good afternoon to all.
24 My name is Sara Sadhwani. I'm joining you from Los Angeles
25 County, looking forward to hearing more about the

1 communities of interest.

2 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner
3 Sadhwani.

4 Commissioner Taylor.

5 CHAIR TAYLOR: Good afternoon, California. Hope
6 everyone is well. I echo the sentiment of my fellow
7 Commissioners. Just like Commissioner Fernandez stated, I
8 learn something new from everyone. It was evident when I
9 was visiting up north as well. Keep the communities of
10 input (sic). Keep that input coming. Without you, our job
11 is not possible, and we can't fulfill our purpose. Keep it
12 coming, please, and thank you very much.

13 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner
14 Taylor.

15 I don't see that Commissioner Toledo has joined
16 us, nor Commissioner Turner, nor Commissioner Vazquez.

17 Commissioner Yee.

18 COMMISSIONER YEE: Hello, California, and
19 especially Southern California. (Speaking Cantonese.) I'm
20 here in my hometown of Oakland, and looking forward to
21 hearing from the Southland. We're winding down this phase
22 of community of interest input, and next turning to our
23 actual mapping phase. So I'm definitely looking forward to
24 hearing your further testimony and what you have to say
25 about your communities.

1 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Yee.
2 Myself, Ray Kennedy, I'm joining the meeting
3 today from my home in Morongo Valley, one of the rural
4 Joshua tree gateway communities in the desert of southern
5 San Bernardino County. I'm very much looking forward to
6 hearing about your communities of interest here in Southern
7 California.

8 We are, the Commission is, active on social
9 media, so please also follow us on social media. You can
10 find us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn, and
11 YouTube, at "WeDrawTheLines.ca." Following us on social
12 media is another way to get useful information about the
13 redistricting process, as well as updates from the
14 Commission.

15 Before we continue, could I please have our
16 interpreters provide our language line numbers one more
17 time, starting with our Spanish interpreter?

18 THE SPANISH INTERPRETER: Yes, Chair. This is
19 Margarita, Spanish interpreter, and I will share the
20 language line instructions. (Speaking Spanish.) Gracias.

21 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Gracias, Margarita.

22 Can I have the Cantonese interpreter read the
23 Cantonese-language line instructions?

24 THE CANTONESE INTERPRETER: Absolutely.
25 (Speaking Cantonese.) Back to you, Commissioner.

1 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

2 Can I have the Mandarin interpreter read the
3 Mandarin-language line instructions?

4 THE MANDARIN INTERPRETER: Yes, of course.
5 (Speaking Mandarin.) Back to you, Commissioner.

6 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you very much.

7 Could I have the Japanese interpreter read the
8 Japanese-language line instructions?

9 THE JAPANESE INTERPRETER: Sure. (Speaking
10 Japanese.)

11 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you very much.

12 Now for some housekeeping rules. This meeting is
13 primarily for communities of interest testimony focused on
14 Southern California, that is, Los Angeles County, Riverside
15 and San Bernardino Counties, Orange County, and San Diego
16 and Imperial Counties. However, anyone in California can
17 call in to provide input on their community of interest, no
18 matter where in California that community of interest is
19 located. We will take general public comment at the end of
20 the meeting.

21 Although the Commission has divided California up
22 into 11 zones, that in no way is related to or reflective
23 of redistricting lines or boundaries. The Commission
24 created the zones to facilitate our work in our outreach
25 efforts, not as an indication of planned boundaries.

1 Today we're joined by our line-drawing team,
2 HaystaqDNA and Q2 Data and Research, LLC, who will be
3 displaying a map of the area that each attendee describes.
4 Please start with the area you would like to discuss, and
5 be as specific as possible about the boundaries of where
6 your community of interest is located.

7 It is our goal to find the area on the map that
8 you would like to discuss prior to your testimony. If you
9 are within a specific neighborhood of a large city, please
10 mention that neighborhood by name.

11 Once we're able to locate your area, the timer
12 will begin. Attendees will not be able to share their
13 screen.

14 We are joined by Spanish, Cantonese, Mandarin,
15 and Japanese interpreters, as well as Katy, our comment
16 moderator, who will be introducing attendees when it is
17 their turn to speak.

18 When you join the meeting, please use the "Raise
19 Hand" button at the bottom of your screen to enter the
20 queue. If you have registered for a time slot, we
21 encourage you to call in during that appointment time slot.

22 When it is your turn to speak, Katy, the comment
23 moderator, will be identifying you by your assigned unique
24 ID number. You will be reconnected to the session with the
25 ability to enable your own video and/or audio.

1 Now, registration is not required to participate
2 in this public input meeting. The public has the option of
3 calling in during this meeting to get into the queue to
4 speak. If you do not have an appointment and wish to call
5 in to provide public input, the number is (877) 853-5247.
6 Again, the number to provide input is (877) 853-5247.

7 You will need to enter the meeting ID,
8 87853364416. The meeting ID number, again, is 87853364416.
9 This call-in information, including the access code, is
10 also listed on the livestream. You will need to dial this
11 number in order to give public input.

12 Today we have Spanish, Cantonese, Mandarin, and
13 Japanese interpreters available to interpret non-English
14 input at this caller number.

15 Comment moderator will assign each speaker a
16 speaker order number before you begin speaking. Please
17 make a note of that number for future reference. You'll be
18 able to use that number to identify your community of
19 interest testimony on our website at a future date.

20 The Commission will be enforcing a three-minute
21 time limit for English speakers and a six-minute time limit
22 for those speaking through an interpreter. There will be a
23 warning at 30 seconds, and another at 15 seconds remaining.

24 At the beginning of your input, you will see a
25 map on the screen. Please remind the mapper what area you

1 would like to see on the screen, and be as specific as
2 possible about the boundaries of where your community of
3 interest is located.

4 If at the conclusion of the meeting there is
5 still a need to allow for members of the public in the
6 queue to speak, we will continue this communities of
7 interest input meeting at a new date and time, and will
8 attempt to schedule the remaining members of the public to
9 speak for the allotted three minutes. Please monitor our
10 website, as we do expect to post the continuation of this
11 agenda within 24 hours.

12 Now, while there are no clear rules on how to
13 define a community of interest, we've identified a number
14 of ways for you to describe your community in order to help
15 us prepare for our mapping work.

16 First, begin with your county or city. Second,
17 mention the street names and significant locations in your
18 neighborhood to help us identify the parameters of your
19 community of interest.

20 Third, let us know, what are your shared
21 interests in your community of interest? What brings you
22 together? What is important to your community? Then tell
23 us, are there nearby areas you want to be in a district
24 with? You can also tell us if there are nearby areas you
25 don't want to be in a district with. In both cases, tell

1 us why or why not.

2 Finally, has your community come together to
3 advocate for important services, better schools, roads,
4 health centers in your neighborhood, or some other cause?
5 Let us know what brings you together.

6 Also, we do invite you to use the communities of
7 interest input tool to draw a map and describe your
8 community by visiting "DrawMyCACommunity.org." That
9 website is available in 16 languages. Skip the line, and
10 go on line. Submit your communities of interest input
11 today, and please encourage at least -- at least -- three
12 other people to do the same.

13 As a reminder, even though we are focusing on
14 specific counties in Southern California today,
15 Californians from anywhere in the state are welcome to
16 provide input on their own community of interest during
17 today's meeting.

18 We will now begin the public input sessions, and
19 start with those who are registered. We will then open the
20 phone lines, if there is time before the next session. If
21 you are calling without an appointment, please do not hang
22 up, as you will lose your place in line.

23 I will now pass this over to Katy, our comment
24 moderator. Katy, thank you, and take it away.

25 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, Chair.

1 Welcome to the public input session. Please use
2 the "Raise Hand" button at the bottom of your screen to
3 enter the comment queue. When it is your turn to speak, I
4 will identify you by your assigned unique ID number from
5 your invite. You will be reconnected to the session with
6 the ability to enable your own video and/or audio.

7 You are going to be assigned a speaker order
8 number before you begin speaking. Please make a note of
9 your speaker order number for future reference.

10 The Commission will be enforcing a three-minute
11 time limit for English speakers and a six-minute time limit
12 for those with an interpreter. There will be a warning at
13 30 seconds and 15 seconds remaining.

14 The Commission's goal is to find the area on the
15 map you would like to discuss prior to your testimony. If
16 you are within a specific neighborhood of a large city,
17 please mention it by name. Once we are able to locate the
18 area -- once we are able to locate your area, your
19 three- or six-minute testimony will begin.

20 Attendees will not be able to share their screen.

21 At the end of your public input or at the end of
22 your time, you will be reconnected in a "listen and view
23 only" mode.

24 At the beginning of your input, please remind the
25 mapper of what area you would like to see.

1 At this time, we will be beginning with 018, and
2 then up next after that will be 020. 018, I will be
3 promoting you now. 018, your speaker order number will be
4 number one. If you'll please make note of that for future
5 reference. You can now enable your audio and video in the
6 lower left corner of your screen. If you'll please let the
7 mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor
8 is yours. 018, are we properly mapped?

9 MR. RUH: Am I unmuted?

10 COMMENT MODERATOR: You are unmuted.

11 MR. RUH: Yes. Thank you. Good afternoon,
12 Commissioners. My name is Bill Ruh. I am the Mayor Pro
13 Tem --

14 COMMENT MODERATOR: 018, your speaker order
15 number will be number one.

16 MR. MANOFF: 018, could you please turn off the
17 livestream.

18 COMMENT MODERATOR: You can now enable your audio
19 and video in the lower left corner of your screen. If
20 you'll please -- the floor is yours.

21 MR. MANOFF: It sounds like you're listening to
22 the livestream on your browser, perhaps.

23 MR. RUH: Hello?

24 MR. MANOFF: Yes. Can you hear us, 018?

25 MR. RUH: Yes, now I can.

1 MR. MANOFF: Okay.

2 MR. RUH: I am referring to the city of
3 Montclair, which would be in the western --

4 COMMENT MODERATOR: You are unmuted.

5 MR. RUH: Yes. Thank you.

6 MR. MANOFF: Sir, you're going to keep getting
7 that delay unless you turn off that livestream for us,
8 please. That might be running in a browser underneath
9 Zoom. If you could double-check, please.

10 MR. RUH: How do I do that?

11 MR. MANOFF: Turn off the video.

12 MR. RUH: Is that better?

13 MR. MANOFF: No. It's a question of your audio,
14 so your browser probably has the livestream open.

15 MR. RUH: Yes, now I can. I am referring to the
16 city of Montclair, which would be in the western --

17 MR. MANOFF: I've muted you for now. If you
18 could please turn off that browser.

19 COMMENT MODERATOR: Sir, if you minimize the Zoom
20 meeting and go to the Chrome or whatever you use to watch
21 the livestream --

22 MR. RUH: I can't figure this out.

23 COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay.

24 MR. RUH: Is that better?

25 MR. MANOFF: No. It's a question of your audio,

1 so your browser probably has the livestream open.

2 MR. RUH: That I don't know.

3 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: We're on pause.

4 MR. MANOFF: We're going to have somebody contact
5 you to work with you on that. Okay. We're going to have
6 somebody contact you to work on that.

7 COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. We will reach out
8 to 018 and take care of that.

9 Right now we will go to 020, and then up next
10 after that will be 006.

11 020, I will be promoting you now. 020, your
12 speaker order number will be number two. If you will
13 please make note of that for future reference. You can now
14 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of
15 your screen. If you will please let the mapper know what
16 area you would like to discuss. The floor is yours. We
17 may go to 020. You can now unmute in the lower left corner
18 of your screen. There you are.

19 MR. LECH: Here I am. I'm going to mute my
20 speakers, so, hopefully, that will solve the feedback
21 problem.

22 MR. MANOFF: We can hear you okay. There's no
23 need to mute.

24 MR. LECH: Can you? Okay. Hi. I'm from
25 Thousand Oaks. If you'd please show the map of the 101

1 Corridor, the eastern Ventura County and the western Los
2 Angeles County.

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

4 MR. LECH: Okay. That's great. Good afternoon.
5 This is Chuck Lech. I've been a resident of Thousand Oaks
6 since 1978. I want to talk about the portion of the 101
7 Highway Corridor that includes Westlake Village, Agoura
8 Hills, Oak Park, Newberry Park, Thousand Oaks, Camarillo,
9 Port Hueneme, and Oxnard.

10 These communities are all centered on the 101,
11 and they rely on each other for jobs, places of worship,
12 and shopping and recreation. Although Westlake Village and
13 Agoura Hills are in the Los Angeles County, they do share
14 the actual valley, the Conejo Valley, with Thousand Oaks,
15 surrounded by a group of mountains.

16 Westlake Village and Agoura Hills are most
17 closely located to the heart of Ventura County than Los
18 Angeles, and folks there are more inclined to take a
19 10-minute drive to Thousand Oaks than sit in the contested
20 101 for an hour or more to get into Los Angeles. If they
21 were, this drive would include a trip up and down a
22 mountain pass to travel between the two valleys. These are
23 separated by high mountains, and those mountains, I would
24 think, probably don't show on the maps that you generally
25 look at.

1 Our communities are more suburban, and have more
2 of a small-town feel than L.A.'s San Fernando Valley, which
3 is down the 101, but really worlds apart in terms of the
4 concerns of those who live there. Just because areas look
5 close together on a flat map doesn't mean they were alike,
6 or even a short drive.

7 The Simi and Conejo valleys are very different
8 from San Fernando, and they have very different concerns.
9 When you draw your redistricting lines, remember that a
10 two-dimensional flat map does not show the very high
11 physical mountains separating the San Fernando Valley from
12 the Conejo and Simi valleys, nor does it show the mountain
13 of differences between those communities.

14 Thank you, and do you have any questions for me?

15 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: At this point, we do not. We
16 appreciate your calling in and sharing that with us, and I
17 look forward to your continued involvement in the
18 redistricting process.

19 MR. LECH: Thank you very much.

20 COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now you have 006,
21 and then up next after that will be 001. 006, I will be
22 promoting you now. 006, your speaker order number will be
23 number three, if you'll please make note of that for future
24 reference. You can now enable your audio and video in the
25 lower left corner of your screen. If you will please let

1 the mapper know what area you would like to discuss. The
2 floor is yours.

3 MR. LUM: Hi. Good afternoon, Commissioners.
4 I'd like to discuss Thai Town, which starts on the corner
5 of Hollywood Boulevard and Western Avenue, East Hollywood.

6 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you. Go ahead, please.

7 MR. LUM: Okay. Good afternoon, Commissioners.
8 My name is Matthew Lum. I'm the Board Chair of the Thai
9 Community Development Center, which is also known as Thai
10 CDC. I am with the AAPI and AMEMSA Redistricting
11 Collaborative, but just to let you know, Thai CDC's mission
12 is to advance the social and economic wellbeing of low- and
13 moderate-income Thais and other ethnic communities in the
14 greater Los Angeles area through a broad and comprehensive
15 community development strategy, including community rights
16 advocacy, affordable housing, access to healthcare,
17 promotion of small businesses, neighborhood empowerment,
18 and social enterprises.

19 In regards to Thai Town, you know, it is on -- it
20 starts on the corner of Western and Hollywood Boulevard,
21 and it goes as far as Vermont Avenue and south to Santa
22 Monica Boulevard, which is all east of the 101 Freeway.

23 In regards to the Thai immigration history, there
24 are about 100,000 Thais in Southern California, and Thais
25 have been coming to the U.S. since the 1950s. The latest

1 immigration wave started from the 1980s until present, and
2 they're characterized by immigrants with lower educational
3 attainment, with only up to a third-grade level of
4 education, and an unskilled or semi-skilled workforce whose
5 lack of English-language proficiency and undocumented
6 status makes them vulnerable to the most severe and
7 egregious forms of exploitation. So there's this group
8 that represents the target population of Thai CDC.

9 Because Thais are economic immigrants, and not
10 refugees like other Southeast Asian in the U.S., they are
11 not eligible for public benefits, and, therefore, tend to
12 fall through the cracks, having no resources to turn to for
13 help when in need. So let me just give you some
14 statistics. Thirty-three percent of Thais earn less than
15 \$15,000 in annual income. Twenty-nine percent of the Thai
16 labor force is unskilled workers, the highest percentage of
17 the Asian category, and 42 percent of Thais do not have a
18 high school diploma.

19 In regards to the East Hollywood community --

20 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

21 MR. LUM: -- you know, the East Hollywood
22 community is a very diverse mix of Latin Americans,
23 Armenians, Russians, and Thais, and according to the U.S.
24 Census 2000, 35 percent live below the poverty line.

25 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

1 MR. LUM: So I request that Thai Town be
2 considered as an entire district, and not be divided into
3 separate districts, because of the unique demographic of
4 the area, the need for the housing, and access to jobs.

5 Thank you very much for listening, and I really
6 appreciate it. Have a great day.

7 MR. MANOFF: Time.

8 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Mr. Lum.

9 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

10 Right now we will have 001, and then up next
11 after that will be 017.

12 001, I will be promoting you now. 001, your
13 speaker order number will be number four. If you will
14 please make note of that for future reference, and if
15 you'll please let the mapper know what area you would like
16 to discuss. The floor is yours.

17 MR. GREEN: Definitely. Thank you. I love your
18 announcer voice.

19 I would like to speak in regards to the
20 Lancaster/Palmdale area, so off the 14, Antelope Valley.
21 Yes. Specifically, Lancaster would be amazing. Yes,
22 that's it.

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

24 MR. GREEN: Yes, not a problem. My name is
25 Christian Green. I am a campaign coordinator for Cancel

1 the Contract, Antelope Valley, alongside with about a dozen
2 to maybe 30 different community organizations, one of the
3 most thriving coalitions that is out here, and we're
4 standing in repurposing and redistricting the Antelope
5 Valley. We also sent you over a letter. I just sent it
6 over to you prior, and I also sent you one over last week
7 that is more detailed with statistics.

8 I've been out here in the Antelope
9 Valley/Lancaster since 1998. So I'm 35 now, so I've seen
10 it growing, and I've also seen how it's been stagnant, and
11 so today what I'm really calling on is for us to make sure
12 that we are standing in solidarity with the organizations
13 of people that exist out here, really, really in the need
14 of having their own political vote, their political voice.

15 So I don't know if you guys are aware, but I'm
16 sure you are, in regards to complying with the United
17 States Constitution, federal Voting Rights Act, Section 2
18 of the Voting Rights Act prohibits voting practices and
19 procedures, including restricting plans, that discriminate
20 on the basis of race.

21 It prohibits not only election-related practices
22 and procedures that are intended to be racially
23 discriminatory, but also those that are shown to have a
24 racially discriminatory result, and in the Antelope Valley,
25 there has been a huge, huge, huge disconnect with the black

1 and brown communities and those that are in positions of
2 power.

3 So what we are asking for is that we look at and
4 look into really understanding that there is no need for
5 two congressional districts out here in Lancaster,
6 specifically. There has been racial discrimination and
7 violence from the Lancaster and Palmdale Sheriff's
8 Department. There has been -- there is a DOJ settlement
9 that is still going on, that is still happening, that has
10 not been modified.

11 There is a racial discrimination violence from
12 other residents of the Antelope Valley community. There is
13 racial discrimination in our own local schools. I don't
14 know if you guys know, but that our school district, our
15 union high school district, it has a, I think, 87-percent
16 Latino and black population, but yet they are still
17 over-policed, hyper-surveillance, and there is a need for
18 change at the end of the day.

19 So, for me, what I really want to draw in on is
20 that we really look at, really, redistricting, and making
21 sure that we are -- our voices are heard, our organizations
22 are heard, our community members are heard, that there is
23 no need for two congressional districts out here in the
24 city of Lancaster. Thank you so much for your time. I
25 think that will be it for me. Thank you, guys.

1 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

2 MR. GREEN: And I talk fast. Forgive me.

3 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: All good.

4 COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will have
5 017, and then up next after that will be 005.

6 017, I'll be promoting you now. 017, your
7 speaker order number will be number five. If you'll please
8 make note of that for future reference. You can now enable
9 your audio and video. If you'll please let the mapper know
10 what area you'd like to discuss. The floor is yours.

11 MS. YANG: Hello. The area I want to talk about
12 is Zone H, and the city of Walnut.

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

14 MS. YANG: Can you focus bigger the map, please?
15 Yes. Make it bigger, the Walnut, city of Walnut, and
16 nearby city. Okay. All right.

17 Good afternoon. My name is Lucy Yang, and I'm
18 the president of the Chinese American Association of
19 Walnut, also known as CAAW.

20 CAAW is a nonprofit community organization, and
21 our mission is to promote welfare for Chinese-American
22 residents, and also serve as a bridge to other residents in
23 Walnut, and Walnut is primarily a bedroom community of
24 residents, about 30,000, small, and with a median household
25 income of about 100,000.

1 Our residents do a lot of activities in our
2 nearby cities, shopping, job, recreation, social, dining,
3 et cetera, because all the major commercial activities are
4 surrounding us.

5 After our research and internal discussion in our
6 board, we have the following suggestions and points to like
7 (sic) to bring to your attention. Number one, Walnut
8 currently is in the Congressional District 39, Senate
9 District 29, and State Assembly District 55. We have
10 ranked the cities nearby in terms of their priority that we
11 share, the common socioeconomic interests, and so following
12 are the six -- actually, the seven cities we believe, you
13 know, should be in our district.

14 Of course, one is Walnut, and Diamond Bar is to
15 the left of us, and then, also, Rowland Heights. City of
16 Industry is a long stretch of land, City of Industry along
17 the 60 Freeway, and I'm going to talk about that later.
18 City of Industry only a little bit in our district, and
19 Hacienda Heights. Hacienda Heights is not in our district
20 right now. We believe Hacienda Heights should be part of,
21 because they share -- we do a lot of activities in Hacienda
22 Heights -- and also West Covina and Chino Hills. Right
23 now, Chino Hills is in our district, but West Covina is
24 kind of split, some, a little bit, in our district, but a
25 big portion is not in our district.

1 Number two. If we need to choose between West
2 Covina versus Chino Hills, which is on the south
3 (indiscernible) Chino, we are very -- further from the
4 Diamond Bar/Chino Hills. That is kind of far from us, and
5 they're in the San Bernardino County. So we don't think
6 that, you know, compared to West Covina, which is in Los
7 Angeles County, they should be in our district. I mean,
8 West Covina should be in our district.

9 Also, just like many other people said, that we
10 don't --

11 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

12 MS. YANG: We prefer to be L.A. County, and
13 Orange County city, I think, is more similar to us, and,
14 also, we don't believe that Pomona, because, you know, our
15 residents really don't --

16 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

17 MS. YANG: -- go there often to shop or do
18 anything. So we don't think Pomona should be, and, also,
19 Placentia, La Habra Heights, which is our district right
20 now, we really don't go there too much, and so we don't
21 think they should be in our district. And thank you for
22 your time.

23 MR. MANOFF: Time.

24 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: I have a question for Ms.
25 Yang --

1 MR. MANOFF: Just a moment.

2 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: -- just to clarify.

3 MR. MANOFF: Sure thing. Just a moment, Chair.

4 017, if you could please unmute. The Chair had
5 some additional questions for you.

6 MS. YANG: Yes.

7 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Ms. Yang, thank you for
8 joining us this afternoon. I just want to make sure that I
9 heard correctly or understood correctly. You were saying
10 that if there had to be a choice between Chino Hills and
11 West Covina, that you would prefer including West Covina
12 because it was also a Los Angeles County community, rather
13 than including Chino Hills, which is a San Bernardino
14 County community. Did I understand correctly?

15 MS. YANG: Yes, you understand perfectly.

16 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you so much.

17 MS. YANG: Thank you.

18 COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will have
19 005, and then up next after that will be 022.

20 005, I'll be promoting you now. 005, your
21 speaker order number will be number six. If you'll please
22 make note of that for future reference. You can now enable
23 your audio and video in the lower left corner of your
24 screen. If you'll please let the mapper know what area you
25 would like to discuss. The floor is yours.

1 MS. ROHANI: Thank you. I'd like to discuss the
2 Greater Los Angeles County area.

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

4 MS. ROHANI: Hello. My name is Sara Rohani, and
5 I'm a staff attorney with Asian Americans Advancing Justice
6 in Los Angeles. I'm calling in today to provide an
7 introduction for the AAPI and AMEMSA State Redistricting
8 Collaborative, and to share information about the
9 communities where our clients reside in Southern
10 California.

11 Alongside Advancing Justice Asian Law Caucus,
12 Advancing Justice L.A. has been leading the AAPI and AMEMSA
13 State Redistricting Collaborative, and has worked to engage
14 organizations and community leaders in the Los Angeles
15 region. The testimony prepared by myself and my colleagues
16 reflects our work and engagement with members of the
17 community, groups, leaders, organizers, in order to
18 identify communities of interest that capture the
19 incredible diversity of our region.

20 As with the collaborative's work statewide, our
21 Los Angeles regional group has held four series of
22 community workshops, reaching over 100 community members.
23 These workshops not only identified COIs, but also educated
24 attendees on the basics of redistricting, and guided
25 community members on how to engage in the process.

1 The feedback we have collected for you today
2 comes from a variety of stakeholders, including the voices
3 of youth centers, community health providers, nonprofits,
4 leaders, and community organizers. You already heard from
5 one of the members of our collaborative regarding Thai Town
6 in the Los Angeles metro area. Unfortunately, one member
7 of our collaborative, a leader from the Pacific Islander
8 community in the South Bay, is unable to attend today's
9 hearing, but will be submitting written testimony.

10 In the Los Angeles region, Asian-Americans are
11 the second-largest minority group. One out of every five
12 Asian-Americans in the United States lives in Los Angeles
13 County. With the increase in hate and violence directed
14 towards the AAPI community over the past year, we think
15 it's incumbent on the Commission to respect AAPI
16 communities of interest.

17 The populations Advancing Justice Los Angeles
18 serves are located throughout the Los Angeles region,
19 notably in the San Gabriel Valley, South Bay, and gateway
20 cities. In the Los Angeles metro areas, our communities
21 are located significantly in Chinatown and Koreatown.

22 The San Gabriel Valley area is home to several
23 cities with majority AAPI populations, Monterey Park,
24 Alhambra, San Gabriel, Rosemead, and El Monte. In 2010,
25 the first majority AAPI Section Two seat was created in the

1 San Gabriel Valley, AD 49, and this district should be
2 protected and kept whole.

3 In the East San Gabriel Valley, cities such as
4 Rowland Heights, Walnut, Hacienda Heights, and Diamond Bar
5 are either over half or nearly half comprised of AAPI
6 individuals. The South Bay cities of Torrance, Gardena,
7 and Carson have large AAPI populations as well --

8 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

9 MS. ROHANI: -- with a strong Japanese-American
10 presence. These cities have many local AAPI-owned and
11 operated small businesses, and there's historically been a
12 strong presence of Asian-Americans in elected office and
13 public positions. In these times, it's important to keep
14 these AAPI communities together.

15 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

16 MS. ROHANI: We all share an immigrant story,
17 have common cultural ties, and linkage through our shared
18 communities. We urge the Commission to respect the AAPI
19 communities and keep these cohesive communities whole.
20 Thank you for hearing from me today, and the rest of the
21 AAPI and AMEMSA State Redistricting Collaborative.

22 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Ms. Rohani.

23 COMMENT MODERATOR: And now we will have 022, and
24 then up next after that will be 011. 022, I will be
25 promoting you now. 022, your speaker order number will be

1 number seven. If you'll please make note of that for
2 future reference, and if you'll please let the mapper know
3 what area you would like to discuss. The floor is yours.

4 MR. JACKSON: Hi. I'll be offering commentary on
5 the city of Long Beach.

6 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead.

7 MR. JACKSON: Good afternoon, esteemed Members of
8 the Commission. My name is Kevin Jackson, Deputy City
9 Manager of City of Long Beach. Our city has taken an
10 official position on state redistricting, and I'd like to
11 read this letter from our City Manager:

12 "Dear Commissioners: On behalf of the
13 city of Long Beach, thank you for your
14 leadership in the redistricting
15 process, and congratulations on being
16 chosen to serve on the California
17 Citizens Redistricting Commission. I
18 write to express the city's priorities
19 for redistricting and to request the
20 honor of holding a California Citizens
21 Redistricting Commission meeting in
22 Long Beach. As part of the city's 2021
23 state legislative agenda unanimously
24 adopted by the Long Beach City Council
25 on January 19, 2021, the city's

1 official position is to support
2 redistricting policies, practices, and
3 legislation that preserve the
4 geographic and demographic integrity of
5 the city district lines that keep Long
6 Beach together. For the past two
7 redistricting cycles, the city has been
8 largely kept in intact, with the vast
9 majority of Long Beach represented by
10 predominant seats. With approximately
11 467,000 residents, Long Beach is the
12 seventh most populous city in
13 California, and is home to one of the
14 state's most diverse communities. The
15 city covers more than 52 square miles
16 of land in the southwest Los Angeles
17 County, and, given the diversity of the
18 city, it is critical that the
19 redistricting process keep our
20 community together and not divide Long
21 Beach into different districts. As
22 part of Outreach Zone H, which covers
23 the entirety of Los Angeles County, the
24 city would like to request the
25 Commission to hold a public input

1 meeting in Long Beach when able to do
2 in person, to help bring the
3 redistricting process closer to our
4 residents."

5 Thank you.

6 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Mr. Jackson.

7 COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have 011,
8 and then up next after that will be 019. 011, I will be
9 promoting you now. 011, your speaker order number will be
10 number eight. If you will please make note of that for
11 future reference, and if you'll please let the mapper know
12 what area you would like to discuss. The floor is yours.

13 MR. KANG: Good afternoon. I'll be talking about
14 Koreatown and the city of Los Angeles. So my name is Steve
15 Kang, and I'm representing KYCC, Koreatown Youth and
16 Community Center, and I'm also a resident of Koreatown in
17 the city of Los Angeles. So KYCC is part of the Koreatown
18 Redistricting Task Force, and the AAPI/AMENS Redistricting
19 Collaborative. We are a diverse coalition of community
20 leaders, nonprofit organizations, and residents advocating
21 for keeping ethnic AAPI communities whole.

22 Koreatown is one of the most densely populated
23 areas in the state of California, with approximately
24 100,000 residents. Currently, L.A.'s Koreatown is kept
25 whole within the 34th Congressional District, 53rd Assembly

1 District, and the 24th State Senate District.

2 The Koreatown Redistricting Task Force has hosted
3 three community town halls in English, Spanish, and Korean,
4 to gather input from the general community, and we are
5 asking the Commission to ensure that our neighborhood is
6 kept intact, so that our voices are properly represented by
7 our elected representatives.

8 In the midst of unprecedented rise in hate
9 incidence, we urge the Commission to keep communities whole
10 and protect the interests of the Koreatown community.

11 Thank you very much.

12 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Mr. Kang?

13 MR. KANG: Yes.

14 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: If you could please provide us
15 with your working definition of Koreatown, we would
16 appreciate it.

17 MR. KANG: Yes. So our coalition will be
18 following up with our boundary. Thank you.

19 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

20 COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have 019,
21 and then up next after that will be 014. 019, I will be
22 promoting you now. 019, your speaker order number will be
23 number nine. If you'll please make note of that for future
24 reference, and if you'll please let the mapper know what
25 area you would like to discuss. The floor is yours.

1 MS. SOU: Southeast L.A. on the maps, please. I
2 will be speaking about Cerritos and Artesia.

3 Good afternoon, Commissioners. My name is Angela
4 Sou, and I am a staff member at Asian Americans Advancing
5 Justice Los Angeles, and I have also been a Cerritos
6 resident for over 20 years. I am calling in to ask the
7 Commission to keep Cerritos and Artesia together in an L.A.
8 County-based district.

9 Cerritos and Artesia has its own unique
10 demographics, and the residents that live in Cerritos and
11 Artesia are more closely tied to L.A. County than they are
12 to Orange County. For example, the commuting patterns of
13 these two cities trend much more towards L.A. County than
14 to Orange County, much like myself, and, pre-pandemic,
15 nearly 60 percent of workers who live in Cerritos and
16 Artesia worked in L.A. County, compared to only around 25
17 percent in Orange County. Likewise, nearly two-thirds of
18 those who worked in Cerritos and Artesia commuted from L.A.
19 County, compared with only one-quarter from Orange County.

20 When it comes to everyday life, the residents of
21 Cerritos and Artesia rely heavily on Norwalk and other
22 neighboring L.A. cities for their shopping and other
23 entertainment needs. The youth of Cerritos and Artesia
24 also attend ABC Unified School District, which includes
25 neighboring L.A. County cities like Lakewood and Hawaiian

1 Gardens.

2 Cerritos and Artesia, like their neighbors in
3 Southeast L.A., also deal with air pollution coming from
4 the 5, 605, and 91 freeways. The source of this pollution
5 on these high-use freeways are the daily commuters hying
6 into the L.A. Basin for work, as well as trucks hauling
7 freight from the Port of L.A. The California EPA also
8 considers Cerritos, Artesia, and much of the rest of
9 Southeast L.A., as disadvantaged communities because of
10 this daily exposure to pollution.

11 In short, Cerritos and Artesia share the same
12 ethnic diversity, socioeconomic makeup, and environmental
13 justice issues that the rest of its neighbors in Southeast
14 L.A. experience. Thank you for your time, and please keep
15 Cerritos and Artesia whole and in L.A. County-based
16 districts. Thank you.

17 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Ms. Sou.

18 COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have 014,
19 and then up next after that will be 003. 014, I will be
20 promoting you now. 014, your speaker order number will be
21 number 10. If you'll please make note of that for future
22 reference, and if you'll please let the mapper know what
23 area you'd like to discuss. The floor is yours.

24 MR. HEBRON: Yes. Good afternoon. Today I'll be
25 talking about Carson. Okay. Perfect. Thank you. Okay.

1 Good afternoon, Commissioners. My name is Romeo
2 Hebron. I'm the executive director for the Filipino
3 Migrant Center, and I'm also part of the AAPI and AMEMSA
4 Redistricting Collaborative.

5 I'm here today to talk about keeping Carson and
6 West Carson whole, which is important to me personally, as
7 a Carson resident, and also for my organization, which
8 provides free services and programs for low-income
9 Filipinos across Southern California.

10 As a city with a high concentration of Filipinos,
11 Carson, and especially West Carson, is significant for us
12 because of the people we serve. Many of these residents
13 are low-income immigrant renters who often reside in
14 overcrowded living conditions with multi-family and
15 intergenerational households facing food insecurity. These
16 are essential and frontline workers who commonly work
17 multiple low-wage jobs as caregivers. They're in food
18 service, retail, or in warehouses or in manufacturing.
19 These workers often experience wage theft and mistreatment
20 on the job, which can then negatively impact the whole
21 household.

22 During the pandemic, workers and their families
23 have been put at extra risk because their employers haven't
24 provided proper training and PPE needed to keep these
25 workers safe. Additionally, there's limited English

1 proficiency, which makes it difficult for them to
2 understand certain policies or advocate for different
3 needs, both in the workplace and in accessing a variety of
4 social services like unemployment, food stamps,
5 immigration-related services, or even assisting their
6 children with college resources.

7 The multitude of needs faces by Carson's Filipino
8 residents are exactly what my organization seeks to
9 address. We provide these services for youth through
10 seniors, around workplace rights and immigration. We
11 connect them to legal resources, systems navigation, and
12 also conduct various workshops for students and their
13 families. Most importantly, we provide leadership training
14 and capacity-building so these community members can be
15 empowered to advocate for themselves and build a strong
16 base of civically engaged residents.

17 We hope that the Commission will continue to
18 recognize this community of interest, and ensure that
19 Carson and West Carson are kept whole, so we can continue
20 to provide these services and empower the residents of
21 Carson. Again, I'd like to thank the Commission for your
22 time and consideration today. Thank you.

23 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Mr. Hebron.

24 COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have 003,
25 and up next after that will be 007.

1 003, I will be promoting you now. 003, your
2 speaker order number will be number 11. If you'll please
3 make note of that for future reference, and if you'll
4 please let the mapper know what area you would like to
5 discuss. The floor is yours.

6 MR. SUNOO: Yes. Hi. I was going to discuss
7 both Little Tokyo, just adjacent to downtown Los Angeles,
8 as well as the South Bay area of Los Angeles, starting with
9 Little Tokyo, and, mapper, I must say you're pretty skilled
10 at finding these neighborhoods very quickly. I'm
11 impressed.

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

13 MR. SUNOO: Great. So my name is Grant Sunoo,
14 and I'm calling on behalf of the Little Tokyo Service
15 Center, a member of the AAPI and AMEMSA Redistricting
16 Collaborative. Our 41-year-old organization is based in
17 Little Tokyo, and builds and manages affordable housing, in
18 addition to providing social services to community members.

19 Established 135 years ago, Little Tokyo is one of
20 the oldest neighborhoods in Los Angeles, and has survived
21 decimation from the incarceration of Japanese-Americans
22 during World War II, as well as waves of economic hardship,
23 most recently from gentrification and COVID-19. Throughout
24 the years, Little Tokyo has continued to be the cultural
25 center for Japanese-Americans, who have fought hard to

1 preserve the cultural, historic, and economic resources of
2 the neighborhood.

3 Based on the landmarks and community
4 institutions, we believe that the rough boundaries of our
5 neighborhood are Main Street to the west, Temple to the
6 north, Vignes to the east, Fourth Street to the south, and
7 I'll provide a map in my written comment that confirms more
8 specific boundaries.

9 In addition, we believe that Little Tokyo and
10 Chinatown should be in a district together, because our
11 respective neighborhoods are very dense. Residents are
12 predominantly renters. Both neighborhoods are home to many
13 low-income and limited-English-proficient residents who are
14 especially vulnerable to displacement and higher costs of
15 living due to gentrification, and so, therefore, we ask
16 that Chinatown be included in the same districts as Little
17 Tokyo, a position that many of our community partners in
18 Chinatown also support.

19 Beyond the city of Los Angeles, LTSC also
20 provides services to members of the Asian-American
21 community, particularly monolingual Japanese and Korean
22 speakers and their families throughout the L.A. County, for
23 the past more than 25 years, and one of the regions where
24 we have a strong presence in that area is known as the
25 "South Bay," particularly in Gardena and Torrance.

1 The business corridors that run north and south
2 along Western Avenue from Gardena to Torrance remain a hub
3 of activity, and are economically significant for many
4 Asian-American businesses, from restaurants and medical
5 offices to auto body shops and import-export companies.
6 People continue to cross city lines to participate in
7 cultural activities and seek services that meet their
8 linguistic and cultural needs.

9 With all these historical, cultural, and familial
10 ties, we believe that it makes sense to keep Torrance and
11 Gardena together, to maintain the economic and social
12 integrity of the Asian-American communities that enrich
13 life for everyone in the South Bay.

14 Thank you for allowing me to share these
15 observations about the Asian-American community in Little
16 Tokyo and the South Bay, and thank you in advance for your
17 consideration in keeping these respective communities of
18 interest together.

19 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Mr. Sunoo. Could
20 we ask you for your -- I need him back.

21 MR. MANOFF: Just a moment. 003, if you could
22 please unmute. The Chair had some questions for you.

23 MR. SUNOO: Sure.

24 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes. For Little Tokyo, you
25 had said Main, Temple, Vignes, and Fourth, and that you'll

1 follow up with that in writing. You also mentioned
2 Chinatown, and I just wanted to ask if you could give us
3 your working definition of "Chinatown."

4 MR. SUNOO: Gosh. If it's okay, I would prefer
5 to follow up in writing on that as well.

6 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay, Grant.

7 MR. SUNOO: Thank you. It's a good follow-up
8 question, though.

9 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: I've enjoyed plenty of time in
10 both, but we're just -- we're looking for as much detail as
11 we can get from the public.

12 MR. SUNOO: Appreciate that, and I'll follow up
13 in writing.

14 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Very good. Thank you.

15 COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now will be 007,
16 and then up next after that will be 004. 007, I'll be
17 promoting you now. 007, your speaker order number will be
18 number 12. If you'll please make note of that for future
19 reference, and if you will please let the mapper know what
20 area you would like to discuss. The floor is yours.

21 MS. SONG: Good afternoon, Commissioners. I'm
22 speaking in support for the COI Koreatown in Los Angeles
23 County, currently in the 34th Congressional District, the
24 24th Senate District, and the 53rd Assembly District. My
25 name is Eunice Song, and I am the Executive Director of the

1 Korean American Coalition, KAC, in Los Angeles, a nonprofit
2 organization in the heart of Koreatown that advocates for
3 the civic and civil rights interests of the Korean-American
4 community since 1983.

5 KAC is a member of the Koreatown Redistricting
6 Task Force, as well as a member of the Asian Pacific
7 Planning and Policy Council, which is part of the AAPI and
8 AMEMSA Redistricting Collaborative, and we are in full
9 support of the Collaborative's map proposal, which will be
10 submitted subsequently in a written submission.

11 One of this Commission's primary mandates is to
12 maintain the geographic cohesion of an existing community.
13 The residents of Koreatown is one such community that has
14 existed for decades, comprised of one of the most populous,
15 ethnically vibrant communities in the city. As an
16 immigrant-heavy community where English is a second
17 language, we need solidified representation that
18 prioritizes our community as a whole, met by a single
19 elected official that reflects our community needs, instead
20 of having accountability defused.

21 This large and diverse body collectively owns
22 businesses, works, and makes a living together, and
23 disrupting this close interacting of work and livelihood
24 could affect the people in various negative ways. By
25 keeping Koreatown consolidated, geographic cohesion is

1 maintained, enabling our diverse community to thrive.

2 We once again urge the Commission to keep
3 Koreatown Los Angeles whole, to heed the census data and
4 our voices, and keep us unified in a single congressional,
5 senate, and assembly district. Thank you.

6 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Ms. Song?

7 MS. SONG: Yes.

8 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: We know from experience that
9 there are many different definitions of "Koreatown," so I
10 just wanted to get your working definition of "Koreatown,"
11 so that we can have that.

12 MS. SONG: Yes. Thank you, Commissioner. We
13 want to -- we're going to actually submit this in writing
14 with the exact borders, because it's really hard to
15 describe everything. So, if that's okay with you, we
16 prefer that.

17 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you.

18 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

19 Right now we will have 004, and then up next
20 after that will be 015. 004, I'll be promoting you now.
21 004, your speaker order number will be number 13. If
22 you'll please make note of that for future reference. You
23 can now enable your audio and video in the lower left
24 corner of your screen. If you will please let the mapper
25 know what area you would like to discuss. The floor is

1 yours.

2 MS. KULKARNI: Good afternoon. I will be
3 referring to Los Angeles County as a whole. Good
4 afternoon, Commissioners. My name is Manjusha Kulkarni,
5 and I'm Executive Director of the Asian Pacific Policy and
6 Planning Council, also known as A3PCON. We're a coalition
7 of over 40 community-based organizations serving and
8 representing the 1.5 million Asian-Americans and Pacific
9 Islanders in Los Angeles County. We make up 15 percent of
10 the overall population.

11 Our members include groups you are hearing from
12 today, like Little Tokyo Service Center, Thai Community
13 Development Center, Asian Youth Center, Koreatown Youth and
14 Community Center, and the Korean American Coalition. I am
15 here today as part of the AAPI and AMEMSA State
16 Redistricting Collaborative.

17 Last year, A3PCON led the AAPI Census
18 Collaborative with 19 AAPI partner organizations. As part
19 of that effort, we sought to raise awareness about the 2020
20 census, and the response rates in hard-to-reach AAPI
21 communities about Los Angeles County. This year, when it
22 comes to redistricting, A3PCON is building on that
23 foundational work. We are a member of two multiracial
24 coalitions advocating for equitable representation for
25 communities of color in state and local redistricting,

1 including the People's Bloc and the AAPI and AMEMSA State
2 Redistricting Collaborative.

3 These coalitions are submitting mapping proposals
4 to the state and local -- at the state and local levels
5 that respect and support African-American and LatinX Voting
6 Rights Act interests and keep our AAPI communities of
7 interest whole.

8 In the Los Angeles area, AAPI communities of
9 interest include Little Tokyo and Chinatown near downtown
10 L.A. Thai Town in East Hollywood, historic Filipinotown,
11 and Koreatown in mid-city, Little Tokyo also in the South
12 Bay, Cambodia Town in Long Beach, the San Gabriel Valley
13 and Little India, the South Asian-American community in
14 Cerritos and Artesia.

15 I urge you to hear what our community leaders and
16 members have to share about how they define their
17 communities, regardless of how an official map may define
18 that, and to keep our communities whole. Thank you for
19 hearing from me today, and other members of the AAPI and
20 AMEMSA Redistricting Collaborative.

21 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Ms. Kulkarni?

22 MS. KULKARNI: Yes.

23 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: First of all, thank you for
24 your work in ensuring a complete count. We wanted to give
25 you an opportunity to provide us with any specific

1 boundaries or to confirm for us that you and your
2 affiliated groups will be submitting specific boundaries to
3 us in writing.

4 MS. KULKARNI: (Indiscernible), Commissioner. A
5 number of our groups have -- given that they have expertise
6 on their communities, they will be sharing with you those
7 specific lines. We defer to their better judgment as to
8 how their explicit districts should be drawn, but we are
9 submitting our own written testimony, as are our member
10 organizations and members of the AAPI and AMEMSA
11 Redistricting Collaborative.

12 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you so much.

13 COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will have
14 015, and then up next after that will be 010. 015, I will
15 be promoting you now. 015, your speaker order number will
16 be number 14. If you'll please make note of that for
17 future reference. You can now enable your audio and video
18 in the lower left corner of your screen. If you'll please
19 let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss.
20 The floor is yours.

21 MS. SORIANO-VERSOZA: Yes. Thank you. I am
22 discussing historic Filipinotown, which is just west of
23 downtown, south of Echo Park. Great. Thank you.

24 Good afternoon, Commissioners. I am Aquilina
25 Soriano-Versoza. I'm the Executive Director of the

1 Filipino Workers Center of Southern California, and a part
2 of the AAPI and AMEMSA State Redistricting Collaborative.

3 The Filipino Workers Center is a community-based
4 nonprofit organization working with Filipino and other
5 low-wage workers and their families in historic
6 Filipinotown and in greater Los Angeles. We will be
7 submitting a written map that shows the boundaries of the
8 historic Filipinotown neighborhood, and many of the
9 Filipino cultural institutions within it.

10 The city of Los Angeles designated the
11 neighborhood of historic Filipinotown in 2002. Although
12 the city's designation is fairly recent, historic
13 Filipinotown has been a gateway community for Filipinos
14 since the first half of the 20th century, and continues to
15 be a gateway community for Filipino immigrants, many of our
16 constituents. Not only are many residents Filipino. Many
17 of the businesses there are Filipino-owned and cater to the
18 Filipino community.

19 Our office is located inside the Larry Itliong
20 Village Building in historic Filipinotown off Glendale
21 Boulevard and Rockwood Street. The building honors Larry
22 Dulay Itliong, a forgotten Filipino labor leader during the
23 United Farmworkers movement of the 1960s. It is one of the
24 many landmarks in the neighborhood. It is home to the PWC
25 office and 45 apartment units within a five-story complex.

1 These units serve low-income families,
2 individuals, and underprivileged youth. PWC coordinates
3 and provides programs and services that enrich the lives of
4 its residents and members, ranging from health and
5 nutrition to art workshops.

6 The city's designated boundaries are from Hoover
7 on the west, the 101 Freeway on the north, Beverly on the
8 south, and Glendale/Lucas (phonetic) on the east. Although
9 this is the city's designation, the southern boundary
10 should really extend to Third Street, because many
11 Filipinos reside there as well. For example, SIPA, Search
12 to Involve Filipino Americans, built and runs an affordable
13 housing complex in the extended area.

14 The extended area shares the same socioeconomic
15 character as that of the officially designated portion.
16 The residents in our Filipino neighborhood many other
17 interests and concerns, and my organization, along with --

18 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

19 MS. SORIANO-VERSOZA: -- SIPA, Filipino American
20 Service Group, Incorporated, and Asian Pacific Healthcare
21 Venture, published a study on the health of Filipino
22 residents in the neighborhood. Our study showed that the
23 Filipino residents had specific health access due to
24 limited English proficiency and cultural concepts --

25 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

1 MS. SORIANO-VERSOZA: -- about health, along with
2 issues of affordability and geographic accessibility.

3 Because the residents share these interests and
4 cultural commonalities, please do not split up my
5 neighborhood, and extend the southern border to Third
6 Street. Thank you for allowing me to provide this input.

7 MR. MANOFF: time.

8 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you very much, Ms.
9 Soriano.

10 COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will have
11 010, and then up next after that will be 013. 010, I'll be
12 promoting you now. 010, your speaker order number will be
13 number 15. If you'll please make note of that for future
14 reference. You can now enable your audio and video in the
15 lower left corner of your screen. If you will please let
16 the mapper know what area you would like to discuss. The
17 floor is yours.

18 IVY: Hi. I will be discussing Chinatown only,
19 right by downtown.

20 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead.

21 IVY: Hi. My name is Ivy (phonetic). I'm a
22 community outreach worker at the Southeast Asian Community
23 Alliance, aka SEACA. SEACA is a nonprofit based in
24 Chinatown and is part of the AAPI and AMEMSA Redistricting
25 Collaborative.

1 In addition to pushing for policies
2 (indiscernible) of Chinatown, SEACA has also provided
3 leadership and organizing programs to local youths for
4 (indiscernible) decades. At the core of our work is the
5 idea that people have vivid understanding of their own
6 communities and create unique solutions to social, racial,
7 economic issues that affect us, and given the right support
8 and resources. I myself participated in SEACA's
9 programming throughout high school.

10 We will be submitting (indiscernible) of the
11 boundaries of Chinatown. Generally, it is outlined by the
12 L.A. River (indiscernible). Chinatown (indiscernible).
13 The boundaries I just described are (indiscernible). As I
14 mentioned before, most residents are working-class
15 immigrants. Chinatown is also very multiethnic. Over half
16 the residents here are Chinese and nearly a quarter are
17 LatinX. We have also long-time residents who have
18 immigrated from Vietnam, Cambodia, Indonesia, and the
19 Philippines. This also (indiscernible). The majority of
20 other residents include one percent (indiscernible) and
21 low-income.

22 The recent concerns of the people of Chinatown
23 have not changed much over the years, but economic
24 conditions have created more instability. (Indiscernible.)
25 Gentrification has been harming the livelihoods of

1 long-time residents. There is a desperate need
2 (indiscernible) and affordable housing, truly affordable
3 housing for (indiscernible). (Indiscernible) and healthy,
4 because there are some (indiscernible) in Chinatown who
5 live (indiscernible) apartments in hazardous conditions,
6 who has a tendency to suffer addictions (indiscernible), as
7 well as residents who (indiscernible) outside their
8 apartments. Their laundries don't work, even.

9 There is no laundromat in Chinatown. There is no
10 grocery store in Chinatown. There is no hospital
11 Chinatown. (Indiscernible) has trouble navigating public
12 transport. So it's vital for these services to exist, and
13 for them to be local and (indiscernible). People are
14 resilient and do their best to (indiscernible), but
15 gentrification has been (indiscernible) of basic needs to
16 be (indiscernible) that do not answer to the communities.

17 We ask that Chinatown be kept whole, and for its
18 boundaries to be extended to what was described earlier.
19 Due to its demographic similarities to (indiscernible)
20 Little Tokyo, (indiscernible). We also ask for Chinatown
21 and Little Tokyo be kept together in one district. Thank
22 you for your time.

23 MR. MANOFF: 010, if you could please stay on.
24 Your audio was breaking up, and I am guessing they're going
25 to want to clarify some of your testimony.

1 IVY: Okay. Yes. And I can (indiscernible)
2 comment, too.

3 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes. I didn't know whether it
4 was my audio or yours, but I heard that boundaries were the
5 L.A. River, and then it cut out.

6 IVY: Okay. So I said Chinatown is sort of
7 outlined by the L.A. River setting (indiscernible) the 101,
8 stretching west to Beaudry Avenue and just under Dodger
9 Stadium.

10 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. And then you mentioned
11 an expansion area?

12 IVY: That would be the expanded area compared to
13 what the city has drawn before. So it's just slightly
14 larger than what the previous redistricting have outlined.

15 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Very good. Thank you
16 so much for calling.

17 COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have 013,
18 and then up next after that, we will be joined by 018.
19 013, I will be promoting you now. 013, your speaker order
20 number will be number 16. If you'll please make note of
21 that for future reference, and if you'll please let the
22 mapper know what area you would like to discuss. The floor
23 is yours.

24 MS. FRERIDGE: Thank you. I'll be discussing the
25 West San Gabriel Valley.

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

2 MS. FRERIDGE: My name is Michelle Freridge.

3 I've worked in West San Gabriel Valley for 17 years at the
4 Asian Youth Center. We're a nonprofit organization and a
5 member of the AAPI/AMEMSA Redistricting Collaborative.

6 Asian Youth Center is known as "AYC" for short.

7 We're an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit
8 community-based organization that works primarily with
9 low-income, immigrant, and at-risk youth and families.
10 We've been active in the community for 32 years.

11 Our community is centered in the cities of
12 Alhambra, Monterey Park, Rosemead, San Gabriel, Temple
13 City, San Marino, and Arcadia, where Asian-Americans and
14 Pacific Islanders make up to 68 percent of the population.
15 There are also a significant number of Asian-American and
16 Pacific Islanders in the surrounding areas as well that are
17 part of the same community of interest, including parts of
18 South Pasadena, the northern tip of Montebello, which is
19 where I live, South San Gabriel, Baldwin Park, South El
20 Monte, El Monte, and North El Monte.

21 In our community, more than 50 percent of
22 voting-age citizens are AAPI, and, as such, should be kept
23 whole in a new district. Most of our community residents
24 are immigrants with shared interest in a need for
25 representation and policies that address language access,

1 civil rights, education, consumer protection, economic and
2 small business development, and housing. Most households
3 in our community fall above the federal poverty guidelines,
4 but are struggling economically because of the extremely
5 high cost of living in California, especially housing.

6 In 2020, with the COVID-19 pandemic exacerbating
7 preexisting economic barriers for low-income communities,
8 particularly for immigrants and their families, who make up
9 to 51 percent of the West San Gabriel Valley, we saw a huge
10 increase in food insecurity, risk of eviction due to income
11 loss and business shutdowns, and a lack of access to
12 reliable broadband connection that further compounded the
13 crisis for immigrant families because of factors such as
14 limited language capacity and lack of culturally competent
15 services.

16 Also, in 2021, we saw an increase in hate crimes
17 and anti-Asian sentiment, and this is another important
18 reason that the redistricting process should keep the West
19 San Gabriel Valley a majority Asian community together. I
20 ask the Commission to keep this community of the West San
21 Gabriel Valley whole. It's important that we're drawn
22 together --

23 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

24 MS. FRERIDGE: -- so that we can elect someone
25 who represents our interests and our voice.

1 I will submit additional written testimony and
2 maps with boundary lines.

3 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Ms. Freridge.

4 COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will have
5 018, and then, up next after that -- well, right now we
6 will have 018. I will be promoting you now. 018, I'm
7 going to go ahead and do the audio-only option at this
8 time. It is not allowing me to promote you. If you could
9 unmute at this time. There you are.

10 MR. RUH: Can you hear me?

11 COMMENT MODERATOR: I can, and so can everyone
12 else.

13 MR. RUH: Yes. Thank you.

14 COMMENT MODERATOR: Wonderful. Your speaker
15 order number will remain the same, which I believe it was
16 number one, and the floor is yours.

17 MR. RUH: Yes. Thank you. The area I will be
18 speaking on is the west end of San Bernardino County,
19 specifically the city of Montclair. We are right on the
20 border of Los Angeles County. You have the correct area.

21 COMMENT MODERATOR: (Indiscernible.)

22 MR. RUH: I am the Mayor Pro Tem for the city of
23 Montclair.

24 COMMENT MODERATOR: (Indiscernible.) Your
25 speaker order number will remain the same, which I believe

1 it was number one, and the floor is yours.

2 MR. RUH: Yes. Thank you. The area I will be
3 speaking on is the west end of San Bernardino --

4 MR. MANOFF: I muted your microphone, 018. It
5 sounds like the livestream is still playing somewhere in
6 the room that you're in.

7 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Go to the livestream and mute
8 it.

9 MR. RUH: City of Montclair.

10 COMMENT MODERATOR: (Indiscernible.)

11 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Put it on pause.

12 MR. RUH: I don't --

13 MR. MANOFF: I'm going to mute you now. If you
14 could -- you may want to try calling in --

15 MR. RUH: (Indiscernible.)

16 MR. MANOFF: -- on the telephone. The call-in
17 information is provided in the invite that you received.

18 MR. RUH: I don't know how to un-livestream it.
19 I'm very sorry.

20 MR. MANOFF: That's okay. You can also -- you
21 can close all the web browsers on your computer. You only
22 need Zoom. You don't need a web browser to connect to this
23 meeting.

24 MR. RUH: I clicked into your system, but I don't
25 know how to change this. Apparently this is not my day.

1 It's not going to work.

2 MR. MANOFF: That's okay. We are going to have
3 somebody reach out to you and work with you to get that
4 working, and we will get to your public comment as soon as
5 we get that audio working. So, if you could stand by,
6 we're going to have a member of our staff contact you
7 directly. Just a moment.

8 COMMENT MODERATOR: And, Chair, with that, we are
9 up against the break.

10 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: We are coming up against our
11 mandatory 4:30 break. When we return from that break at
12 4:45, we will start with individuals who are registered for
13 an appointment time slot, and then we will open the phone
14 lines, if there is time during that session. So we will
15 break now, and return at 4:45 p.m. Commissioner Sinay will
16 be chairing when we come back. Thank you so much.

17 (Off the record at 4:29 p.m.)

18 (On the record at 4:45 p.m.)

19 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Welcome back to the California
20 Citizens Redistricting Commission, and thank you to my
21 Co-Chair, Commissioner Kennedy, for doing such a great job.

22 This is our community of interest or, as we like
23 to say, our COI input meeting. Before I begin, please
24 allow me to say it takes a whole lot to ensure that we have
25 a successful listening session.

1 Thus I want to thank our line drawers,
2 interpreters, the many staff members who make sure these
3 meetings run smoothly, including Christian, Katy, and team,
4 my fellow Commissioners, and I especially want to say
5 (speaking Spanish). Thanks to all the associations and
6 individuals who have helped the community understand the
7 importance of participating in the redistricting effort.
8 This is truly a team effort, or, dare I say, a community
9 effort.

10 For anyone who has joined us recently, we are
11 offering language lines for Spanish, Cantonese, Mandarin,
12 and Japanese speakers to listen to the meeting in their
13 native language, and a separate line for those who wish to
14 provide public comment or public input.

15 Could I please have each of our interpreters
16 provide our language line numbers and the information to
17 provide public input. Let's begin with the Spanish.
18 Spanish interpreter, can you read the site translation,
19 please.

20 THE SPANISH INTERPRETER: Yes. The full call-in
21 instructions?

22 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Si, Margarita. Gracias.

23 THE SPANISH INTERPRETER: Okay. Gracias. Yes,
24 Chair. (Speaking Spanish.) Thank you

25 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Muchas gracias.

1 Now, for the Cantonese, please read the site
2 translation of the full call-in instructions.

3 THE CANTONESE INTERPRETER: Thank you. (Speaking
4 Cantonese.) Back to you, Commissioner.

5 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you very much.

6 Now to the Mandarin interpreter. Please read the
7 site translation for the full call-in instructions.

8 THE MANDARIN INTERPRETER: Thank you. (Speaking
9 Mandarin.) Thank you.

10 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you.

11 And now to the Japanese interpreter. Please read
12 the site translation of the full call-in instructions.

13 THE JAPANESE INTERPRETER: Sure. (Speaking
14 Japanese.) Thank you.

15 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you.

16 As a reminder, even though we are focusing on
17 Southern California, all Californians from anywhere in the
18 state are welcome to provide input. We hope that those of
19 you listening have been inspired by other Californians and
20 want to share your communities of interest, your COIs, with
21 us.

22 We understand if calling is not your thing. For
23 this reason, we encourage you, and all who have not
24 participated, to visit the community of interest tool,
25 which can be found at "www.DrawMyCACommunity.org."

1 The tool is fun and easy to use. It will walk
2 you through creating a narrative and a map, which will make
3 for a meaningful community of interest. When you are done,
4 you can hit "Send," and it comes directly to us.

5 Redistricting is the one civic activity that all
6 Californians are encouraged to participate. So please
7 visit our tool, and tell your networks. Again, the tool
8 can be found at "DrawMyCACommunity.org."

9 I will pass this over to Katy, our comment
10 moderator, to continue with public input. We want to thank
11 everybody who's been waiting so patiently. We will work
12 with people who are registered, and then open the phone
13 lines to all, if there's time before the next session.

14 Thank you, Katy.

15 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, Chair.

16 Welcome to the public input session. Please use
17 the "Raise Hand" button at the bottom of your screen to
18 enter the comment queue. When it is your turn to speak, I
19 will identify you by your assigned unique ID number from
20 your invite. You will be reconnected to the session, with
21 the ability to enable your own video and/or audio. You
22 will then be assigned a speaker order number before you
23 begin speaking. Please make a note of your speaker order
24 number for future reference.

25 The Commission will be enforcing a three-minute

1 time limit for English speakers and a six-minute time limit
2 for those with an interpreter. There will be a warning at
3 30 seconds and 15 seconds remaining.

4 The Commission's goal is to find the area on the
5 map you would like to discuss prior to your testimony. If
6 you are within a specific neighborhood of a large city,
7 please mention it by name.

8 Once we are able to locate your area, your three-
9 or six-minute testimony will begin. Attendees will not be
10 able to share their screen. At the end of your public
11 input or at the end of your time, you will be reconnected
12 in a "listen and view only" mode.

13 At the beginning of your input, please remind the
14 mapper of what area you would like to see on the screen.

15 At this time, I will be going to caller with the
16 last four 5617, unique ID 018. He has called in. And then
17 we'll be going to 008, and then we will move on to the
18 appointments for this session.

19 So, caller 5617, unique ID 018, if you will
20 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by
21 pressing star, six on your telephone keypad. There you
22 are.

23 MR. RUH: Yes. Thank you.

24 COMMENT MODERATOR: You're welcome.

25 MR. RUH: Yes. Good afternoon. My name is Bill

1 Ruh. I am the Mayor Pro Tem for the city of Montclair,
2 California, and I will be speaking about the city of
3 Montclair, which is the western end of San Bernardino
4 County, on the border of the eastern end of Los Angeles
5 County.

6 I would like to emphasize that most of the
7 lifetime of the city can go back 60 years. We have been
8 tied to our communities in both L.A. County and San
9 Bernardino County. We have traditional ties to the cities
10 of Claremont, Pomona, Upland, Ontario, Chino, as well as
11 Montclair. We share quite a bit. We share school
12 districts. We share economic lines. The new Gold Line,
13 the light rail system running from downtown L.A. through to
14 Glendora and Azusa into Montclair, is tied with L.A.
15 County. We have ties to Ontario, and our school district
16 ties to Upland, and our college district. We would prefer,
17 if we can, to remain in lines that are very similar to
18 that.

19 We have parts of our community, one area, no
20 (indiscernible). Part is L.A. County, part is San
21 Bernardino County. We have residents there where their
22 front door is Claremont, in L.A. County, and the back door
23 is Montclair, in San Bernardino County. We have a camping
24 area on Haight (phonetic) and Indian Hill, (indiscernible)
25 in the city of Montclair, in San Bernardino County. Part

1 of it is in the city of Pomona, which is L.A. County. I
2 would not want to see us divided up into other areas.

3 Traditionally, our families go into the San
4 Gabriel Valley, the L.A. area, Orange County area, for
5 work. Many of our students go to colleges there, the
6 Claremont colleges, Cal Poly Pomona, the University of
7 Laverne, the Claremont College consortium, as well as Azusa
8 Pacific University. Many of our students take advantage of
9 the community colleges, Citrus College in L.A. County, Mt.
10 Sac in L.A. County, and, of course, Chaffey College in San
11 Bernardino County.

12 Traditionally, our families have been together.
13 Many families have homes in both places, and I would not
14 want to see it split up. I believe the way the lines are,
15 and have been for the last 60 years, have served us well
16 and will continue to serve us well. Thank you.

17 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you for that. Can I ask
18 one question?

19 MR. RUH: Yes.

20 CO-CHAIR SINAY: The unincorporated area that's
21 south of Montclair and north of Chino, would you include
22 that in your district?

23 MR. RUH: Yes. Yes, I would, because that is
24 traditionally the sphere of influence for Montclair.

25 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Okay. Thank you so much.

1 MR. RUH: And there's a small incorporated area
2 north of Montclair. We would include that as well. That's
3 also in the sphere of influence.

4 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Okay. Thank you so much.

5 MR. RUH: Thank you, and have a wonderful rest of
6 your afternoon.

7 CO-CHAIR SINAY: You, too.

8 MR. RUH: Thank you.

9 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

10 Right now we will have 008, and then up next
11 after that will be 044. 008, I will be promoting you now.
12 008, your speaker order number will be number 17. If
13 you'll please make note of that for future reference. You
14 can now enable your audio and video in the lower left
15 corner of your screen. If you'll please let the mapper
16 know what area you'd like to discuss. The floor is yours.

17 MS. LIM: Hi. The greater L.A. area, please.

18 Good afternoon. My name is June Lim, and I am
19 the demographic research project director at Asian
20 Americans Advancing Justice Los Angeles, which is a census
21 information center, an official program of the U.S. Census
22 Bureau that promotes the dissemination of census data to
23 underserved populations. I am also L.A. born and raised,
24 and that's where I am Zooming in from right now.

25 Today I will present data supporting the COI

1 testimony you've heard from our partners in the earlier
2 session representing the AAPI and AMEMSA Redistricting
3 Collaborative. These include COIs in Chinatown, Little
4 Tokyo, Koreatown, historic Filipinotown, Thai Town, the San
5 Gabriel Valley, Gardena, Torrance, Carson, and West Carson.
6 I will submit to the Commission data maps and shape files
7 of the COIs with my written testimony.

8 The AAPI and AMEMSA community in Los Angeles is
9 large, diverse, and growing. The latest census data show
10 that the Asian-American population in L.A. County grew by
11 13 percent over the last decade, whereas the PI, Pacific
12 Islander, population decreased by nine percent. The
13 Asian-American population grew in all the areas in which
14 the COIs identified by our collaborative are located.

15 The Asian-American population grew by 69 percent
16 in East San Gabriel, about 20 percent in West Carson and
17 Temple City, and over 10 percent in Los Angeles, Hacienda
18 Heights, Diamond Bar, and South San Gabriel. The Pacific
19 Islander community has grown in the San Gabriel Valley as
20 well. It has shifted from areas such as Long Beach,
21 Carson, and the city of L.A.

22 Over 60 percent of Asian-Americans and over 20
23 percent of Pacific Islanders in L.A. County are foreign
24 born, with over 70 percent of Asian-American community
25 members in Alhambra, Rowland Heights, and the city of San

1 Gabriel who are immigrants. Over 25 percent of Pacific
2 Islanders in the city of L.A. are foreign born. The
3 proportions of Asian-Americans and Pacific Islanders in
4 L.A. County who are limited English proficient, meaning
5 they speak English less than very well, are 37 and 11
6 percent, respectively.

7 These county-level rates do not adequately
8 capture the language access needs of our communities, as
9 the rates range significantly by city and by ethnic group.
10 In some of the cities where our COIs are, such as in
11 Alhambra, San Gabriel, Monterey Park, Rosemead, and Rowland
12 Heights, over 50 percent of community members are limited
13 English proficient. There are significant socioeconomic
14 differences in the AAPI and AMEMSA communities that vary
15 across cities and neighborhoods of L.A. County and across
16 ethnic groups.

17 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

18 MS. LIM: Asian-Americans in Asian-Americans in
19 Alhambra, Long Beach, Monterey Park, Rosemead, and San
20 Gabriel have disproportionately high proportions of
21 low-income households, where one-third to one-half of
22 Asian-Americans are low-income. Over one-third of the NHPI
23 community in the city of L.A. --

24 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

25 MS. LIM: -- low-income.

1 In closing, the AAPI and AMEMSA Redistricting
2 Collaborative asks the Commission to respect the integrity
3 of the communities of interest presented today. Thank you
4 for your time.

5 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you so much.

6 COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will have
7 044, and up next after that, we will be going to 031, as
8 they have been here since the beginning of the first
9 session.

10 044, I will be promoting you now. 044, your
11 speaker order number will be number 18. If you'll please
12 make note of that for future reference. You can now enable
13 your audio and video in the lower left corner of your
14 screen. If you'll please let the mapper know what area you
15 would like to discuss. The floor is yours.

16 MR. HUMANIC: Yes. My name is Richard Humanic,
17 and I am -- this in reference to the 25th Congressional
18 District, and I'm from the community of Castaic, and, as
19 you could see, the 25th Congressional District is probably,
20 geographically, the largest district in Los Angeles County.
21 It covers the whole north section of Los Angeles County,
22 San Bernardino to the east, Kern County to the north, and
23 Ventura County to the west, and it is all the way up to the
24 border of the city of Los Angeles on the south.

25 This is, like I said, probably the largest

1 geographical district in the county of Los Angeles, and it
2 even includes a small portion of Simi Valley over there to
3 the west. So I'd just like to say that presently there's
4 about 755,000 residents in this district. It seems the
5 average, according to the 2020 census, is about 762,000 per
6 district, so we're really close to that.

7 I would like to see this district kept -- the
8 boundaries kept exactly the way they are, and no
9 alterations or changes to be made to it. And that is it.
10 Thank you for the opportunity to speak.

11 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you so much.

12 COMMENT MODERATOR: If I could ask for our
13 Cantonese interpreter to make themselves available at this
14 time. We do have a request for a Cantonese interpretation.

15 MS. CHOI: (Speaking Cantonese.)

16 COMMENT MODERATOR: Hi. One moment.

17 THE CANTONESE INTERPRETER: Please wait.

18 COMMENT MODERATOR: Unique ID 031, your speaker
19 order number will be number 19. You can now unmute, in the
20 lower left corner of your screen, and the interpreter is
21 here.

22 MS. CHOI: Respectable Commissioners, my name is
23 Choi Cathy. I'm an elderly and volunteer leader. I am
24 American, Chinese, Cantonese speaking. I'm so happy to
25 join the 2020 Olympic. Today we're considering the

1 privileges of this redistricting. First of all, I thank
2 you for all your organization, for (indiscernible)
3 organization who provide me datas.

4 So I would like you to consider my three
5 suggestions. The three valleys are very important, San
6 Gabriel Valley, Pomona Valley, and San Fernando Valley. My
7 first suggestion (indiscernible). I would like to have
8 affordable, comfortable housing, good for children, too, so
9 we can grow very well in our communities, and then also
10 have affordable solar energy for them. Okay.

11 (Indiscernible) the spirit of the Olympics.

12 I would like all the (indiscernible) to promote
13 comfort, joy, and health to all our children, so that we
14 would have longevity to enjoy life. Okay. I would like to
15 treasure our comfort, our practical and multipurpose
16 libraries. So I hope all those libraries will
17 (indiscernible). So, to help the old and new communities,
18 at the same time, provide (indiscernible) interaction
19 (indiscernible) economically and also in the community
20 interaction. These are my (indiscernible). So we hope
21 that our communities will work together harmoniously.

22 So this is my dream. Thank you so much. So we
23 hope that we work together, and we hope the whole
24 California will work very well together, so that all
25 California residents can enjoy our life, our environment,

1 our climate, and also good water. Okay. Thank you so much
2 let me share (sic). Thank you so much.

3 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you. May I ask a
4 follow-up question? I really appreciate you sharing your
5 dream. May I ask, do you (indiscernible) specific
6 community within California that you would like to see
7 together, or just is your --

8 MS. CHOI: Twenty years ago, I move from the East
9 Coast. I was living in San Gabriel Valley, and now I'm
10 living in San Fernando Valley. I'm considering to move to
11 Pomona Valley, because, in 2008, Pomona was a very
12 important city (indiscernible) the Olympics, because of our
13 spirit, and I'm 60 years old now. I hope I can live
14 happily forever, for now. Thank you.

15 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you so much, and I hope
16 you live happily, too.

17 MS. CHOI: Thank you. Thank you. Happy
18 Mid-Autumn Festival.

19 COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have 037,
20 and then up next after that will be 030. 037, I will be
21 promoting you now. 037, your speaker order number will be
22 number 20. If you'll please make note of that for future
23 reference. You can now unmute your audio and video. If
24 you'll please let the mapper know what area you would like
25 to discuss. The floor is yours.

1 MS. HASLETT: Antelope Valley, Lancaster,
2 Palmdale.

3 MR. MANOFF: Thank you.

4 MS. HASLETT: Good afternoon, Commissioners.

5 Thank you for doing this once again. There is an area of
6 the Antelope Valley. Your arrow was almost on it, up at
7 the top. There's a pink area to the left a little bit.
8 That area is known as Antelope Acres. It's a rural area.
9 It's part of Lancaster, Quartz Hill, and then it goes up
10 to -- and that is in the other district.

11 This is for -- speaking for including this into
12 District 25. They are currently, and have been, in
13 District 23, which is out of Bakersfield. There are many
14 people that live there. It has generally gone up to the
15 Highway 138, Avenue D, up at the top, but that's still
16 another four miles to Avenue A, the Kern County line, and
17 the Antelope Acres area has actually gone up onto the north
18 side of Avenue D, 138, and extends up into the Avenue C
19 area.

20 There's many people that have small acreage. The
21 area has grown. They're all part of the Lancaster/Palmdale
22 area. There is one major school that is out there, that
23 goes from K through eighth grade, and then those students
24 either go to Lancaster or Quartz Hill High School, which
25 are other school districts, and then, the west side of the

1 valley, we're dealing with the Lancaster School District
2 and the Westside School District. So it's all into two
3 different districts here of congressional. I would like to
4 see that part of District 25, because it's just
5 (indiscernible) the valley. It's just within 15 minutes'
6 driving in the town, where they come into town to shop.

7 And then the Lancaster area is all split up in a
8 strange way. I'm not sure where the line is. It just
9 zigzags through Lancaster and makes -- splits us into two
10 congressional districts. I'm asking for you to consider
11 returning it to District 25, because we're all part of the
12 same valley.

13 You don't see it on this map, but there's a
14 northeastern-running mountain range that goes from about
15 the I-5, at the 138, and it cuts up just north of Rosamond,
16 through that Mojave area, and that's what divides Rosamond
17 from Kern County, just up a little bit further, and it cuts
18 right around through there, and then diagonally across that
19 section, and it makes that part of Kern County a part of
20 Lancaster, the Antelope Valley area, where we have the
21 similar -- we are the same --

22 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

23 MS. HASLETT: -- climate, and, also, we are home
24 to the Antelope Valley poppy, California State Poppy
25 Reserve, which is the green area to the left of the pink

1 area, above Lake Hughes. It's world-renowned. We get
2 people from all over the world visiting here. It would be
3 beneficial to keep us all in one district. Thank you so
4 much.

5 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you.

6 COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have 030,
7 and then up next after that will be 038. 030, I'll be
8 promoting you now. 030, your speaker order number will be
9 number 21. If you'll please make note of that for future
10 reference, and if you'll please let the mapper know what
11 area you would like to discuss. The floor is yours.

12 MS. WATANABE: Thank you very much for the
13 opportunity. Yes, I would like to see Congressional
14 District 17, which is in Outreach Zone C, specifically
15 Santa Clara County and the city of Santa Clara. There you
16 go.

17 Again, thank you very much for the opportunity
18 this evening to speak to the California Citizens
19 Redistricting Commission. My name is Kathy Watanabe. I'm
20 a councilmember in the city of Santa Clara, and I'm here
21 representing Mayor Lisa Gillmor and our councilmembers. As
22 leaders in the city of Santa Clara, we are aware of the
23 central placement our city holds in the 17th Congressional
24 District, the only Asian-American minority-majority
25 district in the continental United States.

1 Our city is home to many tech companies and
2 communitywide events, including the Silicon Valley
3 Technology Innovation and Entrepreneurship Forum, Silicon
4 Valley International Invention Festival, and United We
5 Stand rallies against the recent spike in
6 anti-Asian-American and Pacific Islander hate crimes.

7 Santa Clara is home to hundreds of tech startups
8 and thousands of workers, drawing in thousands of employees
9 from surrounding cities who work in Santa Clara. As a
10 result, Santa Clara must ensure the infrastructure to
11 handle the increased traffic each day from surrounding
12 cities. Santa Clara residents, nearly 75 percent of whom
13 drive alone to work, spend an average of 23 minutes
14 commuting to work.

15 Many Santa Clara residents rely on public transit
16 and affordable housing. Thirty-four thousand homes have
17 been built with assistance from federal funding, yet tens
18 of thousands of more families seek assistance. However,
19 those who cannot find homes often do not have means of
20 personal transportation, either, therefore forcing the
21 homeless population to solely rely on public transit as a
22 way to get to shelters or kitchens.

23 The issues facing Santa Clara are not unique.
24 Many of the issues Santa Clara faces are also found in and
25 can be resolved by working with surrounding cities.

1 Resolving these issues requires cooperation not only
2 between local leaders and officials, but federal backing as
3 well. Therefore, it is our recommendation that Santa Clara
4 continues to stay in the same congressional district,
5 District 17, as Fremont, Milpitas, Newark, North San Jose,
6 and Sunnyvale.

7 Respectfully submitted, Mayor Lisa Gillmor and
8 the city council. Again, thank you very much for your time
9 this afternoon.

10 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you.

11 COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have 038,
12 and then up next after that will be 033. 033, I'll be
13 promoting you now. 038, your speaker order number will be
14 number 22. If you'll please make note of that for future
15 reference. You can now enable your audio and video in the
16 lower left corner of your screen. If you'll please let the
17 mapper know what area you would like to discuss. The floor
18 is yours.

19 MS. BEIDLEMAN: Good afternoon, Commissioners.
20 I'm speaking about the city of Long Beach, the southeastern
21 Los Angeles County and northwestern portion of Orange
22 County.

23 Good afternoon, Commissioners. My name is Tracy
24 Beidleman, and on behalf of (indiscernible) CEO Kenneth
25 McDonald (indiscernible) Long Beach (indiscernible).

1 Long Beach Transit is a part of the city of Long
2 Beach and the Long Beach Together Coalition in its position
3 to maintain its current district lines. Long Beach Transit
4 maintains a very strong relationship with its elected
5 federal and state representatives in its effort to provide
6 essential transit services to its customers in the Long
7 Beach service area. The current districting in Long Beach
8 is very helpful, as it enables Long Beach Transit to work
9 hand in hand with our elected federal and state
10 representatives, and discuss key transit matters that
11 affect our constituents.

12 Long Beach Transit is an important part of
13 meeting the needs of residents that rely on our services.
14 We strive to meet our local, regional, and state climate
15 goals with clean air technology and supporting job
16 creation. Long Beach Transit is currently on the road to a
17 zero-emission transportation future, and will only be
18 purchasing zero-emission buses going forward, to meet the
19 goal of having a 100-percent zero-emission fleet by 2030.

20 We have relied heavily on our federal and state
21 representative to ensure funding to significant this
22 significant initiative. Without proper state and federal
23 funding over the next decade, Long Beach Transit might not
24 be able to meet our zero-emission goals, while expanding
25 ridership and delivering the important services that our

1 customers expect and our residents expect.

2 Long Beach Transit Service covers southeastern
3 Los Angeles County and the northwestern portion of Orange
4 County, but we support the congressional district being in
5 both Long Beach and Orange County. This provides seamless
6 advocacy at the federal level. Long Beach Transit supports
7 the city of Long Beach's efforts (indiscernible) district
8 lines.

9 Thank you for your time and your work in this
10 redistricting process.

11 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you. Can I ask one just
12 quick curiosity question?

13 MR. MANOFF: Just a moment, Chair. 038, if you
14 could please unmute. The Chair had some questions for you.
15 Welcome back, 038. The Chair had a couple questions.

16 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you.

17 Thank you so much for your testimony. When you
18 mentioned Long Beach staying together for the transit
19 district, and that was for all three -- I mean, for all
20 federal and state districts, correct?

21 MS. BEIDLEMAN: Yes.

22 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Okay. And then you had
23 mentioned that you serve parts of Orange County as well as
24 parts of Los Angeles. Do you also serve Signal Hill?

25 MS. BEIDLEMAN: Yes, we do.

1 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Okay. Thank you so much.

2 MS. BEIDLEMAN: Thank you.

3 COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have 033,
4 and then up next after that will be 040. 033, I will be
5 promoting you now. 033, your speaker order number will be
6 number 23. If you will please make note of that for future
7 reference, and if you'll please let the mapper know what
8 area you would like to discuss. The floor is yours.

9 MR. CHAMBERS: I will be speaking about the city
10 of Long Beach.

11 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead.

12 MR. CHAMBERS: Good afternoon, Commissioners. My
13 name is Rich Chambers. I'm the President of the Long Beach
14 Police Officers Association. The Police Officers
15 Association was created in 1940 to help our police officers
16 support our community through charitable work and community
17 outreach. Our officers work collaboratively with other
18 organizations throughout the city of Long Beach to support
19 public safety. We apply for grants together, we work
20 together, and we support one another.

21 We are proud to support the Keep Long Beach
22 Together Coalition. The Coalition is made up of a number
23 of organizations that are active in Long Beach, and who all
24 work together to make Long Beach the amazing place that it
25 is. Those organizations include the Long Beach Convention

1 Center and Visitors Bureau, the Arts Council for Long
2 Beach, the Long Beach Economic Partnership, the Long Beach
3 Nonprofit Partnership, the Downtown Long Beach Alliance,
4 the Bixby Knolls Business Improvement District, and many
5 others.

6 Please support this collaboration we built, and
7 let us continue that work. Please keep Long Beach together
8 as part of this redistricting process. Thank you for your
9 time and your service on this Commission.

10 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you. May I ask a quick
11 question?

12 MR. MANOFF: Just a moment.

13 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Sorry.

14 MR. MANOFF: 033, if you could please unmute.
15 The Chair had some questions for you.

16 MR. CHAMBERS: Yes.

17 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you so much for your
18 testimony. I just wanted to confirm that when the Long
19 Beach Coalition says, "Keep Long Beach together," that
20 includes Signal Hill, the city of Signal Hill?

21 MR. CHAMBERS: Yes.

22 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Okay. Thank you so much.

23 COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have 040,
24 and then up next will be 036. 040, I will be promoting you
25 now. 040, your speaker order number will be number 24. If

1 you'll please make note of that for future reference. If
2 you will please let the mapper know what area you would
3 like to discuss. The floor is yours.

4 MR. BENITEZ: Hi. Good afternoon, Commissioners.
5 Thank you for the opportunity to speak to your all. I'll
6 be speaking to the Long Beach/Signal Hill/Lakewood area
7 and, in addition to that, Avalon, Catalina Island.

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

9 MR. BENITEZ: Thank you. So my name is Doctor
10 Juan Benitez. I'm the President of the Long Beach Unified
11 School District Board of Education. I'm also a professor
12 of 25 years at Cal State Long Beach, and I'm a parent of a
13 student that currently goes to Long Beach Unified School
14 District.

15 Today I'm calling as part of the Keep Long Beach
16 Together Coalition. As you may know, the Long Beach
17 Unified School District is one of the best school systems
18 in our entire country, and specifically in the state of
19 California. We've received international, national, and
20 state accolades for our high-quality education,
21 particularly for underserved communities, and we have the
22 privilege and the honor of educating students in Long
23 Beach, in Lakewood, in Signal Hill, and, as I mentioned, in
24 Avalon, on Catalina Island.

25 We hope you'll keep these communities together.

1 It is critically important in our federal and state
2 districts, specifically. We're joining close to 60
3 community members who could not speak today, but submitted
4 letters, who also want to keep Long Beach together.

5 For me specifically, keeping our school system as
6 together as possible is important because of the federal
7 and state grants that we're eligible for and that are much
8 needed for us to continue providing the high-quality
9 educational success for all the students in those four
10 cities that I mentioned, particularly in the state of
11 California, grants like our career technology education
12 grants, CTE, federal grants that our students benefit from
13 year after year.

14 We have an opportunity here, by keeping our
15 communities together, to impact future generations of
16 students. We have a thing called the Long Beach Promise in
17 Long Beach, where students that graduate from a Long Beach
18 high school have seamless transition to our Long Beach City
19 College and to Cal State University, Long Beach.

20 So, again, keeping our school systems as together
21 as possible makes it very important for us in terms of the
22 federal and state grants that we're eligible for. Because
23 the large majority of Long Beach is currently kept intact
24 in single state and congressional districts, our district,
25 LBUSD, has been better empowered to better serve our local

1 communities, and to guarantee this Long Beach Promise to
2 all of our students.

3 So I thank you for your time and your service on
4 this Commission, and hope that you keep our Long Beach
5 communities together.

6 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you so much.

7 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

8 Right now we will have 036, and then up next
9 after that will be 043. 036, I will be promoting you now.
10 036, your speaker order number will be number 25. If
11 you'll please make note of that for future reference. You
12 can now enable your audio and video in the lower left
13 corner of your screen. If you'll please let the mapper
14 know what area you would like to discuss. The floor is
15 yours.

16 MS. CANNARELLA: Thank you so much. I hope you
17 can hear me. I also will be speaking on Long Beach.

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

19 MS. CANNARELLA: Thank you.

20 Good afternoon, Commissioners. My name is Alex
21 Cannarella. I'm calling in representing the Long Beach
22 Area Chamber of Commerce. We are also part of the Keep
23 Long Beach Together Coalition. Our coalition is made up of
24 many organizations that are active in Long Beach and all
25 work together to make Long Beach the amazing place that it

1 is, including the Long Beach Nonprofit Partnership,
2 California Apartment Association, Long Beach Hospitality
3 Alliance, Arts Council for Long Beach, Long Beach Museum of
4 Art, Long Beach Camerata Singers, Musica Angelica, Long
5 Beach Opera, Long Beach Playhouse, and numerous other arts,
6 business, and ethnic equity organizations.

7 We have just submitted letters from over 60
8 members of our community who could not speak today but who
9 also want to keep our community together. We know that you
10 have a tough job to do, but we're hoping that it might be
11 made a little easier knowing that the lines that were drawn
12 10 years ago kept us mostly together already.

13 We also understand that the statewide loss of a
14 congressional seat will impact representation. The vast
15 majority of our city is currently in one congressional
16 seat, along with the neighboring cities in Orange County
17 and Signal Hill. We are hopeful to continue the
18 partnerships and relationships we have built with these
19 cities at the federal level and on federal lines. Thank
20 you so much for all your work.

21 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you so much.

22 COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we'll go to 043,
23 and then up next up after that will be 035. 043, I'll be
24 promoting you now. 043, your speaker order number will be
25 number 26. If you'll please make note of that for future

1 reference. You can now enable your audio and video in the
2 lower left corner of your screen. If you'll please let the
3 mapper know what area you would like to discuss. The floor
4 is yours.

5 MR. SYPHER: Hi. Good evening, everyone. Thanks
6 for allowing us to participate in this process. I'll be
7 discussing the 25th District, north of the 5/14
8 Interchange. I believe some previous callers had already
9 commented on that, but I just respectfully request that you
10 keep that district intact. The previous caller had
11 mentioned a few areas in the Antelope Valley area that I
12 would agree with, that should be incorporated in. It seems
13 like a logical step.

14 I'm a 25-year resident of the Santa Clarita area.
15 I currently live in the Castaic area, and love the
16 community. It has many things to offer. It has its own
17 kind of boundary, other than the Simi Valley area, with the
18 mountain range (indiscernible) between the 5 and the 14,
19 and then north of that, but immense growth out here.
20 There's planned now 25,000 new homes to be built, and I'm
21 hoping that the infrastructure can handle that, but, you
22 know, Magic Mountain is up here. They have a lot of the
23 community events. Amgen hosts, you know, an annual cycling
24 segment through here.

25 We have College of the Canyons, a great community

1 college out here that many people attend. But we also have
2 a variety of areas, right? So you have from Canyon Country
3 to Lancaster to Valencia proper, Castaic, which is -- they
4 have a lot of horse property out there, and it's just a
5 great, diverse area that brings a lot of different people
6 together for different functions.

7 The church community out here is outstanding.
8 There's sport centers. We have Castaic Lake, which brings
9 a lot of people in to use the lake during the summer, a
10 large industrial area. A lot of aerospace industry is out
11 here, and the movie industry has a studio out here, so,
12 again, diverse occupations, and a lot of different places
13 to choose to live.

14 It is getting a little crowded, but I love the
15 community, and, again, I respectfully ask that you keep it
16 intact. I want to be a continuing resident out here, and I
17 appreciate your time and the work that you're doing. Thank
18 you very much.

19 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you very much.

20 COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have 035,
21 and then up next after that will be 025. 035, I'll be
22 promoting you now. 035, your speaker order number will be
23 number 26 -- no, I mean, number 27. If you'll please make
24 note of that for future reference. If you would please let
25 the mapper know what area you would like to discuss. The

1 floor is yours.

2 MS. YEH: Hi. This is Cecilia Yeh, a resident of
3 Walnut, and I'd like to talk about District 55. I'm a
4 volunteer working with multiple nonprofit organizations,
5 and now I would like to talk about District 55, where San
6 Gabriel Valley, Chino Hills, and north Orange County meet.

7 Since COVID hit, Asians have been discriminated
8 against, ridiculed, and unfairly blamed for a virus that
9 has hit our community as hard as any other. As a
10 community, we have been fortunate to elect Asian candidates
11 from our region. This is because the Rowland Heights,
12 Diamond Bar, Walnut, and Chino Hills all contain
13 significant Asian populations. We understand that Asians
14 don't make up the majority in any district, but Asian
15 candidates have managed to run effective campaigns here,
16 because we value their voice.

17 Our community of interest is more than just race.
18 Those of us who live in these cities also share a
19 frustration with the Highway 57 and 60 interchange. We are
20 united by Chino Hills State Park, which is an open-space
21 recreation area that borders these cities. We are united
22 by a need to prevent wildfires from ripping through the
23 park, as happened last year. Rowland Heights, Diamond Bar,
24 and Walnut share the same fire, police, and library
25 services. Additionally, we are connected via the 10 and 60

1 freeways and major thoroughfares such as Grand Avenue and
2 Valley Boulevard.

3 West Covina has mostly Hispanic population, as
4 well as Asians, but it does not share the same
5 transportation, recreation, and fire concerns that we do.
6 West Covina is more closely aligned with Covina and La
7 Puente. Those cities share the 10 Freeway corridor, as
8 well as common income and housing value figures.

9 So please consider placing Diamond Bar, Walnut,
10 Rowland Heights, and Chino Hills in the same legislative
11 and congressional suite, to ensure our AAPI voices are
12 heard. Thank you for your time.

13 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you so much.

14 COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will have
15 025, and then up next after that will be caller 8178,
16 unique ID 048. 025, I will be promoting you now. 024,
17 your speaker order number will be number 28. If you'll
18 please make note of that for future reference. You can now
19 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of
20 your screen. If you will please let the mapper know what
21 area you would like to discuss. The floor is yours.

22 DEAN: Thank you very much. Yes. If you could
23 please pull up the coastal part of Los Angeles County that
24 touches Santa Monica Bay. I'll be talking about cities of
25 Torrance, Palos Verdes, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach,

1 Manhattan Beach, El Segundo, Marina del Rey, and Santa
2 Monica. Thanks. So thank you very much.

3 So my name is Dean, and I've been a lifetime
4 resident of Torrance, 41 years now. I request that when
5 redrawing the lines, or drawing the lines for the district
6 lines, that you keep the South Bay beachfront cities, from
7 Palos Verdes up to the coast of Santa Monica, all together,
8 as we've been. We call this area the South Bay, because we
9 have kind of a very similar lifestyle and culture.

10 My whole life, I've grown up here, and my mom
11 used to teach at Mira Costa, and I used to skateboard all
12 the way down to Redondo Beach and (indiscernible) all the
13 way up the coast, and everything has a very -- we have a
14 very close kind of family style, lifestyle in this area,
15 and we want the beach -- the beaches of this region, we
16 have a lot to offer, consistent waves and gradual shore
17 break, which make for excellent surfing conditions.

18 Our communities also have a small-town-like feel,
19 but we benefit economically by being a tourist destination.
20 Many come to enjoy our bike paths that connect Santa Monica
21 all the way to Palos Verdes, to sunbathe, enjoy the beach,
22 enjoy the water, play volleyball, exercise.

23 We also share key environmental concerns when it
24 comes to our oceans and our air. We work together to
25 protect our coastline from pollution and coastal erosion.

1 The airplanes from the LAX impact our air quality, and we
2 live -- and our environment. We work together to deal with
3 those jet noises, mitigation issues.

4 Finally, when it comes to transportation, the
5 South Bay cities are linked by the Pacific Coast Highway
6 and the 405. So, for these reasons, I'd like to keep
7 everything together as it's been. Thank you for
8 considering my testimony, and thank you for your work.

9 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you so much.

10 COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have caller
11 with the last four 8178, unique ID 048, and then up next
12 after that will be unique ID 016. Caller 8178, if you will
13 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by
14 pressing star, six on your telephone keypad.

15 MR. KURDIAN: (Indiscernible.)

16 COMMENT MODERATOR: Caller 8178, hi. Can you
17 mute your livestream?

18 MR. KURDIAN: I'm sorry?

19 COMMENT MODERATOR: Can you mute your livestream?

20 MR. KURDIAN: Mute my livestream?

21 COMMENT MODERATOR: The computer where you're
22 listening to this.

23 MR. KURDIAN: I'm not on a computer. I'm in my
24 car.

25 COMMENT MODERATOR: It's the speaker from the

1 car.

2 MR. KURDIAN: Is there feedback?

3 COMMENT MODERATOR: It's okay. Just go ahead.

4 MR. KURDIAN: Okay. All right. I'll be talking
5 about North County San Diego, Vista, City of Vista.

6 So good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. Thank
7 you for your work. My name is Arman Kurdian. I am a Navy
8 veteran and Vista resident of over five years.

9 I reside in the southern area of the city of
10 Vista, known commonly as the Shadowridge neighborhood,
11 which borders on neighboring cities of Oceanside, Carlsbad,
12 and San Marcos. Today I'm testifying on behalf of my
13 community to request that Vista is kept in the same
14 district as these neighboring cities, which together make
15 up a Tri-City and 78 Freeway community.

16 So Vista, Oceanside, and Carlsbad all share the
17 same hospital district. The three cities are each served
18 by the Tri-City Healthcare District, and the Tri-City
19 Hospital in Oceanside provides essential medical care,
20 community and emergency services for residents all over the
21 Tri-City area, including Vista, where we all rely on
22 Tri-City to be there when we most need the help. It
23 wouldn't make any sense to separate these communities when
24 they are represented by the same hospital district.

25 Our local school district in Vista also ties our

1 four North County communities together, as many Oceanside,
2 Carlsbad, and San Marcos students attend schools within
3 Vista Unified. Vista Unified includes -- District One
4 includes both Vista and Oceanside neighborhoods. District
5 Two covers both Vista and San Marcos residents. Three is
6 only in Oceanside, and my area, District Five, represents
7 neighborhoods in Vista, Oceanside, Carlsbad, and San
8 Marcos.

9 Similarly, I'm aware that parts of the San Marcos
10 Unified School District include Carlsbad neighborhoods. We
11 must keep these four communities together in the same
12 district in order to ensure our shared education concerns
13 are well represented.

14 Lastly, our four cities share a transportation
15 corridor, the 78 Freeway. Every day, thousands of
16 residents in these four cities rely on the 78 to get to and
17 from work, school, and play. Our cities share concerns
18 over the prioritization of freeway development projects on
19 the 78, and need for traffic mitigation.

20 For all the reasons I've outlined, I'm requesting
21 that the North County communities of Vista, San Marcos,
22 Carlsbad, and Oceanside are included in the same district.
23 Thank you so much for your time and your consideration.

24 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Caller, can I ask a question?

25 MR. KURDIAN: Absolutely.

1 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you for your testimony.
2 The unincorporated area from Vista to the 15, would you
3 include that with your four areas, your four cities?

4 MR. KURDIAN: Take a look at my map. The
5 unincorporated from Vista to Highway 15?

6 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Yes.

7 MR. KURDIAN: Yes. I see what you were just
8 talking about there. There is a very small area. You
9 could include that. There is also another small
10 unincorporated area which the city is looking at annexing.
11 It's called the Mar Vista Island. It's about 150
12 residences. It's pretty much completely surrounded by
13 Vista, so we're thinking about considering bringing it in.
14 So you could include both of those areas.

15 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Okay. Thank you so much.

16 MR. KURDIAN: Thank you.

17 COMMENT MODERATOR: Caller 048, if you will
18 please make note, your speaker order number is number 29,
19 and thank you for calling.

20 Up next will be unique ID 016. I will be
21 promoting you now. 016, your speaker order number will be
22 number 30. If you'll please make note of that for future
23 reference. You can now enable your audio and video in the
24 lower left corner of your screen. If you will please let
25 the mapper know what area you would like to discuss. The

1 floor is yours.

2 MS. IBANEZ: Good afternoon. My name is Roselyn
3 Ibanez. I'm looking at the -- if you can look at Carson,
4 city of Carson and West Carson. Okay. Great. I'll begin.
5 I am a member of the AAPI and AMEMSA State Redistricting
6 Collaborative, and I'm calling you today to talk about the
7 city of Carson and West Carson area.

8 I am a resident of the city of Carson for over 47
9 years. Both my daughters were raised here and attended
10 LAUSD schools. As a resident of the city, I was appointed
11 to the City Planning Commission and on the Community Civic
12 Engagement Board. My husband, Florante, and I are
13 co-authors of Filipinos in Carson and the South Bay.

14 Our book highlights the history of
15 Filipino-American community and the major ways of
16 immigration. Since the 1910s, many were single Filipino
17 men who worked in the U.S. military, farmworkers, cannery
18 workers, or students attending colleges nearby.

19 After World War II, many Filipinos joined the
20 U.S. military and brought their families here. Today there
21 are over 25,000 Filipino families, seniors, youth, who all
22 call Carson their home.

23 Carson is one of the major cities of the county,
24 with a large population and with a continued immigration
25 and continuing growth of the Filipino community. More are

1 settling their roots and raising their families in the city
2 and expanding to West Carson area. Many Filipino-Americans
3 still send money back home to the Philippines, supporting
4 their families, as well as providing for natural disaster
5 relief.

6 In 2012, the city unveiled the Jose Rizal
7 Monument in the International Sculpture Garden. Jose Rizal
8 was a Philippine national hero. At the time, Consul
9 General Mary Jo Aragon stated:

10 "The construction of such monument will
11 be a realization (sic) which hosts the
12 largest concentration of Filipinos
13 outside of the Philippines."

14 The city holds an annual June 12th Philippine
15 Independence Day, and October is recognized as
16 Filipino-American History Month. During the month of
17 October, my husband and I have put out cultural and
18 educational displays at the Carson library.

19 We held presentations on our book with the
20 authors of Hawaiians in Los Angeles, showed a film on the
21 debut, a realistic Filipino-American immigration story, and
22 showed a documentary on Delano Manongs, Forgotten Heroes of
23 the United Farm Workers.

24 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

25 MS. IBANEZ: Last year, we donated to Cal State

1 Dominguez Hills archives and special collections of some of
2 our Filipino-American documents. These documents are
3 important to the Filipino community because we can inform
4 our communities of the rich history --

5 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

6 MS. IBANEZ: -- and pass it on to others and the
7 future generations to come. Again, please. It's important
8 that we keep Carson and West Carson intact. Thank you
9 again for hearing me today.

10 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Salamat.

11 COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we have caller
12 2515, and then up next after that will be caller 5754, and
13 I'd like to invite the others that have called in this
14 evening, that have not given comment, to please press star,
15 nine on their telephone keypad, and this will raise your
16 hand, indicating you wish to give comment this evening.

17 Caller 2515, if you will please follow the
18 prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star, six.
19 Caller with the last four 2515, you had raised you hand to
20 give comment. If you wish to give comment still, please
21 press star, six to unmute.

22 There you are, caller 2515. Your speaker order
23 number is going to be number 31. If you'll please make
24 note of that for future reference, and if you'll please let
25 the mapper know what area you would like to discuss. The

1 floor is yours.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: All right. I'd like to
3 talk about CA25 and AB38. So CA25 includes Santa Clarita
4 Valley, Antelope Valley, and Porter Ranch, all of which are
5 in Los Angeles County, but we do have a small portion of
6 the district in Ventura County, which includes Simi Valley.
7 I'd like to see Santa Clarita, the AV, and Porter Ranch
8 stay a part of the district. I'd also like to see the new
9 district be entirely in L.A. County, moving south to San
10 Fernando Valley.

11 Communities in L.A. County do not share much in
12 common with Simi Valley or Ventura County. We do not share
13 school districts or water districts or county supervisors.
14 We don't advertise each other's events. You can especially
15 see the differences during the pandemic, which was
16 difficult for elected leaders to communicate effectively
17 about health protocols, since Ventura County and L.A.
18 County had different protocols.

19 Santa Clarita shares a lot more in common with
20 San Fernando Valley than Ventura County, and I urge to draw
21 the district so that it excludes Ventura County and
22 includes San Fernando Valley, and, also, AD38 currently
23 includes Santa Clarita Valley, Porter Ranch, and part of
24 Simi Valley, and Simi Valley should also not be part of our
25 assembly district, because of reasons stated previously

1 about CA25. Thank you.

2 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you so much.

3 COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we have caller with
4 the last four 5754, and up next after that will be caller
5 9751. Caller 5754, if you will please follow the prompts
6 to unmute at this time by pressing star, six. Caller 5754,
7 your speaker order number will be number 32. If you will
8 please make note of that for future reference, and if
9 you'll please let the mapper know what area you would like
10 to discuss. The floor is yours.

11 MR. REINICKE: Hi. I'd like to discuss the
12 Oceanside, Vista, San Marcos, and Carlsbad area of northern
13 San Diego.

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

15 MR. REINICKE: Thank you. My name is Andrew
16 Reinicke. I'm a disabled Army veteran, retired officer,
17 and also a volunteer within the community here, and having
18 all of -- sorry. Having our district together, to
19 incorporate the Tri-City, the three cities, Oceanside,
20 Carlsbad, and Vista, and also bringing in San Marcos, is
21 vital to the veteran community.

22 We have a disproportionate amount of veterans
23 living in San Diego County generally, but in Oceanside,
24 Carlsbad specifically. We need to be able to have a leader
25 who understands veterans' issues, and (indiscernible)

1 different than just responding to veterans' requests, I
2 think, would benefit more -- construes a benefit to the
3 veteran community, as here in Oceanside.

4 Thank you for your time. I really appreciate.
5 I'm just looking to speak up for our veterans here, and I
6 think having those four cities all together in the same
7 district would benefit us quite a bit. Thank you very much
8 for your time. Thank you for all the work that you do.
9 This is (indiscernible). So (indiscernible).

10 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you. You were coming in
11 and out, so I just wanted to confirm. What were the cities
12 you wanted to make sure stay together?

13 MR. REINICKE: I'm sorry. I'm on the train
14 coming through Los Angeles, the Amtrak service. It's
15 Oceanside, Carlsbad, Vista, and San Marcos.

16 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Perfect. Thank you so much.
17 Enjoy your train ride.

18 MR. REINICKE: Thank you. Thank you very much.

19 COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have caller
20 9751, and then up next after that will be caller 0569.
21 Caller 9751, if you will please follow the prompts to
22 unmute at this time by pressing star, six. Caller 9751,
23 your speaker order will be number 33. If you'll please
24 make note of that for future reference, and if you'll
25 please let the mapper know what area you would like to

1 discuss. The floor is yours.

2 MR. WENDELL: Thank you very much. Hello,
3 Commission. My name is Jamie Francis Wendell. I reside in
4 the 28th Congressional District. I would like to speak on
5 behalf of leaving that district, because we, as residents,
6 were formerly in the 30th District, back in 2010. That
7 then shifted to the 33rd District. West Hollywood and this
8 part of the Hollywood Hills was withdrawn from the
9 district.

10 So I feel us 40,000 residents were alienated,
11 where we used to be combined with Beverly Hills, Brentwood,
12 Pacific Palisades, Santa Monica, parts of Westwood, all the
13 way to the coast of Malibu. I just feel it's alienated me,
14 who really appreciated and moved to this area specific to
15 be part of the west side community. I don't know why West
16 Hollywood was bifurcated, why it was withdrawn.

17 I don't understand why the other sister cities,
18 they remained, including parts of greater Hollywood that
19 are to the south of me and to the east of me that are
20 included in the 33rd District. I am represented along with
21 the cities of Burbank, Glendale, La Canada-Flintridge,
22 parts of the San Gabriel Valley. Why is that? I should
23 not be in the eastern part of the San Fernando Valley and
24 the western part of the San Gabriel.

25 I don't understand how those districts combined

1 with the Hollywood Hills. We're part of the west side, and
2 as that, we should be part of the west Valley if we're
3 included in the district, because that was converted from
4 the old 30th to the new 30th. So I just don't know why I
5 have to go over three canyons to go to Burbank to visit my
6 representative, when somebody was in Beverly Hills before,
7 or the West L.A. area.

8 I feel it's alienated people like me who really
9 wanted to stay in my congressional district, and I just
10 don't think it's fair why I can't be part of the west side
11 district communities of Beverly Hills, Brentwood, Pacific
12 Palisades, Santa Monica, and Malibu, and parts of the
13 western L.A. area and Westwood. That's where I live. I
14 live two miles to the east of where the 33rd is. I live a
15 mile north of where the 33rd is. I live a mile west of
16 where the 33rd is. Why West Hollywood had to be cut out I
17 don't understand.

18 I'm not part of the Valley. I'm not the eastern
19 Valley, not the San Gabriel. I'm part of West Hollywood.
20 We should be attached and brought in with Hollywood. We
21 live on the west side for that reason. If I wanted to live
22 in Hollywood or San Gabriel Valley or Burbank or Glendale,
23 I would move there, but I am part of the west side
24 district, and I don't want to be considered --

25 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

1 MR. WENDELL: -- part of Glendale, eastern -- you
2 know, eastern part of the Valley. I think it's really
3 inappropriate, and we should be re-annexed and brought back
4 into the west side congressional district, the 33rd
5 district, because our supervisors represent all those
6 cities.

7 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

8 MR. WENDELL: So thank you so much, Commission.

9 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you so much for calling
10 in.

11 COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will go to
12 caller 0569, and I would also like to invite those that
13 have just called in to please press star, nine on your
14 telephone keypad. This will raise your hand, indicating
15 you wish to give comment this evening.

16 Caller 0569, if you will please follow the
17 prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star, six.
18 Caller 0569, your speaker order number will be number 34.
19 If you'll please make note of that for future reference,
20 and if you'll please let the mapper know what area you
21 would like to discuss. The floor is yours.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. I'm calling on
23 behalf of the 25th District. I'm calling because I would
24 really like to (indiscernible) the 25th District as a
25 whole, the areas of Santa Clarita, Palmdale, parts of

1 Lancaster, and the reason being is that we all -- you know,
2 those are very tight communities, where, you know, we're
3 (indiscernible).

4 We know our firefighters. We all share
5 similar -- the same local clubs. You know, we're very
6 familiar with our bus systems which transport our kids to
7 school, and, you know, most of us are very active in the
8 water -- I mean, very active in our -- in local boards,
9 school boards, water boards, our city council boards. So
10 break this -- to take us apart would put a lot of us in
11 disarray.

12 So I am asking that you please keep the 25th
13 District together as a whole, and not divide it during this
14 redistricting. Thank you very much, and that's all I have
15 to say. Thank you so much for your time.

16 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you so much.

17 COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have caller
18 8618, and then up next after that will be caller 4485.
19 Caller 8618, if you will please follow the prompts to
20 unmute at this time by pressing star, six. Caller 8618,
21 your speaker order number will be number 35. If you'll
22 please make note of that for future reference, and if
23 you'll please let the mapper know what area you would like
24 to discuss. The floor is yours.

25 MR. DIAZ: Hello. They hear me?

1 COMMENT MODERATOR: Do you need an interpreter?

2 MR. DIAZ: Yes, please.

3 COMMENT MODERATOR: What language?

4 MR. DIAZ: Spanish.

5 COMMENT MODERATOR: Español. Un momento, por
6 favor.

7 MR. DIAZ: Gracias.

8 COMMENT MODERATOR: May I have a --

9 THE SPANISH INTERPRETER: Yes. Sorry.

10 COMMENT MODERATOR: Good. Speaker order number
11 is 35, and the floor is yours, Janna (phonetic).

12 THE SPANISH INTERPRETER: Okay. Thank you.
13 (Speaking Spanish.)

14 MR. DIAZ: Yes. I'll be talking about the
15 community of Walnut Park in California. Thank you so much,
16 Commissioners, for allowing me to speak today. My name is
17 Salvador Diaz, and I live in the community of Walnut Park.
18 My community is considered 97-percent Spanish speaking, and
19 so today I ask the Commissioners, please do not divide up
20 the community that I've lived in for 56 years.

21 Even though I've lived in this community for so
22 many years, we still lack a lot of resources. We need
23 libraries. We need big stores, and big libraries where our
24 kids can study, and lots and lots of resources, and,
25 besides, we pay taxes just like any other communities that

1 have it all.

2 We are next to the freeways, the 105, the 710,
3 the 110, the 5, and the 60. We want our communities not to
4 be divided, and for the only portions to be taken for
5 those -- like, the business portions to be taken, the ones
6 that generate the money and the resources. We want
7 resources to enter our community and to benefit us.

8 We have been impacted by the COVID-19, just like
9 many other communities, but because our community lacks the
10 resources, many of our families have lost family members,
11 have lost work, and that's what makes us different, because
12 we are -- that's what makes it difficult, because we are an
13 unincorporated city here in Walnut Park.

14 So today I am asking or I am requesting from the
15 Commissioners to take our community into account, take us
16 into consideration. We've been hurt for a very long time,
17 because we don't have any resources, and so we want to be
18 able to remain united in order to get more benefits and to
19 have more like other communities have, to have better
20 parks, more resources, a better school system.

21 So thank you so much for taking my testimony into
22 consideration, and I hope that we can work together so that
23 we can improve our community. Thank you so much.

24 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Sir, I have a question. Are you
25 still here?

1 MR. DIAZ: Yes. Here I am.

2 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Sir, you mentioned -- thank you
3 so much. You mentioned Walnut Park and other communities.
4 What are those other communities that you're mentioning?

5 MR. DIAZ: The communities that I would like to
6 add would be only the community of Florence and Firestone.
7 I would not like to be added with Huntington Park,
8 Southgate, or Bell, because those cities pay much higher
9 taxes, and the benefits that they have we would not be able
10 to receive as an unincorporated area of Walnut Park.

11 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you.

12 MR. DIAZ: Thank you, and thank you for the
13 answer and the questions that you asked. Thank you to all
14 of you.

15 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

16 We do have 028, who has joined us. I'll be
17 promoting you now. 028, connectivity seems to be an issue.
18 I'm going to go ahead and go with the audio-only option at
19 this time. 028, your speaker order number will be number
20 36. If you'll please make note of that for future
21 reference, and if you'll please let the mapper know what
22 area you would like to discuss. The floor is yours.

23 MR. SMITH: Is that me? I can't see the map.
24 Sorry.

25 COMMENT MODERATOR: No, that's fine. It is you.

1 The floor is yours.

2 MR. SMITH: Okay. This is Kevin Smith for the
3 North Irvine area. Is that correct? Is that the number?

4 COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes.

5 MR. SMITH: Okay. Yes. Hello. My name is Kevin
6 Smith. I'm representing the North Irvine area. That would
7 be defined as northeast of the I-5. Our concerns with
8 Irvine are not necessarily the same as the Newport Beach
9 area, so it would be more the Portola area. We're the ones
10 that face a lot of the severe fire dangers that we had with
11 the Portola Fire, Silverado Fire, that evacuated 70,000 of
12 us.

13 We're looking for more, maybe, from ease of the
14 commute for people who are going to and from work, maybe
15 the toll roads being a little bit more -- a less expense
16 for those people that are trying to commute to work, to
17 relieve some of the corridor of the I-5 that's backed up
18 even at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon from south Orange
19 County to north Orange County.

20 The school districts are a little bit different
21 than other areas of Irvine, too. So our tax bases are
22 different, but we're looking for better, particularly,
23 policing. The city has grown over this past 10 years, and
24 the police have a much higher workload, based on the area,
25 that they're looking for more support for the North Irvine

1 area. They do have the main police station, which is off
2 of Harbor in Irvine, but we're looking for something, maybe
3 a substation, something that would be useful for them to do
4 their paperwork and things like that.

5 So I think that's pretty much it. I want to keep
6 my comments short. Thank you so much.

7 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you. Caller, I was
8 curious. When you say, "North Irvine," you mentioned the
9 5. Are you defining it as the 5 and then the 133 going
10 northeast?

11 MR. SMITH: Yes.

12 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Okay.

13 MR. SMITH: Yes, like east, east of -- northeast
14 of the 5. Yes.

15 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Okay. Perfect.

16 MR. SMITH: Opposite of Newport Beach area.

17 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Sounds good. Thank you so much.

18 MR. SMITH: Thank you.

19 CO-CHAIR SINAY: With that, we will be going on a
20 required break. Before we go on break, though, Katy, can I
21 ask you to give instructions on how to call in, and, also,
22 when we return from break, it's open to all callers who are
23 interested in giving community of interest input, as well
24 as anyone who wants to give a public comment, which means a
25 non-community of interest input. Thank you, Katy, for

1 reading the instructions.

2 COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely, Chair.

3 In order to maximize transparency and public
4 participation in our process, the Commissioners will be
5 taking community of interest input and general public
6 comment by phone. To call in, dial the telephone number
7 provided on the livestream feed. It is (877) 853-5247.
8 When prompted, enter the meeting ID number provided on the
9 livestream feed. It is 87853364416 for this meeting. When
10 prompted to enter a participant ID, simply press the pound
11 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
16 says, "The host would like you to talk," and to press star,
17 six to speak. If you would like to give your name, please
18 state and spell it for the record. You are not required to
19 provide your name to give public comment.

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

25 It's all yours, Chair.

1 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you so much.

2 So, with that, we will go on a break until 6:30,
3 and at that time, Commissioner Kennedy will come back to
4 chair the meeting. Thank you all for allowing me the
5 space, and thank you all for calling. Take care.

6 (Off the record at 6:17 p.m.)

7 (On the record at 6:30 p.m.)

8 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Welcome back to the California
9 Citizens Redistricting Commission's communities of interest
10 input meeting this evening.

11 For anyone who has joined us recently, we are
12 offering language lines for Spanish, Cantonese, Mandarin,
13 and Japanese language speakers to listen to the meeting in
14 their preferred language. There is a separate line for
15 those who wish to provide public comment or public input.

16 Could I please have each of our interpreters
17 provide our language line numbers, and the information to
18 provide public input, starting with Spanish. If you could
19 please read the site translation of the full call-in
20 instructions.

21 THE SPANISH INTERPRETER: Yes. Hi, Chair. This
22 is Margarita. I will read the Spanish full call-in
23 instructions. (Speaking Spanish.) Thank you.

24 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Gracias, Margarita.

25 Now to Cantonese. If the Cantonese interpreter

1 would please read the site translation of the full call-in
2 instructions.

3 THE CANTONESE INTERPRETER: Thank you. (Speaking
4 Cantonese.) Back to you, Commissioner.

5 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

6 Now to Mandarin. If we could have the Mandarin
7 interpreter please read the site translation of the full
8 call-in instructions.

9 THE MANDARIN INTERPRETER: Yes, Chair. (Speaking
10 Mandarin.) Thank you, Chair.

11 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

12 Now, finally, to Japanese. If the Japanese
13 interpreter could please read the site translation of the
14 full call-in instructions.

15 THE JAPANESE INTERPRETER: (Speaking Japanese.)
16 Thank you.

17 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, and thank you to
18 all of our interpreters for your support this evening.

19 This session is specifically dedicated to those
20 that did not have an appointment. However, if you did have
21 an appointment earlier, and you were unable to call in
22 during your appointed time block, we still encourage you to
23 call in now. As a reminder, even though we are focusing on
24 Southern California counties today, Californians from
25 anywhere in the state are welcome to call in and provide

1 input on their community of interest.

2 We will continue to take public input at this
3 time. We also invite public comment at this time, not
4 related to the line drawing. The phone line for public
5 input and public comment will close at 7:00 p.m. We will
6 get to all of the callers who are in the queue at that
7 time, including going beyond 7:00 p.m., if needed, but the
8 phone lines will close at 7:00 p.m. So, if you have called
9 by 7:00 p.m., please do not hang up. We will get to you,
10 and look forward to hearing from you.

11 So, at this point, let me turn it back over to
12 Katy, our comment moderator.

13 COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely, Chair.

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15 participation in our process, the Commissioners will be
16 taking community of interest input and general public
17 comment by phone. To call in, dial the telephone number
18 provided on the livestream feed. It is (877) 853-5247.
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20 livestream feed. It is 87853364416 for this meeting. When
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24 queue. To indicate you wish to comment, please press star,
25 nine. This will raise your hand for the moderator. When

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

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

11 Right now we will have caller with the last four
12 6464, and then up after that will be unique ID 042. Caller
13 6464, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute at
14 this time by pressing star, six on your telephone keypad.
15 Caller with the last four 6464, if you will please press
16 star, six to unmute at this time. One last time. Caller
17 6464, if you will please press star, six. There may be
18 some connectivity issues. We can always come back. Caller
19 6464, I'm going to go ahead and come back around. Appears
20 to be some connectivity issues.

21 Unique ID 042, we'll go ahead and promote you
22 right now. Unique ID 042, your speaker order number will
23 be -- one moment -- number 37. If you'll please make note
24 of that for future reference. You can now enable your
25 audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen.

1 If you will please let the mapper know what area you would
2 like to discuss. The floor is yours.

3 MR. ROSSMAN: Hello. My name is Daniel Rossman.
4 I live in Pasadena, California, and I am calling about
5 (indiscernible) area, and, in particular, the affinity my
6 community and communities across California feel in terms
7 of connection to the public lands.

8 So I just want to address, generally, that the
9 federal public lands -- and in my case, just to the north
10 of me are the San Gabriel Mountains, a place where my
11 family recreates often, where I go with other families from
12 the local school to enjoy respite from hot summer days, up
13 in the high altitudes of the San Gabriel Mountains, and I
14 want to know -- this is a unique area for the Commission to
15 consider, because you're heavily focused on putting, you
16 know, population groups into blocks, and there's not a
17 whole lot of people that live in the mountains.

18 There's, you know, bears and mountain lions, and
19 all sorts of fascinating wildlife, but very few people.
20 However, it's of critical importance that the Commission
21 seeks to, in the case of the San Gabriels, connecting these
22 areas to these communities to the south that have a higher
23 propensity to visit these areas, and I would actually
24 encourage the Commission to look at this issue across the
25 state of California.

1 The reason it's so critical is -- I do advocacy
2 work, in working with members of Congress to talk about
3 policies that they could nudge the forest land managers or
4 implement through Congress to help better preserve these
5 areas, and Congress is incredibly deferential to the
6 representatives who have those areas in their district. So
7 the management of these lands, which impacts the lives of
8 people just to the south of these mountains, is heavily
9 influenced by how these districts are drawn, despite their
10 being, you know, zero people within these lands.

11 So, as you look, I think a couple of, you know,
12 shorthands I would look at are, you know, what are the
13 heavier population centers next to the area? Oftentimes,
14 Commissioners in the past drew lines looking at these areas
15 as "Well, let's lump them in with rural areas, because they
16 don't have a population, and rural areas are less dense
17 population models," but particularly our federal public
18 lands are unique, in that they don't have people in them
19 because they're --

20 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

21 MR. ROSSMAN: -- for recreation. And so I'll
22 encourage you to look at those areas as you make decisions
23 in the future. Thank you.

24 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Mr. Rossman.

25 COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we have caller

1 1227, and then up next after that will be caller 1594.
2 Caller 1227, if you will please just follow the prompts to
3 unmute at this time by pressing star, six. Caller 1227,
4 your speaker order number will be number 38. If you'll
5 please make note of that for future reference, and if
6 you'll please let the mapper know what area you would like
7 to discuss. The floor is yours.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you, Commissioners.
9 The map is San Diego, city of San Diego, the middle of the
10 San Diego Bay. If you could put that up, please.

11 MR. MANOFF: We have that map up now. Go ahead,
12 please.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I guess I'm not seeing it.

14 MR. MANOFF: There's a little bit of a delay on
15 the livestream, but you'll see it.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. The community of
17 interest I'm calling about is the largest Hispanic
18 community in San Diego County, which is located along the
19 Chollas Creek.

20 The Chollas Creek extends from -- the watershed
21 extends from La Mesa -- if you would just bring that out,
22 La Mesa. Keep bringing it out. Yes, you're doing good,
23 here. And it extends from La Mesa/Lemon Grove to the Bay.
24 It was not originally part of the city of San Diego, but it
25 is the place of first contact between westerners and the

1 Kumeyaay Chollas Creek Band. It's at that place, on the
2 Chollas Creek, where Pedro Fages first met the Kumeyaay
3 indigenous people.

4 So I'm asking that you include the Chollas Creek,
5 and I sent to the Commission by e-mail a letter. You're
6 circling La Mesa. It's La Mesa going down to the bay.
7 You're getting it there. It kind of goes right in there.
8 You can see Home Avenue. It's a large -- there we go.
9 It's in that area, and I've sent the Commissioners maps of
10 the watershed, and by including us in a single community of
11 interest, you will not only recognize the point of first
12 California contact, but the largest Hispanic community
13 within the city and county of San Diego.

14 Thank you very much, and keep up the good work.

15 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for your call.

16 COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we have caller
17 6464. They called us back. And then up next after that
18 will be caller 1594. Caller 6464, if you will please
19 follow the prompts to unmute at this time.

20 There we go. Caller 6464, your speaker order
21 number will be number 39. If you'll please make note of
22 that for future reference, and if you'll please let the
23 mapper know what area you would like to discuss. The floor
24 is yours.

25 CARLOS: Hello. My name is Carlos

1 (indiscernible), and I'd like for everybody to focus on the
2 map of San Bernardino County, specifically Fontana. So I
3 have lived in Fontana for around seven years, and I grew up
4 in Ontario for 19 years.

5 Today I would like to be talking about the
6 community, support and promote the rights of immigrants and
7 refugees, and I (indiscernible) as a member of CHIRLA. In
8 both communities which I have lived in, the community has
9 been predominantly of lower income and (indiscernible)
10 disparity, and it is made of people that are predominantly
11 Hispanic.

12 We are here to represent the community, as they
13 are the working class and often are (indiscernible). The
14 biggest employer in my community is Walmart, although
15 there's not many jobs in the area. It also does support
16 the community in a way that people of higher income are
17 able to shop at these supercenters, like (indiscernible),
18 that the people (indiscernible), are pushed out of the
19 community, and these supercenters have bought out either
20 their homes or have increased the cost of living, making
21 them not able to afford to live in the area anymore.

22 Other jobs in my community include construction
23 and groundskeeping. My community lives in apartment
24 complexes, and many families either rent a room or a garage
25 in these communities in order to survive. The resources

1 available in my community are nonprofits, clinics, food
2 pantries, and many programs for youth and adults.
3 Information about these resources usually never reaches the
4 community, or our community cannot access them because of
5 lack of access to the Internet.

6 There has been no investment in making sure the
7 community knows how to access these resources on line, and
8 many of these resources have moved on line due to the
9 pandemic. I think it is important to train and pay
10 community members in order to advocate -- teach, navigate,
11 and help other community member's access and utilize these
12 resources.

13 The issues that affect my community are
14 homelessness, access to jobs, healthcare, rent control,
15 gang activity, violence. I believe my community can
16 benefit from homeless navigators that can help decrease
17 with the emergency rooms our homeless population, while at
18 the same time creating strategic forms of intervention for
19 at-risk youth in order to prevent further homelessness.

20 The main roads traveled in Ontario are Euclid and
21 Holt, while for Fontana it's (indiscernible) and Baseline.
22 The communities that are similar to Fontana and Ontario are
23 Pomona and Montclair. These communities (indiscernible)
24 the same (indiscernible), and are of low income, and of
25 working class.

1 The disparities that these communities face are
2 similar, and because they do not share the same assembly
3 districts, the results of their voices often --
4 the result is often that their voices are not heard, and
5 overshadowed. This can be often seen in many communities.
6 As you travel north, the houses are worth more, or people
7 are hiring (indiscernible), while people of lower income
8 have been pushed to the south --

9 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

10 CARLOS: A community that is different from mine
11 is Grand Terrace and Fontana, and I would like Fontana and
12 Ontario to stay in the Congressional District 35, and that
13 my district be kept the same. I would like to see Fontana
14 become a part of Assembly District 52, so that it could be
15 kept together with Ontario and Pomona.

16 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

17 CARLOS: In conclusion, it's important that my
18 community be kept together, because they face many of the
19 same disparities, challenges, and problems, such
20 homelessness, violence, gang activity, lack of employment
21 and resource centers. Other disparities are lack of access
22 to affordable medical care, and separating them would cause
23 an additional barrier. Thank you for allowing me to speak.

24 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Caller?

25 COMMENT MODERATOR: He's still here, Chair.

1 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. We just need a little
2 more clarification about the area that you are wanting to
3 keep together. It's not clear whether you want the entire
4 city of Fontana or part of Fontana.

5 CARLOS: Yes. It's more of, like, from Foothill
6 south down to Fontana, but I think the whole city of
7 Fontana would benefit from being together with Ontario and
8 Pomona.

9 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you very much.

10 CARLOS: No problem.

11 COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we have caller
12 1594, and then up next after that will be caller 8048.
13 Caller 1594, if you will follow the prompts to unmute at
14 this time by pressing star, six. Caller 1594, will you be
15 needing an interpreter this evening?

16 MS. DEMEO: No, I will not. Thank you. Good
17 evening.

18 COMMENT MODERATOR: You're welcome. One moment.
19 Your speaker order number is going to be number 40. If
20 you'll please make note of that, and if you'll please let
21 the mapper know what area you'd like to discuss. The floor
22 is yours.

23 MS. DEMEO: Thank you. I'm referring to
24 Fallbrook in San Diego County. My name is Jennifer DeMeo,
25 D-E, capital M, E-O. I am the President of Fallbrook

1 Public Utilities District Board and a Fallbrook resident
2 for over 15 years.

3 Fallbrook Public Utilities District, FPUD, was
4 founded in 1922 to provide Fallbrook residents with
5 reliable and safe access to our most precious commodity,
6 which is water, but today I testify on behalf of Fallbrook
7 to request that we are kept in the same district as
8 surrounding inland communities that share our concerns over
9 access to water and drought issues.

10 We serve, at the Fallbrook Public Utilities
11 District, about 35,000 residents, and we represent their
12 concerns. The unincorporated communities of rural North
13 County, including Fallbrook, Bonsall, Valley Center,
14 Rainbow, Pauma Valley, and DeLuz, have historically faced
15 issues surrounding access to water for agriculture and
16 livestock as well as everyday needs. Due to dry climate in
17 our region, many of our communities are at risk for
18 drought, et cetera. So Fallbrook and the other
19 unincorporated communities in inland North County often
20 struggle to find the right balance between ag and
21 residential use. Our communities form a community of
22 interest over water.

23 So our communities are very different from more
24 urban and coastal cities such as San Marcos, Vista, and
25 Oceanside, and each of our rural inland communities are

1 served by water agencies separate from unincorporated
2 cities, such as Yuima Municipal Water District of Pauma
3 Valley, Rincon, Del Diablo, and Escondido, and Rainbow
4 Municipal Water District, as well as Valley Center
5 Municipal Water District, and, of course, outside
6 Fallbrook, each of these districts has to provide access to
7 water and represents our communities.

8 For those reasons, I urge you to put Fallbrook,
9 Bonsall, Valley Center, Rainbow in with the other rural
10 unincorporated communities in north San Diego County, in
11 the same district, so we can effectively advocate for our
12 water rights. This issue is so important to each of our
13 communities. And I also request that we are separated from
14 the more urban and coastal communities to our south and
15 west that do not share our concerns over water, including
16 San Marcos, Vista, Oceanside, and Carlsbad.

17 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

18 MS. DEMEO: Thank you. I'm done. You guys have
19 a good day.

20 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Ms. DeMeo.

21 At this time, I just want to remind everyone that
22 phone lines will be closing at 7:00 p.m. That's in four
23 minutes from now. If you would like to call and share your
24 public input as far as your community of interest, or if
25 you have a public comment about the Commission or our work,

1 we invite you to do so, but we would need you to call in
2 before 7:00 o'clock. At 7:00 o'clock, the lines will be
3 locked, and we will continue to hear anyone who is in the
4 queue at that time.

5 So, Katy, back to you.

6 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much, Chair.

7 Right now we have caller 8048, unique ID 023, and
8 then up next after that will be caller 9731. Caller 8048,
9 unique ID 023, if you will please follow the prompts to
10 unmute at this time by pressing star, six. Caller 8048,
11 your speaker order number is going to be number 41. If
12 you'll please make note of that for future reference, and
13 if you'll please let the mapper know what area you would
14 like to discuss. The floor is yours.

15 MR. GOODLING: Thank you very much. My name is
16 Steve Goodling, and I'm calling regarding Long Beach. I'm
17 the President of the Long Beach Convention Visitors Bureau,
18 and as a community, we have a very strong coalition with
19 the arts and with tourism, and keeping us together as a
20 community is important to all of us.

21 We've banded together during COVID, the
22 community. We created an inoculation center over at the
23 convention center of the community. We broadcast live
24 performing arts during COVID, and all these things came
25 together because we worked together as a community with our

1 political leadership, and it was very important to us that
2 we be able to continue to work together going forward.

3 Some of the groups in the coalition include
4 NAACP, Centro CHA, Musica Angelica, Long Beach Camerata
5 Singers, the Long Beach Opera, Museum of Art, International
6 City Theater, Art Council for Long Beach, the Long Beach
7 Playhouse, and, of course, other groups outside of the arts
8 area that have signed on. There's the California Apartment
9 Association, the Long Beach Chamber of Commerce, Latinos in
10 Action, Cambodia Town, and many more.

11 All these organizations represent thousands of
12 residents who both enjoy the arts and who are also active
13 in these various components of our city. So we ask that
14 the Commissioners take to heart that -- we ask that we able
15 to remain as a community, and that Long Beach be able to
16 remain as it is.

17 Thank you for your time, and we appreciate
18 everyone's time in serving on this Commission.

19 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Mr. Goodling.

20 It is going on 7:00 o'clock, when the lines will
21 be locked. We do have one more caller. So, Katy, if you
22 could invite our caller to share their input.

23 COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely. Caller with the
24 last four 9731, if you will please follow the prompts to
25 unmute at this time by pressing star, six. Caller 9731,

1 your speaker order number will be number 42. If you'll
2 please make note of that for future reference, and if
3 you'll please let the mapper know what area you would like
4 to discuss. The floor is yours.

5 JAMES: Good evening. My name is James, and I
6 live in the city of Chino. So, if we could zoom in on the
7 very southwest corner of San Bernardino County that butts
8 up against Orange, Riverside, and L.A. County, that's the
9 area I'll be discussing tonight.

10 So I'm 23. I'm a food delivery driver in my
11 area. I'm expecting to return back to school pretty soon,
12 here, and this process of redistricting has caught my
13 attention. I do know that, in the past, my city was
14 grouped with a different district, up until 2013, as in a
15 different area on the map, and over the last redistricting
16 cycle, where Chino was included with District 35, which
17 stretches eastward in the Inland Empire, whereas Chino
18 Hills was mostly included in District 39, which stretches
19 out towards L.A. and Orange County.

20 I do feel that where I live in my city, and
21 certain parts of my city, don't really have much in common
22 with the other areas. The city of Chino is kind of -- it's
23 not -- for lack of a better way of saying it, it's not
24 really all the same.

25 The northern part of the city has more in common,

1 socioeconomically and demographically, with the rest of the
2 Inland Empire cities, such as Montclair, Ontario, and even
3 Pomona, whereas, if you go farther south in the city of
4 Chino, you have more newer developments, which have
5 higher-paying jobs, higher household income, and really
6 different -- just different characteristics. It feels
7 almost like a different city when you go from one end to
8 the other.

9 So, for example, me and the people that I know
10 and grew up with rather go to Chino Hills, or parts of
11 Orange County, or Diamond Bar, or even farther out into
12 Orange and L.A. Counties to conduct their business and, you
13 know, for college and things like that.

14 In addition to that, there is some data on the
15 income statistics. In the census tracts north of Chino
16 Avenue, located in the city of Chino, the average median
17 income per family is only \$64,000, which matches up closely
18 with the city of Ontario and Montclair, but, the farther
19 south you go, the median income and the demographics, and
20 even, you know, things such as newer buildings and shopping
21 centers, and the types of retail and commerce that are
22 available, match more up with cities like Chino Hills,
23 Diamond Bar, Brea, Corona. So I would --

24 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

25 JAMES: I would just ask that my part of Chino,

1 which is the southern part, could just be grouped in a
2 district that matches more of, you know, where the
3 people --

4 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

5 JAMES: -- normally go to work and shop, and, you
6 know, myself and many people that I know spend time and do
7 business and other things in those communities.

8 MR. MANOFF: Time.

9 JAMES: Having a representation that matches
10 where we live is important as well. So, thank you.

11 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: James, thank you for your
12 call. We do have a question for you.

13 JAMES: Sure.

14 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Just wanting to confirm that
15 your working definition of "north" and "south" -- that the
16 dividing line -- or if you could tell us what your dividing
17 line is between that northern part and the southern part.

18 JAMES: I would say somewhere between the 60
19 Freeway and Riverside Drive. You notice a big difference
20 in the city. Even my neighborhood in particular is -- you
21 know, was built a lot more recently than a lot of the
22 neighborhoods around it.

23 In the south part of Chino, which is all below
24 Riverside Drive, you have pretty much newer families, newer
25 residents that have come into the area, such as the College

1 Park and Preserve (phonetic) neighborhood, the Chino
2 Spectrum, and everyone that moves around there has moved
3 there, you know, for the new construction, and they have
4 come from places like northern Orange County and Diamond
5 Bar and Chino Hills, which are very culturally and
6 economically similar, and they have a lot of ties back to
7 that area, as well as people who also go to seek work out
8 in those places, like me. So I'd probably say south of
9 Riverside Drive is mostly different than north of Riverside
10 Drive in the city of Chino.

11 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Excellent. That is very
12 helpful. Thank you so much for the clarification. Thank
13 you for calling in.

14 JAMES: Glad to have it. Thank you, guys.

15 CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: And with that, we have heard
16 all of our callers. We thank all of them.

17 We have our final two statewide communities of
18 interest input meetings for this phase we have coming up.
19 One is Thursday, September the 9th. The next one is
20 Friday, September the 10th. Both of those are at 3:00 p.m.
21 Both of those will have Spanish listening line and Spanish
22 interpreters.

23 Registration for each meeting closes two calendar
24 days before, at 5:00 p.m., so we have, in fact, passed the
25 registration deadlines. That said, folks are welcome to

1 call in without having reserved a speaking slot. So we
2 look forward to hearing from folks from throughout the
3 state about their communities of interest tomorrow and
4 Friday, beginning at 3:00 p.m. on each day.

5 Our next business meeting, which will be a review
6 of many of the communities of interest that we have heard
7 about, will be on Saturday, September the 11th, beginning
8 at 9:30 a.m. You can visit the meetings page on our
9 website, "WeDrawTheLines.CA.org." Go to the "Meetings" tab
10 to see a list of any and all of our upcoming Commission
11 meetings.

12 I would like to thank our staff, our
13 interpreters, our mappers, my fellow Commissioners, and,
14 again, all of our callers and those following this meeting,
15 for their dedication to this process, and we look forward
16 to seeing folks again soon. So thank you very much. The
17 meeting is adjourned, 7:07 p.m.

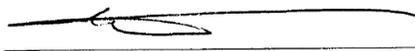
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