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CHAIR TOLEDO: Good morning, California. My name is Pedro Toledo, and I will be chairing today's California Citizens Redistricting Commission's Draft ap Public Input Meeting. I'm excited to be in service to the Commission and Californians. Today we are offering LanguageLines for Spanish language speakers, so that they can listen to the meeting in their native language.

Could I please have the Spanish interpreter provide our language line number, where the public can listen to today's meeting in Spanish?

THE INTERPRETER: Yes, Chair. This is the Spanish interpreter, Margarita. I will read the language line instructions. Thank you.

(In Spanish).

THE INTERPRETER: Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Gracias, Margarita.

Good morning, Ravi. Are you ready to do roll call?

MR. SINGH: Yes, Chair. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Excellent. Always ready.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Turner?

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Vasquez?

COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: Here.
MR. SINGH: Commissioner Yee?

COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Ahmad?

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Akutagawa?

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Andersen?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fernandez?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Presente.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fornaciari?

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Kennedy?

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Le Mons?

Commissioner Sadhwani?

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Here.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Here. Here.

MR. SINGH: Thank you. Commissioner Sinay?

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Here.

MR. SINGH: And Commissioner Taylor?

Commissioner Toledo?

CHAIR TOLEDO: Here.

MR. SINGH: Roll call is complete, Chair.

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you, Ravi.
Every ten years after the federal government publishes updated census information, California must redraw the boundaries of its Congressional, State Senate, State Assembly and State Board of Equalization districts. The districts can reflect -- correctly reflect the state's population. The fourteen-member Commission is made up of five republicans, five democrats and four not affiliated with either of those parties. The Commission must draw the district lines in conformity with strict, nonpartisan rules designed to create districts of relatively equal population that will provide fair representation for all Californians. For more information, you can visit us at wedrawthelinesca.org.

Today's public forum will focus on all district maps -- all draft district maps, State Assembly, State Senate, Congressional and Board of Equalization. We will be accepting feedback on all of these maps both today and tomorrow. But providing feedback at these meetings isn't the only way you can get feedback. Of course, you can always get feedback through our online -- through our website at wedrawthelinesca.org as well as through the statewide database, which is located at drawmycalifornia.org. You can also submit maps to the Commission through that platform.

As part of our housekeeping rules, the Commission
will be enforcing a two-and-a-half-minute time frame
limits on appointments and will provide a warning at
thirty and fifteen seconds remaining. When you start
your input, please identify which district plan and the
reasons you would like to provide feedback on so that the
mappers can bring up the map.

We will open up the lines at the end of the day when
we reach our public comment session. The number to
provide public comments is listed on the livestream
landing page. If you are calling without an appointment,
please do not hang up, as you will lose your place in
line.

Katy, with that, please go over the directions so
that the public can -- so we can start with appointment
sessions. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Good morning. Thank you
so much, Chair.

Welcome to the Draft Map Feedback Session. If you
have not done so already, and you have a unique ID that
ends in 001 through 037, please use the raised hand
button at the bottom of your screen. You will be
identified by the assigned unique ID number, which you
received in our invite for this session. When it is your
turn to speak, I will promote you to have the ability to
enable your own video and/or audio in the lower left
Public input time limit is two minutes and thirty
seconds. You will receive a verbal warning at thirty
seconds remaining and fifteen seconds remaining in your
speaking time. There will also be an active timer on the
screen for your convenience. When you start your input,
please identify which district plan and region you will
be providing input on. And one more time, please use
raised hand -- please use the raised --

(Background Noise.)

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: One moment. Okay.

Please use the raised hand button at the bottom of your
screen to enter the comment queue line indicating you are
present and ready to comment. And for those that have a
unique ID that have chosen to call in, please use the
raised hand button by pressing star nine. We will start
out here with unique ID 005. And then will be unique ID
028.

005, I'll be promoting you now. 005, you can now
enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of
your screen. And if you'd please remind the mapper of
what district plan and region you would like to address.
The floor is yours.

MR. SYED: Okay. Can you hear me okay?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.
MR. SYED: Okay. Great Thank you very much. I will be speaking about CD greater draft in Alameda County and Santa Clara County.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Go ahead, please.

MR. SYED: My name is Shafath Syed, and I lived in Sunnyvale for over forty years and work at a software company in Santa Clara. I'm active in the South Asian and Muslim American communities, but speak on my own behalf as an individual. I strongly support the visualization of VCD greater 1102, which looks similar to the recent CD greater draft map for the local Congressional district, except VCD cratered 1102 has more of Fremont on it and less of San Jose in the current draft map, CD cratered draft.

I work in the technology profession, and the cities of Sunnyvale, Cupertino, Santa Clara, Fremont and Milpitas are technology job centers for thousands. These cities have a shortage of affordable housing and limited transit systems and traffic congestion. In contrast, San Jose has a very -- is a very large city with a population of about a million and has traditionally had more housing than jobs. The City of San Jose needs to advocate for more jobs to generate more revenue to fund city services, whereas the cities of Sunnyvale, Cupertino, Santa Clara, Fremont and Milpitas need to advocate for more affordable
housing, infrastructure, and a more comprehensive transit system to relieve traffic congestion.

Therefore, cities that share similar challenges are best put together in the same Congressional district so those challenges can be focused on and resolved by those cities working and planning together. These cities with their tech workers also make up one of the most diverse communities in our nation with respect to the Asian cultural diversity, especially East Asian and South Asian Indian cultural community. This is good for cultural connectedness and a common interests of cultural-specific services. Including more of Fremont rather than San Jose, would also allow for more of this Asian cultural connectedness. Thank you very much.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now, we will have unique ID, 028, and up next after that will be 002. 028, you have chosen to call in. Oh, no, you have not. I apologize.

028, I'll be promoting you now. 028, you can now enable your audio and video on the left corner of your screen. And if you'll please remind the mapper of what district plan and region you'd like to address. The floor is yours.

MS. MACDONALD: Thank you. Good morning
Commissioners, and thank you for this opportunity to speak. We're currently in district 75. I'm at the Assembly, which is San Diego County and Riverside. My name is Lila MacDonald, and I'm the CEO of the Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce, which represents over 500 small business owners, community nonprofits and farmers in the Fallbrook, Bonsall, Rainbow and Temecula Valley Center area.

Today, I want to second the comments of the chairperson of the Fabric Community Planning Group made to you on November 19th and request that our Assembly district draft map for Fallbrook, Bonsall, Rainbow and ask Escondido be amended to include other rural and agricultural communities in which we have relationships with, including Temecula, Valley Center, Pauma and Pauma Valley. Fallbrook is a very rural community, and such has very real concerns. We are very different from the coastal and urban communities. We would not -- we should not be in an Assembly district with the City of San Diego, in which we have very little in common. Instead, I urge the Commission to keep us in a district with other agricultural and rural communities along the I-15 Freeway.

Fallbrook is home to a vibrant agricultural community. We have nurseries, orchards, groves,
vineyards and livestock producers that make us part of
the ninth most productive agricultural county in the
United States. We share the same agriculture concerns
and wildfire prevention and access to water as other
nearby cultural communities in which we have built
relationships, including Temecula Valley Center, which is
known for its world-famous vineyards and wineries.

We are a very unique community. Like the other
rural communities along the 15, Fallbrook businesses and
residents rely on them, those of Temecula and Escondido
for services, including medical emergencies. The
Temecula Valley Hospital is the nearest to us and
including Bonsall, Rainbow, and Pauma Valley. Please do
not separate our rural communities from these very big
lifelines. I appreciate your consideration and all that
you're doing for our community and our state. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will have
002, and up next after that will be 0010.

002, I'll be promoting you now. 002, you can now
enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of
your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what
district plan and region you would like to address. The
floor is yours.

MR. ANDERSON: Thank you. Please display Northern
Sherman Oaks in the San Fernando Valley in Los Angeles County. I am Bob Anderson, chair of the Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association Redistricting Committee. Sherman Oaks has a strongly united 76,000 person community in the Southern San Fernando Valley. SOHA represents seven thousand Sherman Oaks families. We've been working on state, county, and city redistricting since October 2020. The California Commission's draft maps do not use the correct Northern Sherman Oaks boundary. Sherman Oaks Northern boundary is a straight line across Oxnard Street from the 405 Freeway to Hazeltine Avenue.

This is the boundary used for our current L.A. City Council district 4 and used for the final draft council district 4 by both the 2021 L.A. City Council Redistricting Commission and Council Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee. This is the boundary for our current L.A. County supervisorial map and used for all draft county redistricting maps. The boundary was created in 2009 by an official city council renaming action, which unfortunately did not automatically change the neighborhood council boundary.

The Commission's draft Senate District Northern Sherman Oaks boundary appears to correctly be a straight line across Oxnard Street. SOHA wants to ensure that the Commission retains this correct boundary. The
Commission's draft Congressional and Assembly district Northern Sherman Oaks boundaries are South of Oxnard and have an irregular cut out shape. This is incorrect and must be changed to agree with the correct straight Northern boundary used for the Senate map.

SOHA recommends that all three Commission maps; Congressional, Senate and Assembly have the same straight-line Northern Sherman Oaks boundary along Oxnard Street. This will provide coherence for Sherman Oaks Northern boundary for all state, county, and city maps.

Thank you very much. I know this is a very difficult job to do. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have 010. And up next after that we'll have 007.

010, I'll be promoting you now. 010, you can unmute your audio and video on the lower left corner of your screen. Please remind the mapper of what district plan and region you'd like to address. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes, hello. Can you hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: All right, great. So I'm calling in regards to a draft Congressional and Assembly maps, particularly in the East Ventura County, Santa Clarita region. But I'm really calling as a as a local
small business owner, and frankly, I'm pretty
disappointed, to be honest. Most of the feedback I've
heard in these meetings has asked that Simi Valley Share
an Assembly and Congressional District of Santa Clarita,
yet the draft maps have pretty much done the opposite, at
least the ones I've seen have.

I'm a bit perplexed how the Commission arrived at
the conclusion that Simi Valley belongs in the same
district as Malibu. I've seen plenty of other map
proposals that are much more logical and in line with
what the community wants, such as the Vitka AD_38 (ph.)
map. I hope you change course and consider the desires
of Simi Valley residents. Thank you for your time.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
now, we will have 007. And up next after that, we'll
have 018.

007, I'll be promoting you now. 007, you can enable
your audio and video in the lower left corner of your
screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what
district plan and region you'd like to address. The
floor is yours.

MS. KITAMURA: Good morning. I'll be talking about
Los Angeles, mostly focused on a Congressional State
Senate drafts.

Good morning Commissioners. I hope you had a
restful Sunday. I am Deeana Kitamura, with Asian-Americans Advancing Justice and the Asian Law Caucus and the AAPI and the AMEMSA State and Districting Collaborative. Thank you for your dedication and for respecting many of the AAPI and the AMEMSA COIs you've uplifted.

After your draft maps were released. We held regional meetings with our collaborative partners, our workshop participants and others to get feedback on your proposals. I'm going to focus on L.A., but my colleagues will talk about other reconsidering their appointments slots. I do want to flag that most members of our collaborative were not able to get appointments, so we are voicing their concerns.

At the Assembly level in particular, thank you for keeping all of the AAPI COIs essentially whole in Los Angeles. We understand the Commission may shift the lines considerably, and we believe that's appropriate in order to respect other -- the black, Latino and other community priorities. But when you do that, we ask you to continue to respect the AAPI and COIs in metro L.A., West and East San Gabriel Valley, West L.A., South L.A. and the South Bay.

My colleague, June Lim, will be speaking about the community's serious concerns regarding the San Gabriel
Valley and Koreatown and the Congressional tenant maps in her appointment. I'll be focusing on other areas of L.A. I've called a couple of times about the Asian-American COI, that extend from the Southern part of Gardena to the Eastern part of Torrance.

Thank you for keeping that COI whole at all levels of government. Today, I want to talk about which districts they belong in at the Congressional and Senate level. Gardenia and East Torrance are made up of working and middle class communities. They have very little in common with the very wealthy residents in Beverly Hills, Calabasas, Pacific Palisades and Malibu. If the Senate districts draw them all together, and the Congressional district includes Beverly Hills, at the Assembly level the imbalance is not as pronounced. So the South Bay coastal district makes sense. But at the Congressional and Senate levels, we've been told that the community in Gardenia and Torrance, East of Hawthorne Boulevard would be better served in a noncoastal district.

Next, I'll talk about Hollywood --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. KITAMURA: -- which is divided at the Congressional level, because you're using Hollywood Boulevard as the district boundary. Hollywood Boulevard is the key business corridor for a tied town. There are
important tied businesses on the North and South side of
the street.

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

MS. KITAMURA: Instead of Hollywood Boulevard as
the -- our boundary, please use Franklin further up
North. Lastly, please keep Inglewood with Lennox and
Hawthorne to respect the common COI there. Thank you,
and I'll be submitting follow up written comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
right now we will have 018, and up next after that will
be 006.

018, I'll be promoting you now. 018, you can now
enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of
your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what
district plan and region you'd like to address. The
floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Yes, I am addressing
Santa Clarita. My name is Nancy, and I'm excited to talk
to you guys again. I'm talking in regards to the Santa
Clarita and San Fernando Valley being together. But I
would for these reasons, I would like to see them
separate. Santa Clarita has a population of only
220,000, while San Fernando is part of Los Angeles with a
population of four million, second largest in the nation.
In addition to that, Santa Clarita only -- we only have a
small budget of 243 million -- San -- whereas, San
Fernando in Los Angeles has a budget of 11.4 billion. So
totally different cities, different sizes.

In addition to that, in Santa Clarita, we only have
five school districts and one community college. The San
Fernando Valley, part of L.A., has a population of four
million, sixty-three colleges. Again, Los Angeles is the
second largest School District in the nation, with
619,000 students, 76 employees, $8.55-billion budget,
very close to what the city has, and they received 1,006
public schools. Our children would like to be
represented, but we can't be represented equally with
such a large school district.

In addition to that, if I could add that Santa
Clarita, we are under the power -- electrical services of
Southern California, Edison. We are very prone to
wildfire. We experience very high winds. We rely
heavily on the public safety power shut off, the PSPS,
L.A. DWP municipality, governed by the one water power
commissioner and the L.A. City Council, completely
different rules and regulations.

We can't -- a city of our size, we would not be able
to compete with a city so large, and with high winds,
fire, we have -- experience fires multiple times every
year, especially during the summer. We do need a
representative that --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: -- understands the regulations of Edison and not have to be complicated -- not have to deal with a complicated municipality regulations. Last, and that is it, but I do ask that --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: -- for the Commission to consider to having Senate, Congressional and Assembly to bring back Simi Valley together and merge them, because we are more similar cities. Thank you so much, and I'll speak -- see you guys -- talk to guys tomorrow. Bye.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we'll have 006. And up next after that, we'll have 032.

006, I'll be promoting you now. 006, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. If you could please remind the mapper of what district plan and region you would like to address. The floor is yours

MR. CHUGH: Congressional Draft Map CD cratered draft in Alameda County and Santa Clara County in your map, please. My name is Yogi Chugh, and I live in Fremont. Thank you for putting out Fremont, Santa Clara,
Sunnyvale, Cupertino, Milpitas and Berryessa in the CD cratered draft map. In these cities, there is tremendous synergy around the Asian arts, cultural practices, language, food and shared values.

I and other immigrants have thrived since these cities provide the cultural support network, which included churches, temples, gurdwaras, Jewish centers, community centers, dance and music academies. These community gatherings please give us a sense of place belonging and familiarity. These cultural touchstones have helped me and many other immigrants adapt and positively contribute to volunteerism and our professions. We contribute these energies to creating jobs in tech fields and support services that have grown the economy and can uplift all people regionally, statewide and nationally.

I'm overall happy, as many others are, with the CD greater draft map. However, if possible, could you try to keep the Asian-American community in one Congressional district by including a little bit more of central Fremont in this Congressional district? The majority of South Asians and East Asians live in Fremont and work in the high-tech field are well represented in the previous visualizations, which was VCD greater 1102 or is shown in the AAPI and AMEMSA State Redistricting Collaborative.
Proposed Map, have the City of Fremont joined the adjacent Congressional District with Union City and able to keep together the Filipino and other communities who work in other industries, such as health care and public service, which have shared interests in policy needs around immigration, employment and education.

Thank you for your work. It's not easy and my salute to the Chair and the rest of the Commissioners as well. I would like to leave you by saying this. I'm overall happy with the CD greater draft map. Thank you so much.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right now, we'll have 032, and up next after that will be 014. 032, I'll be promoting you now.

032, you can now enable your audio and video on the lower left corner of your screen. If you'll please remind the member what district plan and region you'd like to address. The floor is yours. 032? We shouldn't have a unmute option in the middle of your screen at this point.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay, there we go. Okay. And is there a visual? I don't see it. Okay.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: If you'll let us know what district plan and region you'd like to address?
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'm addressing the San Fernando Valley. Can you hear me now?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. All right. I'm a longtime resident of the West San Fernando Valley, and I want to thank you for largely recognizing that the Valley should be in a Valley district. To the extent that there is room to improve the first draft of the maps. I would encourage you to remove Santa Monica from the San Fernando Valley's Congressional district.

This really doesn't make sense to the residents of either the valley or the coast. The valley is separate from what we call the West Side. This is the area of Los Angeles, South of Mulholland Drive. Our working-class concerns are not the same as those in Santa Monica. Santa Monica is in a wealthy beach community. It takes us more than an hour to get there because of traffic, and even our weather is extremely different. They live in a beach community, and we live in a very high camp and a rally. These are some of the reasons that combining the two areas will cause our residents to have competing legislative priorities.

The coast faces many challenges. That fact could cause the Valley to end up playing second fiddle, even when there might be more Valley residents. I would
suggest that you could add Santa Monica to the coastal
district, to the North, and then you'd have a coastline
district from Oxnard to Santa Monica. To do that, the
Valley could add population from Simi or Moorpark, which
at least is similar and along the 118 Freeway.

The other option would be to add Santa Monica to the
coastal district to the South, which would connect Santa
Monica and Venice Beach, which makes more sense. If that
means that the Valley needs to add some areas that are
adjacent with South of Mulholland Drive, that's still
better than the coast. I hope you will agree that Santa
Monica belongs with the coast, and the Valley is its own
special community.

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And thank you very much for
all your hard work.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
right now, we have 014, and up next after that will be
001.

014, I'll be promoting you now. 014, you can now
enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of
your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what
district plan and region you'd like to --

MR. ICHINOSE: I'll be speaking to the Assembly
draft maps in Orange County. Good morning. My name is
Dan Ichinose. I'm a research director at the Orange County Civic Engagement Cable or OCCET. We wanted to express our appreciation for the State Assembly draft maps. We love that you've drawn a Federal Voting Rights Act district at the Assembly level in and around Santa Ana. Not only are all the VRA requirements met, the is the district also brings together communities in Sant Ana and West Anaheim with shared interests, including the need for affordable housing and common concerns with policing and immigration enforcement.

We'll be proposing some minor tweaks to the district, but we're really happy with the direction you've taken. We also appreciate your drawing low-Income immigrant communities in South, Fullerton and West Anaheim, Korean-American communities in North Buena Park in Northwest Fullerton and the AMEMSA communities on the border of L.A. and Orange Counties together in district NOC. These communities share common challenges, like language access. For the AMEMSA COI that crosses county lines between South Win Park, Lipoma and Cypress in OC and Sirius are in our T.J. in L.A., drawing them together in Orange County based district is important to community leaders, like South Asian Network and the Council on American Islamic Relations, so thank you.

Vietnamese-American communities in Garden Grove and
Westminster and Fountain Valley are together in district GGW as are Pacific Islander communities in Garden Grove. Like we said in the past, they'll fit with Seal Beach, Rossmoor, and Los Alamitos is -- it's a bit odd. Those communities are native born and much higher income. But we do worry that major shifts may disturb some of the surrounding districts. And then, finally, we're thrilled that Irvine, Costa Mesa, and Tustin are whole and drawn together in District IRV. This is not the case at the Congressional or State Senate levels, so please keep this disproportionately immigrant district intact.

All in all, we want to emphasize that the Assembly draft map generally looks great and that any changes that you consider should not disturb the overall architecture you've achieved here.

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MR. ICHINOSE: You're almost there in Orange County, and we wouldn't want to take any steps backwards. Thanks so much for all your hard work, and we'll be in touch.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, 001. And up next after that would be 035.

001, I'll be promoting you now. 001, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. And so please remind the mapper of what
district plan and region you'd like to address. The
floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good afternoon, Chair Toledo
and Commissioners. I am testifying today on the
Congressional district drafts in the Orange County
region, specifically CD Seal-Brea and the CD Inland OC
drafts. The proposed Seal-Brea draft has a number of
problems, most notably being the significant demographic
and geographic disparities of the cities that would be
districted together. This draft district encompasses
communities that are an imposing thirty miles from one
another, translating in Orange County to a minimum
drivetime of an hour. Incorporating communities to the
South of the City of Cypress, will be to the detriment of
residents in this district and will not serve the
communities of interest in Westminster, Garden Grove,
Fountain Valley, nor the senior living community in
Rossmoor, nor the unique coastal City of Seal Beach.

Also, this proposed district has produced numerous
testimony about keeping the -- critical importance of
keeping the City of Fullerton whole and respecting Korean
communities of interest by keeping Fullerton and Buena
Park together.

Now, shifting to the Inland OC draft, it appears to
meet population size but will result in unfair
Congressional representation as a result of vastly different priority issues among the cities that would be districted together. As an example, Chino Hills in San Bernardino County in the North part of this draft map, should not be distracted with Mission Viejo and Rancho Santa Margarita, located fifty miles to the South. If county lines may be crossed to include neighboring residents to the East, such as Lake Elsinore, could be incorporated instead, there would be greater commonality and lead to better representation.

And finally, I would just like to urge the Commission again to please remember that many communities in Orange County were undercounted in the 2020 census with very low response rates, as low as just fifty-three percent. So vulnerable residents in these communities will be subject to cuts in safety net programs and services requiring focused federal attention to mitigate apportionment funding. As final district boundaries are defined, please give special attention to socioeconomic profiles that will provide for apportionment funding mitigation.

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you for all your great work. Good afternoon.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.
PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have 035. And up next after that, we have 015.

035, I'm promoting you now. 035, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. And if you'll please remind the mapper of what district plan and region you would like to address. The floor is yours.

MS. O'CONNOR: Yes, my name's Anne O'Connor, and my colleague, Jason Walley, will be speaking, and it's regarding Sherman Oaks, all maps.

MR. WALLEY: Hi, I'm Jason Walley.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Go ahead, please.

MR. WALLEY: Thank you. Jason Walley, and I am one of the team leaders of POSO, which is Part of Sherman Oaks and Northern Sherman Oaks in Los Angeles County. We are a community of 6900 residents who won our rename to Shoreman Oaks in 2009.

CHAIR TOLEDO: I'm sorry, can you hear me? 005?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 035.

CHAIR TOLEDO: 035, can you hear me? Please use the unmute in the bottom of your screen, and let me know if you can hear me, 035.

MS. O'CONNOR: Oh, I already hit that one. Okay, we'll start over. Go ahead.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Can you hear me?
MS. O'CONNOR: I can you hear you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, I'm sorry. Were you playing prerecorded, or were you playing. What --

MS. O'CONNOR: No, this is my colleague on a three-way call. He's my neighbor.


Just trying to sort out the audio.

MS. O'CONNOR: One minute.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much. Go ahead. Your time will restart.

MS. O'CONNOR: All right. Here's Jason again. Go ahead. Start, Jason.

MR. WALLEY: All right. Thank you. Can you hear me all right?

CHAIR TOLEDO: The audio is not fantastic, Jason, it would be better if you called in, but go ahead.

MS. O'CONNOR: Well, here you go. I'll hold him closer to the microphone.

CHAIR TOLEDO: We appreciate that, because everything you're saying is being interpreted, so the closer you can get it, the better.

MR. WALLEY: Wow. Okay, and I'll try to speak up as well. So my name's Jason Walley, and I'm one of the team leaders of POSO, Park Sherman Oaks and Northern Sherman Oaks, part of Los Angeles County. We are a community of
6900 residents who won our renaming to Sherman Oaks in 2009. On behalf of POSO, I would like to thank you for our beautiful State Senate map that keeps all of us whole in Sherman Oaks, which has been our goal.

The use of the straight line from the 405 East along Oxnard Street to Hazelton (ph.) Avenue keeps POSO's borders intact. It has no carve outs; and therefore, no loss of our residents or businesses. We employ the Commission to use this map as an excellent example of modifying the North border of our Congressional and Assembly maps to look just like the State Senate map.

We're still very perplexed about the Congressional and Assembly maps, which have a strange carve out on our North border, which excludes about 200 homes near Oxnard and Vesper Avenue (ph.).

This is another omission of our entire Northern street, Tiara Street (ph.), which excludes another 400 homes totaling about 2,000 people and gives them back to the City of Van Nuys. Van Nuys has a positive deviation more than Sherman Oaks in their Congressional map and a very close deviation in their Assembly map. There's no room to make this happen -- I'm sorry -- there is room to make this happen. Please return our residents to Sherman Oaks.

Additionally, the Congressional and Assembly maps
has arbitrarily take also businesses along Sepulveda Boulevard and gives them to the Van Nuys congressmen and Assemblymen. Van Nuys does not need to take our assets. They have the Van Nuys Airport and a ton of businesses of their own. Our POSO businesses are a big part of our COI. We can walk through all of them, such as Target, Hampton Inn Hotel, BevMo, PETCO, FedEx, medical building, eight-story office building, cafes --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MR. WALLEY: -- markets, gas stations, (indiscernible) care. Also it has significant economic impact on these businesses along Sepulveda. Our kids are hired at these businesses if they walk to work. So members of the Sherman Oaks Chamber of Commerce. Please return our assets to Sherman Oaks. Mr. Le Mons, since you represent Sherman Oaks, we are hoping --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

MR. WALLEY: -- you will advocate to restore our business assets as well as the 2,000 residents North side of both the Legion Street (ph.) and Tiara Street are included in our council file, because we know this can be confusing --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you very much. And right now, we'll have 015, and up next after that will be 024.
015, I'll be promoting you now. 015, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. And if you'll please remind the mapper of what district plan and region you'd like to address. The floor is yours. Oh, I do apologize, 015, we cannot hear you. You might want to check that microphone setting.

You are --

MS. ALLEN: Can you hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: There we go. There you are.

MS. ALLEN: Perfect. Thanks for remembering me. I see you already have IE pulled up. Good morning, everyone. My name is Sky Allen with United here to speak on behalf of the IE redistricting hub. I'm going to talk about the Assembly maps first for this area. If you wanted to turn on that later. I just want to offer a few thoughts about the VRA districts at the Assembly and the Congressional level for the IE.

We want to thank you for drawing multiple VRA districts in our counties. I just want to offer some slight modifications that could strengthen them from a VRA perspective. We ask that you shift the VRA districts in the Greater San Bernardino area West a little bit. So for AD_SBCHR, we ask that you add Rialto and Grand Terrace to the district and move Bloomington to AD_RCFR...
district. Doing that would strengthen the VRA district in the San Bernardino area and keep black communities of interest together. And then for RCFR, grouping Bloomington and Fontana both on an environmental COIs, given the warehousing development in that area. For population, you can add more of Rancho and parts of Ontario to our AD_RCFR and for AD_PCO you can add more of Upland and parts of Claremont and La Verne.

Making these changes would only really impact AD_210 to the North, and you can make up population there by elongating that district deeper into San Bernardino County to capture Big Bear and other areas and then other areas in San Bernardino County. And Riverside, we recognize that AD_MPH is overpopulation and just shy of being a VRA district. So if you cut out South Hemet and possibly remove the Winchester, you should be able to create a VRA district and fix the deviation there. Lastly, we ask generally that you just continue to clean up the districts in the Coachella Valley.

At the Congressional level, we think CD_RIV Moreno Valley, Paris looks pretty solid, but CD_RIASB could be cleaned up some. Instead of pulling all the way up to Rancho, we recommend that you add Grand Terrace, Loma Linda and Redlands to that district and then pull in --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.
MS. ALLEN: -- on the West side. Making that switch would also allow for Rancho to be with Upland and Claremont, which would work really well from a community interest perspective.

That's all I have for you today. Thank you for all of your hard work for listening to me, and I wish you all a joyous Thanksgiving.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, and have a great Thanksgiving as well.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have 024. And up next after that, will be 004.

024, I'll be promoting you now. 024, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. Would you please remind the mapper of what district plan and region you would like to address. The floor is yours.

MS. LADDISH: Good morning, I will be speaking on the draft Assembly Senate and Congressional districts for Yolo County. I'm sorry, I'm having a problem with my screen. Okay.

All right. Thank you. My name is Kate Laddish. I am speaking today as the chair of the Yolo County In-Home Supportive Services Advisory Committee, which serves and represents our programs, nearly 6,000 care providers and consumers. To qualify to receive IHSS, a person must be
Medi-Cal eligible, have a disability that will last longer than one year, and be unable to remain safely at home without assistance. The goal is to allow people with disabilities to live at home rather than in institutions.

IHSS as a county-administered state program that uses county, state and federal funds via Medicaid, Medi-Cal and other streams and is subject to regulatory input from all three levels of government. If that sounds convoluted, it's because it is. The complexities of this safety net program provide a particularly good example of why it's important to keep our small, impoverished county whole.

When regulatory issues arise that require legislative fixes, we reach out to County Assembly, State Senate and Congressional representatives. This task is magnified dramatically by our county not being whole in current state and district federal districts. We request that the Commission revise the draft Assembly and Congressional districts to keep Yolo County whole, as it is in the draft Senate district.

People with disabilities are more likely to rely on public transportation and have difficulty traveling far, so the geography of districts has a direct impact on our ability to have access to elected representatives.
Grouping Yolo and Solano, as we are in the draft, Congressional and Senate districts, allows better use of transportation corridors to access district offices. This -- there is essentially no public transportation between Yolo, Glenn and Tajima counties, so the grouping in the draft Assembly district could significantly decrease our access to representatives.

We have three requests. Please adjust the Congressional district by adding West Sacramento to Yolo while maintaining the Yolo Solano grouping. In the Senate district, please maintain Yolo's --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. LADDISH: -- community and grouping with Solano. Please adjust the Assembly district by adding West Sacramento to Yolo in grouping Yolo with Solano rather than with counties far to our North. Thank you for your consideration and valuable work.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your testimony.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we want 004, and up next after that would be 033.

004, I'll be promoting you now. 004, you can enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what district plan and region you'd like to address. The floor is yours.
MS. INFUSINO: Hi. Good morning. Hello, Commissioners. Thank you for allowing me to speak. I'm calling about the Long Beach Congressional map. My name is Melissa Infusino. As a resident of Long Beach, I've lived on the East side downtown, and I'm looking forward to my next move closer to the beach. I just wanted to say thank you to Commissioners Turner, Kennedy, Sadhwani, Toledo and others for recognizing Long Beach as a united community. Long Beach really is one community, and in all the places I've lived, I've always felt connected to this city as a whole.

You've done a great job of keeping Greater Long Beach together with Lakewood and Signal Hill, but we also understand that no city can be a Congressional district on. You have many options to consider, but communities like Bellflower to our North or Seal Beach or Los Alamitos to our East make the most sense. We currently have numerous Orange County cities that are in our Congressional district, and it works just fine. They are our neighbors. So thank you for your time and for all of your hard work.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we'll have 0033. And up next after that would be 020.

033, I'll be promoting you now. 033, you can now
enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what district plan and region you'd like to address. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you and good morning. This will be Senate District 25, Antelope Valley, Santa Clarita. And with the revisions, we would like -- I prefer to keep Simi Valley within -- into the Congressional district 25. It has been removed. I am a great supporter and do much volunteer work with veterans here in the Antelope Valley. I've been in the Valley for forty-one years. I do quite a bit with veterans. We have a strong veteran community up here. At a Veterans' Day event last week that I was at, one of the county people mentioned that they thought it was L.A. County, but they said no, Antelope Valley is very strong.

Through one of my organizations for veterans, we have a very good relationship with the veteran community in Simi Valley. Please return the Simi Valley to this Senate district, to this Congressional district, I'm sorry. Please keep it as it is currently. Please disregard the current draft, which removes Simi Valley. If you need to add more, please add the remainder of Simi Valley into this district, but please disregard this current draft. Please keep Congressional District 25 as
it currently stands before this draft.

If I have another moment, I would like to see the Senate district for the Antelope Valley. Okay, it's not coming up all the way yet. It was greatly expanded to the East, and the Kern County portion was added to the Antelope Valley side, and it's a vast, large area. There's two mountain ranges. My suggestion would be following the highways that service these areas between these mountain region and adding the upper corner --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Go -- see where Boron is? That section that -- it was originally Boron going East was part of that other Senate district. I would recommend you follow the highways that go up between these mountain ranges, and use that --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- to be the geographical division. Thank you. But keep -- please keep that Congressional district 25 as it currently stands. Thank you very much.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right we'll have 020. And up next after that, we'll have 029. I'd like to invite those that have unique IDs ending from 001 through 037 that have not shared during the session to please use
the raised hand option at the bottom of your screen.
That would be 023 -- 032 -- no, that would be 023.
Right now, 020 I will be promoting you now. 020, if you -- you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what district plan and region you'd like to address. The floor is yours.

MR. PAYNE: Thank you so much. I just leaned a little bit back to get out of the sun that's peering through my window. I am calling about a Congressional draft -- Congressional draft maps for the Sacramento region, specifically North Sac Congressional district. I just want to start off by introducing myself. I'm Jeremy Payne of Equality, California. I've called in quite a few times. So thank you so much for always taking my testimonies.

I want to start off by saying we are grateful to the Commission for your recognition that downtown Sacramento and our LGBTQ+ district in Sacramento, Lavender Heights, belong together in your Assembly and Senate maps. But I would like to express our disappointment with the Commission's official draft Congressional maps, which explicitly divides downtown Sacramento and our LGBTQ+ district between two Congressional districts on the maps. That is where the dividing line is on the Southern
The LGBTQ+ residents of these two proposed districts are served by the same LGBTQ+ organizations and institutions, like Sacramento LGBT Community Center and Lavender Library, and they go to the same LGBTQ businesses, community spaces, bars and nightclubs, many of which are in the LGBTQ+ district that was divided in half between districts, North Sac and Sacramento. Our communities are inseparable and sharply divided from similar trainee's in Sacramento, which is why I respectfully urge the Commission to unite all Sacramento, as was done in Equality California's LGBTQ+ community map for Sacramento.

By extending the Congressional boundaries to include all of downtown Sacramento, our LGBTQ+ district of Lavender Heights and the LGBTQ+ dense neighborhoods of Mansion Flats, New Era, Park Boulevard Park, Newton Booth, Alhambra Triangle, Curtis Park, Land Park, Elmhurst and Tahoe Park, we can better unite the Sacramento LGBTQ+ community at the Congressional level, as was done in the Assembly and Senate draft maps. That's all I wanted to share, and thank you so much for your ongoing work.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your testimony.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Well, right now we'll
have 029, and then up next after, I'd like to invite unique ID 023 to please use the raised hand button at the bottom of your screen, as you will be after 029.

029, I'll be promoting you now. 029, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. IF you'll please remind the mapper of what district you'd like to address. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi there. Calling about the San Fernando Valley in Los Angeles County. Perfect. Calling actually from the Toluca Lake area, which is right next to Burbank. We've been drawn into the foothill communities and the Hollywood Hills communities, and that's great, but we are traditionally tied with North Hollywood. And so just asking as neighbors, we're all getting together, trying to get drawn into more similar communities. Our grocery stores are in North Hollywood, our gas stations are in North Hollywood.

We really don't need to be tied in with the foothill communities who worry about fire zones, things like that. We just have different interests. So hoping the Commission can take Greater Toluca Lake and that area, and tie it into North Hollywood and the other communities. Thank you again for your service, and thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. 023,
just in case there is some type of connectivity issue, I will be doing the audio only option at this time. You do have an appointment during the session.

023, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute on your screen, if you are there. Unique ID ending in the last three digits, 023. Well, you may not be at your monitor, as you did not have your hand raised.

So Chair, I will need to check in with you as to what you would like to do. We are out of hands, and people from the session.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Katy. Let's take some of the hands that are that are up until our break or until our scheduled break.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Sounds like a plan. I do actually have unique ID 009. I see you have just either joined, rejoined us or just put your hand up, but I will be -- 009 will be going right now. And then up next after that will be caller 5847.

009, I'll be promoting you now. 009, you can enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. If you'd please remind the mapper of what district and plan you'd like to address. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you very much. I am looking at the Congressional districts, South Sac, San
Joaquin, Stanis-Fresno and the ECA draft maps, and I'm very concerned that these districts have been drawn without thought to the social, economic and physical environments of the valley, foothills, mountains and districts that are completely different from each other. The agricultural, transportation, economic similarities of the Central Valley, align Tracy, Mountain House, Manteca, Modesto and Turlock together, as we in those communities have been saying for over a month via calls and letters.

The initial maps on 11/2 were great. We were very, very happy and relieved. Since then, they don't seem to have gone our way to include us together as a community. In viewing the maps that would show that attempting to represent the ECA district would be unable to effectively -- anyone would be unable to effectively represent the interests of such disparate parts of the state. Those proposed maps would essentially silence the folks and the voices of the majority Latino, black, Asian American, the Syrian and LGBTQ communities in Tracy Manteca, Mountain House, Modesto and Turlock.

The way these districts are currently drawn, unfortunately appear extremely partisan, do not reflect the values of exclusivity and diversity for our communities. Please refer back to the 11/2 maps that
will provide our communities with effective representation. Those comments also apply to the Assembly districts and statewide Senate districts as well. So I thank you very much for all of your hard work. I do hope that you take our comments and our concerns into consideration and fix those three districts. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I'd like to invite those that have joined from the other session -- from what would be session 2, as well, to use the raise your hand button at the bottom of your screen to get in the line at this time. But right now, we will be going to caller 5847. If you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. Caller with the last four digits 5847, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six at this time. The floor is yours.

MS. CHUNG JOE: Hi. Thank you. Hello, my name is Connie Chung Joe. I'm the CEO of Asian Americans Advancing Justice Los Angeles. I'm also a resident of South Pasadena. I'm calling to ask the Commission to not split West San Gabriel Valley into us and to separate Monterey Park, Alhambra and Rosemead as it's done in the Congressional and Assembly draft maps. Doing so will dilute the power of the API community and that community
of interest that has been there for several decades, and it will really backslide on the representation for the API community.

We have community members who regularly shop and go to church and do their business between cities like South Pasadena and Alhambra and Monterey Park. These communities are very close-knit. We go to the restaurants together. We consider it very much part of the same community. My children go to the YMCA that has members for their basketball team that comes from Alhambra as well as South Pasadena and San Marino. And so it does not make sense to split it. And I'm very concerned of what the Commission would be doing to the voice and the representation of the community that has taken so many decades to build up in that area at the Congressional Assembly level.

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. CHUNG JOE: And you're really just diluting the API voice by doing it. Thank you very much.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your testimony.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have caller 7739, and then up next after that will be 4535.

Caller 7739, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.
MR. BUCHANAN: Good morning. My name is Tim Buchanan (ph.), and I'm affiliated with the ACLU of Northern California, and I want to speak on behalf of Congressional district 10.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Go ahead, please.

MR. BUCHANAN: Good morning Commissioners. Has redistricting become a euphemism for gerrymandering? It certainly appears so from a November 9th map for Congressional District 10. Commissioner Sadhwani said we really cleared the map and redrew based on our criteria. One has to wonder what convoluted criteria was applied to CD_10, since the proposed map shatters Modesto and Stanislaus County and mutes the voices of many disenfranchised minority communities.

How can any Congressional person work to represent Modesto, South Lake Tahoe and the Mojave Desert? Answer? It can't be done. An ill-advised attempt to unify San Joaquin County does not justify the shambles present in EC -- in the ECA map. Tracy and Manteca best fit in the current district along with Modesto, Turlock, Patterson --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MR. BUCHANAN: -- and the vibrant -- vibrant townships. I am a voting, taxpaying resident of Modesto for the past thirty-six years, and as a teacher in
Mr. Manoff: Fifteen seconds.

Mr. Buchanan: -- I have witnessed the large migration from the Bay Area into affordable housing and improved schools within CD_10. This dynamic growth has occurred in all of the cities.

Chair Toledo: Thank you for calling in.

Public Comment Moderator: Right now, we will have caller 4535, and up next after that, will be unique ID 068.

4535, if you'll please follow the prompts to a unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

Unidentified Speaker: Hello. Hello. I'm calling today on the Congressional draft map of North Orange County in Brea.

Chair Toledo: Go ahead, please.

Unidentified Speaker: So I am a resident of Brea, and I just wanted to call to let you all know that I am actually disappointed that North Orange County is separated into two different districts. I don't understand how Brea ended up in a separate district from Yorba Linda, Placentia, Anaheim Hills and Orange. We were one community and should be kept together in one Congressional district. I actually work in the real estate industry, so I see firsthand the serious,
affordable housing issues that face all of North Orange County and how interconnected our communities, especially our economies, are. Please prioritize putting North Orange County together in one Congressional district.

Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we'll have unique ID 068, and up next after that will be unique ID 045.

068, I'll be promoting you now. 068, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what district plan and region you'd like to address. The floor is yours.

MS. PHUN: Good morning, folks. I'm calling about West San Gabriel Valley. I'm calling again. Actually, my name is Juily Phun, and I'm a resident of San Gabriel and an assistant professor of Asian-American Studies at Cal State L.A. Not only did I receive my degree in Asian-American communities in Southern California, but I grew up in this area in the sister cities of San Gabriel, Monterey Park, Alhambra and Rosemead. We affectionately think of ourselves as the 626.

I want to tell you a little bit about my neighborhood and why I believe cutting off these cities
from West San Gabriel Valley is detrimental to the Asian-American community. Valley Boulevard and Garvey Avenue is the main corridor through these cities that connect us. So it's -- for example, why I live in San Gabriel. I drop off my daughter in -- at school in Rosemead, and after school we walk a few blocks to get a snack in Monterey Park. We eat dim sum at NBC and sandwiches at Marie Calendar's in Monterey Park, and then we go grocery shopping in Alhambra and San Gabriel.

We are three generations that live in this neighborhood. I'm a Monterey Park kid. I went to elementary school in Rosemead and attended high school and Mark Keppel, which is in the City of Alhambra. And we may live in one city, but move between Alhambra, Monterey Park and Rosemead in San Gabriel seamlessly as we walk or drive down Valley Boulevard. The culture and businesses are very similar from Alhambra to San Gabriel to Rosemead to Monterey Park. And it's not just the geographical ties with Valley Boulevard and Garvey, but it is a cultural affinity.

We represent a community of interest and a voting block. I invite you to come to our sister cities of Monterey Park, Alhambra, San Gabriel, and Rosemead to see how much we are a part of one another as part of Western Gabriel Valley. Come and try any number of our Boba
shops and our much-loved Tokyo Fried Chicken, for example, whose owners live just in the neighboring city.

We are a cohesive community. We live, work, commute in what we consider the West San Gabriel Valley, and I hope the Commission keeps this in mind and keeps our community intact. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, 045, and then up next will be -- right now 045. I'll be promoting you now. 045, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what district plan you'd like to address. The floor is yours.

MR. AI: Hi Commissioners. I'd like to look at Sunny Chino. Commissioners, my name is Mike Ai. I am here on behalf of Equality California, the nation's largest statewide LGBTQ+ civil rights organization. Hundreds of one thousands of members statewide. I'm calling today to express our appreciation to the Commission. We know how hard this work is and how extremely difficult it is, so we thank you for all your hard work.

I'm calling because we would like the City of Campbell moved into Sunny Chino's Assembly district, because Campbell and Cupertino have vibrant LGBTQ+
communities with a history of electing LGBTQ+ candidates of choice. Also, Sunny Chino has a negative 4.1 percent deviation, so moving Campbell into the district would help fix that. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thanks for your feedback.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, would unique ID 060, and then up next after that will be caller 0219.

060, I'll be promoting you now? 060, you can enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what district plan you'd like to address. The floor is yours.

MR. SHOR: Hey, can you hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

MR. SHOR: Okay, great. Yeah, it's basically the Bay Area Assembly District. And my name is David Shor, and I'm calling as a part of Bay Rising, a grassroots alliance of community-led organizations who stand up for working people and communities of color in the Bay and across the state.

Thank you to the Commissioners for doing all of this work to get us to this point. I've called in a few times, and I really appreciate all the collaboration you all have had. There are a bunch of changes that we have to maps in all different levels, Assembly, Senate, and
Congressional, would like to point you to the AAPI and AMEMSA maps that were submitted in earlier rounds, because those have good proposals for us.

I'm actually going to be looking a little bit further East than where this is. So there's -- yeah, the two that I really want to highlight right now are the Alameda district there, which you can see includes the area is the down a little bit, sorry, the one that has, yeah, Hayward and all of those. So these have areas to the West of Hayward, San Lorenzo, the unincorporated areas of Ashland and Cherryland and Union City. All of those areas are heavily POC, are working class communities that have currently been, you know, the areas of like Ashland share a ZIP code with San Leandro. They are absolutely connected over there.

And currently they are being connected by that tiny little path to Pleasanton and Livermore and the areas East of the Hills, which do not share any characteristics with these districts. Those areas are suburban, whereas these ones are urban areas. And currently the way that this map is drawn, it makes it so voting wise, it's 50/50, but knowing the voting rates for the different communities, this district will be completely dominated by the Pleasanton and Livermore area. And so, that is a change that, you know, there have been a lot of partners
who have been calling for a big change there.

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MR. SHOR: So we'd like to see that. I'd also just like to refer further North in Contra Costa County, we'd like to see Vallejo paired with similar communities in Contra Costa County, such as Bay Point, Pittsburgh and Antioch. We'd also like to see Richmond kept whole and paired with Hercules and Rodeo. Each of these communities share values, resources and environmental concerns --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

MR. SHOR: -- and importantly, due to the surrounding areas. So those and all the changes in the AAPI and AMEMSA maps, please. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your testimony.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now is 0129, and up next after that is 2982. Caller 0129, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six? The floor is yours.

MR. LEBARRE: Thank you, Commissioners. This is Michael LeBarre, Mayor of King City, calling again on behalf of concerns regarding CD Cupertino. Again, I would like to remind the Commissioners we have heard a lot of feedback coming from the large population areas from California and to not be neglectful to look at our
smaller communities and to make sure they're fairly represented. For CD_Cupertino, the current in place district CD_20 as well as SD_12 and AD_30 were all drawn to comply with the Voting Rights Act, and as such, had created the ability for minorities to have a strong voice in electing the people of their choice.

The way that CD_Cupertino is drawn takes away their voice. You've taken a community that is a typically agricultural community and connected it all the way up to a tech community, two communities of dissimilar interests. I ask that you do everything you can to bring back the general and substantially same districts that are currently in place of CD_20, SD_12 and AD_30 to ensure the Voting Rights Act that it created such great progress in our communities is kept in place. I appreciate the time, and I appreciate all the work that you're doing, and I will be calling in as many meetings as I can to make sure our voice is heard throughout this process. Thank you, Commissioners.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for engaging with us.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we have caller 2982. And up next after that is caller 3781.

Caller 2982, if you'll please follow the prompts to a unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

MR. NGUYEN: Hi. Good morning. My name is Steve
Nguyen, and I'm calling in for some feedback on the Commission draft map for the West San Gabriel Valley. I work at the Center for Asian Americans United for Self-Empowerment and then a current resident of West San Gabriel Valley, specifically Arcadia. I'm very concerned that the current map is splitting up the Asian-American community in Monterey Park, Alhambra, Rosemead and San Gabriel Valley, San Marino, Temple City and Arcadia.

This current map will split the Asian-American community and subsequently dilute and undercut our community's voice and political power. As such, I stand strongly against the current map and advocate for keeping the communities of the West San Diego Valley together.

Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now is caller 3781, and up next after that is caller 7189.

Caller 3781, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can you hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you. Hello Commissioners, and thank you again for your continuous work on these maps. I know how difficult it can be. I have been listening in for the past couple of days in
regards to, I believe the map is at CD_AVSCV draft, and if that is incorrect, I'm looking into the Santa Clarita region, currently known as Congressional district 25. I have been listening to the calls, and something that has come to my attention, and I find it very troubling, is recently, the sitting congressmen of this area did a tweet in calling out the redistricting Commission, saying they are actively seeking to eliminate him by not including Simi Valley in the district, which is when I saw the upticks of calls to include Simi Valley and with Santa Clarita. Because beforehand the City of Santa Cruz has actually sent a letter saying that they do not want to be a part of Simi Valley due to our no interests. Same with both of our Chambers of Commerce, when you look at the Antelope Valley and the Santa Clarita Valley, including California and Hawaii, NAACP, as well as our local NAACP.

And if -- Simi Valley is in a completely different county, and they have nothing in common with us. And when you listen carefully to the reasons, including why Simi Valley should be looped in, minus the pure partisan talking points, there are no interests saying that we share the same water resources, which we do not, and other than hollow examples of people using our amusement parks, things like Six Flags Magic Mountain, if that was
a community of interest, I would love to be drawn with Anaheim, because I sure love Disneyland.

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I do ask that you relisten into why this community should not be included. When we look at Lancaster, Palmdale in Santa Clarita, we all share the same transportation. We have the same interests in our two communities. We use the same transportation, the Metrolink, 14 and 5 --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- and I just thank you again for listening. Have a good day.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have caller 7189, and up next after that is caller 3140. Caller 7819, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. Caller 7819, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

MS. BRAND: Hi, can you hear me now?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

MS. BRAND: Okay. Hi. My name is Leanna Brand, and I am from Simi Valley and similarly to the area that the last caller was talking into. I would like to look at the Ventura County area that you have cordoned off. I
actually helped to draft this map. You actually took a lot of my ideas when I asked the Simi Valley to please be split off from what is -- what was -- well, what is right now CD_25. As the last caller said, we do not share water with them, because are Calleguas Water District and Golden State Water and have nothing to do with the Palmdale, Lancaster, Santa Clarita area.

For the last ten years, Simi Valley have suffered with pretty much no representation. All of the resources that have been taken for CA-25 have been used in -- on the I-12 corridor and the 14, and the transportation dollars have been ignored in the Simi Valley area, where we have the 118 Freeway.

Additionally, I'd like to point out that Boeing is in Palmdale. We have the Santa Susana Field Lab that is right now not being cleaned up, and part of the of the area is owned by Boeing. They have been holding jobs in Palmdale over our representatives head, so that they are not being pressured to clean up the nuclear disaster from Santa Susana Field Lab.

So we seriously need to be split off from --

MR. MANOFF: Twenty seconds.

MS. BRAND: -- that Palmdale, Lancaster, Santa Clarita are so that we can actually have representation in Ventura County. The veterans are serviced by the
Ventura County --

MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

MS. BRAND: -- veterans' social services and other things. The things you've been hearing from the partisans in Santa Clarita and --

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right, now we have caller 3140 and up next after that will be caller 3564. Caller 3140, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes. Hello Commissioners. I want to start by acknowledging the work that you've been doing so far. This would have been a monumental effort even in the best of times, and given the circumstances of the last year, even more so. So I'm calling today, because we're seeing a partisan effort being made by bad faith actors to re-gerrymander the CD_AVSCV_Draft Map by combining Simi Valley in the Santa Clarita Valley in the same district. Arguments are being made about shared water; we don't share water resources, about transit; but we don't really share transit lines, and fire resources; but we're in separate counties.

So quite frankly, when you have the sitting congressmen tweeting in favor of a particular map that we all think was gerrymandered in the first place, that
should probably tell you all you need to know about the people calling in in favor of that. The North San Fernando Valley, we share a transit corridor with. That's the 5 and the 405. We share water resources, and their students attend our institutes of higher learning here in Santa Clarita, like College of the Canyons, and we go down to CSUN, as the closest university to the Santa Clarita Valley.

And so there's a number of reasons why the North San Fernando Valley is a much better pick or a much better area to be combined with our district than in Simi Valley. The draft map, as it currently stands, is the best option for the district. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in.

MR. SAXENA: Hello. Hi, my name is Vikram Saxena. I serve on the Planning Commission of Cupertino. I'm writing to you about the Congressional -- or talking to you about the Congressional map. We really would like the Cupertino -- City of Cupertino to be in the same Congressional district as other West Valley cities.

That's because a lot of our problems or issues which are
important to us, are shared by our cities nearby, and having a Congressional representative who can represent all of us together will really help.

I'll give you a few examples. One of event is traffic. We are both -- all the cities are served by the 101/280 corridor. We don't get -- but we don't get light rail in Cupertino, and this is very different from, say, other cities, like Fremont or Milpitas or San Jose who are getting served by BART and light rail. And our issues are very different. And getting slapped in the same district as those doesn't help our case to raise federal funds.

I'll personally love to see BART come down 101 and fix a lot of our traffic, transit and lifestyle problems. There are other things, like we have a big quarry and a cement factory just on the Santa Clara property line -- county line, just on the border of Cupertino and Los Altos and Saratoga, and they have been running for hundred years, but the people who bought it have made their money over many times over. And as the valley has grown, it still continues to pollute and, you know, send pollution down our creeks, which is becoming a major issue, especially since we have an application --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MR. SAXENA: where they want to start cutting down
the red lines and taking things from there. And I think this is something which will require federal input as well as federal funding to shut down that thing, because it is becoming a health hazard. And if you just look at the map --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

MR. SAXENA: -- it looks very gerrymandered that, you know, we have all the cities in the peninsula coming down in one district and Cupertino is sort of inserted into that. So from a point of view of the planning and all the initiatives we need to take, I would really urge you to keep --

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: At this time, Chair, we do not have any more raised hands, and we have about three minutes till the break.

CHAIR TOLEDO: All right. So let's --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Let's take this one last call -

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Perfect.

CHAIR TOLEDO: -- and then we'll go to break. We'll take our 15-minute break around 11 o'clock, coming back at 11:15.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Perfect.

Unique ID 023, I'll be promoting you now. 023, you
can now enable your audio and video on the lower left
corner of your screen. And if you'd please remind the
mapper of what district plan you'd like to address. The
floor is yours. Hello?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. First, I would like
to thank the Commission for taking the time to hear my
concern, also for all the time you have invested and
drawing our or your proposed district boundaries. My
concern is regarding State Senate's ECA, currently SD-12.
I have a question, and correct me if I'm wrong, according
to the criteria that the Commission has to follow in
drawing district maps, and I am referring to only one
part of the criteria. It stated that districts must
comply with the Voting Rights Act.

I feel that the Commission has failed to follow the
Voting Rights Act, which ensures minorities an equal
opportunity to elect representation of their choice.
With Latinos now making sixty-one percent of the
population in Riverside County, yet your proposed SD map
ECA it only includes twenty-six percent of the Latino
vote. Does this mean then that realistically I or we as
Latinos are not expected -- are not expect it to be
allowed to elect candidates of your choosing?
Am I wrong to say that the interpretation of the content of key intent of the Voting Rights Act is not being followed? Just questions. I am asking the Commission to keep the Salinas Valleys -- Salina and Central Valley together when drawing district boundaries so that not to dilute the Latino vote and guarantee us the right to choose our representative.

We have many -- all three places have many similarities, just to name a few, our diverse population and our agricultural economy. I have worked in the Merced County for forty-six years to ensure improvement of our voting rights as Latinos and have never felt so threatened of losing this right until the last -- these past five years. The proposed SD_ECA scares the jeebies out of me. I don't only see that diluting of our Latino right to vote, but also feel our democracy is slowly being diluted too.

Thank you for hearing my concern, and thank you again for all the work you're putting into this and the time for hearing my concern. Have a good day.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in and sharing your thoughts. With that, we will be taking a fifteen-minute break, coming back at 11:15, at which time we will continue to take our scheduled appointments and then public comments, if there are any, until our next
scheduled break. Thank you. We are in recess.

(The hearing is in recess from 11:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.)

CHAIR TOLEDO: Welcome back to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission Draft Maps Public Input Meeting. We are continuing on with testimony from the public. We'll start with appointments and then move on to public comment, if we have time during the session. Otherwise, we will accept public comment later in the afternoon.

At this point, we are offering language lines for Spanish language speakers to listen to our meeting in their native language. Could I please have the Spanish interpreters provide our language line number where the public can listen to our meeting in Spanish?

THE INTERPRETER: Certainly, Commissioner.

(In Spanish, not Translated)

THE INTERPRETER: Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

Katy, would you please read the instructions on how to -- for those individuals with appointments, how to start their appointment sessions?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely, Chair. Welcome to the Draft Map Feedback Session. If you have not done so already, and if you have a unique idea that
ends in 038 through 077, please use the raised hand button at the bottom of your screen.

You will be identified by your assigned unique I.D. number, which you received in your invite for this session. When it is your turn to speak, I'll promote you have the ability to enable your own audio and/or video in the lower left corner of your screen. Public input time limit is two minutes and thirty seconds. You will receive a verbal warning at thirty seconds remaining and fifteen seconds remaining in your speaking time. There will also be an active timer on the screen for your convenience. When you start your input, please identify which district plan and region you'll be providing input on. And one more time, please use the raised hand button at the bottom of your screen to enter the public comment queue line, indicating you are present and ready to comment.

If you have a unique I.D. that ends anywhere from 037 through 077. We'll be starting out here with a unique I.D. 053, and then up next after that will be 038. 053, I'll be promoting you now. 053, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. If you'd please remind the mapper of what district plan and region you'd like to address. The floor is yours.
MR. SUKATON: I'd like to address -- let's start at AD North Coast. So it would be Assembly Plan. Let's focus on Humboldt County. Good morning. This is Sam Sukaton with the California Environmental Voters Education Fund, also known as Enviro Voters. Definitely appreciate your consistent engagement with us around environmental and environmental justice communities of interest. And we're going to do a quick tour of the Assembly map. I had a couple of things that that we would like and be like to see adjusted. As initially -- as I discussed in my presentation on the Senate map, we are supportive of the North Coast and Gulf Country divisions, but we do want to note we support the Karuk and Yurok tribes in the California Native Hope Project and drawing Siskiyou County, the Western part of Siskiyou County East into the North Coast district.

We think the population will be negligible, probably about 20,000 -- 20 to 30,000. If necessary, feel free to split Sonoma and draw parts of Sonoma East to balance. If you'll further take down with me -- down to a district ECA, definitely appreciate the split between ECA in the North and at colony on the South. That kind of match cosmetically our interest in one Sierra Senate district, the two Assembly districts nestling in.

I will note, however, again, that when you draw the
Eastern Sierra and with the Central Valley, you watered down the unique character of the Central Valley districts in kind of self-determination. They've specifically said they don't want to be governed from Victorville, from Visalia or from Fresno. With that in mind, I would encourage you to draw Cala Inyo a little tighter East off the 99 corridor.

It does run into the City of Fresno. We'd very much like not like that to happen, in that we do believe drawing Sierra district frees up your hand to draw stronger, more workable, more functional (indiscernible) in every level of government in the Central Valley. So again, Cala Inyo and ECA. I'll refer you back to the maps that we submitted, which have one Senate seat from Truckee -- from Sierra County in the North to Inyo in the South, including Sequoia National Park. It's the only hand that dips into the Valley counties and does not touch the 5 and 99 corridors.

Also, with ECA, I notice that you we go into Rancho Cordova. We're a little agnostic on this, but you could switch it up and take in Roseville. We do believe, like, again, if you're driving for population of the Sierras, go East -- go West once and go West to Roseville.

Finally, just moving really quickly down to Los Angeles County --
MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

MR. SUKATON: -- and 10 Assembly district, we've joined with -- at Equality, California. You probably saw this on Twitter asking you to combine West Hollywood and Hollywood in a nonblack and non-Latino majority CVAP district? That's it for now. We'll be submitting letters, but definitely appreciate your engagement.

Thank you so much.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your continued engagement.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now is 038, and up next, after that will be 061.

038, I'll be promoting you now. 038, you can now enable your audio and video on the lower left corner of your screen. If you'll you please remind the mapper of what district and region you'd like to address. The floor is yours.

MS. LIM: Good morning. I apologize for the dog. The mailperson just came. I'm going to be focusing on L.A. County, the areas of Koreatown and San Gabriel Valley. So good morning Commissioners. My name is June Lim from Asian Americans Advancing Justice Los Angeles, speaking on behalf of the AAPI and AMEMSA State Redistricting Collaborative to share feedback from our community members, many of whom were unable to secure an
As far as Koreatown, please use the Koreatown COI shapefile that we submitted to the Commission, rather than the Neighborhood Council District, as the COI has Koreatown's boundaries as defined by its community members. Thank you for keeping it whole at the Assembly level; however, the CIA cut in both the Senate and Congressional draft maps. The main priority of Koreatown is for its COI to be kept whole at all levels of government. In the Senate map, this could be achieved by bringing the Southern boundary of SDNELA down to Pico Boulevard and in the Congressional map, the Western boundary of CDNELA can be moved West to take in the Koreatown COI pool.

As for the West San Gabriel Valley, at the Assembly level, we thank the Commission for keeping together what is considered the core of the West San Gabriel Valley AAPI community, the Cities of Alhambra, Monterey Park, Rosemead and San Gabriel, and keeping them in an Asian VRA district with other cities in the Western San Gabriel Valley that have large concentrations of AAPIs, who have shared cultural institutions, policy interests, and who cross city boundaries to access resources and to frequent the many Asian and other minority-owned small businesses there.
This is why it was very upsetting to the West SGV community to see Alhambra, Monterey Park and Rosemead separated from San Gabriel, Temple City, Arcadia and the rest of the West San Gabriel Valley in CD210 of the draft Congressional map. At no level of government should these four cities be split from one another or separated from the other West San Gabriel Valley communities, as doing so dilutes the API community's political power.

In the Senate draft map, the West San Gabriel Valley is kept together but unnecessarily put in a Latino VRA district. Please see the Black Hub and MALDEF Senate map submissions --

MR. MANOFF: Twenty seconds.

MS. LIM: -- to see how the West San Gabriel Valley AAPI can be drawn in a district separate from a neighboring Latino VRA district. In closing, I urge you to please use and keep whole the collaborative COIs --

MR. MANOFF: Ten.

MS. LIM: -- for which the shaped files were submitted to the Commission. Thank you very much for your time.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, 061, and up next after that will be 066.

061, I'll be promoting you now. 061, you can now
enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. Please remember to provide what district plan and region you'd like to address. The floor is yours.

MS. LANE: Thank you. I'll be addressing West Contra Costa County. Hello Commissioners. My name is Cheryl Lane. I'm a Richmond native, and I continue to call it home, where I'm raising my ten-year-old son. I'm also fortunate to lead a sixteen-year-old organization called Building Blocks for Kids, or BBK. We work with thousands of black and Latinx families throughout West Contra Costa County to amplify their voices around education and health equity.

I'm here to ask the Commission to keep Richmond whole and paired with similar communities in Hercules and Rodeo. Families in our community understand the importance of our issues and life intersect. Our children may live in Richmond and go to school in Hercules or vice versa. That's why our district, West Contra Costa Unified, encompasses a region and not just one city. Our faith communities are connected, because our families have moved throughout West Contra Costa County. They may live in a place like Hercules and still call their home church in Richmond.

I'm here today to ask that for our Assembly
district, it is imperative to keep Richmond whole with other communities along the Bay in West Contra Costa County and not within the communities of Central Contra Costa County, including Orinda and Morada, that are just similar in so many ways that you already know. For our simply districts in the map that have been presented by the Black Hub, we had the opportunity to create two strong black citizen voting age population districts in West Contra Costa County, as well as East Contra Costa County Vallejo.

For our projected district Congressional district, let's ensure black communities in Vallejo and Richmond in East Contra Costa have a strong political voice in a single district. It is vital that we have representatives to understand the priorities of black residents that understand the historical context of our areas and how they shifted and how they impact our communities today. Keeping Richmond and other West Contra Costa communities, as well as their alignment with other black communities, is key to reducing the fracture that has and continue to result from disinvestment and rapid gentrification.

So I thank you for your time and consideration of our community. And lastly for that forty-one seconds, I just want to lift up some of the issues that our
community shared. They want to share that all of our students have an opportunity, that black students have an opportunity --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. LANE: They want violence prevention programs that center on funding and youth programs. They also want strong infrastructure to prevent illegal dumping and littering in our communities. Lastly, they want healing center care that focuses on mental health.

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

MS. LANE: Thank you for your time and consideration.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in and providing your thoughts.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now is 066, and then up next after that would be 072.

066, I'm promoting you now. Oh, yes, 066. 066, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. If you could please remind the mapper of what district plan and region you'd like to address. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. I would want to talk about the Assembly visualizations for Irvine and North of Seacoast. Hi everyone. Infrastructure is a big topic these days, and whether you support spending
more on it or not, there are billion headed to California
to deal with it. So depending on where you live in
Irvine, you have different concerns, and you will want
your representative to advocate for different things.

First of all, public transportation is important.
Where the 405 meet the 55 near John Wayne Airport is a
mess right now. At the wrong time of the day, it can
look like a parking lot, and Costa Mesa, South of Irvine,
Newport Beach all suffer, while UC Irvine is nearby, and
the students need to go to class, to jobs, and maybe to
the beach on the weekend.

While at the other end, you have the Irvine, the 241
toll road is also a mess. It's a beautiful road, but not
many people use it right now, as they consider the tolls
is too high. On top of that, there is an ongoing debate
as to where the road should be in. And because the 241
is underutilized, the 5 became too congested, while
Ervine, Santa Margarita and other Inglot communities are
still growing and still adding traffic to the roads.

Someone needs to speak for this region and fix the
241. At the same time, air quality is also a problem as
pollution backs up when it hits the mountain, and people
who live near the mountains breathe air that is not as
clean as those who live near the beach. Vehicle travel
stations mean more to people who are breathing polluted
air. So I ask you to adjust your maps, so they allow representatives to focus on the infrastructure needs of their communities. Lake Forest residents use the 5 or 241, a lot more than the 241 and 5, while Portola residents in North Irvine takes the four hundred five or four hundred two -- 241, as do those who live in Rancho Santa Margarita.

Well, elected officials care about a lot of topics. We all want good schools, good health care, but nothing is more local than infrastructure. So I would like to request you to please consider the needs of my part of Orange County when drawing your maps. Thank you so much.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much.

PUBLIC COMMENTATOR: Right now, we have 072, and up next after that would be 075.

072, we'll be promoting you now. 072, you can enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. If you'd please remind the mapper of what district plan you'd like to address. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Thank you so much for the opportunity. Good morning to members of the Commission. My name is Juan. I'm a resident of Bellflower and a small business owner. Before owning my own business, I also worked in a variety of different places; downtown L.A., Port of Long Beach, and even a
small renters company. I worked in many small cities in
the region, but living in Bellflower has been great.

I'm raising my family here, and we feel safe and
connected to our local community. But we also know that
Congressional districts are more than just one community.
They are a collection of communities, and I'd like to
express my support for connecting Bellflower with a
district that represents the Greater Long Beach area. We
have so many things in common. We share the same local
media, park space, hospitals, and other things that are
important to us. Connecting Bellflower to Long Beach is
a good thing, and it's currently connected in your map,
so please don't change it. Keep Bellflower with our
neighbor, Long Beach. Thank you so much for your service
and for your time this morning.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your input.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we have 075,
and up next after that, will be 071.

075, I'll be promoting you now. 075 -- it would
appear there's a -- oh, no. Good to go. All right, 075,
you can enable your audio and video in the lower left
corner of your screen. If you'll please remind the
mapper of what district plan and region you would like to
address. The floor is yours.

MR. WOO: Good morning. My name is Charlie Woo, and
I would want to comment on Congressional map in San Gabriel Valley in L.A. County. I'm a resident of Congressional District 27 in West San Gabriel Valley and the Board Chair for Center for Asian Americans United for Self-Empowerment. For nearly thirty years, (indiscernible) San Gabriel Valley leaders to strengthen our political voice. Today, I speak for forty community groups and over a hundred leaders to urge you to keep the Asian communities together in both East and West San Gabriel Valley. For Asian Americans that work, live and engage in social and family activities in either end of the San Gabriel Valley, our lives are not divided by city or county boundaries.

You shouldn't divide the community based on one or two factors alone, but should instead look at the bigger picture to get the real sense of the community. Because our shared ethnic and cultural heritage and immigrant experience with similar concern for language access, immigration, education, and assimilation, we have created a strong, interdependent, economic, social and cultural community of interest in both East and West San Gabriel Valley. The draft map does not capture that reality.

Let me share with you third evidence, by providing you, you data from recent research done by Professor Christian Gross of USC and Professor Natalie Matsusaka.
from UCLA on Asian voting patterns in CD-27. Their research shows that Asian voters in this district cohesively support Asian candidates of their choice. With a cohesive voting block large enough, Asian candidates can form a coalition to be successful.

We don't need to draw a fifty percent Asian district for the opportunity to elect our representatives. The current representatives, in both East and West San Gabriel Valley are a living example of such effective VRA districts, although both are less than fifty percent Asians.

Ten years ago, your predecessor Citizen Commission listened to our community and create such opportunities districts by putting the Asian community together in one piece in the West and the Asian community together with North Orange County districts in another district in the East.

Through years of community organization, we turned that opportunity into reality. With pandemic, an anti-Asian hate crime hitting our community hard, we need our voices heard now more than ever. Do not dismiss us --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MR. WOO: -- just because it is difficult to show a fifty percent district and then think it would be okay to split us even further.
MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

MR. WOO: You have a moral and legal obligation to make sure our voices can be heard and our needs can be addressed. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in and for your testimony.

PUBLIC CONTENT MODERATOR: Right now, caller 071, and up next after that is 074.

071, I'll be promoting you now. 071, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. If you would please remind the mapper of what district and region you'd like to address. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Thank you very much. My name is B.J. I would like to address the East San Fernando Valley in Los Angeles. First, I want to thank the Commission for doing the great work of paring most of the working-class neighborhoods of the East San Fernando Valley. But it's a very critical that both the Senate district labeled SCSFV and the Central San Fernando Valley Assembly map be corrected.

I strongly encourage you all, as a resident of this community, to unify North Hollywood and Toluca Lake to Central San Fernando Valley Assembly map and Senate map. North Hollywood and Toluca Lake share both economic and
community assets that are traditionally linked. Please
do not break up to Toluca Lake from North Hollywood.
Please keep our communities unified and united. These
are small population shifts that don't require any major
changes. Please continue the great work you've done so
far, and keep these two communities united and unified.
Thank you.

PUBLIC CONTENT MODERATOR: All right, now we will
have 074, and up next, after that will be 056.

075, I'll be promoting you now. 074, you could now
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your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of the
district plan and region you'd like to address. The
floor is yours. Hello?

MS. MUNOZ: Hello?

PUBLIC CONTENT MODERATOR: There you go. The floor
is yours.

MS. NUNEZ: Hello. My name is Maribel Nunez. I'm
addressing the Victor Valley and then the Morongo Basin.
And my name is Maribel Nunez with the Brown and Black
Redistricting Alliance. We collected over a hundred
communities of interest and community meetings to address
you all what our map recommendations are. And we're here
in the Inland Empire Group of Latino-African-American and
Asian-American community members. And so for the -- I
think for the most part, you've done a great job with the Assembly districts.

And also I want to address more on the State Senate maps, the Antelope Victor Valley. We recommend that you remove Little Creek. I think it -- that will impede to -- abide to the Voter Rights Act. We feel that Little Creek might be best on an East and West to be more contiguous, and it's more connected with San Bernardino and L.A. Forest and maybe be under Monrovia or Glendora versus the desert. We are connected on the Freeway 40, connects to the tribe's resources in Barstow, Mojave National Preserve area. Victor Valley has its own unique desert and rural communities that need to be together. Shopping activities connect with school districts and services. And so we do recommend that for that State Senate and VICVAL to remove Little Creek.

And then the other one on the MCV, the Morongo-Coachella Valley, we recommend that you remove the mountain cities, like Arrowhead, Running Springs, Big Bear. We have a possibility of having another State Senate map that connects all Coachella Valley, Morongo and Imperial, and so it would violate the Voting Rights Act, including those mountain cities. We have the area of Coachella Valley, Imperial Valley and San Jacinto that are very connected Latino-led district. We're connected
by services, school districts, various Native American
tribes of Morongo and La Paz.

As I mentioned, we're also very connected to media,
to services, and as I mentioned before, this will violate
the Voting Rights Act if we separate these.

MR. MANOFF: Twenty seconds.

MS. NUNEZ: And then the State Senate map in
Riverside, Riverside's split in three ways. We recommend
that Riverside is connected with Hoopa Valley, Moreno
Valley and Perris --

MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

MS. NUNEZ: -- not Temecula. That also violates the
Voter Rights Act. It should not be connected to
Temecula. So thank you so much for your time.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have
056. And up next after that is 039.

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your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what
district plan you'd like to address. The floor is yours.

MS. CHENG: Hi. I'll be discussing Congressional
and Assembly draft maps in Orange County.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, go ahead.

MS. CHANG: All right, thank you. Good morning. My
name is Susan Cheng, and I'm the organizing director at AHRI for Justice, a nonprofit organization focused on organizing civic engagement and providing immigration legal services in Orange County. We're also a member of the People's Redistricting Alliance. Before anything else, I just want to thank you all for your commitment to this crucial process.

Today, I wanted to comment on the communities of interest in Irvine, Costa Mesa, and Tustin. Me, my two siblings, and five cousins have attended or are attending school at the University of California, Irvine, and have been for throughout the span of a decade. We've seen Irvine and its surrounding areas grow and have experienced the challenges and disparities in this area. It's so important that we keep the communities of interest in Irvine, Costa Mesa and Tustin together because of the common challenges immigrant communities face, such as access to affordable housing, transportation and environmental justice issues.

These parts of Orange County should be drawn together, especially keeping Irvine whole and with Costa Mesa. While the Congressional map generally looks good in Orange County, the division of Irvine and splitting of the Irvine, Costa Mesa, and Tustin COI are the major concerns. It's extremely important that we keep
disproportionately immigrant communities whole and
together, especially as one of the fastest growing major
cities in the state.

At the Assembly level, I thank you all for keeping
Irvine, Costa Mesa and Tustin whole and drawn together in
district IRV. Please keep this immigrant district
together, and also please make sure that any shifts to
the maps don't disturb the overall architecture achieved
in both the Congressional and Assembly draft maps.

Thank you for your time. This is an important
process that will have effects for ten years, and I'm
grateful for the Commission and all the work you do.

Thank you once again.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your testimony.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have
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screen If you'll please remind the mapper of what
district plan you'd like to address. The floor is yours.
MS. ORR: Thanks so much. I will be addressing all
maps in referencing Sacramento and San Diego areas.
So thank you all to the Commissioners and staff for
your ongoing hard work with this complicated process. My
name is Adria Orr, and I'm calling from Asian Americans Advancing Justice Asian Law Caucus on behalf of the AAPI and AMEMSA State Redistricting Collaborative. We uploaded -- uplifting priorities and feedback from -- for your draft maps from our community partners in Sacramento and San Diego and Sacramento.

In Sacramento, I first want to appreciate that the maps for all levels of government, keep crucial Hmong and Southeast Asian communities of interest in the El Paso Heights, Lemon Hill, and Meadowview Hall. We also strongly support all of the effort that went into keeping Elk Grove with the Sacramento based district at all levels of government. Our Punjabi Sikh community was very pleased to see Roseville and Antelope kept together and separate from Granite Bay at the Assembly level.

We also appreciate that the quickly growing Syrian and Afghan refugee community in Arden Arcade, which extends East into Carmichael at Manzanita Avenue, was kept whole at the Senate and Congressional levels. We asked for that refugee community of interest to also be kept together at the Assembly level. We also request that Vineyard, an area with a growing AAPI community that has little in common with San Joaquin County and communities in the Central Valley, be kept with Elk Grove in the Sacramento based district at all levels of
government.

In order to accomplish both of these tasks within the current draft Assembly lines, one option is to move West Sacramento and the area around Fruit Ridge Pocket, North of Fruit Ridge Avenue, out of the central Sacramento district into the neighboring districts with Yolo County and Elk Grove, respectively. This would make room to bring Vineyard into a district with Elk Grove and for the remainder of the refugee community of interest in Carmichael to go into the central Sacramento district.

In San Diego, we appreciate that our city heights community of interest is whole at the Assembly and Senate levels and ask that you work to accomplish the same at the Congressional level, if possible, while respecting the Latino VRA district there. Additionally, the Filipino-American community and national city, which was bounded by Deep Avenue and 16th Street, would prefer to be kept together as Paradise Hills and other neighborhoods in Southeast from San Diego, rather than having the district lines follow the city boundary.

The neighborhoods of Linda Vista, Claremont, Kearny Mesa and Mira Mesa form an important Asian-American community of --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. ORR: -- interests surrounding the convoy
business district, and should be kept intact and together at all levels of government. To accomplish this within the Assembly map, we recommend swapping the Sorento Valley and Carmel Valley areas out to make Mira Mesa whole in the Central Valley -- San Diego district. We also request --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

MS. ORR: -- to explore a new configuration for Senate districts in the San Diego area, as this community of interest has little in common with the areas they're currently group with, like Santee, Fallbrook, Hummel Valley Center, and Rainbow. Thank you so much for your time.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

PUBLIC CONTENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have unique I.D. 059. And up next after that will be 076.

059, I'm promoting you now. 059, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. If you will please remind the mapper of what district plan and region you would like to address. The floor is yours.

MR. SUPAHAN: Good morning. This is Terry Supahan. I am executive director of the True North Organizing Network, and a member of the Karuk Tribe on the Klamath
River, and your mapper already has the map I'm most concerned and interested in, and Humboldt and Siskiyou Counties that Congressional district being proposed. As I indicated last week, I believe that the Commission is trying to do all that it can to support interest and intentions of the Karuk Tribe. Unfortunately, the Congressional district being proposed and the State Senate map being proposed is detrimental to our region and to our county. We have been in the county of Eastern Humboldt for many generations and that is where we're oriented to in Orleans, Weitchpec, Hoopa. We are oriented to the county seat on the coast in Eureka, not to the county seat in Siskiyou, which would be three hours away from our ancestral lands in Orleans. So that change would be incredibly difficult for many of us who send children to school, both on the reservation and in the Klamath County School District, as well as in the public schools there in Orleans. So we really hope that you reevaluate that, and put that Congressional district back into Humboldt County, and that if there's going to be other ways to support the ancestral lands of the Karuk Tribe that you find a different way to do that. Thank you so much.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we have 076.
And up next after that we have 077. 076, I'll be promoting you now. 076, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper --

MR. MELONAKOS: Yes. Hello. This is Brian Melonakos. I'm addressing Assembly district 75, and Congressional district 50. My name's Brian Melonakos. I've been a resident of Escondido for over seventeen years, and we are used to having more in common in Escondido with the more agricultural areas of Valley Center, Fallbrook, Bonsall, the tribal lands to the East. Most of these areas come into Escondido to do their shopping and a lot of their business, and we just have a lot in common in terms of transportation networks and so on. So what's being proposed here -- I know you're all doing very hard, good work, but it's a pretty radical change, merging the District of Escondido in with parts of San Diego, such as Rancho Bernardo and 4S Ranch. And so I respectfully request that you reconsider that and keep Escondido, Fallbrook, Bonsall, Rainbow, and including Hidden Meadows and up to Temecula -- keep that into the current district 75, and also Congressional district 50, and not put us in with the much more urban neighborhoods of City of San Diego, such as Rancho Bernardo, 4S Ranch, and Mira Mesa, which do not have much
in common with the areas I've mentioned. And that includes Lake Hodges that should continue to be in our district of interest. So I thank you for all the time you're putting into this, and I hope you consider my opinions.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we have 077. And up next after that will be 070.

077, I'll be promoting you now. 077, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. Please remind the mapper what district plan you'd like to address. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi there. I would like to talk about the Eastern San Fernando Valley.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Go ahead.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: My name's Beth. I'm a homeowner in Toluca Lake, and I'm talking today -- first I wanted to thank the Commission, which has done a great job so far of just doing such a good job, just thank you so much. And so I really just wanted to say that it's critical that both the Senate district labeled as SCSFV, and the Central San Fernando Valley Assembly map be corrected. I really want to unify North Hollywood and Toluca Lake to the Central San Fernando Valley Assembly map. North Hollywood and Toluca Lake share economic and
community assets that have been traditionally linked throughout our history. As you know, our communities share so much, and we've been linked throughout our history. And we really don't want to break Toluca Lake and North Hollywood. These are just small population shifts that don't require major changes, and so we really just ask that you keep Toluca Lake with North Hollywood and you put us back. And so that's really what we're asking today. So these are just the small changes, so please finish your good work by unifying our working neighborhoods, and by adding Toluca Lake back with North Hollywood in the Eastern San Fernando Valley. Thank you so much.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we have unique ID 070. And up next after that will be 042.

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MR. ROWTEN: Good morning. We're talking Escondido Assembly District. My name is James Rowten. Good morning, Commissioners. I am the CEO of the Greater Escondido Chamber of Commerce, which represents small and large business owners in Escondido and its neighboring communities along the I-15 corridor.
I am testifying today regarding the Escondido Assembly draft map to request that you revise the district lines to keep Escondido, Fallbrook, Bonsall, and Rainbow in a separate district from the City of San Diego, and unify it with our rural neighbors along the I-15 corridor, including Valley Center, Temecula, and the tribal communities East of Escondido to the county line. This is actually my second time testifying to the Commission.

I previously testified on September 2nd, requesting that you keep Escondido and Temecula together in one district because of the strong commercial and agricultural ties between the two cities. Today, I reiterate this request, and also ask that you keep Escondido and our rural neighbors in a separate district from San Diego proper. Under the current draft map, Escondido is drawn into a district with the City of San Diego, including neighborhoods as far South as Mira Mesa.

Escondido has much more in common with nearby rural communities, including Valley Center, Hidden Meadows, than we do these urban areas. I urge the Commission to draw the boundaries of our Assembly district at Lake Hodges, and certainly no further South than the 56 Freeway. Escondido has many connections with its rural neighbors, including strong agrotourism ties with San
Pascual Valley, Valley Center, Fallbrook, Bonsall, Pala, Pauma Valley, and Temecula.

Escondido is proud to be home of the San Diego County Farm Bureau, and support agriculture in our region. Please reunite Escondido with Valley Center and Hidden Meadows and Temecula, as well as our local tribal lands, including Rincon, Pala, Pauma, San Pascual, La Jolla and Pechanga. The tribal communities contribute immensely to the local economy and workforce of our community.

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MR. ROWTEN: The 15-Freeway is well positioned and is the freeway of commerce up and down from the border all the way up into Temecula and the Inland Empire. This is where commerce is traveled. We have much more in common --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

MR. ROWTEN: -- with our neighbors to the North. Please, consider these changes. We respectfully request it. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have 047. And up next after that is 040.

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your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper what
district plan you'd like to address. The floor is yours.

MS. JAMES: Good morning. The map I'm calling about
is AD_SOLANO. My name is Cassandra James, and I live in
Vallejo for the last ten years. Both of my sons were
born at Kaiser Vallejo. I am an appointed member of the
Housing and Community Development Commission for the City
of Vallejo, and I recently served on the Advisory
Committee for the Solano County redistricting process.

So thank you all for your service.

The Voters FIRST Act was passed to ensure fair lines
were drawn, and not lines that benefit the status quo.
The status quo has often been to the detriment of Solano
County. Though our current Assembly member moved to
Solano after being elected, we haven't elected a native
to the Assembly since '92. That's thirty years of voices
not being heard. Under the current Assembly lines, our
county is split into three different Assembly districts.
Your draft map keeps Solano County whole. Our request is
a simple one: Resist the calls from others saying what
is best for Solano. Most of the testimony you've heard
is true. Dixon may have ties to Davis, Vallejo to Napa.
We have a sizeable African-American community, but that
shouldn't be excuse to split up the county once more. To
dilute and diminish our voice. Be aware, when it is
people from Yolo saying how you should divide Solano to
their benefit, Napa saying how we should divide Solano to
their benefit, and Contra Costa saying how we should
divide Solano to their benefit. Please leave Solano
whole in your final Assembly plans. Thank you so much,
and have a great day.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much for your feedback.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will have
040. And then up next after that is 049.

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of your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of
what district plan you'd like to address. The floor is
yours. 040, you should be seeing the unmute prompt --
there you go. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi. Good morning.
I'm commenting on the current redistricting map for
Stanislaus County. Looking at some of the requirements
for redistricting, I'm concerned that this map violates
at least two of the factors required. The first states
that, as much as possible, districts must not split
cities, counties, neighborhoods, or communities of
interest that share social and economic interest. You
have split up -- excuse me -- two of the largest cities
in Stanislaus County, that's Modesto and Turlock. I
don't understand how this is justified. I live in a
district that would make up Tahoe to Death Valley. What
common concerns or interests do these areas share other
than being part of California? I grew up in a mountain
resort in California and I can tell you that their needs
are completely different than what -- the needs of the
Central Valley. The communities of Turlock, Manteca,
Modesto, Turlock, and Patterson share the need to address
the needs of transportation, both goods and people. The
unique freeway patterns and warehouses and agriculture
make this area a transportation hub to connect Northern
and Southern California as well as a major route to the
Bay Area. Our shared concerns involve infrastructure,
affordable housing, environmental issues, agriculture and
employment. We have been making progress in these areas
and now you want to split up our area and destroy that
progress.

Another violation of the requirements is that there
be compliance with the Voting Rights Act. Minority
groups have equal opportunities to elect representatives
of their choice. Stanislaus County is extremely diverse
and with the current map, you attempt to dilute the power
of the minority voices. Stanislaus County alone has a
huge Hispanic community, and the voting bloc would be
impacted by --
MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: -- of their power.

When I looked at the original redistricting map, I thought I was looking at a map of Texas, not California. I implore you to keep California district 10 intact. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have 049. And up next after that we have 052.

049, I'll be promoting you now. 049, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what district plan and region you'd like to address. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi. I will be addressing the State Senate in the Central Valley -- the South Central Valley to be specific. Happy Monday, Commission. I'm going to be discussing, as I mentioned, the State Senate drafts in the Southern Central Valley.

I am a lifelong Valley resident. I grew up in East Bakersfield. I live in Fresno. And I attended UC Merced for university. Last week, I gave input about the ECA draft map, urging you to bring Merced County back into a Valley-based Senate district. Today, I want to urge you to work on the Kings/Kern draft, and encourage you to add
more Fresno County and the City of Fresno to the
Kings/Kern draft map. Earlier this month I heard a lot
of testimony from folks in Fresno and Bakersfield, angry
that Fresno and Bakersfield were being connected in your
Fresno/Kern draft, saying that the two cities were such
different polar opposite communities. However, Fresno
and Bakersfield are both in a Senate district together
today. In fact, the hardworking Latino communities and
immigrant communities of South Fresno and East
Bakersfield have been in a Senate district together for
decades. So joining the two cities is nothing new. In
fact, it is a lot. Your current map separates South
Fresno and East Bakersfield, hurting vulnerable and
marginalized Latino and immigrant communities. Under the
Voting Rights Act, it is crucial for these communities to
be linked together in a Senate district so their
collective voices can be elevated in Sacramento. The
Central Valley, from Modesto to Fresno to Bakersfield, is
a beautiful and unique region, but we face many
challenges, particularly around longstanding polarized
voting. Your number one obligation and goal here must be
to create strong and effective Latino Voting Rights Act
districts. This means the districts must go beyond just
looking good on paper with a fifty-five percent CVAP.
These districts must be recognized -- must recognize --
I'm sorry -- the historic barriers and marginalization of the Latino community, and ensure that they can elect candidates of their choice. So Commission, I urge you to rework Kings/Kern draft and include Southside City of Fresno communities in this district. There is a precedent, and the law compels this. Thank you so much.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Thank you for your feedback.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have 052. And up next after that will be 042. I'd like to invite 048 and 043 to please use the raise hand button at the bottom of your screen.

052, I'll be promoting you now. 052 -- oh, every time. 052, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what district plan you'd like to address. The floor is yours.

MS. DAVIS: Hi. Good afternoon. My name is China Davis, and I would like to give input on the Assembly draft maps in the Inland Empire region. More specifically, I'm talking about the Cities of San Bernardino and Rialto. I've been living in the area my entire life, and I was born in Fontana and raised in Rialto, and I noticed that the Commission has split Rialto from San Bernardino in the Assembly district.
despite the submissions that have been made by the Black California Redistricting Hub, which clearly protects our Rialto and San Bernardino COIs. I'm here to ask that the Commission please keep San Bernardino and Rialto whole and paired, as proposed by the Black California Redistricting Hub. These communities mirror each other's needs and deficiencies such as education, need for quality jobs, and food accessibility. And it's imperative that we keep these communities together so that we can elect representatives that will push our interests and lift our needs. San Bernardino and Rialto are bound by lifelong friendships and family ties, and because of this, it is not uncommon for a grandmother to live in San Bernardino while her grandkids are just down the road on Baseline, living in Rialto. And by splitting these COIs, the Commission is not only weakening the community's voice, but it will also greatly impact our community's ability to organize in the region. I would like to thank the Commission for all that you've done, and I hope that you take the community's voice into consideration. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have 042. And then up next after that will be 050. 042, I'll be promoting you now.
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MS. BREZNOV: Hello, Commissioners. My name is Raa'na Breznov, and I'd like to speak about Long Beach. First, I want to thank the Commission for all your work and for giving Californians, like myself, a chance to help shape what our districts look like for the next ten years. Like so many of my neighbors, I would also like to share why keeping Long Beach as united as possible is important. We are a big city with a diversity of people and needs.

I'm a mom of two. I have a holistic reiki practice, and I'm also an artist. And in my work, I have seen how every aspect of our city is very much interconnected. I want to thank the Commission for keeping Long Beach as connected as possible, and because we are already such a big city, please think about our connecting cities, like Lakewood, Bellflower, and our Orange County neighbors, like Seal Beach. Thanks so much.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have unique ID 050. And then, up next after that will be 062.
050, I'll be promoting you now. 050, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what district plan you'd like to address. The floor is yours.

MS. LOWE: Good afternoon, Commissioners, and everyone listening. My name is Alonda Lowe (ph.) and I'm a community member from the Inland Empire. I was proudly born in Fontana and raised in different areas throughout the region.

I'm present today to give input on the Senate district draft maps in the region. The communities of interest that I will be detailing are Rialto and San Bernardino. It is visible that the Commission has split these communities of interest mentioned in previous Black California Redistricting Hub submissions, indicating the need for these areas to be kept together and as whole as possible to reflect the community representation. These communities share inadequacies in employment, food accessibility, housing, and education sectors.

In addition to reducing the wholeness of Rialto and San Bernardino, the Commission has completely removed certain parts of Fontana that were advocated for in previous submissions made by the Black California Redistricting Hub from the community members that go to work, attend school, and live in these areas.
I'm advocating for the proposal placed by the Hub, which illustrates the importance of communal ties and overall protects our Rialto and San Bernardino COIs. The finalizing of the Commission's proposed draft maps will further dilute the voting power, representation, and individual, and collective agency of the constituents in these communities, especially the African-American community.

I am emphasizing and respectfully requesting that Rialto and San Bernardino should be kept whole to ensure the black voting power and voice is not continuously minimized or weakened. It is important that the Commission understands the shared values and relativity beyond city lines previously constructed in the past. This is a unique opportunity for the Commission to highlight the importance and necessity for equitable representation in all communities, especially in inland regions similar to the Inland Empire. Thank you, all, for your time and your consideration in allowing the community to be heard, and I hope this is reflected.

Thank you. Have a great day.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Thank you for your comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have unique ID 062. And I'd like to invite unique ID 043,
048, and 057 to please use the raise hand button at the bottom of your screen, as you do have appointments during this session. Right now, we will have 062. Up next after that will be 057, and 043, I see that hand.

062, I'll be promoting you now. 062, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what district plan you'd like to address. The floor is yours.

MS. BIRCH: Thank you very much. Thank you so much, Commissioners, for allowing the opportunity for all of us Californians to give input. I would like to make some comments regarding the Sacramento region.

My name is Jessica Birch. I live in Folsom, California. So I'm calling regarding your draft Assembly and Senate maps. They combine communities with different concerns and different needs into the same districts. And they cut up Sacramento County to benefit others. For the last three years, I have been a volunteer disaster responder for the Red Cross. I was compelled by the rash of wildfires, which are continuous now, sadly, in our state, to start volunteering with the Red Cross.

If you want to remember how Sacramento County is different from El Dorado and Placer County, keep in mind Sacramento gets all the smoke, but the foothills get all the flames. Climate-induced fires equal pollution and
respiratory health issues in our valley. They mean homes
burned and skyrocketing fire insurance in the foothills.
This issue requires different representation -- different
representation that your draft maps fail to deliver. I
know you have many concerns to balance, but I have two
simple, firm rules that would deliver fair representation
for both Sacramento and the foothill communities.

First, please dip into the Sacramento County no more
than once from the foothills.

Second, if you do, only for communities near where I
live around Folsom Lake. And while I personally would
prefer to be drawn into the Sacramento County district, I
have to admit that there are connections between Folsom
and places like Granite Bay and El Dorado Hills and
communities up toward the foothills. So again, I ask
that you please dip into Sacramento County no more than
once from the foothills. Sacramento communities like
Arden-Arcade, Carmichael and Rancho Cordova should be
drawn with the City of Sacramento or drawn South along
the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley along Highway 5 and 99.

Thank you for providing time for --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. BIRCH: -- myself and other community members to
be heard.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.
PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have unique ID 057. And then up next after that will be unique ID 067.

Unique ID 057, I'll be promoting you now. 057, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what district you would like to see or discuss. The floor is yours.

MR. MUNSON: Well, thank you very much. I'd like to wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving in advance. So for the map -- this is John Munson, and for the map purposes, let's see -- the Eastern San Fernando Valley below the Angeles National Forest, Tujunga -- that area. We need as many stewards of the Angeles and Western San Bernardino National Forest as possible. This is good public policy. It follows the Commission's guidelines for communities of interest, and it empowers diverse voices. These are the only urban national forests in the United States. Millions of people live South of these public lands, only forty-five minutes' drive away from the Gateway Cities, like Sylmar, Tujunga, La Canada, Azusa, and Claremont. The only way a community can have significant influence over this extremely important federal public land is if they have both a member of Congress and themselves in the same Congressional
district. Examples of this would be the current 27th, 28th, and 29th Congressional districts. The problem becomes in how you do this. And you've already made a lot of progress, including many of the foothill cities communities of interest and Congressional districts that include the national forest. However, you haven't included all of the cities. So take a look, for instance, at San Fernando, Lake View Terrace and Tujunga. In the current 27th and -- excuse me -- the current 28th and 29th district, these cities are connected North to the national forest by extending -- because the districts extend North of the national forest. You've inadvertently cut these cities off from having -- and the district South of them, by not including the national forest in the North in your new versions of the 27th and 28th districts. Again, this is easy to fix by just extending these districts North as they currently are now in the 27th and 28th districts. Otherwise, you're going to have a 1,500,000 people that used to have a say about the management of their national forest that no longer will. You don't intend this, so you need to fix it. And then also we'd like to end --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MR. MUNSON: -- yeah, thank you -- end by saying, we prefer the visualizations on November 2nd, and we want to
ensure that the San Diego Valley API community is not divided. There's no reason to do this. We appreciate their voices being united about Angeles National Forest issues and want to keep it that way. Thanks, again. And happy Thanksgiving, again.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback. And happy Thanksgiving.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, you'll have unique ID 067. And up next after that will be 043. 067, as you have chosen to call in, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

MR. CAMACHO: Hello, Commissioners. My name is Tracy (ph.) Camacho, and today, I'd like to talk to you about Long Beach. Long Beach is a city I live in, work in, and where I spend a vast majority of my time.

Professionally, I am an educator and get to see young adults from all over Long Beach, our state, and especially this region. I am proud that Long Beach is a place where students can get a top notch education and come into their own as young adults in the city that is welcoming to everyone. To me, that is something California should be proud of and uplift.

I think it is great that you've chosen to unite a large majority of Long Beach into a single Congressional
district. Our city has so much to offer and already works with cities across our region. I hope that a map that keeps most of our city together moves forward creating opportunities for us to work on federal issues that would help everyone living in our area. There definitely are the resources to do so, and I'm looking forward to seeing how we can make it happen.

Also, as a member of the LGBTQ plus community, it is really important that you keep our federal interests together. As a gay man, we do not have the same federal protections at work as others do, and we are so discriminated against across the country. You can make a difference by keeping the LGBTQ plus community, like the large one in Long Beach, united.

Thank you for your work on this Commission and for allowing me to speak today. Have a great day.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have unique ID 043. And then up next after that, we will be unique ID 048 an opportunity, as you do have an appointment during this session.

Unique ID 043, I'll be promoting you now. 043, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. If you will please remind the mapper of what district plan you would like to address.
The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hello, Commissioners.

Thank you for allowing me to speak today. My name is Isaac (ph.), and I'm calling from Long Beach. I moved to Long Beach from El Sereno about fourteen years ago and have lived here ever since. I currently reside in the downtown neighborhood, but I've also lived in the city's Westside at the Long Beach Job Corps, which is just West of the LA river and the 710.

We appreciate everything -- we appreciate what you're doing to treat Long Beach as a whole city and doing your best not to break us up. I know you must be thinking about ways to create a city that -- a district that covers our entire city in a way that fits with the rest of the Congressional districts that you are drawing as well.

Please, connect Long Beach to cities that border us where traffic flows naturally. That would be Lakewood, Bellflower, Seal Beach, Signal Hill, Rossmore, Los Alamitos, and even Cypress.

I heard some folks in Orange County may not want to cross the LA County border, but please know that that's not everyone. In fact, our current Congressional state -- Senate state and federal lines cross these borders already cross counties.
But most importantly, I'm so grateful that you are keeping our city as in tact as possible, and I want to thank you for all your hard work and keeping Long Beach together as much as possible. Thank you, again.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, I will be giving unique ID 048 an opportunity to speak. And then after that, we will be reading instructions and all of those things.

048, we will do the audio only option in case you not there at your computer or device of some sort. If you will please follow the prompts on your screen to -- oh, there you are.

MR. FASS: Yeah.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: If you will please let the mapper know what district you would like to address. The floor is yours.

MR. FASS: Yeah. This is for the -- I live in Chatsworth. It's council district 25. And it's the 38th Assembly district. My name is Russell Fass. I live in Chatsworth in the San Fernando Valley, to be specific.

In the proposed 38th Assembly district, my home of Chatsworth would be lumped in with the Northern city of Santa Clarita instead of placing me with the rest of the San Fernando Valley where we belong. There is no basis
to connect our two very different communities since the
San Fernando Valley is a very diverse and populated area.
I would say more so that Santa Clarita.

I think that we would be best -- oh, hang on.  I
think we would be best represented if you all made -- if
you'd made all our -- I'm sorry.  Can't read my own
writing.  If you all made our own VRA district with the
rest of the San Fernando Valley and Santa Clarita can be
placed elsewhere, like in Simi Valley or in the Antelope
Valley.

We deserve to have representatives here who can
connect the valley and fight for the resources in
Sacramento to benefit our communities here in the Valley.

Thank you for all your time.  And I hope you keep
the San Fernando Valley together.  Have a good day.

CHAIR TOLEDO:  Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR:  And at this time, we do
not have any other people signed up for this session,
Chair, so I will go ahead read the instructions for
general public comment and then invite the translator; is
that correct?

CHAIR TOLEDO:  That is correct.  And let's change
the timer to two minutes for public -- because this is
general public comment.  Let's change it to two minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR:  Wil do.  Will do.
CHAIR TOLEDO:  Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR:  And in order to maximize transparency in public participation in our process, the Commissioners will be taking public comment by phone. To call in, dial the telephone number provided on the livestream feed. It is 877-853-5247.

When prompted to enter the meeting ID number provided on the livestream feed, it is 86352187003, for this meeting. When prompted to enter a participate ID, simply press the pound key.

Once you have dialed in, you will be placed in a queue. To indicate you wish to comment, please press star nine. This will raise your hand for the moderator. When it is your turn to speak, you will hear a message that says the host would like you to talk and to press star six to speak. If you would like to give your name, please state and spell it for the record. You are not required to give your name to private public comment.

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

I'd like to invite our translators to read the full call-in instructions, please.
THE INTERPRETER: Certainly. Just one second, please. Thank you.

(In Spanish, not translated)

THE INTERPRETER: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

And right now, we will have caller 7052. And up next after that will be caller 0080.

 Caller 7052, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. And one more time.

 Caller with the last four digits, 7052 -- oh, the floor is yours.

 MS. MADUENO: Good afternoon, Commissioners, and everybody listening today. My name is Virgina Madueno, and I'm calling on behalf of Stanislaus and the Senate and Congressional district.

 For the central valley Senate and Congressional plans, I would strongly encourage you to go back to your November 2nd map. Those visualizations did a much better job of preserving the valley than your draft maps.

 Throughout your process, you have been clear in combining valley communities with the High Sierras. Oh, excuse me. Sorry. Can you still hear me?

 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yes, we can.

 MS. MADUENO: Okay. Sorry about that. Which hurt both communities. But your draft maps split Stanislaus
County in both the Senate and Congressional map. Not only have you split our county, but you have split our county seat of Modesto and have thrown us into the sprawling mountain district, which we have really nothing -- or not much in common with, including my hometown of Riverbank just Northeast of Modesto.

We are not a mountain community. We are a valley, city, and county. I fully understand you have to comply with the Voting Rights Act in the South valley, and I support those and strongly encourage you to do so. And I understand the valley Commissioners are from San Joaquin County, a county that has managed to stay whole, but you are treating Stanislaus and Modesto like an afterthought, and we are -- I'm urging you to please pick this first visualizations from the November 2nd maps. That, again, I urge you, and in particular, I urge our valley Commissioners to go back to the drawing board and create fair and more equitable Senate and Congressional maps for our valley.

Look back at your November 2nd visualizations and do everything you can to bring Stanislaus and Modesto back into the valley districts with our fellow valley community and not the High Sierras.

Thank you so very much for your time.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.
PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have caller 0080. And then up next after that, we have caller 2567. I'd like to invite all of those that have called in to please press star nine. This will raise your hand indicating you wish to give comment this afternoon.

Caller 0080, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

MS. DANIELS: Hi. My name is Karen Daniels, and I'm a resident of Valencia, and I commute everyday down the 5 and 405.

I'm calling to advocate for the map CD_AVSCV draft, as it encompasses most of the route that I and thousands, trust me, thousands, of other commuters take to get to other parts of LA County every day.

By keeping the North valley with Santa Clarita, we can help advocate for resources to one of the most travelled parts of LA freeway systems.

I would also like to point out that we share no infrastructure with Simi Valley, so there's no reason to keep us with Simi Valley. We are also in different counties, and we also don't share the same transportation corridors or public transportation.

In addition, we do not share police or fire. We are LA County and they are Ventura County. And they have their own city police department.
Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

And right now, we have caller 2567. And up next after that will be caller 9399.

Caller 2567, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you very much.

I'd like to reference the STANFRESNO Congressional map.

Good afternoon, Commissioners. I've been hearing some people calling in saying that the Congressional maps for Stanislaus are not good. But by splitting up Stanislaus, the Commission was able to achieve three VRA districts in the San Joaquin Valley, which is a great accomplishment.

And I would like to say that, for the people who are calling in that don't want to maximize the number of Latino vote seats in the central valley, I do strongly support three VRA seats in the valley and urge the Commission to keep them in (audio interference).

Thank you for your time.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have caller 9399. And up next after that will be caller 0751.

Caller 9399, if you will please follow the prompts
to unmute by pressing star six. And one more time, 
caller with the last four digits -- oh, there you are.  
The floor is yours. Caller 9399, you are unmuted. You  
might want to double-check your phone and make sure you  
are not muted. There you are.

MR. FERNANDO: Can you hear me now?
PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.
MR. FERNANDO: Hello? Okay. Thank you. My name's  
Fernando. I live up in the high desert of San Bernadino  
County. I'm referring to the Congressional district map  
that involves Congressional district number 8.

The map that you have -- the draft map that you've  
shown has excluded the Inyo Mono counties from that  
district and that's great. However, you have included  
communities that are down South of the high desert all  
the way down to the Calimesa, Redlands area, splitting  
those communities in half, and actually also putting us  
in two counties now, San Bernadino and Riverside County.  

I wish you would reconsider and consider instead of  
stretching out district 8 down to 15 and 215 Freeway,  
which would be wet of the mountain region. This would be  
more compatible with our district. It would also keep  
all of our services within the county, our Congressional  
representative would be strictly concentrated in the San  
Bernadino County and not having to cross into Riverside,
and it would also keep all of our communities whole.

Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. We did have unique ID 069 join us, as you do have an appointment during this session, so we will be going to caller 0751, and then we will be going to unique ID 069.

Caller 0751, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

MR. CHURCHERIA: Hi, there. I hope you can hear me.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

MR. CHURCHERIA: Okay. Hi. My name is Victor Churcheria (ph.). I've been a resident of Simi Valley in Ventura County for nineteen years.

And I'd like to say that I agree with your current map right now, keeping Simi Valley with the Ventura County, particularly keeping Simi Valley with Moorpark, and Thousand Oak, and the Conejo Valley. Because Simi Valley, we're in Ventura County, and we share schools like Moorpark College with Moorpark and Thousand Oak, and we share transportation. We're connected by Freeway 23. And then we do a lot of our shopping and entertainment between the three communities.

So please continue to keep Simi Valley with Moorpark and Thousand Oak in Ventura County.
Okay. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

Excuse me. Thank you so much. And right now, we will have unique ID 069. And then up next after that will be caller 3220.

Unique ID 069, I'll be promoting you now. 069, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. If you'll remind the mapper of what district you would like to address. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good morning, everyone.

Toluca Lake. Can you hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

MS. SARXION: My name is Marianay Sarxion (ph.). I just want to say thank you to the Commission for doing a great job of pairing most of the working-class neighbors up East San Fernando Valley, but it's critical that both the Senate district labeled SCSFV, which is page 34 of the slides, and the central SFV Assembly map, page 77 of the slides, to be correct.

Please unify North Hollywood and add Toluca Lake to central SFV Assembly map. North Hollywood and Toluca Lake share economic and community assets that are traditionally linked. Please, do not break Toluca Lake from North Hollywood. These are small population shifts
that don't require major changes. Please, finish your
good work by unifying our working neighborhoods.

Thanks so much.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have
caller 3220. And then up next after that will be caller
2297.

Caller 3220, if you will please follow the prompts
to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

MR. SAYLOR: My name is Don Saylor. I'm a county
supervisor in Yolo County. I'm asking that the draft map
for CD Yolo Lake be revised to reflect the communities of
interests of Yolo and Eastern Solano counties.

Many of the visualizations and draft maps have
attached Yolo County communities as appendages to
communities far away and unconnected to our concerns.
Just when the most recent visualization appeared to be
making progress, this current trap came out and sort of
drove us back to the starting point.

Eastern Solano, Yolo, and the Delta areas are more
aligned with the Sacramento capital region than the Bay
Area. Not all AG is the same. Eastern Solano and Yolo
share similar agricultural economies, whereas Napa is
primarily monocrop and destination AG tourism, similar to
other Bay Area counties.
The 180 corridor and passenger rail service along the capital of corridor are a significant linkage for the communities of Solano and Yolo counties. The further of this transportation infrastructure requires unified and coherent representation at the federal level.

Yolo is more closely aligned with Delta communities and Eastern Solano County than other areas. It is critical that federal representation understand and advocate for the concerns of Delta communities, including flood prevention, habitat preservation, a co-equal goal through use of the area, and a deep understanding of the sensitive area as water transfer projects are considered.

Draft map city Yolo Lake connects Yolo and North Solano County with Napa and Sonoma, which are very different from our communities. The economies of Solano and Yolo are anchored by advanced manufacturing and defense industries.

The way that Yolo Lake is currently drafted is not contiguous for a driver. To drive from Napa to Davis, you need to drive South to either Highway 12 or 37 and across more than half of your North Contra Costa districts to head North of North Solano or Yolo --

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback and for calling in again.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have
caller 2297. And then up next after that will be caller 6559.

Caller 2297, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute. And the floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.

I'm calling with input on the three maps that impact the city of Santa Clarita in which I've been a resident for thirty-five years.

First, I'd like to comment on the Congressional map, CD_ABSCV draft. May I just say, bravo. The redistricting Commission has done an excellent job drawing this map and balancing a diverse population in this Congressional district. Actually, you nailed it, so thank you.

Please, continue to keep LA County together so that our elected officials can maximize their efforts in education, since we share the Samaniego education district, and in transportations system, and our public health department, and the policies that go with that.

Our law enforcement and fire department also serves the entire map as you've already drawn for this Congressional district, and I would like you to consider to keep this map and not include -- and not reannex anything in Ventura County or Kern County, please.

And if any adjustments are made, I urge you to
continue with your current plan and expand into Los Angeles County and remain contiguous. This would mean extending further into Northern LA County and our current Congressional Northern neighbors in San Fernando Valley, especially the cities along the 5 Freeway where we share our common interests most that it would be Grenada Hills, Mission Hills, Porter Ranch, Northridge, and the city of San Fernando, which are all in the LA County.

Also, Bravo on the AD_SUV draft for the Assembly district. Same comments along those lines.

The Senate maps, SD_SCSFV draft is also very well done. But a few adjustments are necessary on that. And again, I would urge you to maintain contiguous integrity. Keep together our communities that share border, schools, and shopping instead of going down into cities like Van Nuys, Reseda, and North Hollywood, which should be excluded. Include Grenada Hills, Porter Ranch, and North --

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have caller 6559. If you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.

I'm calling about the proposed map that you have for the California 25.
How many people in Antelope Valley and Santa Clarita consider the 118 to be their daily transportation artery?
None of us. How many people in Simi Valley consider the 14 to be a major artery, which we in the Santa Clarita Valley and the Antelope Valley do? The 210 and the 5 are major transportation arteries for the San Fernando Valley, Santa Clarita Valley, and the Antelope Valley, but not so much for the Simi Valley.

Our local government needs to work with our representatives in Los Angeles counties where we all live. We don't live in Ventura County. We have separate water resources, separate firefighting resources, separate police resources. We need these to be viewed in total as they are.

Finally, Simi Valley is not contiguous with any part of Santa Clarita Valley and Antelope Valley, but the map you drew does give a single continuous area where we have a community of interest in multiple social, legal, local environmental, local government coordination matters that are distinctly different from Ventura County.

I again, want to thank you for the hard work you're doing. Thank you so much. Bye-bye.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we have caller 3564. Yes. Right now, we have caller 3564. If you will
please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six.
The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. My name is (Indiscernible) in the West San Gabriel Valley. I'm speaking in relation to the draft Congressional state redistricting map in the West San Gabriel Valley.

The West San Gabriel Valley Asian-American Pacific-Islander community has a strong longstanding cultural identity which has allowed immigrant aid PI families to have a sense of belonging and seek opportunities for economic success.

I encourage the Commission to consider keeping the West San Gabriel Valley as one community of interest, otherwise, it cuts out the heart of the most ethnically diverse region in the country. The West San Gabriel Valley cities such as Alhambra, Arcadia, Monterey Park, Rosemead, San Gabriel, San Marino, and Temple City share characteristics that make them a West San Gabriel Valley community of interest.

Dividing the West San Gabriel Valley community of interest creates unnecessary obstacles to foster a symbiotic relationship between government and its constituents. The San Gabriel Valley community is one of the most ethnically diverse regions in the country and shares common cultural, social, familial, economic, and
quality of life interests that should not be divided into separate districts.

The SGV community is a place where children learn, adults work, and seniors gather. Families are bound together by a rich cultural heritage and a sense of duty and traditions that are tirelessly preserved and passed on to the next generation.

Along with all these historical cultural familial ties, Asian-Americans speak dozens of languages and dialects reflecting the communities rich immigrant character and diversity. Language remains to be a challenging barrier impacting access to a range of vital services such as healthcare, social services, housing, courts, and education.

It is essential for the citizens in this community to be able to voice their concerns to representatives would be sensitive to the uniquely diverse need for the community.

The SGV have been deeply impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and the rise of anti-Asian violence even before March 2020. They walk through some the neighborhoods (indiscernible, simultaneous speech) --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- valuable arts and main street that turns into (indiscernible) reveal this
impact.

We would like to keep our communities under one district so we can overcome obstacles together and claim victory as one district.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comment. And with that, we will be breaking for our scheduled lunch, which is scheduled for 12:45. We'll be coming back at 1:30 to take -- to continue on with public comment as public comment is what's remaining on the agenda. And so we are now on break and coming back at 1:30. Thank you.

(Whereupon, a recess was held from 12:45 p.m. until 1:30 p.m.)

CHAIR TOLEDO: Good afternoon, California. Hope you had a great lunch. My name is Pedro Toledo. I will be chairing today's rest -- the remainder of the meeting today on our draft map input. For now, we are offering the session in Spanish to those who want to listen in their native language. Can I please have the Spanish interpreters provide LanguageLine number where the public can listen to our -- to today's meeting?

THE INTERPRETER: Yes, Chair, absolutely. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. With that, Katy, can you please going over the instructions on how the public can call in and give input? And we will be given --
accepting input into 2:30, at which time our lines will close.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely, Chair.

The Commission will now be taking general public comment on all items. To give comment, please call 877-853-5247, enter meeting ID number 86352187003 for this meeting. Once you have dialed in, please press star nine to enter the comment queue. The full call-in instructions were read previously in this meeting and are provided in full in the livestream landing page.

At this time, we will be going to caller 3006, and then up next after that will be caller 1604.

3006, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. And one more time, caller with the last four digits 3006, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six.

I do apologize. 3006, there appears to be some type of connectivity issue for you at the moment. I do have your number marked for retry. We'll come back to you.

All right. Now, we have caller 1604, and then up next after that will be caller 2153.

Caller 1604, if you'll please following the prompts to unmute by pressing star six.

MS. CHEN: Hello?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hello. The floor is
 yours.

MS. CHEN: Great. Thank you. My comment is related to the Congressional draft map to call CD greater draft, which includes the cities of Cupertino, Santa Clara, Fremont, Sunnyvale, and other cities in Santa Clara and Alameda County. My name is Sofia Chen, and I live in Cupertino, and I'm a parent leader and active volunteer in my community, but today I'm speaking only as an individual.

I support the Congressional map CD greater draft map because the draft map has the cities of Cupertino, Sunnyvale, Santa Clara, Fremont, and Milpitas, which are all technology job centers for several thousand people in each of these cities, and these cities have the same challenges of the shortage of affordable housing, limited trans -- trans system, and traffic congestion.

As a result, Cupertino and other cities such as Sunnyvale, Fremont, Santa Clara, and Milpitas with similar traffic issues must ensure that we as a region are working together to carefully coordinate and invest in infrastructure solutions to handle the traffic of workers commuting.

In contrast, cities like San Jose have very different challenges. San Jose has traditionally had more housing than jobs, and these housing-to-job
imbalances causes other problems and requires different solutions; therefore including more of Fremont and less of San Jose as shown on CD greater 1102 visualization presented on November 2nd would be a good minor adjustment to the draff map.

Besides San Jose not sharing many common interests with Sunnyvale on the other end of the spectrum, our cities in the adjacent Congressional district map --

    MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

    MS. CHEN: -- such as Saratoga, which has a much smaller and -- and -- and a principal employer of a community college. So -- so therefore cities that share similar challenges, such as Fremont, Santa Clara, Sunnyvale, Santa Clara --

    MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

    MS. CHEN: -- and Milpitas might be best with the same Congressional district. So that's a challenge to keep these altogether in a district regionally. Thank you for taking these points into consideration.

    CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in.

    PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have caller 2153, and up next after that will be caller 5311.

    Caller 2153, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.
MR. WENDLER: Yes. Thank you. This is Tim Wendler (ph.) from Pasadena area, and I'm commenting on the San Gabriel Valley area of Los Angeles County, specifically CD_COV and CD_210, the Congressional map, and I would like to thank the Commission. I think you've done an excellent job of recognizing communities of interest in this region on the state, and I'm someone who has served on a city Commission for redistricting and currently serving a school district for redistricting.

And I would recommend a minor adjustment to the maps for these two districts that you've proposed as draft, and this would maintain approximate population balance and would solve a gap in the Foothill communities of CD_210 by adding Azusa to that district, and then removing the communities of San Gabriel and San Marino and moving them into CD_COV, and the reason for this is that the pandemic has reinforced the importance to access to public open space, and the San Gabriel Mountains supplies seventy percent of our public open space in Los Angeles County with 2.5 million visitors, and I would urge you to keep the Foothills communities to the South of the San Gabriel Mountains together as a community of interest and keep them connected to the mountains.

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MR. WENDLER: A legislator for this area can
consider the recreational needs, management of forest, fire prevention, wildlife, water sheds with the constituents in mind. Thank you so much.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now, we have caller 5311, and up next after that will be caller 1021. Caller 5311, if you please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

MS. KAUR: Hello. My name is Anya Kaur (ph.). I'm a junior at Fowler High School. I -- I'm a resident of the Fresno County. I appreciate you giving me an opportunity to share during this historic redistricting process.

I would like to comment about the Congressional draft in the Fresno region. We appreciate the current Congressional draft map in our area. We would like to Selma, Kingsburg, and Fowler with the West Fresno areas. This is where we work and communicate. We are much closer to them as our community of interest, than the Tulare region. We would like our communities to be part of the CD/San/Fresno draft map rather than the CD/Fresno/Tulare draft map. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now, we will have caller 1021, and up next after that will be caller 0527.
Caller 1021, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

MR. L. SINGH: Hello. My is Linjut Singh (ph.).
I'm calling on behalf of the Punjabi -- or Central Unified Punjabi Community, and we have the largest Punjabi community in the region, in the Fresno County region living in this area. Those of us just South of Shields Avenue, we want -- we would like to be kept with the rest of our community in AD_Merced/Fresno.

We kindly ask the Assembly -- Assembly Commission to consider moving the line currently at Shields on the 99 Freeway to be moved South to Clinton to keep many of the traditional community of interests together. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have caller 0527, and up next after that will be unique ID 044.

0527, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. And one more time, caller with the last four digits 0527, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. Caller 0527, I do apologize. There appears to be some type of connectivity issue for you at the moment. I do have your name -- number marked for retry. We will come back to you.
And right now, we will have unique ID 044. I'll be promoting you, and up next after that will be caller 3894.

Unique ID 044, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what district you'd like to address, the floor is yours. Unique ID 044 -- there you are.

MR. CHAVEZ: My apologies for that. I was trying to load up the map. Yes. I -- my name is Chris Chavez. I am a resident of Long Beach, and I'm looking specifically at CD_LB North draft, and I just first of all want to thank the Commission for all your hard work. I know that this is a difficult and long process, and you're at the very end.

And generally speaking, the map proposed for this district is pretty good except for one little area where I would suggest a change to. At the very North end of the -- this proposed area, part of North Long Beach is moved into another Congressional district, and this is where the 710 and 91 Freeways meet. This area has long been a marginalized community. It's a disadvantaged community under CalEnviroScreen and is -- faces significant socioeconomic challenges.

In order to maximize and really make sure that this
community is included with the overall Long Beach community, I would suggest and urge the Commission to include that within the rest of Long Beach under CD_LB North draft, and that way all of Long Beach can speak with one voice in Congress and really give all the -- our communities the due attention it deserves.

North Long Beach, again, is in need of particular consideration and representation, and having us solidified under one -- under one district would help achieve that. So again, thank you for your hard work. I appreciate it, and I hope to see all of Long Beach unified under one district. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now, we will have caller 3894, and up next after that will be caller 0914.

Caller 3894, if you'll please follow the prompt to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

MR. EDMOND: Good afternoon, Commissioners. Thank you so much for all your dedication and hard work. Just seems like a lifetime ago I couldn't and didn't know how to log into this meeting, and now I'm a pro, but anyway, thank you for all of your due diligence.

My name is John Edmond. I represent the Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce. We represent over 800 businesses across our fine city of 50 square miles.
Thank you very much for working hard to unite Long Beach in the Congressional district for this area of the state. Through my work at the Chamber, we see lots of businesses, and we provide leadership, education, advocacy for Long Beach area businesses that thrive in the city, especially in the 21st Century, and the Chamber takes our work very seriously.

Long Beach is an established city, but if you look at us now, we're a city of immense change and -- and very nice growth. The economy has shifted from a -- sort of a, you know, military court tourism town to know we, you know, still air -- aerospace, such as Boeing, but we also have Virgin Orbit, SpaceX, Rocket Lab, SpinLaunch, and other aviation and space economy. So we are the new space economy. So we're proud of these companies revolutionizing the space and engineering right here in the City of Long Beach, and so with these in mind, dynamic change and collaboration in the future, we ask for federal partnerships is going to be immensely important as this growing sector and tech hub is critical for the economic outlook for our city. So we humbly and most --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MR. EDMOND: -- respectfully ask that the Commissioners continue to Long Beach united as possible
on your maps, and please keep our school district and community college district, that includes Lakewood, Signal Hill, Catalina Island in your Congressional map as well. Thank you so much for taking this into consideration, and thank you for your work on redistricting.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now, we have caller 0914, and up next after that will be caller 9445. Caller 0914, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hello. I'd like to reference the Tulare Congressional map draft. Good afternoon, Commissioners. My name is Kaylee. I am a Latina woman who has grown up in Kings County. Kings County is a small collection of rural towns economically driven by their agricultural industry. Kings County towns should have the same representative because their demographics and local economy -- economics are largely similar. It would be irresponsible to split up Kings County because of its former Section 5 designations. Please keep Kings County whole. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now, we will
have caller 9445, and up next after that will be caller 1049.

Calling 9445, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

MR. J. SINGH: Hi. My name Jigraj (ph.) Singh, and I'm thankful for the redistricting committee for letting me speak today. I'm born and raised in Sunnyvale, and I'm a current student at Santa Clara University.

Redistricting is an important process, and it only happens once every ten years. I'm blessed with the opportunity to represent the Punjabi community today.

I'm glad to say we appreciate the lines drawn for the Santa Clara County Assembly, Senate, and Congressional lines, which allows us to keep our voices united. Thank you for your hard work and making sure that the Punjabi community is well represented within this area.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now, we have caller 1049, and then up next after that will be caller 6300.

Caller 1049, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. And one more time, caller with the last four digits -- oh, there you are. The floor is yours.
MS. SHOKAR: Hello. My name is Gideon Shokar (ph.). My family has lived in California for fifty years. I am a resident of Sacramento, California. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to share my opinion about the redistricting process for Sacramento.

I'd like to share that I appreciate the current Assembly district draft map for the area and the current Senate -- the current Senate district draft maps, but I would like to see Elk Grove included with Placer County as in the previous drafts. We have overlapping communities of interest in the Punjabi community and would absolutely like the older drafts that brought us together. Thank you for listening. Thank you for your time and your consideration.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in, giving your feedback.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have caller 6300, and up next after that will be caller 7672.

Caller 6300, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

MR. GUTIERREZ: Hello, Commissioners. My name is Isaiah Gutierrez (ph.) from Modesto, and I'm of Hispanic heritage, and it is very important we have representation in California. I've heard people calling in saying that
the Congressional maps for Stanislaus are not good. In splitting Stanislaus, the Commission was able to achieve three VRA districts in the San Joaquin Valley, which is a huge accomplishment.

Sounds like people who are calling in don't want to maximize the number of Latino seats in the Central Valley. I strongly support three VRA seats in the Central Valley and urge the Commission to keep a minimum of three. Reuniting Stanislaus would have a ripple effect that would marginalize Latinos and prevent them from selecting a candidate of their choice.

Unfortunately, there are some hard s that must be made, including splitting up counties, in order to meet the Voting Rights Act and Hispanic representation. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Thank you for calling in.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have caller 7672, and up next after that will be caller 3979.

Caller 7672, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

MR. FONG: Hi. My name is Henry Fong, and I'm going to be commenting on the districts in and near the Cal Poly Pomona area. I do appreciate the Commission placing Cal Poly connecting with Pomona on the Assembly district, but they did not do have for the Senate district and the
Congressional district. So I would ask that as the Cal Poly Pomona alum, I would like to see the Cal Poly Pomona campus united in the SC/POF Senate district and also in the CV/POM/ONT/FON district. Currently, Cal Poly Pomona are in different districts to the West, and they need to be together with the City of Pomona.

In regards to the Congressional district, the CD_210 draft, I kind of like, like I said in previous public comment, the SC_210 draft district, which ends at the San Bernardino/Los Angeles County line is better, and I don't really like the fact that CD210 continues to -- to travel East of San Bernardino County, East of the county line to Upland and Alta Loma, Rancho Cucamonga. So I would ask that the district of CD_210 look like the district of SC_210 ending at the San Bernardino/Los Angeles County line.

If there is a need for population to go West, we're along the 210 corridor to include communities such as Sunland and Tujunga, which, in my opinion, have more in common with communities to the East like La Canada Flintridge --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MR. FONG: -- Glendale, Montrose, et cetera, than communities to the West in the Central San Fernando Valley. So those are my comments on the Congressional
districts and the -- and the Senate district, Assembly
district in the Cal Poly Pomona area. Thank you so much.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have

caller 3979, and then up next after that will be caller

0403.

0 -- caller 3979, if you'll please follow the

prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is

yours.

MS. FIFITA: Malo e lelei. Greetings. My name is

Melenaite Fifita. I am a resident of Huntington Beach,

and I am with Pacific Islander Health Partnership. We're

a nonprofit organization based in Garden Grove, and we

serve the native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander

communities to seek health access.

I'd like to say thank you very much for your
dedication, your continued efforts on re -- the

redistricting process. I wanted to comment on the

communities of interest in Garden Grove and Westminster.

West Garden Grove and Westminster are home to prominent

native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander populations, and so

it's important that the cities Garden Grove and

Westminster be drawn together as we are

disproportionately low income, many households speak a

language other than English, live in multigenerational
households, they earn minimum wage, and share the need
for social services and affordable housing.

There are numerous small businesses and safe space
organizations and civic clubs that live in these cities,
and we urge you to keep them together on the map.
Pairing Garden Grove and Westminster with the beach
communities/coastal communities is not a good fit because
the majority of our community are service workers, and
again, they own small businesses and earn low income
wages as compared to the beach coast communities.

And so on behalf of Pacific Islander Health
Partnership, we would like to thank the Commission for
your work and dedication to our communities. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
have caller 0403, and then up -- oh, hold on one second.
Yeah. 0403, and then after that will be caller -- a
retry of caller 0527.

Caller 0403, if you will please follow the prompts
to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours are.

MS. GOULD: Thank you. Hi. Hello, Commissioners.
My name is Ravine Gould (ph.), and I'm a resident of Kern
County in Bakersfield specifically. I appreciate you
giving me the opportunity to share during this historic
redistricting process and being born and raised in
Bakersfield, California, it's really important to me to know how our lines and our communities are drawn out. So I have a comment specifically as -- in -- in terms of the Congress and the way the lines are drawn, we are appreciative of the current Congressional maps in our area.

As for Senate, in the Senate district, we'd like to keep the City of Bakersfield together, and so the Senate district boundary to Buena Vista forth North and South instead of Gosford to make sure we're kept together in the Senate instead of splitting our historically Punjabi and Black communities at Ridgeview High School in half. We appreciate being part of the Senate district Kings and Kern County and not Senate district Fresno and Kern. Thank you.

In terms of Assembly, in the Assembly district, we'd like to keep Southwest Bakersfield whole as home to the region's largest Punjabi-speaking community and historic Black communities. These both go to Ridgeview High School together.

We would like Southwest Bakersfield to either be kept in Assembly district West Bakersfield by either extending that line that currently splits the two community in two, we would like Assembly district West Bakersfield to include areas West of Bannister (ph.) or
seed the entire region up to the 99 South of White and to Assembly district Tulare/Kern.

We have -- we have little representation in this area, and we'd like to see our Punjabi and Black voices together and stronger in an area where we have never --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. GOULD: -- seen ourselves represented. Thank you so much for giving me this opportunity to speak. I yield the rest of my time.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now. We'll have caller 0527, and then up next after that will be caller 2211.

Calling 2 -- 0527, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

MS. RASH-ZIEGLER: Hi. My name is Satambi Rash-Ziegler (ph.). I'd like to talk about the Assembly plan in San Diego County. So thank you for your time today. I want to bring to your attention to the split -- bring your attention to the split in it Assembly map because of how split Spring Valley -- how -- how Spring Valley is split into two districts in the draft plan.

This probably happened because most of Spring Valley is considered by the Census Bureau to be in a place
called La Presa. It's actually same community, so if you mail a letter to my home, I live in La Presa, you would mail it to Spring Valley, California 91977, just like anywhere else in Spring Valley, even though I technically live, like I said, in La Presa census place.

I looked it up, and La Presa census place actually didn't exist until 1990 census. Before that, we were all just part of Spring Valley census place. So our whole community fits better with the La Mesa/Spring Valley district and the SESDC district.

Next, I want to make sure you are aware that the Independent Redistricting Commission in San Diego County has been focusing on local communities of interest for several months, and I would encourage you to borrow from their work since you have -- have so many other parts of the state to focus besides our -- on -- focus on besides our county.

The county Independent Redistricting Commission has agreed that the supervisorial districts here, which all have to be ideally, you know, 660,000 people each should include a district 4 that captures two major communities of interest, including first a BIPOC refugee community that includes El Cajon, Spring Valley, La Mesa College area, City Council district 4, and City Heights.

Second, the LGBTQ communities of interest in -- of
Hillcrest, Mission Hills, North Park, University Heights, Bankers Hill, and Balboa Park, these two areas are connected by the 8 and the 94 Freeways.

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. RASH-ZIEGLER: The green and the orange colored lines and major streets like the El Cajon Boulevard and University Avenue, this is preferred district 4 in addition to the VRA district to the South. So I'll be submitting draft maps from the San Diego County's Independent Redistrict -- Districting Commission website to show you. A district --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

MS. RASH-ZIEGLER: This district -- this district 4 in the county maps would be the best building block for the original San Diego districts in the Senate and Congressional plans that are a little larger than the county supervisorial district. In the draft Senate plan, the core Cajon district is a good start. In the draft Congressional plan, the Commission unfortunately --

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in. And with that, just a reminder that we will be closing the lines at 2:30. So if you -- if you'd like give comments, please call in and get in the queue, and please don't hang up as you will lose your place in the line. Thank you.
PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now, we have caller 2211, and then up next after that will be call 7090.

Caller 2211, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. And one more time, caller with the last four 1122, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello, Commissioners. My name is (indiscernible). I'm a resident of Fresno, and I'm a freshman at Fowler High School. I appreciate you giving me this opportunity to share during this historic redistrict -- redistricting process.

I would like to comment about Assembly in Fresno -- in Fresno region. In the current Assembly district map, you're splitting our central unified community that is also home to the largest Punjabi community in the region. Those of us just South of Shields would like to keep -- would like to be kept with the rest of our community in Assembly district Merced/Fresno.

We kind ask the Commissions to consider moving the line currently at Shields on the 99 to be move to -- South to Clinton to keep so many of these traditional communities of interest together. Thank you for letting me speak.
CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now, we have caller 7090, and then up next after that will be caller 8682.

Caller 7090, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

MR. M. SINGH: Hello, Commissioners. My name is Mandeep Singh, and I'm from Sacramento in Elk Grove. I appreciate you giving me an opportunity in order to share with you during this process. I would like to comment about the Congressional maps. Actually, before that, we do appreciate the Assembly and Senate district maps. I'm representing the Punjabi community here in Northern California.

And we would like to see Elk Grove included with Placer County. This, you know, kind of -- we -- in -- in both of these areas, especially like Roseville, up North there in Placer, Ancho (ph.), Barrio, we would ---our communities of interest have a lot of -- like the way we live, the -- the -- the places we go, the places we gather, you know, it's -- it's a -- the Punjabi community is over -- overlap like quite a bit, so, you know, we would appreciate you all keeping Elk Grove with Placer as was in the previous drafts. But yeah. I just wanted to mention that. Thank you, all. Appreciate it.
CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have caller 8682, and then up next after that will be 8224.

Caller 8682, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

MS. BENAVIDES: Hello. My name is Laura Benavides, and I'm calling for the San Diego region. I'm calling in regards to Assembly district 80. The communities of Barrio Logan, Logan Heights, Sherman Heights, Southcrest, and City Heights should be in a Latino majority district.

The draft shows those communities joined with East County, which is politically, geographically, and culturally in opposition to your communities. These communities have more in common with the South Bay communities of National City, West Chula Vista, and San Ysidro, and they should be joined with them.

The draft is a serious injustice that dilutes the Latino voice and directly ties us to representation that is not in our best interest. This is a serious problem, and we call the Commission to fix it. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have caller 8224, and up next after that will be calling 8368.

Caller 8224, if you'll please follow the prompts to
unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

                   UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hello, Commissioners.

                   My name is Sahil (ph.). I'm a resident of Santa Clara, and I go to Santa Clara University. I appreciate you giving me an opportunity to share during this redistricting process.

                   Coming to Santa Clara County, I like to appreciate that for our Assembly district draft maps that are drawn in our area and the same goes for current Senate district maps and the Congressional draft map. Thank you for all the hard work in making sure that the Punjabi community in Santa Clara is now basically together. That's all. Thank you.

                   CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

                   PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have caller 8368, and then up next after that will be caller 1600.

                   Caller 8368, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

                   MS. CRUZ: Hello. Good afternoon. My name is Nancy Cruz, and I'm a resident of Logan Heights, and I'm calling about the district -- the 80th district and to basically reiterate the importance of keeping this community together as a Latino community.

                   It's important for us to keep resources together,
and so the communities that I'm specifically referencing are City Heights, Barrio Logan, Logan Heights, Sherman heights, and Southcrest. We want them to stay in the same district as National City, West Chula Vista, and San Ysidro. It's important that resources like the Barrio Station, EHC, Chicano Federation, Latino Health Coalition remain in the same district for -- for the community members, and so I'm just calling to ask the Commission to fix the map and to keep these communities together.

Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Thank you for calling in.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now, we will have caller 1600, and then up next after that will be caller 7175.

Caller 1600, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six.

MR. ATTEBERY: Yes. Can you hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can. The floor is yours.

MR. ATTEBERY: Yes. Thank you for this opportunity. My name is Buster Attebery. I'm the Karuk chairman, and we are located in the very Northern region of -- of North -- of California. So the Karuk Tribe, we've lived a long time at river since time memorial. We continue to live and practice our cultural traditions such as
hunting, gathering, fishing, basket making, and
traditional ceremonies. We are ultimately connected with
the Klamath River and continue to reside along the river
in Western Siskiyou County and Northeastern Humboldt
County.

With our written comments, we have sent a map of our
aboriginal territory. In redistricting, we ask that we
are kept together with the coast in Congressional
district 2. The salmon of the Klamath River is core to
our people's existence and has historically been one of
our primary foods for our people. Through time, we have
cared for the Klamath River through our land and water
management and through our ceremonies. Today the tribe
is act -- actively engaged in work to help fix the
environmental social damage that has harmed our people.

We are highly involved and interested in work
downriver and work closely with the Yurok and Hupa Tribe
as we work to restore the once great fisheries in our
river. Because of this interest, we believe that our
interests are best represented by political bound --
boundaries that draw us together --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MR. ATTEBERY: -- with the Yurok Tribe and the Hupa
Tribes. We ask again that we -- in redistricting, that
we are kept together with the coast in Congressional
district 2. We appreciate all your effort.

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

MR. ATTEBERY: If for some reason you can't keep us -- put us all in our aboriginal territory in district 2, we ask that it be kept the same. Thank you for all your hard work.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you very much for calling in.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now, we have caller 7175, and up next after that will be caller 6553. Caller 7175, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute pie pressing star six. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hi. My name is Luis (ph.), and I just wanted to call in and comment on the Stanislaus maps, so -- because I've heard other people making their comments on it, and they've been saying that the maps aren't very good, but I do think that splitting up Stanislaus, the Commission was able to achieve, you know, the three VRA districts in San Joaquin Valley.

So I think that was a big win, and it sounds like people, like, don't really want to see Latino -- like, Latinos really represented with the seat and stuff, and -- and we need to maximize that in the Central Valley. So I strongly support three VRA seats in the Central Valley, and I urge the Commission to keep at least three of them be -- and, you know, reunite
Stanislaus. It would be -- it would like -- it would make a ripple effect, you know, and it would marginalize, you know, the Latinos because we wouldn't be able to really, like, select a candidate that we want.

So you know, there is going to be some hard decisions to make, but, you know, we have to, you know, stay and like -- stay in -- stay in order with the -- with the Voting Rights Act. So that's really all I have to say. So thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: I appreciate your call. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now, we have caller 6553, and then up next after that will be caller 2 -- 9751.

Calling 6553, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

MS. WOLFOR: Hello, Commissioners. My name is Lauren Wolfor (ph.). I'm a resident of Palm Springs. Thank you for giving me an opportunity to share my thoughts, and also thank you for all of your hard work on this difficult process. I would like to comment on both the proposed Assembly and Congressional districts in the Coachella Valley area. I grew up in the city of Cathedral City and have lived in Palm Springs my entire adult life, and I strongly believe that those two cities, along with Desert Hot Springs, truly form a single
community of interest and need to be kept together in a single Assembly district.

We share a common tourist economy, people live and work, shop, they dine out in all of those cities interchangeably, and please amend the proposed map to include Desert Hot Springs in that same Assembly district with Palm Springs and Cathedral City.

I also very strongly recommend that the entire Coachella Valley, including the Cities of Palm Springs, Cathedral City, Desert Hot Springs, Rancho Mirage, Palm Desert, Indian Wells, La Quinta, Indio, and Coachella remain in a single Congressional district along with the Salton Sea. Not only is the Coachella Valley very much one cohesive community, we are one social and economic unit, but splitting the Coachella Valley into two Congressional districts would cause really tremendous damage to our ability to advocate for ourselves and effectively bring resources to our region.

And then as far as the Salton Sea is concerned, we are really facing an extremely serious environment and public health threat that's posed to this region by the deterioration of the Salton Sea.

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. WOLFOR: So we need to be able to have a voice in this crisis. There's already been a great deal of
advocacy work trying to solve this environment problem, and all of that would be cut off at the knees if the Coachella Valley is -- is split into two districts --

    MR. MANOFF:  Fifteen.

    MS. WOLFOR:  -- and not cohesive with it Salton Sea. Thank you.

    CHAIR TOLEDO:  Thank you so much.

    PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR:  And right now, we have caller 9751, and then up next after that will be caller 3995.

    9751, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six.

    UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:  Hello, there.

    PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR:  The -- the floor is yours.

    MR. WENDELL:  Hello, there, Commission. Hello, there, Commission. My name is Jamie Francis Wendell (ph.). I reside in Los Angeles County in the City of West Hollywood. What I'd like to call is a three-fold comment is that our Senatorial and our Assembly districts have been intact. We're basically combined and united with Beverly Hills, as we have been, along with the Santa Monica region of Santa Monica and Brentwood and Westwood, and if you look at Sunset, specifically at 8100 Sunset Boulevard and I'm West of Laurel Canyon, and Laurel
canyon has been the divider of most of our districts; however, Congressionally, even though I'm West of the Hollywood Hills and certain part of Laurel Canyon and Selma, if you look at 8000 Sunset and 8100 Sunset, the dividing line, we're put into the 28th Congressional district while part of West Hollywood, which is basically ten blocks to the West of me down the same corridor on Sunset corridor and the West side of Santa Monica Boulevard, they're in the 33rd Congressional district.

I wish that you -- that West Hollywood, being the 1.9 miles that we are, that we're divided with Hollywood, why this part always has to be attached and other parts of West Hollywood are basically in another Congressional district, it doesn't -- I don't understand it. It -- it actually seems to be counterproductive and counterintuitive.

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MR. WENDELL: So I really implore that -- that we be in the 33rd district with the rest of West Hollywood. Why I'm living West and yet the Hollywood Hills, they get to be in the 33rd Congressional district, and I'm in the 28th Congressional district, which is combined with Glendale --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

MR. WENDELL: -- Burbank, and La Canada Flintridge.
I don't really appreciate it. I'm in a corridor, and I want to be represented just like my Senate and my Assembly, which is in the same demographic area that's combined and united. Why divide West Hollywood? I really do appreciate your time Com--

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.
CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much.
PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have 395 (sic), and up next after that will be 8052.

Caller 3995, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. Good afternoon, Commissioners. I just want to say as a lifelong resident of the Central Valley and a Latino, I want to thank you so much for your rep -- for maximizing the representation of our community here in -- in San Joaquin Valley.

We really need to keep three VRA districts out here with Latino majority representation because it maximizes our political voice, and I please ask that you do not reduce it to less than three out here in the Central Valley. Thank you, and have a great day.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in.
PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have caller 8052, and then up next after that is caller 1505.
Caller 8052, if you'll please follow the prompts to
unmute by pressing star six. And one more time, caller
with the last four digit 8052, if you'll please follow
the -- oh, shoot. One more time, if you can -- there we
go. The floor is yours.

MS. KULKARNI: Hi. My name is Manjusha Kulkarni.
I'm executive director of AP3CON, the Asian Pacific
Policy and Planning Council and one of the cofounders of
Stop AAPI Hate a coalition to combat hate against Asian
Americans and Pacific Islanders nationwide. We're a
coalition of over forty communities-based organizations
that serve and represent the 1.5 million AAPIs in Los
Angeles County.

I wanted to share with you a few thoughts regarding
the Commission's draft maps for LA County. Starting with
metro -- metro Los Angeles, I want to thank the
Commission for keeping together Chinatown, Little Tokyo,
and historic Filipinotown at all levels of government.
In West LA, we thank you for keeping the two Japanese-
American communities of interest whole at level of
government. However, we wanted to urge you to keep
Koreatown whole in the Congressional and Senate map and
to keep Thai Town whole in the Congressional map.

Turning to the South Bay, we thank you for keeping
the AAPI community of interest in Carson and West Carson
and with the Cambodian communities of Long Beach whole,
together at all levels of government, and we thank -- ask
you to keep Inglewood, Lennox, Hawthorne together in the
Senate map as these are areas with large concentrations
of PIs.

Finally, in moving to the San Gabriel Valley, which
is home to over a half a million Asian-Americans, we
thank you for keeping the Asian-American community of
interest in the West San Gabriel Valley in the Asian
Voting Rights Act district in the Assembly map, and urge
the Commission to keep the community whole in the
Congressional maps. For Congress --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. KULKARNI: -- we please -- we ask that you move
Monterey Park, Alhambra, Rosemead into a district with
the rest -- rest of West San Gabriel Valley, and for
Senate map to please draw districts with respect to the
Asian American community will respecting the Latino --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

MS. KULKARNI: -- Voting Rights Act district. Thank
you so much for this opportunity, and we want to make
sure that Asian Americans are kept safe against hate
against our communities in this time.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Appreciate your comment, and also
just a reminder to the public that we will be closing the
telephone lines at 2:30. If you'd like to give comments, please get into the queue. Anyone in -- in the queue by 2:30 will have an opportunity to be heard at today's meeting.

With that, Katy, let's continue on.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much, Chair. And right now, we have caller 1505, and up next after that will be caller 2070.

Caller 1 -- 1505, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. And one more time, caller with the last four 1505, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. I do apologize, caller 1505. There appears to be some type of connectivity issue for you at the moment. I will come back to you. I have your number marked as a retry.

And right now, we have caller 2070. If you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

MS. YAR: Hello, Commissioners. My name is Nori Yar (ph.), and I'm a student at Buchanan High School. I'm here to comment on the redistricting map of Fresno County. In the current redistricting will split out central unified communities, home to a substantial amount of Punjabi people. Those of us just South of Shields would like to be kept within the rest of your community
and Assembly district Merced/Fresno.

I respect -- I respectfully request the consideration of having the line currently at Shields on the 99 to be moved South to Clinton in order to keep communities of interest together. Thank you for your time.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have caller 1122, and then up next after that will be calling 1818.

Caller 1122, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

MR. BECK: Hello?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, hello.

MR. BECK: Hi. My name is Cory Beck (ph.), and I'm from Hesperia. I wanted to thank you the Commission for its work on the draft maps. I have to say that I really support the draft Congressional map and Assembly for San Bernardino County High Desert. Our community is rural, and we believe conservation is a way of life, that makes us unique from communities around us.

Communities in the Apple -- in the Antelope Valley, Coachella Valley, and San Bernardino Valley all have access to huge amounts of water; however, the San Bernardino County High Desert from Phelan to Joshua Tree,
our aquifers are in overdraft. All our communities rely
on Mohave Water, ABC (ph.) to deliver our -- deliver to
our communities. We need to be able to advocate for our
water needs, and your draft Congressional map will allow
us to do this.

I do not like that in typical Senate maps because it
puts us with Los Angeles County. LA is a big county that
dominates the areas around it, and we want to ensure our
voices are not drowned out by the larger voices in Los
Angeles. Additionally, there are no real connections
between our valley and theirs. We have different
infrastructure needs, healthcare system, economies, and
the only way to get there is to drive in a two-lane road
that is extremely dangerous. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
have caller 1818, and up next after that will be caller
3520.

Caller 1818, if you'll please follow the prompts to
unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

MS. SIMMONS: Hello, Commissioners. This is
Catherine Simmons (ph.) from Victorville. I wanted to
express my thanks for keeping our Victor Valley whole and
out of Los Angeles County in the Assembly and
Congressional draff maps. I would urge the Commission to
continue working to give our High Desert region a voice
and connect us with other rural mountain and desert
communities in San Bernardino County.

I don't like the draft Senate map because it links
us to communities in Los Angeles County. Our community
has a history with this, and we feel very neglected by
representatives we have had from Los Angeles in the past.
Although I thank the Commission for trying to be more
balanced in population between the two counties, I still
urge you to keep our high rural desert with other San
Bernardino County communities and not with the Antelope
Valley.

I appreciate the work you are doing, I can only
imagine how difficult it is, but wanted to express my
thanks in hearing from our community. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback and your
comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
have caller 3520, and up next after that will be caller
2546.

Caller 3520, if you'll please follow the prompts to
unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

MS. SANDERS: Hello. My name is Karen Sanders
(ph.), and I'm a resident of Del Norte County, a
homeowner, volunteer, and I've worked in Del Norte for
almost fifteen years. My comments are regarding the
North Coast versus the North districts for all three Congressional, State Senate, and Assembly maps. Del Norte County has been forgotten for the last ten years being included in the North Coast.

One size doesn't fit all. I am asking that the Commissioners put Del Norte County back into the North district as it was ten years ago. Looking at our socioeconomics, we are but a dot on the North Coast without Del Norte County being the poorest and the smallest county. We closely align economically with counties to the East providing equity for Del Norte. Our medium income and property values are literally half the value, if not less, than both Marin and Sonoma, which are Bay Area counties.

Issues those counties face for are very different than the issues we face regarding economics, livelihood, transportation, infrastructure, rural healthcare, rural schools, mental health, and so much more.

In the next ten years, the Klamath plan of removal is a huge issue for our region, which affects counties to our East, not the South. We need fair representation regarding this life-changing issue, which is with the North Coast -- or excuse me, with the North district, which are the Eastern counties.

I have developed a map showing Del Norte in the
North district, that includes the Hupa, Karuk, Yurok Tribes.

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. SANDERS: -- including the Klamath River and keeping us all whole, which is in -- inclusion. I'll send on the written comments. Del Norte is eighty percent (indiscernible) owned, therefore our tax base is very low, and coastal counties don't share --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

MS. SANDERS: -- these challenges as we do. Del Norte is only ten percent of the 350 miles along the coast of California. We are more in line with the Oregon coast, and we deemed it, branded it Wild River Coast.

CHAIR TOLEDO: We appreciate your comments. Thank you very much for calling in.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And at this time, we'll have caller 2546, and then up next after that will be caller 8251.

Caller 2546, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello, Commissioners. Thank you for your time and your energy. I want to talk specifically about the City of Santa Monica. Santa Monica was moved into the Congressional district Malibu SSV, but we need to put it back into Shoreline district.
Santa Monica is a famous beach town, the most famous pier in California, and if we were to take a walk down to that pier and hop on the Ferris wheel, you will never see the San Fernando Valley. You would see the beach cities, you're on the beach.

Santa Monica does not belong in the valley. It's not even near the valley. It belongs with the coast with Venice and other beach cities. Santa Monica should anchor the Shoreline district as it originally did.

What's more is I think the Commission may already agree with this. I don't think anyone from the public or any Commissioner has ever argued for putting Santa Monica with the San Fernando Valley. So if it's just a population needs for other districts, the line drawer could simply fix this by returning all of Santa Monica to the Shoreline district, and then shifting the parts of the current Shoreloin -- Shoreline district closest to Mulholland back into the San Fernando Valley. That is to say that Pacific Palisades, Westwood, Beverly Hills, they are not in the valley, but they're sure a heck of a lot closer to the valley than Santa Monica.

Please don't send the Santa Monica Pier to the San Fernando Valley. There are no piers in the San Fernando Valley. There's no ocean there. Thank you so much for your time.
CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much. And just a reminder that we are closing the phone lines at 2:30. If you'd like to make a comment, please call in now. It's your last chance for today.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much, Chair. And right now, we'll have caller 8251, and then up next after that will be caller 4967.

Caller 8251, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours. Caller 8251, you may want to double-check, make sure your phone is not on mute. You are unmuted in the meeting.

MR. MUNDAR: Hello?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: There you go. The floor is yours.

MR. MUNDAR: Oh, hello. My name is (indiscernible) Mundar (ph.). My hometown is Sacramento. I'm a student at (indiscernible) High School, I'm a Lincoln resident, and I'm fifteen years old. I appreciate the chance to speak during this historic redistricting process. I would like to make a comment on Senate in the Sacramento area.

The latest Senate district draft maps in our region are very appreciated. I appreciate your hard work throughout the counties for the Punjabi community. I thank you for your time for hearing me.
CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Thank you for calling in.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have caller 4967, and up next after that will be caller 2668.

Caller 4967, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

ALITA: I'd like to reference the Fresno/Tulare Congressional district. Good afternoon, Commissioners. My name's Alita (ph.). I'd like to comment on community of interest. Kings County communities face similar socioeconomic challenges. Cities in Kings County are connected to each other by bus, more so than they are to communities in other counties. Kings County has a dominant Latino presence throughout, and the county should be kept together to ensure the Latino community has fair representation in Congress. Thank you, and have a nice day.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have caller 2668, and then up next after that will be caller 4273.

Caller 2668, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. I'm from Bakersfield, and I want to thank the Commission for all the hard work
they're doing. I've been listening for a while, and I've been following along to everything, and I just want to thank you guys for hearing my concerns from, you know, Bakersfield and everything and that you're working really hard for it, and I just want to encourage you to keep working at it and to just keep getting everything going along well. Thank you so much.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. We appreciate your call. PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now, we will have caller 4273, and up next after that will be calling 9468.

Caller 4273, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. Go for it.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Am I on?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: You sure are. The floor is yours.

MR. PARISH: Thank you. My name is Brandon Parish (ph.), and I'm a lifelong resident a Carmichael an unincorporated suburban community in Sacramento county, so if we could please zoom in on the draft Congressional maps for Sacramento County, that would be great.

I am deeply concerned by the draft map for several reasons. The proposed North/South divide of Sacramento does not make much sense as the county is clearly divided between the urban West and the suburban and rural East
portion of the county.

On this map, East county is cut into three pieces, with Orangevale and Folsom being separated from their neighbors of Citrus Heights, Fair Oaks, and Carmichael. Additionally, the Southeastern and outlying and agricultural communities like Sloughhouse, Rancho Murieta, and Wilton and Galt have been placed into an urban-dominated seat, and I don't think that that makes sense for those communities.

Finally, I was very concerned that the City of Sacramento itself has been divided into two districts. Cities in general should be kept whole when possible, and the population of Sacramento allows it to be included in a single Congressional district.

Because what this map does is it tips the voters of suburban Sacramento County against urban voters because historically, the city has elected its own representative, and I think this is very concerning for both suburban residents of Sacramento County as well as those who are the residents of our capital city. Other states have divided their capital cities up, and I would really like California to keep its capital city whole.

So I would ask the Commission to place the suburbs of Sacramento County into one seat. Alternatively, the Commission could use a previous visualization, which
placed Carmichael, Fair Oaks, Citrus Heights, and
Folsom --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

MR. PARISH: -- with Southern Placer cities like
Roseville and Rockland. So please either create a
Northern -- Northeastern Sacramento/South Placer seat or
an East County/Sacramento seat. Thank you for listening
to my input. I appreciate all you guys do.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have
caller 9468, and then up next after that will be caller
2863.

Caller 9648, if you'll please follow the prompts to
unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

MS. J. KAUR: Hello, Commissioners. My name is
Jasmine Kaur (ph.), and I'm a resident of Stanislaus
County. I respect the Punjabi Sikh population of the
Center Valley. I would like to say that we appreciate
the current Senate district draft maps in our area, but
we would like to see Ceres kept whole in our
Congressional district instead of being split in two.

We are a smaller community in Stanislaus County and
would rather be represented by one Congress member rather
than have two ignore us. Currently, our Punjabi
community is being split into the Eastern California
region where we have no communities of interest with this rural and mountainous area. We would like to be kept together whole and part of the immediate district dividing us on the West. We want to be in Congressional district Stan/Fresno draft. Thank you. This is very important for us.

As for Assembly, we would love to see if Ripon and Manteca can be added to Assembly district Stanislaus. We would -- or we have a families in those areas, and there is a large community of interest, a Punjabi trucking community with family and lots of crossover. We would appreciate if the Commission can find for home for Manteca that seems more natural either with Stanislaus or the Stockton area rather than with Lodi. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in and for your comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now, is caller 2863, and then up next after that will be caller 4569.

Caller 2863, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

MS. JAKUR: Hello, Commissioners. My name is Karen Jakur (ph.), and I'm a resident of Stanislaus County. I appreciate your giving me the opportunity to share during this historic redistricting process. I would like to
comment about Assembly in Stanislaus region.

We would love to if Ripon and Manteca can be added to Assembly district Stanislaus. We have family in those areas, and there's a huge -- sorry, and there's a large community of interest, which is the Punjabi trucking community with family and lots of crossover. We would appreciate if the Commission can find a home for Manteca that seems more natural, either with Stanislaus or the Stockton area rather than with Lodi. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And --

CHAIR TOLEDO: -- your comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have caller 4569, and up next after that will be caller 8182. Caller 4569, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. And one more time, caller with the last four digits 4569, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. And -- oh. The Floor is yours.

MS. TALAMONTEZ: Hi. Can you hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

MS. TALAMONTEZ: Okay. Hold on just a second. Here I am. My name is Josephine Talamontez (ph.), and I'm calling from San Diego, California, Logan heights, Barrio Logan, and I'm asking the Commission the neighborhood of
Barrio Logan and Logan heights connected to Sherman Heights, National City, West Chula Vista, San Ysidro.

These interest the districts -- this is the district, the City district 8 and 9 to be included as a Latino majority census blocks that would help the Assembly district become more effective in allowing our community to the ability to elect a candidate of choice.

It's very important to connect to the South Bay because we have nothing uncommon with East County/San Diego. This would dilute or -- our vote. My family has been in Barrio Logan since 1906, and I would like to maintain the ability to keep our community together.

This action that is being proposed right now to put us in East County, it just -- it would be harmful to the Latino community who are drawn into these districts that is controlled by East County politics, who won't look after our community. It will be harmful to the Latinos on the South Bay seat who will not have a representative to fight for the resources that Latinos rely on.

Please fix these maps to include --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. TALAMONTEZ: -- City Heights, Barrio Logan, Logan Heights, Sherman Heights, and Southcrest into the same district as National City, Chula Vista, and San Ysidro. Thank you very much.
CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have caller 8182, and then up next after that will be caller 0201.

Caller 8182, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hi. My name is Zeke, and I'm a resident of Huntington Beach. I'm a current student at Orange Coast College, and I'm here to talk about the importance of a coastal Congressional district.

The Orange County Coast has a lot more in common with each other than they do with their inland communities like Irvine and Costa Mesa. I signed onto a petition with over 1,000 fellow coastal residents in support of keeping the Orange County beach cities together as one district.

Seal Beach has a lot more in common with San Clemente than they do with Long Beach, and I urge the Commission to create a coastal district that removes Irvine and Costa Mesa. Thank you very much. Have a great day.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Thank you for calling in.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now, we have caller 0201, and up next after that will be caller 9782.

Caller 0201, if you'll please follow the prompts to
MR. A. SINGH: Hello. Hello, Commissioners. My name is Abajeet (ph.) Singh, and I'm a resident of Fresno, California. I'm a student at Fresno State University and have been in Fresno for around twenty years. I appreciate you giving me an opportunity to share during this historic redistricting process.

I would like to comment about the Assembly Fresno region. In the current Assembly district map, you are splitting our central unified community and our largest Punjabi community in the region. Those of us just South of Shields would like to be kept with the rest of our community in Assembly district Merced/Fresno.

We kindly ask the Commission to consider moving the line currently at Shields on the 99 to be moved South to Clinton to keep so many of these traditional communities of interest together. Thank you for your time, and thanks for listening.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have call 9782, and then up next after that will be caller 6563.

Caller 9782, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello, Commissioners. My
name is (indiscernible), and I have been a resident of Stanislaus County for over twenty years. I would like to say that we appreciate the current Senate district draft map in our area, but we would like to Ceres kept whole in our Congressional district instead of being split in two. We are a smaller community in Stanislaus County and would rather be represented by one Congress member rather than two ignore us.

Currently, our Punjabi community is being split into the Congressional districts of Eastern California Region where we have no communities of interest with this rural and mountainous area. We would like to kept together whole and part of the immediate district dividing us on the West. We want to be in Congressional district San/Fresno draft. This is very important for us.

As for Assembly, we would like to see if Ripon and Manteca can be added to Assembly district Stanislaus. We have family in those areas, and there is a large community of interest, Punjabi trucking community with family, and lots of crossover. We would appreciate if the Commission can find a home for Manteca that seems more natural, either with Stanislaus or the Stockton area rather than Lodi. Thank you for letting me speak during this historic redistricting process.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments and for
calling in.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now, we'll have caller 6563, and up next after that will be caller 1481.

Caller 6563, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. And calling with the last four 6563, the floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello, Commissioners. Good afternoon. My name is (indiscernible). I'm a Punjabi Sikh resident of Alameda County, I'm twenty-one, and I'm a college student. (Indiscernible) important redistricting is to the building community (indiscernible). Thank you so much for hearing us today.

So first I want to suggest changes to the Assembly district map. I would like to see if Union City could be combined in Assembly district Fremont since our communities of interest, especially in the Punjabi community, are closely tied. We all attend Fremont Gurdwara together, and we would like to be kept together.

As for the current Senate district draft map and the current Congressional draft maps in our area, we really appreciate them. Thank you so much for your hard work, for listening, and for your commitment to doing this work.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments and for
engagement.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have caller 1481, and up next after that will be caller 1126. Caller 1481, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floors is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. Can you guys hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

MR. SINGH-SHERGILL: All right. Thank you.

Commission, first of all, thank you very much. My name is Grudeep Singh-Shergill (ph.). I am an educator in the Fresno area for the last sixteen years. I would like to, you know, add some of my, you know, input into the process, into this democracy here.

You know, in the current Assembly district map, it looks like they are trying to split our Central Unified School District community and -- and Fresno and (indiscernible) School District is a huge, you know -- I mean, there's a huge Punjabi and Sikh community in the area. So we would like to request those of just South of shields would like to just keep with within the rest of your community with the Assembly Merced/Fresno.

We kindly ask the Commission to consider moving the line currently at shields and 99 to pretty much South of Clinton Avenue so that way our communities of interest would stay together. I would also like to make another
comment about the Senate district. In the Senate
district in Northwest Fresno, we would like to have our
Punjabi community kept together. In the area along
Herndon and the 99, we would like to see the small region
from the 99 to the train tracks to put in the South
district in the Fresno end, not South district
Fresno/Kern. Thank you very much for that.
And the last comment would be for the Congress. We
would like to Selma, Kingsburg, and Fowler with the West
Fresno area, since this is where we work and commute. We
are much closer to them --
MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.
MR. SINGH-SHERGILL: -- as our community of interest
and them and Tulare region. We would like our
communities to be part of the San -- San/Fresno draft map
rather than Fresno/Tulare draft maps. Thank you, and --
and thank you for your ward work. Appreciate it.
CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your call.
PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now is caller
1126, and then up next after that will be caller 8499.
Caller 1126, if you'll please follow the prompts to
unmute by pressing star six. Caller 1126, if you'll
please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six,
the floor is yours.
UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hi. Sorry about that.
So my name is Max (indiscernible). I'm from Chico. This is about Northern California. I think I'm the third caller to -- to call about the Klamath river watershed. The Washington Post had an excellent article on this today. I'd just like to -- to draw that to the attention of the -- of the Commissioners.

Basically, the Klamath river goes from Modoc to -- to Humboldt and Del Norte, kind of cutting across Northern Shasta, most of Siskiyou, and then a little bit of Trinity as well. So I -- I just think like that -- this watershed has really been affected by climate change, there's huge water shortages, a lot of debate about where to -- where to put water for environmental purposes, tribal purposes, agriculture, especially in Modoc and Siskiyou, and it's just really important for that community to be kept together.

I just think it's -- it's a very clear community of interest, one that's been really poorly served by being split between kind of a coastal district and an inland district. I think we've had a coastal district now for -- for twenty years or so, the last two cycles have split those two things up, those two, like -- the -- the two halves of this community up.

The -- it also going in Oregon, but obviously, like, that can't be in one district. Anyway, I just think it's
really important to -- to draw an East/West district up there to -- to tie the river together, and I just want to echo the -- the previous comments made earlier today about the -- the importance of the Klamath as a community of interest. So thank you very much.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have caller 8499, and up next after that will be caller 5340. Caller 8499, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good afternoon, Commissioners. I just want to thank you very much for all of the time and effort that you have all put into this. I'm a resident of Bakersfield, and I know that this isn't easy work, and it's very time consuming, so I want to thank you for everything that you've done, and you have done a great job. Have a nice day.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for the call.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have caller 5340, and then up next after that will be caller 1505.

Caller 5340, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. And one more time, caller with the last 45340, the floor is yours. Caller 5340, double-check your phone, make sure it is not on mute.
MS. H. KAUR: Hi. Sorry about that. Hi. My name's Harsimarran Kaur (ph.). I'm from Fresno County. I really appreciate you giving me an opportunity to share this -- share my comment on this historic redistricting process. I'm from the Fresno County, and I would like to say that in the current district map, you're put -- you're splitting our central unified community that is also the home to one of the largest Punjabi communities in the region.

Those of us just South of Ashland would like to be kept with the rest of the community and instead of Merced/Fresno. We kindly ask the Commission to consider moving the line currently at Ashland on the 99 to be moved up to South up to Clinton to keep many of our community together. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have calling 1505, and up next after that is caller 2568. Caller 1505, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

MS. HUANG: Thank you. Hello, Commissioners. I am Peggy Huang, and I serve as mayor of Yorba Linda, and I would to thank you the Commission for your hard work and appreciate that in the current draft map to the North Orange County area, you have put Yorba Linda together
with Anaheim Hills, East Orange, and Chino Hills.

However, I think Brea in North Fullerton should also be put together with the rest of North Orange County. As the mayor of Yorba Linda, I know this area very well, and North Orange County cities such as Yorba Linda, Brea, Anaheim Hills, North Fullerton, and Chino Hills face similar infrastructure issues and are big wildfire hot spots, and we also share similar economic concerns and housing concerns.

I hope you would consider putting the of Or -- North Orange County together with the cities of Yorba Linda, Anaheim Hills, and Chino Hills and Brea and North Fullerton, as we are communities of common interest.

Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have caller 2568, and then up next after that will be caller 3849.

Caller 2568, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six.

MR. H. SINGH: Hello, Commissioners. Hello, Commissioners. My name is Harmin Singh (ph.), and I am a resident and community organizer in San -- in San Joaquin County. I appreciate you giving me an opportunity to share about this historic redistricting process. I would
like to comment about the Assembly map for San Joaquin region.

In the current Assembly district map -- sorry. Hold on one second. I have my comment written right here. So yeah. In the current -- so right now, I -- I really appreciate the Assembly maps that keep Tracy and Manteca together. There are large Punjabi trucking communities, and we would like to see if Manteca could find a way home with us in Tracy or South with the Assembly district Stanislaus area. We think that parts of North Stockton that are more affluent may be better off with the Northern San Joaquin County district that goes into Sacramento county. Thank you.

And then I also wanted to make a quick comment about the Senate district maps. We appreciate the current ones, and we also appreciate with the Congress -- Congressional district draft maps in our area. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we'll have caller 3849, and then up next after that will be caller 5576.

Caller 3849, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by presser star six. The floor is yours.

MS. TORRES: Hi. My name is Lupita Torres, and I'm
calling from Davis, California, and I would like to ask that you please keep Solano -- excuse me, Yolo County and Solano County connected. It is it's my understanding that there's a portion of them that's going to be separated, and again, I said Solano County earlier because historically we have similar groups, similar diverse thinking, and if this gets split up, it's going to also split up our vote.

I also wanted to express concern over what seems to be gerrymandering over certain district lines, a lot of disenfranchisement of not only Latinx, but other BIPOC communities. Please keep in mind that we do have another ten years before these lines are redrawn and just keep in mind equity and inclusion, and a lot of these "special interest groups," that are being disenfranchised are the Latinx populations and other BIPOC communities, and please don't take away our voting power because that will have detrimental effects to a lot of legislation and policy, and please keep in mind the voices of some of these communities that are calling in today asking that their voices not be disenfranchised or dissolved. Thank you so much, and have a beautiful day, and thank you all of you for all of your hard work and working in redrawing the lines in an equitable and inclusive way.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you very much for calling in.
PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now, we'll have caller 5576, and then up next after that will be caller 3654.

Caller 5576, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

MR. MUHAT: Hello, Commission -- Commissioners. Good afternoon. My name is Art Muhat (ph.). I'm a resident of Fresno County. I appreciate you guys giving me an opportunity to share during this historic redestruct -- redestructing (sic) process. I would like to comment about Senate. We will -- Senate in the Fresno region.

We would like to keep our Punjabi CUI intact in the Senate district of Northwest Fresno. We would like to have a tiny area along Herndon and 99, and from the 99 to the railroad lines put in the SD. We like to put in the S -- SDBE in Fresno rather than SD, Fresno, and Kern. Thank you very much.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have caller 3654, and then up next after that will be caller 3241.

Caller 3654, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours. Caller 3654, double-check, make sure your phone's not on mute.
MR. BURCHETT: Good afternoon, Commissioners. My name is Brent Burchett calling on behalf of San Luis Obispo County Farm Bureau, would like to make comments on the Assembly district maps affecting San Luis Obispo County. San Luis Obispo --

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Go ahead.

MR. BURCHETT: -- County and Northern Santa Barbara County are agricultural communities. Linking them with coastal communities to the North and South makes little sense as they share no communities of interest with Monterey Bay or coastal Ventura and Santa Barbara. San Luis Obispo County and Northern Santa Barbara County and similar economies that revolve around agriculture and energy and share a healthcare system and a water basin. Kids from both regions play in the same high school sports leagues, residents in SLO routinely work in Northern Santa Barbara County and vice versa. Residents in San Luis Obispo County rarely travel North into Monterey County. Northern Santa Barbara County residents rarely travel South over the Gaviota Pass and into Southern Santa Barbara County. Thank you for considering our comments. Bye-bye.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have caller 3241, and then up next after that is caller 3006.
Caller 3241, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. And one more time, caller with the last four 3241, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi, there. I think -- I was liking at the map, and I think it's just illogical to split Orange County's coastal communities with LA and San Diego because all these communities in Orange County have so much in common than with those areas, and so I think it's more logical to keep them together versus splitting them apart. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now, we have caller 3006, and then up next after that will be caller 9024.

Caller 3006, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

MR. LATSHAW: Thank -- thank you for the opportunity to speak today. I'm here to recommend what you called CD greater draft, which includes many cities, including Cupertino, Santa Clara, Fremont, Sunnyvale, and part -- other parts of the surrounding cities. My name is Gary Latshaw. I'm a resident actually of Cupertino where I've lived for forty years. I'm very active in the community, I belong to the Cupertino Rotary and the Sierra Club, and
I'm currently on the Sustainability Commission of the City of Cupertino and a member of the Climate Reality Project.

One important aspect of this visualization is that most of the cities involved touch the San Francisco Bay. The draft map does a great job of putting together these areas that depend on major facilities around the South Bay and will require collaboration.

The issues include landfill, recycling and composting at Newby Island, wastewater treatment facilities in Milpitas and Sunnyvale, the Santa Clara Valley Water district advanced water purification plant, all these communities form an infrastructure that's of value to the South Bay.

Also the -- the Bay, although it's affected by what is typically called sea level rise, we have unique characteristics that happen here because of the way the water flows through the Golden Gate Bridge down to the South Bay.

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MR. LATSHAW: Also, the -- the -- the area includes the headquarters of Apple and LinkedIn, which -- which -- and a substantial office of others. They share the problems of insufficient affordable housing, lack of public transportation --
MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

MR. LATSHAW: -- and traffic congestion.

Culturally, there's much that is shared, a high percentage of Asian and Indians and Chinese in the regions. So again, it's CD greater draft.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much for your comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And Chair, at this time, we are up against a break.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Let's take our fifteen-minute break, and then we'll come back at 3:15 to continue with public comment.

(Whereupon, a recess was held from 2:59 p.m. until 3:15 p.m.)

CHAIR TOLEDO: Good afternoon. We're continuing on with the California Citizens Redistricting public input session on our draft maps.

With that, Kristian, let's open up our lines.

MR. MANOFF: Sounds good, Chair.

And for those who have called in, if you have not yet given comment, please press star nine. That's for those who have not yet spoken, please press star nine. This will raise your hand for the comment moderator, which is me.

Could I have the Spanish interpreter please invite the queue to press star nine.
MR. MANOFF: All right. First up, we have caller 9024, and after that will be caller 9329.

Caller 9024, if you could please follow the prompts by pressing star six. Go ahead.

MR. DHILLON: Good afternoon, Commissioners. My name is Amarin Dhillon (ph.), and I'm a lifelong resident of Union City. I'm representing the Punjabi Sikh community of Alameda County, and I would like to thank you for giving me the time to share today. I'd like to start off by saying we in the Punjabi Sikh community are very appreciative of the current Senate and Congressional lines in Alameda County.

However in the Assembly district, we would like to see if Union City could be combined in Alameda district Fremont since our communities of interest, especially in the Punjabi community, are very closely tied. We all attend the Sikh Temple of Fremont, the Fremont Gurdwara together, and we would like to be kept together. Thank you so much for your time and all of your hard work, and have a great rest of your day.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much.

MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Up next, we've got caller 9329, and after that will be caller 3069.

Caller 9329, please follow the prompts to unmute by
pressing star six. That's caller are the last four
digits 9329. If you could please press star six to
unmute. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi. I'm Jacqueline,
and I am a member of Stanislaus County, and I've been an
educator in the area for close to twenty-five years, and
I am calling to just say, first of all, Commissioners,
thank you for all the work that you do.

I want to mention that the draft map that is
published and moves Modesto into a district that's with
Lake Tahoe and Death Valley really is disturbing to me
because there's nothing in common with those areas, and
it will divide communities of color, religious
minorities, and it will cause an economic damage to a
region already struggling to grow.

The diverse communities where it has a majority
community, it shouldn't be drawn with Calaveras and
Tuolumne Counties, who are more than ninety percent white
in comparison to Stanislaus County, there are a lot of
people of color.

I'm also very concerned that with the proposed map,
it will require -- or not require, but reduce inclusion
and equity for healthcare, education, affordable housing,
and more concerning for me is how it will negatively
impact the youth in Stanislaus County. So I'm asking
that instead of dividing Modesto from the rest of the
Valley, please keep --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: -- the region intact by
drawing a map that keeps Modesto with South San Joaquin
communities such as Manteca and Tracy, Mountain House,
and Lathrop. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

MR. MANOFF: Up next, we've got caller 3069, and
after that will be caller 4855.

Calling 3069, please follow the prompts. Go ahead.

MR. STRANKOWSKI: Hello. My name is Bob Strankowski
(ph.). I'm a resident of Coastal Orange County calling
about Congressional, I think it's called North Coast
centered around Huntington Beach, California. The
current redesign is a breakup of Coastal Orange Coast
communities. At the North, Seal Beach is being taken
with the beach community and being lumped in with the
port city Long Beach. As you go South, you're taking out
Laguna Beach, San Juan Cap -- Capistrano, and Dana
Pointe. Those are all beach communities that have a --
really a different economic, social, and political
background compared to the inland cities.

The common -- commonalities that the beach cities
have is not with Irvine, Costa Mesa, Lake Forest, Mission
Viejo, they -- they have a different economic, social networks. If you just -- I've been a thirty-five-year resident of Westminster, particularly in -- within Little Saigon, which is a vibrant Vietnamese community, and the Vietnamese community is in Westminster, Huntington Beach, and Fountain Valley, and the -- adding it to the Irvine area is a different move.

The -- also, I've been a volunteer in all kinds of different activities, the YMCA little leagues, UASO Soccer, they are all --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MR. STRANKOWSKI: -- along the beach communities, and they don't have anything in common, you know, there's no link-up with the inland communities. There's a different vibe along the beach. We are concerned about oil spills, they're concerned about wildfires. Having a --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

MR. STRANKOWSKI: -- Congressional representative who -- who can represent the entire beach communities would be much better than having two different groups. Thank you for your time.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in.

MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Up next, we've got caller 4855, and after that will be caller 2961.
Caller 4855, please follow those prompts. The floor is yours.

MS. FRERIDGE: Hi, there. My name's Michelle Freridge. I'm the executive director of the Asian Youth Center. I'm calling about the West San Gabriel Valley area of Los Angeles County. The West San Gabriel Valley area is home to one of the largest AAPI communities in the nation, and it's recognized as a case study for successful AAPI political representation. The most recent map shows dramatic changes that chop it all up and make it so that there can't be an AAPI majority voting district in any of the new districts.

The visualization from the November 2 map visualization is much more desirable for the West San Gabriel Valley community. That's Alhambra, Arcadia, Monterey Park, San Gabriel, Rosemead, and Temple City. These communities need to remain together. We have common interests, we have a common desire to elect a representative who will speak for us.

So if you could go back to that November 2 map for the West San Gabriel Valley and make sure that in all of the districts, the West San Gabriel Valley is kept together, we would appreciate it. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Up next, we've got caller
2961, and after that will be caller 6115.

Caller 2961, please follow the prompts to unmute.

Go ahead.

MS. GRIJALVA: Thank you for this opportunity to speak. My name is Maria Grijalva I am founder and director of Latino Information and Resource Center in West Sacramento. I'm calling regarding the Congressional map that will split Yolo and Solano, and I'm calling to ask that please keep this, Yolo and Solano together.

Although I live in West Sacramento, I am seriously impacted by Yolo County policies, and the first thing that I'd like to say and -- and remind everyone is that the purpose of the redistricting is for fair representation, and the reason that we are seeking fair representation is because there's a history of unfair representation or an overrepresentation of the white population, and -- and so that is the case in Yolo County.

Yolo County has a long history of diluting the Latino vote, splitting Losano and -- Solano and Yolo would -- would dilute the Latino vote further. Right now, Yolo County is forty-six percent white, thirty-two percent Latino, very large Punjabi population also, and the problem with our county is that we -- it's very conservative, and we have some --
MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. GRIJALVA: -- extreme policies, some very extreme policies as a result of this -- of this attitude, I want to say, and so the -- the -- one of the extreme policies that we had --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

MS. GRIJALVA: -- is that in just alone in -- in 2013, we had the highest rate for charging minors as adults in criminal cases, more than any other county in California, and so that's just one -- one --

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much for your call.

MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Up next, we've got caller 6115, and after that will be caller 3240.

Caller 6115, if you could please follow the prompts to unmute. Caller with the last four digits 6115, you can now unmute your phone by pressing star six. Go ahead.

MS. J. KAUR: Hello. Hi. This is Jolene Preet Kaur (ph.). I'm a resident of Fresno. I appreciate you giving me an opportunity to share during this historic redistricting process. I would like to comment on Assembly, Senate, Congress in the -- in the Fresno -- region.

In the current Assembly district maps, you're splitting our central unified community that is also home
to the largest Punjabi community in the region. Those of just South of Shields would like to kept within -- within the rest of our community of Merced/Fresno.

I would like to kindly ask the Commissioners to consider moving the line currently at Shields on the 99 to be moved to South to Clinton to keep so many of these traditional communities of interest together. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your call.

MR. MANOFF: Up next, we've got caller 3240, and after that will be caller 2111.

Caller 3240, if you could please follow the prompts. Go ahead.

MS. ADAMS: Good afternoon, Commissioners. My name is Victoria Adams, and I'm with East County Branch of the NAACP. I just wanted to let you know that we are against the CD North Con map as it drawn today. The recommendations of the district draft appears to carve out cities in Pittsburg and Bay Point and merge them with cities such as Vallejo and Fairfield is something that we do not agree with.

The community of Pittsburg and East coast of Contra County has nothing in common with Solano County. The Carquinez Strait separates these two areas, and our needs are not the same. The City of Pittsburgh is attached to Antioch, and our needs are more likely -- are more
closely aligned with that city.

In addition, Contra Costa County does not have the same transportation, education, or government needs as the proposed areas of change that Solano County has. This type of change will greatly affect our local and federal resources in a negative way. We will not lose Congressional representation, but also state and federal funding, but we will also lose local funding support that we need in non -- for nontraditional programs.

Our community college system will also be affected as it spans three different cities, which includes the City of Brentwood --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. ADAMS: -- which according to this map, will be in a different district. These cities all also are aligned with other cities along the corridor regarding the terms of socioeconomic diversity and public transportation, such as BART, which runs along the --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

MS. ADAMS: -- Highway 4 corridor, and we need that for transportation to our jobs and homes. This district change, we would hope that you would not effect and that we are upset because we have people from 500 miles away who have come along --

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your call.
MR. MANOFF: Thank you so much.
Up next, we've got caller 2111, and after that will be caller 5554.
Caller 2111, please press star six to unmute. Go ahead.
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello, Commissioners. As someone who has lived in Santa Monica for many years, I am concerned that the Santa Monica is with the San Fernando Valley in your Congressional district map. Santa Monica really belongs with the coast. The San Fernando Valley, it apparently does not think this is a good idea either. We've seen oil spills, pollution, and fishing issues that the coast needs a lot of attention.
If you caught last night's episode of Curb Your Enthusiasm, you also saw that Larry David, who famously lives on the West side of LA couldn't get to the Valley because of all the traffic, and he missed a funeral. Anyways, it sounds a true story to me.
I don't think that it has to be overly complicated to move Santa Monica to a coastal district. For instance, you -- you could swap where Santa Monica and Malibu go together with the coast that goes North to Port Hueneme in Ventura County. This would be a true Pacific Coast highway district. I assume this would make Malibu happy too because it could stay with Agoura, Calabasas,
and other Las Virgenes areas. The Valley could then take 
corresponding population from Ventura County, which is 
suburban and of course inland. Cities like Moorpark 
and --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- Simi are along the 118 
Freeway and might make sense, and then the Valley 
wouldn't need to go South of Mulholland much at all.
Thanks for whatever you can do to keep Santa Monica with 

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thanks for your feedback.

MR. MANOFF: Up next, we've got caller 5554, and 
after that will be caller 5481.

Caller 5554, your time has come to press star six. 
Go ahead.

MS. J. KAUR: Good afternoon, Commissioners. My 
name is Jasnoor Kaur (ph.), and I'm currently a junior at 
Clovis North High School. I was born and raised in 
Fresno County. I appreciate you guys giving me an 
opportunity to share during this historic redistricting 
process. I would like to comment about Assembly in 
Fresno County.

In the current -- current Assembly district map, 
you're splitting our central unified community that is 
also home to the largest Punjabi community in this
Those of us just South of Ashland would like to be kept with the rest of your community in Merced/Fresno. We moved South to Clinton to keep so many of these traditional COIs together. I appreciate your guys' time and effort. Thank you so much.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

MR. MANOFF: Up next, we've got caller 5481, and after that will be caller 1353.

Caller 5481, please press star six. Go ahead.

MR. GALINDO: Greetings, Commissioners. Thank you for the time and effort you've put into coming up with the maps. My name is Larry Galindo. I'm calling about Lake Forest on the latest Assembly draft map.

As you know, Lake Forest has more in common with Northern Irvine and Tustin than with coastal beach cities it is currently grouped with. Residents of Lake Forest routinely cross into Irvine -- Irvine, excuse me, and into Tustin to shop, recreate, and go to school. Splitting these cities and placing Lake Forest into a coastal district does a disservice to the region because of the different public policy priorities between Lake Forest and the Foothills and beach cities.

I hope that the Commission shares this viewpoint and puts Lake Forest back into an inland district with communities with similar needs. There is no reason for
it to be in a coastal district in the next draft map.

Thank you very much.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much for the feedback.

MR. MANOFF: Up next, we've got caller 1353, and after that will be calling 8037.

 Caller 1353, if you could please follow the prompts by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Can you hear me?

MR. MANOFF: We sure can. Go ahead.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Yeah. My name is Matthew. I'm a resident of Dana Pointe, and I feel that it is not sensible to place South Orange County with the district that is mostly in San Diego. Dana Pointe has more in common with cities such as Laguna Beach and Newport Beach than cities such as Oceanside, Encinitas.

There are fifty miles between San Clemente and Oceanside, yet we are not in the same district as these neighboring communities. So the Orange County beach cities that are along the coast have similar interests, and we are in dire need of critical infrastructure, and being in that district centered around the needs of San Diego leaves us with little representation.

We would like to have one representative focus on the concerns specifically related to our Orange County coastal communities. So please keep Orange County
beaches in one district from Seal Beach to San Clemente and Orange County's coast. They deserve one Congressional district. Our economy is so reliant on tourism; attracting visitors, both domestic and international, and we -- we need one representative that shares these goals. So being grouped with more inland areas diminishes that ability to prioritize issues that our -- our livelihood depends on. So one -- one district, one representative. Thanks so much.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

MR. MANOFF: Up next, we've got caller 8037. Please follow the prompt to unmute. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. Can you hear me?

MR. MANOFF: We sure can.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. I'm writing to argue for a Congressional district that includes all of Orange County's coast from Seal Beach to San Clemente. The response to the oil spill is the perfect example as to why this must happen. The coordinated federal, and state, and local response was inconsistencies gathered. Having one voice in Congress would have minimized our issues and best enabled our ability to respond. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

MR. MANOFF: And at this time, we have no more
raised hands. I'd like to invite those who have not
spoken to please press star nine if you'd like to speak.
This is for caller 2846, 5672, 5160, I see those hands.
Thank you so much.

So up next, we will have caller 5672, and after that
will be caller 5160.

Caller 5672, the time has come to press star six.
Go ahead.

MS. MULDER: Hi. Thanks so much all of the time you
Commissioners have dedicated to this important work that
can have such dramatic implications for the future of our
communities. My name is Janet Mulder, and I'm a longtime
residence of Jamul, which is located in San Diego County,
and I have been an elected member of the Jamul-Dulzura
Community Planning Group, but speaking to as an
individual.

Jamul is a rural, unincorporated area that has
absolutely nothing in common with North Park, which is in
metropolitan City of San Diego, but that's where we're
altogether. The rural communities need to be together as
their problems are dramatically different from that more
metropolitan area.

We do have lots in common with our close neighbors
in the unincorporated area like Alpine, Descano, Pine
Valley, Potrero, Campo, and Ramona, but they are now
linked all the way to Needles. This is ridiculous.

Please take another look.

I am confused as to why an ultimate wisdom one would consider linking unincorporated areas, with the inexplicable exception of Jamul, to link all the way to Needles where distance alone would mean they could have little or no interaction with one senator. I plead with you to please take another look and put the unincorporated areas together and have them be able to work together as we have done so successfully in the past. Thank you very much for your time and your effort.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your -- for feedback.

MR. MANOFF: Up next, we have caller 5160, and after that will be call 2846.

Caller 5160, please follow those prompts.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hello.

MR. MANOFF: Go ahead.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hi. My name is Aaron. I'm from Westminster. Thanks for giving me a second chance to raise my hand, by the way. I had to drive for a little bit. I just wanted to comment, I think it's CD Seal/Brea. Yea. I really like the direction you guys are going with Orange County. Little Saigon was really disenfranchised the last ten years. They were split between Long Beach and Huntington Beach.
I love that you guys have kept us whole. My only suggestion would be that I think that district goes a little too far to the North into Brea and North Fullerton. I would rather see the more AAPI parts of Northern Huntington Beach be kept in the Little Saigon district. If you look at the current Assembly district, not the ones you guys are proposing, but the ones in place now, they actually do that by keeping coastal Huntington Beach with South Irvine and Newport, and then keeping Northern Huntington Beach with Little Saigon. I think that's the best way to do it.

I think Brea, from a local perspective, would probably be a better fit for that OC inland seat that goes to North Irvine/Yorba Linda. That would basically be my suggestion. I just think that Little Saigon is really looking forward to being kept whole, and I think it would be more respective to just make sure that the parts of Huntington Beach where people work, live, own businesses that are connected to that Westminster/Garden Grove area, places like Golden West College are kept in one seat. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

MR. MANOFF: And up next, we've got caller 2846. Please press star six to unmute. Go ahead.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. Can you hear me?
MR. MANOFF: We can.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello.

MR. MANOFF: Hello.

MS. NGUYEN: Yes, yes. Hi. My name is Kine Nguyen (ph.), and live in Huntington Beach since 1993. My two daughters and their family also live in Huntington Beach. I've called in few weeks ago and was able to make comments before.

First I wanted to say thank you for keeping part of Little Saigon together. Now, we need to ask you to just make it whole.

The Senate district was spot on, and no changes are needed. The Assembly and Congressional districts are almost there, so just a few line changes. Here is what will make Little Saigon whole and keep our parents who living in Westminster and us in Huntington Beach together. This will continue to give them emergency access to someone who can speak Vietnamese near Huntington Beach, but also be able to continue to attend weekly temple visits in Westminster with them.

Assembly map ADTTW, take out part of Garden Grove, which is anything East of Euclid Street, and take out Stanton. Both of these areas don't have any community of interests with little Saigon. Now, put in the noncoastal part of Huntington Beach, which is everything North of
Garfield Avenue so it can include our homes and so many other Vietnamese-Americans. This would be perfect for our Little Saigon community.

Congressional map cities Seal/Brea, take out Artesia, Cerritos, but in the noncoastal part of Huntington Beach, which is everything North of Garfield Avenue. Thank you for your time and for --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. NGUYEN: -- allowing me to speak. Again, we are asking for these small changes to make the Assembly and Congressional districts right for our community so that we have a voice in these districts as well. Thank you so much.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your call.

MR. MANOFF: And Chair Toledo, the queue is clear.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Kristian.

With that, we will -- that concludes today's commenters. Tomorrow from 9:30 to 2:30, we will continue to accept public feedback on our State Assembly, State Senate, Congressional, and Board of Equalization district maps. This is an opportunity for the public to provide feedback on any and all of our maps, including the Board of Equalization, and again, you can certainly call in and give us feedback during the public input session.

If you don't have an appointment, you can also go
onto our website at wedrawthelineca.org and provide feedback to us through that platform, or you can even draw a map and -- with information about what your community looks like and submit it through the my -- drawmycalifornia.org platform. You can go to that website also from our website. Again, it's drawmycalifornia.org.

With that, we will recess until tomorrow at 9:30. Thank you to everyone and all the Commissioners, the public, and to staff and contractors. Appreciate all of your hard work, and see you bright and early tomorrow morning.

(Whereupon, the California Citizens Redistricting Committee meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.)
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