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Grant Sunoo, Little Tokyo Service Center
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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.
CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

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

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

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

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

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

Now we'll go to staff for roll call, I believe.

Ms. Kaplan, are you with us?

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

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: (No response.)

MS. KAPLAN: Commissioner Akutagawa?

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Here.

MS. KAPLAN: Commissioner Andersen?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Here.

MS. KAPLAN: Commissioner Fernandez?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: (Speaking Spanish.)

MS. KAPLAN: Commissioner Fornaciari?

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Here.
MS. KAPLAN: Commissioner Kennedy?

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Here.

MS. KAPLAN: Commissioner Le Mons?

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Here.

MS. KAPLAN: Commissioner Sadhwani?

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Here.

MS. KAPLAN: Commissioner Sinay?

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Here.

MS. KAPLAN: Commissioner Taylor?

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Present.

MS. KAPLAN: Commissioner Toledo?

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: (No response.)

MS. KAPLAN: Commissioner Turner?

COMMISSIONER TURNER: (No response.)

MS. KAPLAN: Commissioner Vazquez?

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: (No response.)

MS. KAPLAN: Commissioner Yee.

COMMISSIONER YEE: (Speaking Cantonese.) Here.

MS. KAPLAN: Okay. Thank you, and roll call is complete.

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Director Kaplan.

I'll start by sharing a little bit about the Commission. Every 10 years, after the federal government publishes updated census information, California must redraw the boundaries of its Congressional, State Senate,
State Assembly, and State Board of Equalization districts, so that the districts correctly reflect the state's population.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay. Has Commissioner Ahmad joined us? I'm not hearing Commissioner Ahmad.

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

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa.

Commissioner Andersen.

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

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.

Commissioner Fernandez.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair.

(Speaking Spanish.) Good afternoon, California. I'm Alicia Fernandez from Yolo County, and I was in L.A. a few weeks ago, and I was very excited that I recognized some of the streets that you've been telling us about,
specifically with Sepulveda and Mulholland. So keep it coming. I feel like each time I learn a little bit more. So thank you so much for calling in.

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Fernandez.

Commissioner Fornaciari.

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

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Fornaciari.

Commissioner Le Mons.

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

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

Commissioner Sadhwani.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Good afternoon to all. My name is Sara Sadhwani. I'm joining you from Los Angeles County, looking forward to hearing more about the
CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Sadhwani.

Commissioner Taylor.

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

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Taylor.

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

COMMISSIONER YEE: Hello, California, and especially Southern California. (Speaking Cantonese.) I'm here in my hometown of Oakland, and looking forward to hearing from the Southland. We're winding down this phase of community of interest input, and next turning to our actual mapping phase. So I'm definitely looking forward to hearing your further testimony and what you have to say about your communities.
CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Yee.

Myself, Ray Kennedy, I'm joining the meeting today from my home in Morongo Valley, one of the rural Joshua tree gateway communities in the desert of southern San Bernardino County. I'm very much looking forward to hearing about your communities of interest here in Southern California.

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

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

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

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Gracias, Margarita.

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

THE CANTONESE INTERPRETER: Absolutely.

(Speaking Cantonese.) Back to you, Commissioner.
CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

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

THE MANDARIN INTERPRETER: Yes, of course.

(Speaking Mandarin.) Back to you, Commissioner.

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you very much.

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

THE JAPANESE INTERPRETER: Sure. (Speaking Japanese.)

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you very much.

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

Although the Commission has divided California up into 11 zones, that in no way is related to or reflective of redistricting lines or boundaries. The Commission created the zones to facilitate our work in our outreach efforts, not as an indication of planned boundaries.
Today we're joined by our line-drawing team, HaystaqDNA and Q2 Data and Research, LLC, who will be displaying a map of the area that each attendee describes. Please start with the area you would like to discuss, and be as specific as possible about the boundaries of where your community of interest is located.

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

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

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

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

When it is your turn to speak, Katy, the comment moderator, will be identifying you by your assigned unique ID number. You will be reconnected to the session with the ability to enable your own video and/or audio.
Now, registration is not required to participate in this public input meeting. The public has the option of calling in during this meeting to get into the queue to speak. If you do not have an appointment and wish to call in to provide public input, the number is (877) 853-5247. Again, the number to provide input is (877) 853-5247.

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

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

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

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

At the beginning of your input, you will see a map on the screen. Please remind the mapper what area you
would like to see on the screen, and be as specific as possible about the boundaries of where your community of interest is located.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Attendees will not be able to share their screen.

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

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

MR. RUH: Am I unmuted?

COMMENT MODERATOR: You are unmuted.

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

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

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

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

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

MR. RUH: Hello?

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

MR. RUH: Yes, now I can.
MR. MANOFF: Okay.

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

COMMENT MODERATOR: You are unmuted.

MR. RUH: Yes. Thank you.

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

MR. RUH: How do I do that?

MR. MANOFF: Turn off the video.

MR. RUH: Is that better?

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

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

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

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

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

COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay.

MR. RUH: Is that better?

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

    MR. RUH: That I don't know.

    CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: We're on pause.

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

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

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

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

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

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

    MR. LECH: Can you? Okay. Hi. I'm from Thousand Oaks. If you'd please show the map of the 101
Corridor, the eastern Ventura County and the western Los Angeles County.

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

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

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

Westlake Village and Agoura Hills are most closely located to the heart of Ventura County than Los Angeles, and folks there are more inclined to take a 10-minute drive to Thousand Oaks than sit in the contested 101 for an hour or more to get into Los Angeles. If they were, this drive would include a trip up and down a mountain pass to travel between the two valleys. These are separated by high mountains, and those mountains, I would think, probably don't show on the maps that you generally look at.
Our communities are more suburban, and have more of a small-town feel than L.A.'s San Fernando Valley, which is down the 101, but really worlds apart in terms of the concerns of those who live there. Just because areas look close together on a flat map doesn't mean they were alike, or even a short drive.

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

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

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

MR. LECH: Thank you very much.

COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now you have 006, and then up next after that will be 001. 006, I will be promoting you now. 006, your speaker order number will be number three, if you'll please make note of that for future reference. You can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. If you will please let
the mapper know what area you would like to discuss. The
floor is yours.

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

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

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

  In regards to the Thai immigration history, there
are about 100,000 Thais in Southern California, and Thais
have been coming to the U.S. since the 1950s. The latest
immigration wave started from the 1980s until present, and they're characterized by immigrants with lower educational attainment, with only up to a third-grade level of education, and an unskilled or semi-skilled workforce whose lack of English-language proficiency and undocumented status makes them vulnerable to the most severe and egregious forms of exploitation. So there's this group that represents the target population of Thai CDC.

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

In regards to the East Hollywood community --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

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

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

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

MR. MANOFF: Time.

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

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

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

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

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

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

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

MR. GREEN: Yes, not a problem. My name is Christian Green. I am a campaign coordinator for Cancel
the Contract, Antelope Valley, alongside with about a dozen
to maybe 30 different community organizations, one of the
most thriving coalitions that is out here, and we're
standing in repurposing and redistricting the Antelope
Valley. We also sent you over a letter. I just sent it
over to you prior, and I also sent you one over last week
that is more detailed with statistics.

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

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

   It prohibits not only election-related practices
and procedures that are intended to be racially
discriminatory, but also those that are shown to have a
racially discriminatory result, and in the Antelope Valley,
there has been a huge, huge, huge disconnect with the black
and brown communities and those that are in positions of power.

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

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

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

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

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: All good.

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

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

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

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

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

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

CAAW is a nonprofit community organization, and our mission is to promote welfare for Chinese-American residents, and also serve as a bridge to other residents in Walnut, and Walnut is primarily a bedroom community of residents, about 30,000, small, and with a median household income of about 100,000.
Our residents do a lot of activities in our nearby cities, shopping, job, recreation, social, dining, et cetera, because all the major commercial activities are surrounding us.

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

Of course, one is Walnut, and Diamond Bar is to the left of us, and then, also, Rowland Heights. City of Industry is a long stretch of land, City of Industry along the 60 Freeway, and I'm going to talk about that later. City of Industry only a little bit in our district, and Hacienda Heights. Hacienda Heights is not in our district right now. We believe Hacienda Heights should be part of, because they share -- we do a lot of activities in Hacienda Heights -- and also West Covina and Chino Hills. Right now, Chino Hills is in our district, but West Covina is kind of split, some, a little bit, in our district, but a big portion is not in our district.
Number two. If we need to choose between West Covina versus Chino Hills, which is on the south (indiscernible) Chino, we are very -- further from the Diamond Bar/Chino Hills. That is kind of far from us, and they're in the San Bernardino County. So we don't think that, you know, compared to West Covina, which is in Los Angeles County, they should be in our district. I mean, West Covina should be in our district.

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

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

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

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

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

MR. MANOFF: Time.

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: I have a question for Ms. Yang --
MR. MANOFF: Just a moment.

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: -- just to clarify.

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

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

MS. YANG: Yes.

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

MS. YANG: Yes, you understand perfectly.

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

MS. YANG: Thank you.

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

005, I'll be promoting you now. 005, your speaker order number will be number six. If you'll please make note of that for future reference. You can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. If you'll please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss. The floor is yours.
MS. ROHANI: Thank you. I'd like to discuss the Greater Los Angeles County area.

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

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

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

As with the collaborative's work statewide, our Los Angeles regional group has held four series of community workshops, reaching over 100 community members. These workshops not only identified COIs, but also educated attendees on the basics of redistricting, and guided community members on how to engage in the process.
The feedback we have collected for you today comes from a variety of stakeholders, including the voices of youth centers, community health providers, nonprofits, leaders, and community organizers. You already heard from one of the members of our collaborative regarding Thai Town in the Los Angeles metro area. Unfortunately, one member of our collaborative, a leader from the Pacific Islander community in the South Bay, is unable to attend today's hearing, but will be submitting written testimony.

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

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

The San Gabriel Valley area is home to several cities with majority AAPI populations, Monterey Park, Alhambra, San Gabriel, Rosemead, and El Monte. In 2010, the first majority AAPI Section Two seat was created in the
San Gabriel Valley, AD 49, and this district should be protected and kept whole.

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

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

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

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

MS. ROHANI: We all share an immigrant story, have common cultural ties, and linkage through our shared communities. We urge the Commission to respect the AAPI communities and keep these cohesive communities whole.

Thank you for hearing from me today, and the rest of the AAPI and AMEMSA State Redistricting Collaborative.

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

COMMENT MODERATOR: And now we will have 022, and then up next after that will be 011. 022, I will be promoting you now. 022, your speaker order number will be
number seven. If you'll please make note of that for future reference, and if you'll please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss. The floor is yours.

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

MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead.

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

"Dear Commissioners: On behalf of the city of Long Beach, thank you for your leadership in the redistricting process, and congratulations on being chosen to serve on the California Citizens Redistricting Commission. I write to express the city's priorities for redistricting and to request the honor of holding a California Citizens Redistricting Commission meeting in Long Beach. As part of the city's 2021 state legislative agenda unanimously adopted by the Long Beach City Council on January 19, 2021, the city's
official position is to support redistricting policies, practices, and legislation that preserve the geographic and demographic integrity of the city district lines that keep Long Beach together. For the past two redistricting cycles, the city has been largely kept in intact, with the vast majority of Long Beach represented by predominant seats. With approximately 467,000 residents, Long Beach is the seventh most populous city in California, and is home to one of the state's most diverse communities. The city covers more than 52 square miles of land in the southwest Los Angeles County, and, given the diversity of the city, it is critical that the redistricting process keep our community together and not divide Long Beach into different districts. As part of Outreach Zone H, which covers the entirety of Los Angeles County, the city would like to request the Commission to hold a public input
meeting in Long Beach when able to do
in person, to help bring the
redistricting process closer to our
residents."

Thank you.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you very much.

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Mr. Kang?

MR. KANG: Yes.

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

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

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have 019, and then up next after that will be 014. 019, I will be promoting you now. 019, your speaker order number will be number nine. If you'll please make note of that for future reference, and if you'll please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss. The floor is yours.
MS. SOU: Southeast L.A. on the maps, please. I will be speaking about Cerritos and Artesia.

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

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

When it comes to everyday life, the residents of Cerritos and Artesia rely heavily on Norwalk and other neighboring L.A. cities for their shopping and other entertainment needs. The youth of Cerritos and Artesia also attend ABC Unified School District, which includes neighboring L.A. County cities like Lakewood and Hawaiian...
Cerritos and Artesia, like their neighbors in Southeast L.A., also deal with air pollution coming from the 5, 605, and 91 freeways. The source of this pollution on these high-use freeways are the daily commuters hying into the L.A. Basin for work, as well as trucks hauling freight from the Port of L.A. The California EPA also considers Cerritos, Artesia, and much of the rest of Southeast L.A., as disadvantaged communities because of this daily exposure to pollution.

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

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

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

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

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

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

During the pandemic, workers and their families have been put at extra risk because their employers haven't provided proper training and PPE needed to keep these workers safe. Additionally, there's limited English
proficiency, which makes it difficult for them to understand certain policies or advocate for different needs, both in the workplace and in accessing a variety of social services like unemployment, food stamps, immigration-related services, or even assisting their children with college resources.

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

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

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

COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have 003, and up next after that will be 007.
003, I will be promoting you now. 003, your speaker order number will be number 11. If you'll please make note of that for future reference, and if you'll please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss. The floor is yours.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Beyond the city of Los Angeles, LTSC also provides services to members of the Asian-American community, particularly monolingual Japanese and Korean speakers and their families throughout the L.A. County, for the past more than 25 years, and one of the regions where we have a strong presence in that area is known as the "South Bay," particularly in Gardena and Torrance.
The business corridors that run north and south along Western Avenue from Gardena to Torrance remain a hub of activity, and are economically significant for many Asian-American businesses, from restaurants and medical offices to auto body shops and import-export companies. People continue to cross city lines to participate in cultural activities and seek services that meet their linguistic and cultural needs.

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

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

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

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

MR. SUNOO: Sure.

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes. For Little Tokyo, you had said Main, Temple, Vignes, and Fourth, and that you'll
follow up with that in writing. You also mentioned Chinatown, and I just wanted to ask if you could give us your working definition of "Chinatown."

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

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay, Grant.

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

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

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


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

MS. SONG: Good afternoon, Commissioners. I'm speaking in support for the COI Koreatown in Los Angeles County, currently in the 34th Congressional District, the 24th Senate District, and the 53rd Assembly District. My name is Eunice Song, and I am the Executive Director of the
Korean American Coalition, KAC, in Los Angeles, a nonprofit organization in the heart of Koreatown that advocates for the civic and civil rights interests of the Korean-American community since 1983.

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

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

This large and diverse body collectively owns businesses, works, and makes a living together, and disrupting this close interacting of work and livelihood could affect the people in various negative ways. By keeping Koreatown consolidated, geographic cohesion is
maintained, enabling our diverse community to thrive.

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

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Ms. Song?

MS. SONG: Yes.

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

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

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

Right now we will have 004, and then up next after that will be 015. 004, I'll be promoting you now. 004, your speaker order number will be number 13. If you'll please make note of that for future reference. You can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. If you will please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss. The floor is
MS. KULKARNI: Good afternoon. I will be referring to Los Angeles County as a whole. Good afternoon, Commissioners. My name is Manjusha Kulkarni, and I'm Executive Director of the Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council, also known as A3PCON. We're a coalition of over 40 community-based organizations serving and representing the 1.5 million Asian-Americans and Pacific Islanders in Los Angeles County. We make up 15 percent of the overall population.

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

Last year, A3PCON led the AAPI Census Collaborative with 19 AAPI partner organizations. As part of that effort, we sought to raise awareness about the 2020 census, and the response rates in hard-to-reach AAPI communities about Los Angeles County. This year, when it comes to redistricting, A3PCON is building on that foundational work. We are a member of two multiracial coalitions advocating for equitable representation for communities of color in state and local redistricting,
including the People's Bloc and the AAPI and AMEMSA State
Redistricting Collaborative.

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

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

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

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Ms. Kulkarni?

MS. KULKARNI: Yes.

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: First of all, thank you for
your work in ensuring a complete count. We wanted to give
you an opportunity to provide us with any specific
boundaries or to confirm for us that you and your affiliated groups will be submitting specific boundaries to us in writing.

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

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

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

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

Good afternoon, Commissioners. I am Aquilina Soriano-Verzoza. I'm the Executive Director of the
Pilipino Workers Center of Southern California, and a part of the AAPI and AMEMSA State Redistricting Collaborative.

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

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

Our office is located inside the Larry Itliong Village Building in historic Filipinotown off Glendale Boulevard and Rockwood Street. The building honors Larry Dulay Itliong, a forgotten Filipino labor leader during the United Farmworkers movement of the 1960s. It is one of the many landmarks in the neighborhood. It is home to the PWC office and 45 apartment units within a five-story complex.
These units serve low-income families, individuals, and underprivileged youth. PWC coordinates and provides programs and services that enrich the lives of its residents and members, ranging from health and nutrition to art workshops.

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

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

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

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

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.
MS. SORIANO-VERSOZA: -- about health, along with issues of affordability and geographic accessibility.

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

MR. MANOFF: time.

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

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

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

MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead.

IVY: Hi. My name is Ivy (phonetic). I'm a community outreach worker at the Southeast Asian Community Alliance, aka SEACA. SEACA is a nonprofit based in Chinatown and is part of the AAPI and AMEMSA Redistricting Collaborative.
In addition to pushing for policies (indiscernible) of Chinatown, SEACA has also provided leadership and organizing programs to local youths for (indiscernible) decades. At the core of our work is the idea that people have vivid understanding of their own communities and create unique solutions to social, racial, economic issues that affect us, and given the right support and resources. I myself participated in SEACA's programming throughout high school.

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

The recent concerns of the people of Chinatown have not changed much over the years, but economic conditions have created more instability. (Indiscernible.) Gentrification has been harming the livelihoods of
long-time residents. There is a desperate need (indiscernible) and affordable housing, truly affordable housing for (indiscernible). (Indiscernible) and healthy, because there are some (indiscernible) in Chinatown who live (indiscernible) apartments in hazardous conditions, who has a tendency to suffer addictions (indiscernible), as well as residents who (indiscernible) outside their apartments. Their laundries don't work, even.

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

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

MR. MANOFF: 010, if you could please stay on. Your audio was breaking up, and I am guessing they're going to want to clarify some of your testimony.
IVY: Okay. Yes. And I can (indiscernible) comment, too.

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

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

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

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

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

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

MS. FRERIDGE: Thank you. I'll be discussing the West San Gabriel Valley.
MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead, please.

MS. FRERIDGE: My name is Michelle Freridge. I've worked in West San Gabriel Valley for 17 years at the Asian Youth Center. We're a nonprofit organization and a member of the AAPI/AMEMSA Redistricting Collaborative.

Asian Youth Center is known as "AYC" for short. We're an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit community-based organization that works primarily with low-income, immigrant, and at-risk youth and families. We've been active in the community for 32 years.

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

In our community, more than 50 percent of voting-age citizens are AAPI, and, as such, should be kept whole in a new district. Most of our community residents are immigrants with shared interest in a need for representation and policies that address language access,
civil rights, education, consumer protection, economic and small business development, and housing. Most households in our community fall above the federal poverty guidelines, but are struggling economically because of the extremely high cost of living in California, especially housing.

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

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

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. FRERIDGE: -- so that we can elect someone who represents our interests and our voice.
I will submit additional written testimony and maps with boundary lines.

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

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

MR. RUH: Can you hear me?

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

MR. RUH: Yes. Thank you.

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

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

COMMENT MODERATOR: (Indiscernible.)

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

COMMENT MODERATOR: (Indiscernible.) Your speaker order number will remain the same, which I believe
it was number one, and the floor is yours.

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

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

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

MR. RUH: City of Montclair.

COMMENT MODERATOR: (Indiscernible.)

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Put it on pause.

MR. RUH: I don't --

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

MR. RUH: (Indiscernible.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Welcome back to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission, and thank you to my Co-Chair, Commissioner Kennedy, for doing such a great job. This is our community of interest or, as we like to say, our COI input meeting. Before I begin, please allow me to say it takes a whole lot to ensure that we have a successful listening session.
Thus I want to thank our line drawers, interpreters, the many staff members who make sure these meetings run smoothly, including Christian, Katy, and team, my fellow Commissioners, and I especially want to say (speaking Spanish). Thanks to all the associations and individuals who have helped the community understand the importance of participating in the redistricting effort. This is truly a team effort, or, dare I say, a community effort.

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

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

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

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Si, Margarita. Gracias.

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

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Muchas gracias.
Now, for the Cantonese, please read the site translation of the full call-in instructions.

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

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you very much.

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

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

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you.

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

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

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you.

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

We understand if calling is not your thing. For this reason, we encourage you, and all who have not participated, to visit the community of interest tool, which can be found at "www.DrawMyCACommunity.org."
The tool is fun and easy to use. It will walk you through creating a narrative and a map, which will make for a meaningful community of interest. When you are done, you can hit "Send," and it comes directly to us.

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

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

Thank you, Katy.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, Chair.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MR. RUH: Yes. Thank you.

COMMENT MODERATOR: You're welcome.

MR. RUH: Yes. Good afternoon. My name is Bill
Ruh. I am the Mayor Pro Tem for the city of Montclair, California, and I will be speaking about the city of Montclair, which is the western end of San Bernardino County, on the border of the eastern end of Los Angeles County.

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

We have parts of our community, one area, no (indiscernible). Part is L.A. County, part is San Bernardino County. We have residents there where their front door is Claremont, in L.A. County, and the back door is Montclair, in San Bernardino County. We have a camping area on Haight (phonetic) and Indian Hill, (indiscernible) in the city of Montclair, in San Bernardino County. Part
of it is in the city of Pomona, which is L.A. County. I would not want to see us divided up into other areas.

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

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

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

MR. RUH: Yes.

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

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

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Okay. Thank you so much.
MR. RUH: And there's a small incorporated area north of Montclair. We would include that as well. That's also in the sphere of influence.

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

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

CO-CHAIR SINAY: You, too.

MR. RUH: Thank you.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Over 60 percent of Asian-Americans and over 20 percent of Pacific Islanders in L.A. County are foreign born, with over 70 percent of Asian-American community members in Alhambra, Rowland Heights, and the city of San
Gabriel who are immigrants. Over 25 percent of Pacific Islanders in the city of L.A. are foreign born. The proportions of Asian-Americans and Pacific Islanders in L.A. County who are limited English proficient, meaning they speak English less than very well, are 37 and 11 percent, respectively.

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

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

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

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

MS. LIM: -- low-income.
In closing, the AAPI and AMEMSA Redistricting Collaborative asks the Commission to respect the integrity of the communities of interest presented today. Thank you for your time.

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you so much.

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

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

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

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

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

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you so much.
COMMENT MODERATOR: If I could ask for our
Cantonese interpreter to make themselves available at this
time. We do have a request for a Cantonese interpretation.

MS. CHOI: (Speaking Cantonese.)
COMMENT MODERATOR: Hi. One moment.

THE CANTONESE INTERPRETER: Please wait.
COMMENT MODERATOR: Unique ID 031, your speaker
order number will be number 19. You can now unmute, in the
lower left corner of your screen, and the interpreter is
here.

MS. CHOI: Respectable Commissioners, my name is
Choi Cathy. I'm an elderly and volunteer leader. I am
American, Chinese, Cantonese speaking. I'm so happy to
join the 2020 Olympic. Today we're considering the
privileges of this redistricting. First of all, I thank you for all your organization, for (indiscernible) organization who provide me datas.

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

(Indiscernible) the spirit of the Olympics.

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

So this is my dream. Thank you so much. So we hope that we work together, and we hope the whole California will work very well together, so that all California residents can enjoy our life, our environment,
our climate, and also good water. Okay. Thank you so much let me share (sic). Thank you so much.

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

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

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

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

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

MR. MANOFF: Thank you.

MS. HASLETT: Good afternoon, Commissioners.

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

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

There's many people that have small acreage. The area has grown. They're all part of the Lancaster/Palmdale area. There is one major school that is out there, that goes from K through eighth grade, and then those students either go to Lancaster or Quartz Hill High School, which are other school districts, and then, the west side of the
valley, we're dealing with the Lancaster School District
and the Westside School District. So it's all into two
different districts here of congressional. I would like to
see that part of District 25, because it's just
(indiscernible) the valley. It's just within 15 minutes'
driving in the town, where they come into town to shop.

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

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

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. HASLETT: -- climate, and, also, we are home
to the Antelope Valley poppy, California State Poppy
Reserve, which is the green area to the left of the pink
area, above Lake Hughes. It's world-renowned. We get people from all over the world visiting here. It would be beneficial to keep us all in one district. Thank you so much.

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you.

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

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

Again, thank you very much for the opportunity this evening to speak to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission. My name is Kathy Watanabe. I'm a councilmember in the city of Santa Clara, and I'm here representing Mayor Lisa Gillmor and our councilmembers. As leaders in the city of Santa Clara, we are aware of the central placement our city holds in the 17th Congressional District, the only Asian-American minority-majority district in the continental United States.
Our city is home to many tech companies and communitywide events, including the Silicon Valley Technology Innovation and Entrepreneurship Forum, Silicon Valley International Invention Festival, and United We Stand rallies against the recent spike in anti-Asian-American and Pacific Islander hate crimes.

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

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

The issues facing Santa Clara are not unique. Many of the issues Santa Clara faces are also found in and can be resolved by working with surrounding cities.
Resolving these issues requires cooperation not only between local leaders and officials, but federal backing as well. Therefore, it is our recommendation that Santa Clara continues to stay in the same congressional district, District 17, as Fremont, Milpitas, Newark, North San Jose, and Sunnyvale.

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

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you.

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

MS. BEIDLEMAN: Good afternoon, Commissioners.

I'm speaking about the city of Long Beach, the southeastern Los Angeles County and northwestern portion of Orange County.

Good afternoon, Commissioners. My name is Tracy Beidleman, and on behalf of (indiscernible) CEO Kenneth McDonald (indiscernible) Long Beach (indiscernible).
Long Beach Transit is a part of the city of Long Beach and the Long Beach Together Coalition in its position to maintain its current district lines. Long Beach Transit maintains a very strong relationship with its elected federal and state representatives in its effort to provide essential transit services to its customers in the Long Beach service area. The current districting in Long Beach is very helpful, as it enables Long Beach Transit to work hand in hand with our elected federal and state representatives, and discuss key transit matters that affect our constituents.

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

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

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

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

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

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

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you.

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

MS. BEIDLEMAN: Yes.

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

MS. BEIDLEMAN: Yes, we do.
CO-CHAIR SINAY: Okay. Thank you so much.
MS. BEIDLEMAN: Thank you.
COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have 033, and then up next after that will be 040. 033, I will be promoting you now. 033, your speaker order number will be number 23. If you will please make note of that for future reference, and if you'll please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss. The floor is yours.
MR. CHAMBERS: I will be speaking about the city of Long Beach.
MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead.
MR. CHAMBERS: Good afternoon, Commissioners. My name is Rich Chambers. I'm the President of the Long Beach Police Officers Association. The Police Officers Association was created in 1940 to help our police officers support our community through charitable work and community outreach. Our officers work collaboratively with other organizations throughout the city of Long Beach to support public safety. We apply for grants together, we work together, and we support one another.
We are proud to support the Keep Long Beach Together Coalition. The Coalition is made up of a number of organizations that are active in Long Beach, and who all work together to make Long Beach the amazing place that it is. Those organizations include the Long Beach Convention
Center and Visitors Bureau, the Arts Council for Long Beach, the Long Beach Economic Partnership, the Long Beach Nonprofit Partnership, the Downtown Long Beach Alliance, the Bixby Knolls Business Improvement District, and many others.

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

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

MR. MANOFF: Just a moment.

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Sorry.

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

MR. CHAMBERS: Yes.

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

MR. CHAMBERS: Yes.

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

COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have 040, and then up next will be 036. 040, I will be promoting you now. 040, your speaker order number will be number 24. If
you'll please make note of that for future reference. If you will please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss. The floor is yours.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you so much.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

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

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

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

MS. CANNARELLA: Thank you.

Good afternoon, Commissioners. My name is Alex Cannarella. I'm calling in representing the Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce. We are also part of the Keep Long Beach Together Coalition. Our coalition is made up of many organizations that are active in Long Beach and all work together to make Long Beach the amazing place that it
is, including the Long Beach Nonprofit Partnership, California Apartment Association, Long Beach Hospitality Alliance, Arts Council for Long Beach, Long Beach Museum of Art, Long Beach Camerata Singers, Musica Angelica, Long Beach Opera, Long Beach Playhouse, and numerous other arts, business, and ethnic equity organizations.

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

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

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you so much.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we'll go to 043, and then up next up after that will be 035. 043, I'll be promoting you now. 043, your speaker order number will be number 26. If you'll please make note of that for future
reference. You can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. If you'll please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss. The floor is yours.

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

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

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

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

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

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you very much.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have 035, and then up next after that will be 025. 035, I'll be promoting you now. 035, your speaker order number will be number 26 -- no, I mean, number 27. If you'll please make note of that for future reference. If you would please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss. The
MS. YEH: Hi. This is Cecilia Yeh, a resident of Walnut, and I'd like to talk about District 55. I'm a volunteer working with multiple nonprofit organizations, and now I would like to talk about District 55, where San Gabriel Valley, Chino Hills, and north Orange County meet.

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

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

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

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

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you so much.

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

DEAN: Thank you very much. Yes. If you could please pull up the coastal part of Los Angeles County that touches Santa Monica Bay. I'll be talking about cities of Torrance, Palos Verdes, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach,
Manhattan Beach, El Segundo, Marina del Rey, and Santa Monica. Thanks. So thank you very much.

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

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

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

We also share key environmental concerns when it comes to our oceans and our air. We work together to protect our coastline from pollution and coastal erosion.
The airplanes from the LAX impact our air quality, and we live -- and our environment. We work together to deal with those jet noises, mitigation issues.

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

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you so much.

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

MR. KURDIAN: (Indiscernible.)

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

MR. KURDIAN: I'm sorry?

COMMENT MODERATOR: Can you mute your livestream?

MR. KURDIAN: Mute my livestream?

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

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

COMMENT MODERATOR: It's the speaker from the
MR. KURDIAN: Is there feedback?


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

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

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

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

Our local school district in Vista also ties our...
four North County communities together, as many Oceanside, Carlsbad, and San Marcos students attend schools within Vista Unified. Vista Unified includes -- District One includes both Vista and Oceanside neighborhoods. District Two covers both Vista and San Marcos residents. Three is only in Oceanside, and my area, District Five, represents neighborhoods in Vista, Oceanside, Carlsbad, and San Marcos.

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

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

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

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

MR. KURDIAN: Absolutely.
CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you for your testimony.

The unincorporated area from Vista to the 15, would you include that with your four areas, your four cities?

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

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Yes.

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

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

MR. KURDIAN: Thank you.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Carson is one of the major cities of the county, with a large population and with a continued immigration and continuing growth of the Filipino community. More are
settling their roots and raising their families in the city and expanding to West Carson area. Many Filipino-Americans still send money back home to the Philippines, supporting their families, as well as providing for natural disaster relief.

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

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

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

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

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. IBANEZ: Last year, we donated to Cal State
Dominguez Hills archives and special collections of some of our Filipino-American documents. These documents are important to the Filipino community because we can inform our communities of the rich history --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

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

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Salamat.

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

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

There you are, caller 2515. Your speaker order number is going to be number 31. If you'll please make note of that for future reference, and if you'll please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss. The
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: All right. I'd like to talk about CA25 and AB38. So CA25 includes Santa Clarita Valley, Antelope Valley, and Porter Ranch, all of which are in Los Angeles County, but we do have a small portion of the district in Ventura County, which includes Simi Valley. I'd like to see Santa Clarita, the AV, and Porter Ranch stay a part of the district. I'd also like to see the new district be entirely in L.A. County, moving south to San Fernando Valley.

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

Santa Clarita shares a lot more in common with San Fernando Valley than Ventura County, and I urge to draw the district so that it excludes Ventura County and includes San Fernando Valley, and, also, AD38 currently includes Santa Clarita Valley, Porter Ranch, and part of Simi Valley, and Simi Valley should also not be part of our assembly district, because of reasons stated previously.
about CA25. Thank you.

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you so much.

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

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

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

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

We have a disproportionate amount of veterans living in San Diego County generally, but in Oceanside, Carlsbad specifically. We need to be able to have a leader who understands veterans' issues, and (indiscernible)
different than just responding to veterans’ requests, I think, would benefit more -- construes a benefit to the veteran community, as here in Oceanside.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

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

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

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

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

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. I'm calling on
behalf of the 25th District. I'm calling because I would
really like to (indiscernible) the 25th District as a
whole, the areas of Santa Clarita, Palmdale, parts of
Lancaster, and the reason being is that we all -- you know, those are very tight communities, where, you know, we're (indiscernible).

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

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

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you so much.

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

MR. DIAZ: Hello. They hear me?
COMMENT MODERATOR: Do you need an interpreter?

MR. DIAZ: Yes, please.

COMMENT MODERATOR: What language?

MR. DIAZ: Spanish.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Español. Un momento, por favor.

MR. DIAZ: Gracias.

COMMENT MODERATOR: May I have a --

THE SPANISH INTERPRETER: Yes. Sorry.

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

THE SPANISH INTERPRETER: Okay. Thank you.

(Speaking Spanish.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Sir, I have a question. Are you still here?
MR. DIAZ: Yes. Here I am.

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

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

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you.

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

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

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

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

COMMENT MODERATOR: No, that's fine. It is you.
The floor is yours.

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

COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes.

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

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

The school districts are a little bit different than other areas of Irvine, too. So our tax bases are different, but we're looking for better, particularly, policing. The city has grown over this past 10 years, and the police have a much higher workload, based on the area, that they're looking for more support for the North Irvine
area. They do have the main police station, which is off of Harbor in Irvine, but we're looking for something, maybe a substation, something that would be useful for them to do their paperwork and things like that.

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

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

MR. SMITH: Yes.

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Okay.

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

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Okay. Perfect.

MR. SMITH: Opposite of Newport Beach area.

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

MR. SMITH: Thank you.

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

In order to maximize transparency and public participation in our process, the Commissioners will be taking community of interest input and general public comment by phone. To call in, dial the telephone number provided on the livestream feed. It is (877) 853-5247. When prompted, enter the meeting ID number provided on the livestream feed. It is 87853364416 for this meeting. When prompted to enter a participant ID, simply press the pound key.

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

It's all yours, Chair.
CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you so much.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Gracias, Margarita.

Now to Cantonese. If the Cantonese interpreter
would please read the site translation of the full call-in instructions.

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

    CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

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

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

    CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

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

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

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

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

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

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

COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely, Chair.

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

Unique ID 042, we'll go ahead and promote you right now. Unique ID 042, your speaker order number will be -- one moment -- number 37. If you'll please make note of that for future reference. You can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen.
If you will please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss. The floor is yours.

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

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

There's, you know, bears and mountain lions, and all sorts of fascinating wildlife, but very few people. However, it's of critical importance that the Commission seeks to, in the case of the San Gabriels, connecting these areas to these communities to the south that have a higher propensity to visit these areas, and I would actually encourage the Commission to look at this issue across the state of California.
The reason it's so critical is -- I do advocacy work, in working with members of Congress to talk about policies that they could nudge the forest land managers or implement through Congress to help better preserve these areas, and Congress is incredibly deferential to the representatives who have those areas in their district. So the management of these lands, which impacts the lives of people just to the south of these mountains, is heavily influenced by how these districts are drawn, despite their being, you know, zero people within these lands.

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

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Chollas Creek extends from -- the watershed extends from La Mesa -- if you would just bring that out, La Mesa. Keep bringing it out. Yes, you're doing good, here. And it extends from La Mesa/Lemon Grove to the Bay. It was not originally part of the city of San Diego, but it is the place of first contact between westerners and the
Kumeyaay Chollas Creek Band. It's at that place, on the Chollas Creek, where Pedro Fages first met the Kumeyaay indigenous people.

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

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

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for your call.

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

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

CARLOS: Hello. My name is Carlos
(indiscernible), and I'd like for everybody to focus on the map of San Bernardino County, specifically Fontana. So I have lived in Fontana for around seven years, and I grew up in Ontario for 19 years.

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

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

Other jobs in my community include construction and groundskeeping. My community lives in apartment complexes, and many families either rent a room or a garage in these communities in order to survive. The resources
available in my community are nonprofits, clinics, food
pantries, and many programs for youth and adults.
Information about these resources usually never reaches the
community, or our community cannot access them because of
lack of access to the Internet.

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

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

The main roads traveled in Ontario are Euclid and
Holt, while for Fontana it's (indiscernible) and Baseline.
The communities that are similar to Fontana and Ontario are
Pomona and Montclair. These communities (indiscernible)
the same (indiscernible), and are of low income, and of
working class.
The disparities that these communities face are similar, and because they do not share the same assembly districts, the results of their voices often -- the result is often that their voices are not heard, and overshadowed. This can be often seen in many communities. As you travel north, the houses are worth more, or people are hiring (indiscernible), while people of lower income have been pushed to the south --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

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

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

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

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Caller?

COMMENT MODERATOR: He's still here, Chair.
CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. We just need a little more clarification about the area that you are wanting to keep together. It's not clear whether you want the entire city of Fontana or part of Fontana.

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

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

CARLOS: No problem.

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

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

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

MS. DEMEO: Thank you. I'm referring to Fallbrook in San Diego County. My name is Jennifer DeMeo, D-E, capital M, E-O. I am the President of Fallbrook
Public Utilities District Board and a Fallbrook resident for over 15 years.

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

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

So our communities are very different from more urban and coastal cities such as San Marcos, Vista, and Oceanside, and each of our rural inland communities are
served by water agencies separate from unincorporated cities, such as Yuima Municipal Water District of Pauma Valley, Rincon, Del Diablo, and Escondido, and Rainbow Municipal Water District, as well as Valley Center Municipal Water District, and, of course, outside Fallbrook, each of these districts has to provide access to water and represents our communities.

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

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

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

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

At this time, I just want to remind everyone that phone lines will be closing at 7:00 p.m. That's in four minutes from now. If you would like to call and share your public input as far as your community of interest, or if you have a public comment about the Commission or our work,
we invite you to do so, but we would need you to call in before 7:00 o'clock. At 7:00 o'clock, the lines will be locked, and we will continue to hear anyone who is in the queue at that time.

So, Katy, back to you.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much, Chair.

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

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

We've banded together during COVID, the community. We created an inoculation center over at the convention center of the community. We broadcast live performing arts during COVID, and all these things came together because we worked together as a community with our
political leadership, and it was very important to us that we be able to continue to work together going forward.

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

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

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

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

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

COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely. Caller with the last four 9731, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star, six. Caller 9731,
your speaker order number will be number 42. If you'll please make note of that for future reference, and if you'll please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss. The floor is yours.

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

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

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

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

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

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

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

JAMES: I would just ask that my part of Chino,
which is the southern part, could just be grouped in a
district that matches more of, you know, where the
people --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

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

MR. MANOFF: Time.

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

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

JAMES: Sure.

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

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

In the south part of Chino, which is all below
Riverside Drive, you have pretty much newer families, newer
residents that have come into the area, such as the College
Park and Preserve (phonetic) neighborhood, the Chino Spectrum, and everyone that moves around there has moved there, you know, for the new construction, and they have come from places like northern Orange County and Diamond Bar and Chino Hills, which are very culturally and economically similar, and they have a lot of ties back to that area, as well as people who also go to seek work out in those places, like me. So I'd probably say south of Riverside Drive is mostly different than north of Riverside Drive in the city of Chino.

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

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

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

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

Registration for each meeting closes two calendar days before, at 5:00 p.m., so we have, in fact, passed the registration deadlines. That said, folks are welcome to
call in without having reserved a speaking slot. So we
look forward to hearing from folks from throughout the
state about their communities of interest tomorrow and
Friday, beginning at 3:00 p.m. on each day.

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

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

(Session recessed until September 9, 2021.)
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