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CHAIR TOLEDO: Good morning, California. (Spanish spoken, not translated). Good morning, Commissioners. Welcome to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission Public Input Session on our draft maps. Today, we will be focusing on our Board of Equalization maps, but also welcoming public input on all of our maps. We want to thank all Californians who have taken the time to submit public comments this week during our hearings and also via our website. Thank you for engaging with us.

We are offering LanguageLines for Spanish language speakers to listen to the meeting in their native language. May I please have the Spanish interpreters provide our LanguageLine number where the public can listen to today's meeting in Spanish?

THE INTERPRETER: Yes, good morning, Chair. This is Spanish interpreter Margarita, and we'll do the site translation at the LanguageLine instructions in Spanish.

CHAIR TOLEDO: (Spanish spoken, not translated).

THE INTERPRETER: (Spanish spoken, not translated).

Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much. Good morning, Ravi. Are you ready for roll call?
MR. SINGH: Yes, Chair. Thank you.
CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much.
MR. SINGH: You're welcome.
Commissioner Turner.
Commissioner Vasquez.
COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: Here.
MR. SINGH: Commissioner Yee.
COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.
MR. SINGH: Commissioner Ahmad.
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.
MR. SINGH: Commissioner Sinay.
COMMISSIONER SINAY: Here.
MR. SINGH: Commissioner Taylor.
COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: I am present.

MR. SINGH: Thank you. Commissioner Toledo.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Here.

MR. SINGH: Roll call is complete, Chair.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: I'm here, too, Commissioner Ahmad. Here.

MR. SINGH: Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: And good morning. My name is Pedro Toledo. I'll be serving as your chair for today. I'm coming to you from Alta Loma, California, and just a little bit of background. Every ten years after the federal government publishes updated census information, California must redraw the boundaries of its Congressional State Senate, State Assembly, and State Board of Equalization districts so that the districts correctly reflect the State's population.

The fourteen-member commission is made up of five Republicans, five Democrats, and four of us not affiliated with either of those parties. The Commission must draw the lines in conformity with strict, nonpartisan roles designed to create districts of relatively equal proportion that will provide fair representation for all Californians. For more information, you can visit us at wedrawthelineca.org.
This week, we've had testimony for our State Senate, State Assembly, and Congressional districts, and we are now going to be taking feedback on our Board of Equalization maps. We will continue to take feedback on any and all districts next week, November 22nd to November 23rd between 9:30 and 2:30 p.m., and please, you can also use our draft map feedback form which provides real-time input to the Commission. The link is available on our website. We also have the State database that has created an online tool for mapping districts. You can also submit -- create and submit your maps and send them to the Commission via drawmycalifornia.org website.

Just a few housekeeping rules, the Commission will be enforcing a two-and-an-half minute time limit for appointments and will provide a warning at thirty and fifteen seconds remaining. When you start your input, please identify which district plan and region you will be providing input on so that the mappers can bring up the map.

We will open the lines at the end of the day -- at the end of today's meeting around 2:30 when we will open up for public comments, and anyone can call in and provide their general public comments. The number to provide public comment is listed on our livestream landing page on our website. If you are calling without
an appointment, please do not hang up as you will lose
your place in line.

With that, I'll turn it over to Katy to go over
directions and reinstructions on call-in process. Thank
you.

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

CHAIR TOLEDO: Good morning.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Welcome to the draft map
feedback session. If you have not done so already, and
if your unique ID ends in 001 through 035, please use the
"raise hand" button at the bottom of your screen. You
will be identified by your assigned unique ID number
received with your invite for this session. When it is
your turn to speak, I will promote you to 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 at 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
the "raise hand" button at the bottom of your screen to
enter the public comment queue line indicating you're
present and ready to comment if you're unique ID ends in
001 through 035.

Now, we will be starting with 003 and then up next
after that will be 001. 003, I will be promoting you
now. 003, 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 what region
you would like to address, the floor is yours.

003, you are unmuted. If you are speaking, we are
not hearing you, which means you may want to check your
microphone settings.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: My name is Jack, and I am
calling to --

MR. MANOFF: 003, 003, I'm so sorry to interrupt --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- Long Beach. First, I want
to --

MR. MANOFF: 003, we're having a hard time hearing
you. Can you hear me?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can you hear me now? Can you
hear me?

MR. MANOFF: Yes, we hear you better now.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. Sorry. Can you hear
me?

MR. MANOFF: Yep. Let's try again.
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. Hi. My name is Jack, and I am calling today about the Long Beach maps involving the city of Long Beach. First, I want to thank the Commission for all your work throughout the redistricting process. I have been able to see all of the work commissioners have put into listening to communities of interest. Specifically, as a member of the LGBT community, I greatly appreciate your work to unite more of Long Beach.

As a large city with nearly 500,000 people, it's incredibly important for Long Beach to remain as intact as possible from the Board of Equalization to Assembly. Keeping our city together, as together as you can, will ensure that our voice is heard, and our interests are fully represented. We are a large and diverse community (audio interference) -- our shoreline and including out LGBT neighborhoods to the north of (audio interference) that speak to the issues that (audio interference) -- in the final drawing process, please continue to keep the LGBT community in mind as connected as possible (audio interference) the largest LGBTQ community. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now, we will have 001, and up next after that will be 004. 001, I'll be promoting you now. 001, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner.
of your screen. Would you please remind the mapper what
district plan and region you would like to address? The
floor is yours.

MS. KUMIYAMA: Hi, commissioners. My name is
Jennifer Kumiyama, and I'm calling from Long Beach. I'm
also a member of the Long Beach Transit Board of
Directors. Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you
today.

First, I want to thank you and your staff for all of
your hard work over the past several months for
everything that you are doing, especially for the updated
draft maps which unite most of Long Beach in every map
you are considering. As a city of almost half a million
people, I think it's incredibly important for Long Beach
to remain as intact as possible as you draw district --
as you draw districts for everything from State Assembly
to the Board of Equalization.

Keeping our city as together as much as possible --
as much as you can, will ensure that our voice is heard
and that our interests are fully represented. It also
helps protect important communities of interest like our
Cambodian and AAPI residents and our city's significant
LGBTQ+ community. We are almost at the end of this
process, and I know the City appreciates your commitment
to this work.
We're also grateful that -- grateful for the care that you've taken to place us in districts with our immediate neighbors. It's incredibly important, especially in our district for Congress, that Long Beach shares a representative that with communities we partner closely and already like those we share borders with.

Also, thank you so much for keeping Lakewood in our Congressional district. Please continue to take our feedback to heart and create districts that help serve the best interests of our area. Thank you so much again for this opportunity, and I hope that you all enjoy the rest of your weekend.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have 004, and up next after that will be 028. 004, I'll be promoting you now. 004, 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. GARRETT-PATE: Yes, thank you. I will be addressing Congressional maps in Long Beach and Orange County coasts. Thank you, commissioners, and good morning. My name is Sam Garrett-Pate. I'm the managing director of external affairs for Equality California.

The other day, we submitted a joint presentation
with the California Environmental Voters, and I just wanted to talk through the changes that we'd like to see you make to Long Beach and the northern Orange County coast to better unit our LGBTQ communities and communities that share environmental concerns. So if you start with the existing map, this can be greatly improved by linking Long Beach to coastal cities in Orange County which share those concerns and share those LGBTQ communities, and the remaining Downey portion could go toward the reconstruction of our northern gateway cities, Latino VRA district which I know MALDEF and NALEO have both asked for.

If you take some small population from northwest Long Beach and move that into the adjacent Latino VRA district SP-710, then you can move Signal Hill, most of the city of Long Beach, and all of Seal Beach into the north Orange County coastal district. This is notable because Seal Beach is actually currently diluting API voters in the Little Saigon district. Seal Beach has an API CVAP of just eleven percent. So it's actually bringing down and diluting API power in that Little Saigon district.

You move the API Santa Ana City Council district, which was created as a result of a CVRA lawsuit, and move that into the Little Saigon district, that would help to
better empower API communities in Santa Ana by uniting them with the Garden Grove and Westminster API communities, and the new boundary would also follow the Santa Ana river. This area is forty-five percent API CVAP, so again, helps to empower API communities there. Then you use the 405 boundary as a southern boundary for that Seal/Brea district. You unite Irvine and Costa Mesa in the Santa Ana district as callers have repeatedly asked, and put coastal Newport Beach City Council districts around Newport Harbor --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MR. GARRETT-PATE: -- into that northern Orange County coastal district. You can move minority Latino areas of Tustin and Placentia into the Santa Ana district, and then ultimately adjust inland Orange County for population keeping Irvine --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

MR. GARRETT-PATE: -- whole and moving Laguna Niguel and Aliso Viejo into the southern Orange County coastal district which would achieve all of your goals of uniting and empowering LGBTQ+ coastal communities. Thank you so much.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have 028 and then up next after that will be 035. 028,
I'll be promoting you now. 028, 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. RUMBLE: Thank you very much. My name is Peter Rumble. I'm the CEO of the Santa Rosa Metro Chamber of Commerce, and I am interested in providing comment on those districts or the portion of the map of North San Francisco Bay, particularly in Sonoma, Napa, Solano, Lake Counties.

I want to start as other speakers have by thanking the tremendous work and thought of your commission as it continues to go through the redistricting process. I know that it is not easy at all, and we absolutely appreciate all of the work that you're putting into it.

Napa, Sonoma, and Lake Counties have significant commonality and constituent needs, economic sectors, and more recently over the last several years, shared tragedy and natural disaster response and recovery. For Sonoma County, this is particularly true for the cities along the 101 corridor and moving east into Napa and Lake Counties including Solano County. This commonality does not necessarily extend in the unincorporated towns and areas, west Sonoma County, which has more commonality
with coastal California including Marin.

And so splitting Sonoma County to maintain a distinct coastal district while allowing the central and eastern portions of Sonoma County to join, particularly in the Congressional visualizations with Napa, Lake, and other counties east is completely appropriate. Combining those communities of middle eastern Sonoma County with those areas in Napa, Solano, Lake Counties is currently proposed in the 11-10-21 Congressional visualizations is extremely desirable as it will allow individuals, families, and businesses to continue to recover from significant natural disasters with consistent representation.

It will also help to maintain shared approaches in how our communities are tackling pressing social issues like affordable housing, transportation infrastructure, food production, and climate change. And with those things in mind, the Santa Rosa Metro Chamber of Commerce is supportive of the current 11-10-21 Congressional visualizations.

Thank you very much for all of the work that you continue to do.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have 035 and then up next after that will be 025. 035,
MR. GALLANO: Good morning. I shall address the Assembly draft maps in the Fresno and Merced areas. My name is Vanancio Gallano. I live in Southeast Fresno. Our Latino community fears the Commission is struggling to comply with the Voting Rights Act in both the Fresno and Merced/Fresno draft maps.

From November 2nd to today's draft, the Latino Citizens Voting Right Act population in the Fresno seat dropped by nearly three percent while the Merced/Fresno seat only increased the Latino CVAP 0.8 percent. It appears the Commission does not have a full understanding of why this is. The Commission seems to pay attention to other communities of interest and ignoring where Latinos actually exist.

While trying to draw seats to protect the Latino ability to elect candidates of their choice, you have not been paying attention to the Latino priorities. Between November 2nd and the draft maps, you have cut 150,000 people from the Stanislaus County out of the Merced seat, even though they were fifty-four percent Latino. You then added 150,000 people in the city of Fresno to your
VRA seat, even though they were only forty-three percent Latino. This math does not add up, especially not for a VRA district.

This is not an oversight, mistake, or done in bad faith, but you must correct this going forward. It appears you're prioritizing many other communities of interest requests to remain whole and to be included in the South Fresno seat. Because of these requests, you are diluting the Latino vote and making it harder to draw effective Latino VRA seats. Latinos should not be the sacrificial lambs. You are limiting your flexibility in other areas. The South Fresno district goes too far north in the city of Fresno. The Merced district is being pulled away from the Latino communities in Stanislaus and orphaning them.

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MR. GALLANO: The North Fresno and Clovis district is not being pushed up all the way into the Sierras. You are not prioritizing the LVRA obligations in the South Fresno seat. Finally, first draw strong VAR seats. Secondly, do not make the Latino community expendable in attempting --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

MR. GALLANO: -- to balance the interest of other communities. Thank you.
CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have 025 and up next after that will be 022. 025, I'll be promoting you now. 025, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper what district plan and region you'd like to address. The floor is yours.

MS. OLIVA: Hello. This is Lourdes Oliva from Fresno County area. Thank you for the Commission for all the hard work and especially for writing down and noting down our comments.

As a Central Valley resident and originator from the Los Angeles area, I see the need for the Board of Equalization to really meet its goals. As you may know, the property tax program concerning with the Board of Equalization is very important to all homeowners. It is the way that our schools get funded, and our roads get looked at and also a lot of progress.

However, the Board of Equalization maps that I'm looking at right now are making maps that are so wide and so equal in population, but not really taking care of looking at the populations that live in them. The Latino community, not only being a majority in number, is also one of the communities that most looks to have their own business, to put up their own projects, and
unfortunately, the Board of Equalization it affects their progress.

I think that we need to look at these maps in a more realistic way of how we can really help the communities who make our economy thrive, especially in the Central Valley as I see from the map that I see on your website, when I'm looking at that map D, draft D, it's such a huge area covering that really doesn't pay attention to the needs of these areas.

I currently had to help the community with unfortunate fraud cases with solar construction salespeople who are doing practices that are very abusive and predatory. The assessments put on their homes, the County Board of Equalization would have been someone that could have helped them avoided them getting loans that they were not ready to take or assume or even learn that they had that.

This board is very important for the economy of our state. This board, the Board of Equalization, needs to have --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. OLIVA: -- representatives that know the community. In the Central Valley, I'm looking for the VRA so the Latino community to be addressed on these maps. I appreciate your time and comments, but please,
if you have any need to learn more about this topic, my
name is Lourdes Oliva, and I would love to help you.
Thank you very much.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much for your comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
022 and up next after that will be 006. 022, I'll be
promoting you now. 022, you can now enable your audio
and video in the lower left corner of your screen. If
you will please remind the mapper what district plan and
region you would like to address. The floor is yours.

MS. ROBINSON: Good morning. My name is Judy
Robinson. I'm commenting on the Sacramento region maps.
I'm a native of Sacramento County and have lived here for
over sixty years. I was the 2020 census manager for
Sacramento County coordinating regional census outreach
with the adjacent six counties and sharing outreach
materials with Northern California counties all the way
to the Oregon and Nevada borders.

I worked two-and-a-half years with key community
leaders and stakeholders to develop and implement a
successful census outreach plan. It is based on this
experience that I urge you to reject the draft Assembly
redistricting plans which fail to reflect all that we
learned from these census efforts.

As an example, during the census, we were
intentional in developing a comprehensive language justice plan that represented our diversity. Sacramento County, per capita, speaks more different languages than any other county in California. We identified these diverse communities, worked with key trusted messengers, identified issues important to the residents, and tailored outreach accordingly.

In Roseville, you can email residents and they are easily informed. In North Highlands, many residents can't afford broadband or computers or don't know how to use them. We partnered with our library's book mobile and went to apartment complexes to share information face-to-face in different languages. We also provided computers and Wi-Fi in order for residents to complete the census questionnaire online. Yet the draft Assembly maps have drawn these significantly different communities of Roseville and North Highlands into the same assembly districts.

Across the county, we outreached and communicated with our communities differently. Many residents get their information on smartphone apps like WeChat and rely on family members and friends to keep them informed. Similarly, Arden-Arcade could never be outreached to like we would for Pollock-Pines. For starters, Arden-Arcade has a significant Afghan refugee population where we had
to outreach to residents at the local food bank with 
interpreters.

For the same reasons as above, you should not 
combine them under the same Senate district as shown on 
the draft maps. All this to say we need to change the 
lines to bring together our communities like --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. ROBINSON: -- and not fragment them. Our 
diversity is our strength. Keep our communities together 
so that they are understood, their voices heard, and 
their needs represented. For these reasons, I ask that 
our long-established Sacramento County communities be 
removed from districts connected to Placer and El Dorado 
Counties. Thank you so much.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we'll have 
006 and up next after that will be 023. 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'll please let the mapper know what district plan and 
region you would like to address. The floor is yours.

MS. MARKS: Hi. Thank you, Commissioners and staff. 
Good morning. My name is Julia Marks, and I'm calling 
from Asian Americans Advancing Justice Asian Law Caucus 
on behalf of the API and AMEMSA State redistricting
collaborative. I'll be speaking about Congress primarily and also Assembly in the Bay area. Thank you for all your work navigating these complex questions. We continue to encourage you to consider our previous map submissions to deal with some of the complexities of complying with the VRA and also respecting communities of interest.

This past week, our collaborative has been meeting with regional and local partner organizations who are interested in these issues as well as additional community members to look at the Commission's drafts and identify priority areas that we both appreciate and have some concerns about.

Today, I'm sharing input from our partners in San Mateo, Santa Clara, Alameda, and Sonoma Counties. First, we really appreciate that the draft Congressional map groups Sunnyvale, Santa Clara, Berryessa, Milpitas, and South Fremont in one district. East Asian, South Asian, and Muslim communities all identified these cities as interconnected.

Unfortunately, COIs in Mission San Jose and Irvington are cut in your Congressional map. We ask that you please keep each COI whole and keep these two COIs with Centerville. You can keep these neighborhoods with Santa Clara whole and together respecting the large
Muslim and South Asian communities throughout these COIs in the area, and you can achieve this by moving Newark into a district with Union City and moving more of San Jose into adjacent districts.

We also request that you make changes to the Assembly draft maps to put San Lorenzo, San Leandro, Hayward, and Union City in one district all together. These areas are home to many working class communities, Asian immigrants and Filipino Americans.

In San Mateo County, please keep North Fair Oaks, Belle Haven, and East Palo Alto together in one district, and with Redwood City.

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. MARKS: The Commission's Congressional and Assembly maps both break up these communities. These areas are home to many Pacific Islanders as well as other communities of color who have shared policy needs due to relatively low incomes and a history of being underserved and under-resourced.

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

MS. MARKS: These areas should not be paired with the affluent and tech-oriented areas to the south in Santa Clara County. Finally, we have additional input on the Santa Rosa area which has Pacific Islander communities, and we can submit that in writing. Thank
you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now, we will have 023 and then up next after that will be 015. 023, I'll be promoting you now. 023, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. If you will please let the mapper know what district plan and region you would like to address. The floor is yours.

MR. LAUSHINE: Good morning. I'm Greg Laushine. I'm concerned about the California -- I mean the Congressional 25th District, and thank you for the opportunity to participate, and yeah, it's impressive, and yes, wow, this looks like a really tough job to figure all this stuff out, and thanks for the effort you're doing.

Basically, just wondering if there's a way to make a less drastic change in our district. The -- is there a way to keep, you know, the appropriate population balance but keep Simi Valley and Moorpark with Santa Clarita and the rest of the Antelope Valley. There's some natural, you know, boundaries just to keep, you know, our area together, and the (audio interference) aerospace industries and getting representation regarding helping with the power shut off events and so forth, and pushing it to include more of the San Fernando Valley would --
feels like it's getting into a different community area with, you know, different interests, and there's a different school district there with LAUSD and so forth. So basically, just asking for your help with that, and that's all I got. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for engaging with us.

THE INTERPRETER: And right now, we will have 015 and then up next after that will be 009. 015, I'll be promoting you now. 015, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. If you will please let the mapper know what district plan and region you would like to address. The floor is yours. 015?

MS. MURRAY: Okay. Can you hear me now?

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

MS. MURRAY: Thank you so much. My name is Cynthia Murray. I'm the CEO of North Bay Leadership Council. We represent the leading employers in Marin, Sonoma, and Napa Counties, and I am to speak today in favor of the maps from 11-10-21 for Yolo Lake and the North Coast districts. Much of my comments were already made on the Yolo Lake district that -- by Peter Rumble from the Santa Rosa Metro Chamber. We agree wholeheartedly with all that he pointed out on the reason why that district is
one that we would support, and we also support the map
for the North Coast district. We think Marin definitely
should be part of the coastal district, and we very much
applaud the lines that were drawn in the 11-10 maps.

We again see that these are communities of interest
in terms of equity, economy, environmental, and
disasters, and we very much hope you will keep those
lines as you have currently drawn them in the maps of 11-
10-21. Thank you very much.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
have 009, and then up next after that will be 005. 009,
I'll be promoting you now. 009, try one more time. 009,

it appears there may be a connectivity issue with the
audio and video option. We will be trying the audio only
option at this time. If you will please follow the
prompts to unmute on your screen. There should be a
little unmute right in the center of your screen at this
point, unique ID 009.

Unique ID 009, are you there? You should be seeing
a prompt for -- to unmute in the center of your screen at
this time. All right, 009. We will come back to you.

Right now, we'll go to 005, and then up next after
that will be 007. 005, I'll be promoting you now. 005,
you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left
corner of your screen. If you will please remind the
mapper what district plan and region you would like to
address. The floor is yours.

MR. AI: Hello, commissioners. I am looking at the
San Francisco Congressional maps, specifically north San
M. We'll start there.

Hello, commissioners, this is Mike Ai. I'm here on
behalf of Equality California, the nation's largest
statewide LGBTQ+ civil rights organization with hundreds
of thousands of members statewide. I'm calling today to
express our appreciation to the Commission. We love the
San Francisco Congressional and Senate maps, which unite
our LGBTQ+ community as well as black, API, and Latino
communities of interest.

For the Assembly maps in San Francisco, we ask that
you revisit the maps as it currently divides our
community as well as the city's two largest black
communities and Latino communities and actually pack the
API voters in SF West District. We kindly recommend that
the Commission revisit our maps which are the -- which we
submitted under the LGBTQ unity maps and generally
recommend that the Commission work to divide the city
vertically rather than diagonally. Thank you so much.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
have 007 and then up next after that will be 29. 007, I'll be promoting you now. 007, 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.

DR. DELUGAN: Yes. I'm calling about a Senate map, specifically the ECA district that involves Merced County. My name is Dr. Robin DeLugan. I'm a professor of anthropology at the University of California, Merced, and I reject the current map as it's going to have a negative impact on Merced County's fair representation. The map -- new map severs Merced County from similar communities of interest that, for example, that are in the current Senate district boundaries.

I just wanted to say geography matters. When I moved to Merced County, I'm a resident of the City and County of Merced, I have been for sixteen years. When I first moved here from the San Francisco Bay area, it struck me that this was Central Valley, a unique part of California. I continue to learn much from, and it's very distinct from the foothill or mountain communities that now are being enjoined with the draft map.

Where there couldn't be communities that are more indistinct -- distinct from each other, excuse me,
different from each other than in terms of environmental
concerns, health concerns, community concerns, common
interests, economics, et cetera. So geography does
matter, and this map seems to not take into account those
geographical differences and demographic differences.

Further, I've been really happy to witness civic
engagement grow in the Central Valley and in Merced
County, and as we build more confidence in our under-
represented communities to be involved in the civic
process and raise their voices and their concerns, some
of this community building, civic community building
happens with the Senate district as it is now. And so
the new map actually harms some of the wonderful common
communities of interest that have been building for the
last several years.

So I reject then and ask that that map get
revisited. I am not alone.

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

DR. DELUGAN: I am not alone. I hope you can hear
the voices of Merced County because there are many, many
people who feel the same way. Thank you very much.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
have 029 and then up next after that will be 033. 029,
I'll be -- 029, as you have chosen to call in, if you
will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star
6. 029, if you will please remind the mapper of what
district plan and region you would like to address. The
floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes, it will be Santa Clarita
Valley, I think it's SCVAD. And I'm calling in regards
to -- just to talk about how your map shows that to be
part of the San Fernando Valley, and it really needs to
be separate and for these reasons. Santa Clarita has
five school districts with only 56,000 kids and one
community college.

The San Fernando Valley being part of the City of
Los Angeles has a population of almost four million,
sixty-three colleges, and they have the second largest
public school in the nation of LAUSD with almost 619,000
students, almost 76,000 employees, and a budget of 8.55
billion. They oversee 1,600 schools K through 12.

Santa Clarita, being such a small city, our children
cannot be properly represented, and we do need, you know,
our children need proper representation and legislation
also. So please, if you would take that into
consideration and remove us from the San Fernando Valley.

In addition, Santa Clarita only has a budget of
248.3 million. San Fernando, being part of Los Angeles,
has a budget of 11.48 billion. We just -- our voices
would be completely lost. In addition, the PSTS is very important to us. That is our public -- I'm sorry, the PSTS is what protects us from wildfires, and we have two completely separate utility companies. Ours is private SCE. LADWP is with the San Fernando Valley for Los Angeles, and they are completely municipal, so they are not represented by the PUC. They are -- they are regulated by the Water and Power Commissioners and the City Council. So a representative would spend a lot of time --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- focusing on such a large city and understanding their regulations in order to protect the, you know, to prevent wildfires. And if you would please take that into consideration, and I just ask for Congressional and Assembly --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- to be back with Simi Valley with two smaller and similar cities. Thank you so much, and please have a great weekend.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Likewise.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And if I could please ask for one of our Spanish interpreters, our next speaker has request for a Spanish interpretation. That's for 033, and then up next after
033 will be 010. 033, will be promoted now. And I do see you Ashley, and 033, if you will please remind the mapper of what district plan and region you would like to address, and if you will please engage with our lovely interpreter. The floor is yours.

MS. GONZALES: Good morning. My name is Maria Gonzales, and I'm an organizer in San Bernardino with CHIRLA. I've been an organizer in the city for more than seven years, and I've also been a resident in San Bernardino for more than eighteen years. I would like to thank the commissioners for the opportunity that has been created for immigrants and Spanish speakers to be able to participate. The immigrants that don't have status in San Bernardino, Colton, Rialto, and Muscoy are facing a lot of challenges.

Like, for example, issues dealing with access to resources in terms of the schools, in terms of help with rent, in terms of street vendors, in terms of the household workers, domestic workers, and also our street sellers have faced many restrictions in recent times, restrictions imposed by the county, by the city in terms of them being able to sell their products on the sidewalk areas including things like food, flowers, or other merchandise.

So these workers that work as street vendors have
been and that are in my community, they have been very poorly treated in recent times. They have also received tickets or fines and their merchandise has been taken away from them by the workers from the health department. This happens because our community does not have, in terms of dealing with our community, and our community does not have the right training to understand the culture and also that is linguistically appropriate.

Also because they did not have the privilege of being able to stay home during the pandemic, we see that this community, these workers which all live at poverty lives and the poverty threshold, they face a lot of challenges in terms of being able to support their families and in terms of being able to pay their rent as well. That is why I'm here in order to express my support for having the City of San Bernardino be kept whole in terms of all the districts, the Senate and the Assembly.

So the Assembly method I would like is the --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. GONZALES: -- Assembly that has San Bernardino joined with Rialto, Colton, Bloomington, and I do not want it joined with Terrace, Loma Linda, and Grand --

THE INTERPRETER: The interpreter didn't catch that third name.
COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I believe it was Grand Terrace, Redlands, and Loma Linda.


PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now, we will have 010 and then up next after that will be 002. 010, I'll be promoting you now. 010, 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.

MS. NIEVES: Thank you. Happy Saturday, Commissioners. I'm going to be addressing the San Diego region, and I'm going to be addressing Assembly, Senate, and Congressional levels, so I'll name the districts if that's helpful, as I talk about them. Okay. I'll get started.

So my name is Eryn Wilson Nieves. I'm with Alliance San Diego, and I'm here today raising concerns about the identified San Diego COIs of City Heights, Southeast San Diego, El Cajon, and Spring Valley on an Assembly, State Senate, and Congressional level. These communities are experiencing issues with a lack of funding and resources centering on housing, healthcare, education, language access, and increased criminalization and surveillance
from law enforcement.

And so that is why I am here today to talk about what I see in these districts that are needed for these communities. On the Assembly level, I'll be speaking to the LMESA-SVAL district and although the before mentioned COIs are paired together in this district, the split of El Cajon is detrimental to immigrant and refugee communities as resources would be assessed and distributed in a district separate from where the residents actually live. El Cajon should be kept whole in this district.

On a Senate level, the core Cajon district also pairs the identified COIs together, but includes these COIs with affluent communities of Coronado, Point Loma, and downtown and these communities have drastically different experiences in San Diego, mainly due to income and socioeconomic status. While our communities face a lack of resources, representation, and quality housing, coastal communities in downtown should not be paired with our identified COIs.

And on a Congressional level, the SESDC district is very damaging to our COIs of City Heights, El Cajon, Spring Valley, and Lemon Grove. These COIs are paired with east county communities who do not share similar experiences or values as us, and this district also
disconnects out communities from resources which are already very minimal, and they are not going to be offered where residents live if they are paired with these districts.

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. NIEVES: Thank you. Overall, it is essential to keep already marginalized COIs whole and in districts with other communities that have similar values. Prioritizing this will maximize equitable representation and give communities an opportunity to thrive.

Thank you for providing the opportunity for me to share my recommendations.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for engaging with us.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have 002 and then up next after that will be 027. And I'd like to invite caller 4882 unique ID 009 to please press star 9 on your keypad. This will raise your hand in the calling format. Thank you for calling in. 002, I will be promoting you now. 002, 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.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you very much. Hi there. My name is Connor. I'm calling today to talk
about the Long Beach Congressional district. Before I start, I want to thank you all for the months of work you've put in to get us to these draft maps. We're finally coming up on the end of this process, and I just want to say how grateful I am for your commitment to this work. These districts will impact our representation at the state and federal level for the next decade, so it's unimaginably important that we get this right.

Thankfully, for me, and my community of interest, the Commission has gotten it right for Long Beach. Residents, businesses, and organizations from across our area have reached out to this Commission asking to be kept as together as possible and you listened. For the last ten years, we've been able to benefit from having a voice in Congress, and we've used that voice to advocate for what we most need from our government. And, for that next ten years, we need that same ability if we've going to meet the challenges we face.

Addressing issues like climate and environmental justice, housing affordability, and access to sustainable transportation is an absolute necessity for my community, and redistricting can either make or break our ability to take bold action. Another important consideration for our district is for us to share a representative with other parts of our local area that we already have strong
bonds with. I'm grateful that you're looking at having Long Beach kept with Lakewood and Signal Hill, and I'd also encourage the Commission to look to other cities in our immediate border for additional options to add population as needed, like Seal Beach.

Thank you again for your continued support of Long Beach and for all the long hours you've devoted to this important process and the hours you will continue to devote to this important process. Take care and have a great weekend. That's all for me. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now, we will have 027 and unique ID 009, it appears that you have hung up your call, and rejoined with one of the multiple Zoom links. I would like to ask you to please call in again. It would make the public input probably go much smoother as the Zoom connection has not worked previously. Thank you so much.

027, if you will please -- or I will be promoting you now. 027, 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.

MS. PESANTE: Good morning, Commission. I would like to discuss Kern County and the Southern San Joaquin
Valley specifically with regard to really either Senate, Assembly, or Congress. It will be relevant to all three levels.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Go ahead, please.

MS. PESANTE: My name is Lori Pesante, and I have spoken previously as the facilitator of our redistricting work in the Central Valley for the Dolores Huerta Foundation, but prior to coming to the foundation, I was a Kern County public defender, and as I have considered my comments regarding redistricting to this commission, I've realized that the splits of specific cities in the Central Valley that we have promoted in our maps and that MALDEF has proposed in theirs, I really want to tell the story of why these cities need to be split.

When I was a public defender, I was personally threatened by gang unit officers after finishing a trial. We have had now two consent decrees imposed upon both the Kern County Sheriff's Department and the Bakersfield Police Department. Multiple lawsuits related to racist application of discipline in our high school district and intervention in the California City and Mojave area as well.

The reason why we need so much external intervention and why the Senate, Assembly, and Congressional districts are so important to us here in the Central Valley is
because we just don't have the kind of equitable representation at the local level. What you do here as a commission will make or break the ability of the seventy percent communities of color in the Central Valley, and especially the Latino community that represents over fifty percent of every county, our ability to thrive for the next ten years.

Here's an example. The census designated place of Bakersfield Country Club is currently in your voting rights act districts. These are million-dollar homes in the middle of Bakersfield. They call the sheriff's department. The sheriff's department is right there. My friend lives in the non-census designated place two-tenths of a mile away from that census designated place, she has never seen a patrol of the sheriff's department in her neighborhood in twelve years, and the only reason why she saw the sheriff there twelve years ago is because she was dating him.

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. PESANTE: Okay. So let's be very clear about who's being exploited in the Central Valley and who has all the power. We cannot keep Bakersfield whole, cannot keep Visalia whole, cannot keep Hanford whole.

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

MS. PESANTE: Please look at our splits and
recognize that it's a matter of life or death. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your engagement with the process.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, unique ID 009, as you are the last person at this time from our session, we'll go ahead and try the Zoom option one more time, and if not, we'll try the audio only option. Actually, let's do the audio only option because the other way just wasn't working.

So audio only, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute.

MS. GONZALES: Hello? Can you hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Perfect.

MS. GONZALES: Yeah, okay. I need translation, please.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I'm sorry?

MS. GONZALES: I need translation.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes. May I please have an interpreter?

MS. GONZALES: Okay. Thank you so much.

THE INTERPRETER: Spanish interpreter Margarita.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

MS. GONZALES: My name is Martha Gonzales, and I'm calling about the northeast L.A. area. I work at the
Romero Clinic in northeast Los Angeles. I want to provide my support for two districts, Assembly District 51 and 53 which represent Central L.A. and East L.A. to be together. The Latino community has been able to enjoy a growth and empowerment in the last couple of decades because of the community engagement and development.

The two separate communities have been able to -- that are hardworking or working class have been able to receive support in the areas of Eagle Rock, South L.A., Pico-Union, and East Los Angeles. We ask that these two districts be kept in the same configuration or design and to be able to keep the communities of interest together.

We ask and urge the Commission to please keep these two districts together in order to be able to represent the families and the working class. We ask that these two districts continue with the representation for the Central area, the Koreatown, Pico-Union, Boyle Heights, and South Central L.A.

I ask for the Commission to keep the division of Boyle Heights and East L.A. Thank you, commissioners, for your time and your work. I want to reiterate and reaffirm my support to keep the two Assembly districts. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have unique ID 008. I will be promoting you now. 008,
you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. If you will please remind mapper what district plan and region you would like to address. The floor is yours.

MS. ROBINSON-FLINT: Hi. Thank you so much. My name is Janette Robinson-Flint, and I want to talk about the Assembly districts in South Los Angeles and a little bit about the Antelope, Lancaster, Palmdale area. But first, I want to start with South Los Angeles.

So my name is Janette Robinson-Flint. I'm the executive director of Black Women for Wellness. We are a twenty-plus year old organization with offices in Los Angeles and Stockton. Our work centers with lifting with lives of black women and girls and our lens is the social and reproductive justice lens.

Black women continue to be the most progressive voting bloc in the country and yes, that includes California, yet our representation in elected office is minimum. The line drawn, the lines currently as they are drawn, have the potential of diminishing our Assembly districts from four to three. And also, it has the potential of diminishing out voting power, our electives by fifty percent.

BWW implements a civic engagement program we call VREAM, voting rules everything around me, with a cadre of
phone bankers, text teams, and canvassers. We've engaged
voters. We've registered voters. We inform voters for
at least the past twelve years, and we have seen the vote
won or lost by 300 votes in Palmdale, Lancaster and
Antelope Valley, and we think that the lines drawn will
further amplify the frustration and lack of victories of
communities working together to raise their voices and
concerns there. Equal population and compliance with the
voting rights are high priorities, but we know there's
more than one strategy or way to diminish voter power and
voter suppression works in many different ways.

Our VREAM team works tirelessly in South Los
Angeles, and we are the first to recognize the impacts of
gentrification, the increase and unhoused, the impacts of
Martin Luther King, Jr. Hospital closing. So we
understand the importance of voting, of census, and the
impacts these intersections have with the lives of our
community, and that frustration in that reference is to
looking at where we were --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. ROBINSON-FLINT: -- ten years and where we'd we
probably be. Our elected officials need communities of
interest to work together because we know what happens in
Carson, i.e., the Central Carson will blow over to
Compton.
MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

MS. ROBINSON-FLINT: So we recommend that the Commission look at the maps that the California black power hub, that MALDEF, and the people's block have offered as consideration in keeping together communities of interest and not diminishing --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And Chair, at this time, that is the last person from this session.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Great. So let's -- at this point, let's break for -- let's do our fifteen-minute break, and come back at -- actually, because we're a little bit early, it'll be more than a fifteen-minute break. Let's come back at 11:45, which is our time that the next group of individuals are scheduled to come in.

(Whereupon, a recess was held)

CHAIR TOLEDO: Welcome back to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission's public input session focused on the Board of Equalization. I hope you had a good break and were able to grab some coffee or some tea, and get ready for the next session. At this time, we are accepting and making ourselves available in Spanish. It would be great if the Spanish interpreters would educate the public on how to access our session in Spanish.

THE INTERPRETER: (Spanish spoken, not translated).
CHAIR TOLEDO: Katy, could you please provide the public with information on how to log in?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely, Chair.

Welcome to the draft map feedback session. If you have not done so already, and if your unique ID ends in 036 through 074, please use the "raise hand" button at the bottom of your screen. You will be identified by the assigned unique ID number received with your invite for this session. When it is your turn to speak, I will promote you to 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 will be providing input on, and one more time, please use the "raise 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're unique ID ends in 036 through 074.

Now, we will be starting off this session with unique ID 049 and then up next after that will be 051. 049, I will be promoting you now. 049, you can now
enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. And if you will please remind the mapper of what district plan and what region you would like to address, the floor is yours.

MR. ICHINOSE: Great. I'll be speaking to Congressional maps in Orange County. My name is Danny Ichinose. I direct the demographic research director, sorry, at the Orange County Civic Engagement Table, OCCET, in Orange County. We're looking at the Congressional map in Orange County. There's a lot to like here for us. We truly appreciate your recent shift to maintaining a federal voting rights district for the Latinx community at the Congressional level, that's District Santa Ana, that draws the South Fullerton and West Anaheim community of interests together with the Santa Ana community of interest.

We will be proposing some minor tweaks to the districts that bring in the rest of South Fullerton, west of Richmond Avenue, but we're really happy with the direction that you've taken. We also appreciate that you've drawn an adjacent district north and west of the VRAC that's labeled District CO-Brea that allows three important communities -- immigrant communities of interest to remain whole.

That includes the Garden Grove or Westminster COI,
the AMEMSA COI spanning South Buena Park, La Palma, and Cypress in Orange County and Artesia and L.A., and the Queen American COI in North Buena Park and Northwest Fullerton. In particular, the district allows the AMEMSA community to remain whole and in Orange County based district and something that we consistently heard was important to community leaders. So thanks so much.

This is a long district, but these three immigrant communities have much more in common with each other than with native-born higher income communities on the coast, like Seal Beach and Huntington Beach.

One major problem in the Congressional draft map is the division of Irvine and the splitting of the Irvine Costa Mesa and Tustin COI between districts NOC-Coast and Inland-OC. You've heard from alliance members about the importance of keeping these disproportionately immigrant communities whole and together, especially as one of the State's fastest growing cities, Irvine is coming into its own.

We're exploring alternatives that keep that COI together in an inland district, but we recognize that keeping these communities whole may require them being drawn into a coastal district. We want to emphasize that any changes to the Irvine area should be made without major changes to either of the two amazing districts
you've drawn to the north.

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MR. ICHINOSE: We think you're close to being done in Orange County at the Congressional level and wouldn't want you to undo all that you've achieved. So thanks so much for everything and all your hard work on these.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you very much.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now is 051 and then up next after that will be 041. 051, I will be promoting you now. 051, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. And if you will please remind the mapper of what district plan and what region you would like to address, the floor is yours.

MR. PAYNE: Thank you, Katy. I would like to see Congressional maps of the Los Angeles region of Glen 2-B-A district. All right. Thank you. So my name is Jerry Payne. I'm calling on behalf of Equality California. So nice to see folks again. I wanted to call and express my appreciation once again for uniting our LGBTQ+ community and Silver Lake, Los Feliz, Hollywood, and West Hollywood into the Congressional district Glen-2-B-A.

However, there is a western portion of our LGBTQ+ community in West Hollywood above Santa Monica Boulevard that was left out of this district. Given the significant LGBTQ+ density of this area and the relative
ease of unifying the city of West Hollywood, which is less than two square miles, we ask that all of West Hollywood be kept together in Glen-2-B-A bringing our inland LGBTQ+ communities together in districts where we share similar values and concerns and have a long work together to elect candidates of choice who will champion our civil rights interests.

I also wanted to bring attention to the district to the west of it, the Shoreline districts. For our coastal LGBTQ+ community, we were disappointed to see our LGBTQ+ welcoming beach communities of Pacific Palisades and Santa Monica left out of Congressional district Shoreline and instead placed in a San Fernando Valley based Malibu SFB district. We respectfully urge the Commission to unite our coastal LGBTQ+ community in a Shoreline district that includes Pacific Palisades and Santa Monica with our LGBTQ+ dense neighborhoods of Venice and Marina del Rey.

In doing so, our coastal LGBTQ+ community will be empowered to continue the great legacy of LGBTQ+ civic activism, such as when they elected California's first openly LGBTQ+ State legislator who -- in Assembly in 1994, who then went on to become the first female speaker pro tem of the Assembly, the first openly LGBTQ+ member of the California Senate, and now first openly LGBTQ+
member of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. So please keep our coastal LGBTQ+ communities together from Pacific Palisades to Venice, and thank you so much.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have 041 and then up next after that will be 041. 041, I will be promoting you now. 041, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. And if you will please remind the mapper of what district plan and what region you would like to address, the floor is yours.

MS. WEISSMAN: Thank you very much. Good morning. My name is Sharon Weissman, and I'm calling today about the Congressional map for Long Beach in Southern Los Angeles County. I have been an active member of my community for many years, and as you have heard, we would like to stay together as much as possible in your Congressional maps.

I want to thank the Commission for all your work over the past several weeks. Just this week, the Long Beach Independent Redistricting Commission approved our city council's maps and districts, and our commission is modeled after yours. I know we are almost at the end of this process, and Long Beach and California appreciate
your commitment to this work.

I've listened to people call in over the past few weeks, and I have heard a wide diversity of voices, but in Long Beach, you are hearing one overwhelming sentiment, keep us as intact as you can, and continue to include in our neighbors in Lakewood and Signal Hill in these maps.

Our community also cares deeply about the protection of our environment, so it makes sense to include places like Seal Beach in Orange County in our district. I thank you for taking our input. We really appreciate you and the work you did to unite more of Long Beach into a single Congressional district. Thank you for your work.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have 054 and then up next after that will be 061. 054, I will be promoting you now. 054, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. And if you will please remind the mapper of what district plan and what region you would like to address, the floor is yours.

MS. ASATO: Can you hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

MS. ASATO: Awesome. So I'm Kayla Asato, and I'll be talking about Orange County Congressional and State
Assembly districts, especially around the South Fullerton, West Anaheim area, and also be touching on State Senate.

So I wanted to introduce myself. I am Kayla Asato. I live in the city of Orange. I am a part of Orange County Environmental Justice in Orange County. I wanted to thank the Commission for all of your hard work, and I'd like to talk a little bit about the importance of keeping South Fullerton, West Anaheim together with Chapman as the dividing line between North and South Fullerton and the similarities between the two areas.

On the Congressional level, we truly appreciate your recent shift towards maintaining a Federal Voting Rights Act district for the Latinx community that draws South Fullerton and West Anaheim together with the alliance Santa Ana community of interest. We'll be proposing minor tweaks to the district that bring in the rest of South Fullerton, west of Richmond Avenue, but we are really happy with the direction that you've taken on the Congressional level. Similarly, with the Assembly level, we appreciate your drawing low income immigrant communities of interest in South Fullerton and West Anaheim together, Korean communities in North Buena Park and Northwest Fullerton, and AMEMSA communities on the border of L.A. and Orange County together in the north
O.C. district.

These communities share common challenges like language access for the AMEMSA community that crosses county lines between South Buena Park, La Palma, Cypress in Orange County, and Cerritos-Artesia in L.A. County. Drawing them together in an Orange County-based district is important to community leaders like the South Asian network and the Council on American Islamic Relations. Thank you for that.

And almost there, in Orange County, we recognize that there may be some additional changes to make such as fixing the division of Irvine at the Congressional level, but please make sure that any shifts that happen don't disturb what you've achieved in South Fullerton and West Anaheim so far.

On the State Senate draft map, it looks pretty good for Orange County. We do want to flag that the district divides two communities of interest outside of the Environmental Justice communities like Korean-American community in North Buena Park and Northwest Fullerton as well as the AMEMSA community spanning South Buena Park, La Palma, and Cypress Orange County and Cerritos-Artesia in L.A. County.

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. ASATO: We want to emphasize that any changes
made to this map should be made without major changes to
the district in and around Santa Ana, West Anaheim, and
South Fullerton. We're almost there in Orange County and
we wouldn't want you to take any steps backwards. Thank
you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.
PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
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will be promoting you now. 061, you can now enable your
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plan and what region you would like to address, the floor
is yours. You are unmuted.

If you are speaking, we are not hearing you. You
may want to double-check your microphone settings. And
your audio settings are going to be in the lower left
corner right next to that little microphone. Just
double-check that microphone. I see it. Here you come.
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the phone number that you registered with, and I will go
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dial in with your phone.

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that will 058. 048, I'll be promoting you now. 048, 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. SCHOEN: Awesome. Hello, hello. My name is
Kasey Schoen, and I am calling from Long Beach.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Go ahead, please.

MS. SCHOEN: Perfect. I wanted to call today to
thank you for keeping our community connected not just
for the Congressional lines, but for the State Senate and
in Assembly as well. As you know from my neighbors who
have called in, Long Beach is a special place. We are an
inclusive community and supportive of so many cultures.

As a major city of the Los Angeles/Orange County
border, Long Beach has historically been a great neighbor
to our bordering L.A. County and Orange County cities. I
know there is more work ahead of the Commission in the
L.A. and O.C. region and know some adjustments for population may still be needed. If population is a concern that would impact Long Beach, I would ask that the Commission to consider adding O.C. cities, like Seal Beach, to the Long Beach area maps. These are cities we already care a lot -- we share a lot in common with. We have traditionally been in federal districts with Orange County neighbors, and we love working with these cities. We share a similar coastal community experience, shop across city boundaries frequently, and believe we can work together in one Congressional district. I know there are many options you have to consider, so these are just merely ideas I wanted to offer. I completely respect your process and want to be supportive of the direction you are headed in. Thank you again for keeping a vast majority of my city together as possible and thank you for the opportunity to share my ideas. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now, we will have 058, and then up next after that will be 043. 058, I'll be promoting you now. 058, 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 what region you would like to address, the floor is yours.
058, if you are speaking, we are not hearing you. If you could please double check your microphone settings. You are not connected to audio at all. Hold on.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: There we are.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay, hi.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. I'm a resident of Brea, and I'm going to talk about the draft map covering northern part of Orange County.

Northern Orange County needs representation that understands the threats we face. The northern half of the county has battled wildfires for years, and when these fires happen, our way of life is threatened. The most recent draft lines draw Brea, which has been an absolute hotspot for fires, away from other north Orange County towns that are annually subject to fires, like Yorba Linda and Anaheim Hills. I think this is wrong and frankly, dangerous. Wildfires are a monumental threat to the people whose families and homes are in their path.

These people deserve one member of congress who understands these issues and can advocate for help at the federal level. One Congressional District should represent this area, which is why we must amend the
previous map to keep northern Orange County together and not to break it up. Thank you so much.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now will be 043, and then up next after that will be 040.

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 and region you would like to address.

The floor is yours.

MS. MEHLINGER: Hello, commissioners. My name is Samantha Mehlinger, and I am calling about the Greater Long Beach area.

First, I'd like to thank you for unifying as much of Long Beach in the same congressional map as possible. I know you all have a lot to think about, and I appreciate you making that happen for us. But now I'm also seeing that you need to add more communities in the area to the district that represents Long Beach. So I'd like to share that Long Beach has a lot in common with cities along our borders, particularly at the Long Beach and Seal Beach border.

One of the things most people don't know about is an area that's called the Pacific Flyway. So that's from the Bolsa Chica wetlands in Huntington Beach to the Los
Cerritos Wetlands in Long Beach, where we have one of the richest environments for birds to stop at during their annual migration. Because of all the development in southern California, a lot of natural wetlands have been lost, but here in Long Beach, we are working closely with our partners in Seal Beach and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to preserve what's left. And that's just one example of the type of work that's done locally in this region with our partners in congress and the federal government.

So please take these important local issues into consideration when you're drawing your maps. Long Beach and our coastal communities are truly one community. And thank you for your time.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for sharing.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now, we will have 040, and then up next after that will be 047.

040, I'll be promoting you now. 040, 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. DE RIVERA: Thank you, and hello. My name is Maricela de Rivera. I am a resident in North Long Beach,
and I'm really grateful for your time. I'm -- like so many of the other callers, I'm very grateful for this Commission. Having most closely watched our city commission go through this process, I -- I realize how much work this is, and it's sort of beyond comprehension.

I want to thank you, one, for the state assembly map and two, for the state senate map. Those maps keep Long Beach whole, and I am incredibly grateful. I am a parent to two young children. Keeping the Assembly and Senate Districts together -- keeping Long Beach whole in those districts, rather, will also really help our children when we are advocating for educational dollars, educational reform, and whatnot at the -- at the state level. We have traditionally great partnerships with our representatives, and being able to speak as one voice for Long Beach Unified School District I -- I imagine is going to be a great help.

Moving to the congressional side, I wanted to say that I understand population, you know, needs to be balanced, and so it may need to shift. I live in North Long Beach, the very top part of Long Beach that is not part of this congressional map. Of course I want to be, you know, with the rest of Long Beach. I'd like one congressmember for the entirety of Long Beach.

However, I do perhaps uniquely want to say that I
think if Long -- North Long Beach has to be removed from Long Beach, the rest of Long Beach, for reasons of population, looking at this map, I actually feel comfortable with this. We share a lot of environmental justice issues in North Long Beach that the cities I see that we are grouped with, Carson, Paramount, Lynwood, South Gate -- these cities experience a lot of the same environmental justice issues that we do.

MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

MS. DE RIVERA: And so I think that this is an appropriate grouping. I wouldn't want to -- to have the rest of Long Beach or the other parts of the cities -- or congressional maps, rather, disturbed because --

MR. MANOFF: 15 seconds.

MS. DE RIVERA: -- we will be served well. So I personally, as a person in North Long Beach, would advocate for bringing Seal Beach into Long Beach if additional population needs to be accounted for. And again, I'm just really grateful for you. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for sharing.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have 047, and up next after that will be 071. I'd like to ask one of our Spanish interpreters to please join us as 047 has requested Spanish interpretation.
THE INTERPRETER: Yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 047, I'll be promoting them now. One moment.

THE INTERPRETER: Okay.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: They have been promoted and cannot unmute.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you, and I'm sorry.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: There may have been a miscommunication. I actually do not require an interpretation.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I apologize. I was going off of my spreadsheet.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No problem.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: But hi, commissioners. Thank you for your time. My name is Patrick (ph.), and I'm calling today about maps that include the city of Long Beach.

I first moved to Long Beach about five years ago, and as you've seen today, we are certainly a city that loves to be involved and loves to organize, especially when our community character is on the line. And I know you've heard from a lot of us so far, and on behalf of all of us, I want to thank you again for working to keep
Long Beach mostly intact across the board here. I especially want to thank Commissioner Kennedy for being an advocate and hearing the calls from our community during these hearings.

But as you move forward in doing your work, please consider connecting Long Beach with similar coastal communities like Seal Beach and our other neighbors, like Rossmoor and Los Alamitos. The current congressional map does a great job of keeping most of Long Beach together, but if changes are needed, that would be my hope. In Long Beach, we care strongly about the environment because of our coastlines, freeways, and port, and our neighbors to the southeast have always shared this passion and continually work with us on environmental initiatives across the board.

So thank you for considering this request, and thank you again for putting more of Long Beach into one congressional map. Thank you for your time today.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have 071, and then up next after that will be 046.

071, I'll be promoting you now. 071, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.
PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And if you'll please remind the mapper of what district plan and region you'd like to address. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: All right. I'd like to address the north Los Angeles County area. The Assembly District 38 is actually what I was calling about. I'm asking for this opportunity to speak and ask for some changes on the -- on the rough draft that I've seen. The present map of the 38th on the -- the recent map shows that the district is moving southward into the San Fernando Valley and westward away from Acton and Agua Dulce. That means that the -- the Santa Clara River basin would be effectively split in half with the headwaters being separated politically from the majority of the users down in the Santa Clarita, Stevenson Ranch, and Castaic area.

I remind this committee that -- you know, that the various communities of interest are all connected by several different things, water being the first one. All water in the Santa Clarita Valley -- Santa Clarita basin area is very precious. It is mostly groundwater. Mostly wells are pumping it up. There is some water that goes to Santa Clarita city that is piped in, but the majority of this is groundwater. The majority of it also is on septic and treatment plants, and they draw a lot of
attention from our residents, whose life and properties are impacted.

LA County rules this area of legislation, and we have seen changes that are coming. So -- and we're also -- we need one political entity at the lowest level, probably the Assembly District, to confront Southern California Edison, whose power outages, the PSPS of the last few years, have really confused our lives and frustrated our business and schools.

We also have one common big area of commonality, which is traffic congestion and long-term traffic planning. It's -- it's an area that needs state leadership. The --

MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- other -- the last part that I ask for, and the reason why I'd like to have the whole area in one Assembly District, is that housing development is huge in Los Angeles. And LA -- you know, the Santa -- and this Santa Clara basin is one of the last areas to be developed. There's Five Points on the Ventura County line just north of Stevenson Ranch, and it goes into Castaic. There's some housing there. There's also a new housing tract coming into Agua Dulce. And this is --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
right now, we will have 046, and then up next after that will be 062.

046, I'll be promoting you now. 046, 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. FALCHEK: Hello. My name is Lucas Falchack (ph.). I'm a community organizer and resident here in Long Beach, and I'll be talking about the LB North congressional map draft.

I want to thank the Commission for all the work that you guys have done. I know it's been a very long process, and you've been doing a great job. I also want to thank you for listening so closely to our community. Obviously, me and many of my neighbors who you've heard here on the call have been following these meetings quite closely, and we really appreciate so many of the commissioners, all the work that you guys have done in keeping Long Beach intact, or at least as much as possible in these draft maps.

I understand that as -- you know, for population purposes, some of the Long Beach -- the city of Long Beach was removed at times to balance out the needs of other maps, and we appreciate you doing what you can for
us. I also know the Commission still has a lot of hard decisions to make.

And as we continue working towards final maps, I ask the Commission to consider grouping communities -- our community with our neighbor cities like Seal Beach and other OC communities like Rossmoor and Los Alamitos. We share a lot in common with these cities, as you've heard multiple times, due to environmental issues, you know, sharing the ports, things like that. And all that we can do to keep these -- you know, our communities together with Seal Beach would be great. We definitely share more with city cities like that than we do with Downey and southeast Los Angeles. So you know, moving forward, we'd love to see more of that.

Long Beach is a community that cares deeply about our coasts and the cleanliness of our oceans, as do our OC neighbors to our east and south. And as the recent oil spill off our coast -- we've seen collective action between our communities be quite inspiring. We are communities that are impacted greatly by the preservation of our environment, and we share very similar day-to-day experiences.

Thank you again for keeping Long Beach intact. As we continue our work, please consider these suggestions made by us and our neighbors. Thanks so much for your
time. Have a good day.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have 062, and then up next after that will be 070.

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 and region you would like to address. The floor is yours.

MR. SHOPE: Thank you very much. Talking about LA County and Central SFV Assembly District in the San Fernando Valley.

I thank you very much, commissioners. Again, you've done a really great job, I think, with this map. Calling from Eric -- from North Hollywood, Eric Shope (ph.) from North Hollywood. We are a small group of neighbors really just trying to fight to get our neighborhood unified here in North Hollywood, and we're just calling to ask that you help end this division. It is hard enough being represented in government in Los Angeles, and then when you split our community in two, it makes it next to impossible to get anything done.

So we're just calling and organizing to get the North Hollywood boundary extended to what the "LA Times" neighborhood map already has in place, and that would be
to extend it south -- to the 170 freeway on the west, 134
on the south, and Lankershim on the -- on the -- on the
east. This would unify our neighborhood, allow us to
advocate with -- with neighborhoods we already know
are -- are similar to ourselves and we -- we know and
already work with very well.

So again, only a small change needs to be made,
commissioners, and -- and certainly hope you will help
our neighborhood unite in this new map. Thank you so
much.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your suggestions.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have
070, and then up next after that will be 050.

070, I will be promoting you now. 070, 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.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. I will be addressing
north Orange County and the Congressional Districts on
that -- on those draft maps.

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

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you. I live in Chino
Hills, and I just wanted to talk about that area of the
draft map. I just want to stress that all of Chino Hills
should be in one Congressional District with north Orange County. I do know the mayor commented at one of the meetings on this issue, and I want to echo his sentiment and stress that residents do agree. Please don't chip away at our city just to meet population totals. Please make sure Chino Hills is kept together. We need one representative to represent all of Chino Hills.

So thank you guys so much for your time. We appreciate it. And thank you for listening to my --

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have 050, and it looks like 061 has reconnected. So right now, we will have 050. I'll be promoting you now. And then up next after that will be 061.

050 -- 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 and region you would like to address. The floor is yours.

MS. MCNEW: Hello, thank you. I'm addressing east and central San Diego County, and specifically Ramona and the San Diego Country Estates area. Good afternoon. My name is -- and the congressional map. Sorry.

My name is Andrea McNew. I'm speaking today as a citizen of Ramona and a resident of the San Diego Country
Estates. I deliberately chose that language because Ramona and the Estates are one community that deserves representation in congress by one person, and I'm here to urge you not to split our community when redrawing the Congressional Districts.

Residents of the Estates consider Ramona our home, and for good reason. Ramona and the Estates share one ZIP Code, one school board, one water board, one community planning group, one county supervisor, and mostly importantly, one community identity, that of a rural small town separate from the suburbs and cities in the western portion of the county. One drive up 78 East from Escondido, and you'll know you're not in the suburbs anymore. We also share natural resources, county fire protection services, two major transportation and fire evacuation corridors, and several tourist attractions that have grown more and more popular as the years have gone by.

This draft map also splits the communities of Santa Ysabel and Julian, and while I don't live there, I would feel remiss if I didn't point it out, especially since a portion of Ramona's economy depends on the tourists that pass through via State Route 78 and 67 on their way.

On a more general note, the border between these two districts, should it remain as it is, would be
devastating to all of the rural communities in east San Diego County. We are already overlooked and underrepresented within our current district with the suburban cities of El Cajon, Santee, Lakeside, Escondido, and San Marcos receiving the vast majority of attention by our congressional representative. Should the rural areas be split in two, it would become even more of a struggle to have our voices heard in Washington.

I do want to commend you for your draft senate and assembly maps because they do not have this problem. They keep --

MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

MS. MCNEW: They keep Ramona, Julian, Borrego Springs, Alpine, Warner Springs, and other rural communities -- all those communities across the eastern portion of the county from north to south, we take pride in our backcountry identity and --

MR. MANOFF: 15 seconds.

MS. MCNEW: -- deserve to be represented in congress the same way you've proposed they be represented at the state level: as one.

Thank you, and thank you for your hard work.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have 061, and then up next after that will be 037.
And 061, we're going to go ahead and just try the audio-only option at this time. If you will please follow the prompts to unmute on your screen. You are unmuted.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. Can you hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Ah, perfect. There you are. If you will please --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can you --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- remind the mapper of what district plan and region you would like to address. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you. I will be talking about North Orange County. My apologies for the earlier technical difficulties. I am a resident of Brea, and I just wanted to talk about the draft congressional maps in that North Orange County area.

I believe North Orange County really needs representation that properly addresses the unique issues facing our communities. We have faced wildfires for years, and these communities need to be able to coordinate responses to those natural disasters. And Yorba Linda, Brea, Anaheim Hills, Chino Hills, those areas have especially been hotspots for wildfires, and our fire authorities and officials collaborate very well together to combat these issues.
But currently in the draft maps, Brea and even north Fullerton is separate from Yorba Linda, Chino Hills, and Anaheim Hills, and we're placed in a district that runs all the way to Cerritos, down to Garden Grove, Westminster, and Fountain Valley, and this doesn't make very much sense to me. North Orange County is one community. For example, I go all the time to Yorba Linda, Orange and Anaheim Hills, either to shop, meet people, to dine, but I rarely go down all the way to Garden Grove and Westminster.

So one Congressional District I believe should represent all of our North Orange County area, and I hope you would consider keeping all our communities together.

Thank you so much for your time.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have 037, and then up next after that will be 065.

037, I'll be promoting you now. 037, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen, and if you will please remind the mapper of what district plan and region you would like to address. The floor is yours.

MS. ZEPEDA: Hi, good afternoon. My name is Paula Zepeda, and I am calling today about Long Beach.

By trade, I work in the tourism industry, and so I
get to see a lot of different places. Long Beach is by far one of the most close-knit communities that I have had the chance to be part of. I think that's why you're hearing so much from us. We definitely care about our representation and feel -- and feel strongly that it should reflect the spirit of our city and also our surrounding communities.

Long Beach is a great place, but we don't do it alone. We draw ideas and build communities with our neighbors -- neighboring cities too. With the cities to our south, we share a similar coastal experience and have built quite an aquatic community and an appreciation for our beaches.

After reviewing the current maps, I would ask the Commission to consider Long Beach with Orange County coastal cities that border us. A prime example of how connected these places are is the Long Beach transit bus route that connects coastal Long Beach with Seal Beach. This route wouldn't exist if there wasn't such a demand.

Thank you for taking that into consideration. We really appreciate all the work you're putting into California's redistricting process.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
have unique ID 065. I'll be promoting you now. 065, 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. COX: Hi. My name is Gretchen Cox, and I'm a resident of Fullerton. And I'd like to speak about the -- about Orange County.

I want to say that separating North Orange County for the congressional lines is a major and unnecessary mistake. Currently, Fullerton and Brea are separated from Yorba Linda, Placentia, and Anaheim Hills in the map. The communities in our North Orange County region are tightly intertwined together.

I go frequently to Yorba Linda, Placentia, and Anaheim Hills for business and shopping and socializing. We all share the same infrastructure concerns, we have affordable housing concerns, we have common wildfire hotspots, and we're one community that should be considered a community of interest. North Orange County has very different concerns from other parts of the county.

The lines that divide northern Orange County were drawn it seems quite arbitrarily, and multiple commissioners have admitted this through the process that
took place last week, and I hope this situation can be amended. And I want to thank the Commission for all of their time and hard work on this effort. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments. And it appears that we don't have any other hands up. Is that correct, Katy?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: That is correct, Chair, and we do not have anybody else that is registered for this session in the queue that has not spoken.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Is there anyone who -- in the session who is able to -- or who wants to give comments? Katy, do you know?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I don't -- I -- no, Chair. There -- there's nobody in the session that is -- that is registered for the session that is -- I don't -- I don't know how to answer that.

CHAIR TOLEDO: There's three hands raised at this point.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: That would be general public comment, Chair.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Given that we have a couple minutes prior to the end of -- we're -- scheduled to have lunch at 1:15.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yep.

CHAIR TOLEDO: So I'd just be inclined to just take
PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Given -- so let's just -- let's take
the hands that are raised until 1:15.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: That's perfectly fine.

I've just been going with what we -- that's great.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: One moment. I will need
to rename. Give me one moment.

MR. MANOFF: Just to clarify, Chair, would you like
us to read the instructions to open general public
comment?

CHAIR TOLEDO: No, just the folks that are on the
line at this point. We will have our general public
comment session at 2:30. But at this point, since we
have individuals who are in the queue at this point,
we'll just take them now.

MR. MANOFF: Understood.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Perfect.

MR. MANOFF: And we'll do two --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

MR. MANOFF: And we'll do two minutes for those
calls, correct?

CHAIR TOLEDO: That is correct. Thank you.

MR. MANOFF: You got it.
PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And we'll begin with caller 8544, and then up next after that will be caller 0129. And for those that have called in, if you do wish to give comment, please press star nine. This will raise your hand, indicating you wish to give comment.

All right. Caller 8544, if you could please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. Caller 8544, if you will please let the mapper know of what district plan and what region you would like to address. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes. I'd like to discuss the assembly map in San Fernando Valley.

My name is Melanie (ph.). I was born and raised in Burbank. My children and grandchildren, who are of Latino descent, were born here and still live and work in the Valley today. My father owned a gift shop here. My mother was a police dispatcher for the city. I spent many years working for the Burbank Water and Power. My ex-husband and his parents owned many businesses in the Valley. I've seen how our city and the cities around us have changed over the years and require representatives who are from the Valley that can relate to our unique area and the challenges we face, the values we hold.

And with that said, I want to thank the Commission for carving out Voting Rights Act districts that help
protect our communities of color and give us a chance to
elect representatives who represent us. However, I
believe there are enough people in the San Fernando
Valley to draw a second Voting Rights Act assembly seat,
and by combining small portions of your current proposed
Valley seat with areas just south of it, a parallel
Voting Rights Act district can be drawn with both seats
containing a majority Latino citizen voting age
population.

Furthermore, these seats could be nested into a VRA
senate seat, adding even more representation for our
Latino population. The San Fernando Valley is a diverse
area and needs representatives who live in it and can
give voice to that diversity. Creating two Valley-based
Latino VRA districts in that San Fernando Valley meet
that goal.

MR. MANOFF: 15 seconds.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
have caller 0129. If you will please follow the prompts
to unmute by pressing star six. Caller 0129, if you will
please let the mapper know what district plan and region
you would like to address. The floor is yours.

MR. LEBARRE: Thank you, commissioners. My name is
Mike LeBarre. I am the mayor of King City, California. I will be speaking to CD Cupertino, CD Midcoast, SD SBenFresno, SD Midcoast, AD Benito, AD MontCoast.

As you -- the current visualizations in place right now have significantly segregated our Hispanic communities along the Salinas Valley. The Congressional District specifically has segregated the cities of King City, Greenfield, and Gonzales from its sister city of Soledad and now combined us into a Congressional District that now puts us in with San Jose, an area that is not a community of interest.

CD 20, which is the current Congressional District, is a 54 percent Hispanic population. The maps now put that at 27 percent for Midcoast and 35 percent for Cupertino, cutting in half the Hispanics' voice. For the Senate District 12, which is currently in place, which is a 68 percent Hispanic district, the new maps even are worse. The Midcoast is down to 19.9 percent Hispanic and then pushes everything to SBenFresno. And likewise, in AD 30 of the current assembly map, you significantly reduce and eliminate the Hispanics' voice.

I ask that the -- the Commission really look at --

MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

MR. LEBARRE: -- what's going on down here and see how they have carved out communities of interest and
placed them in non-communities of interest. I ask that you go back to basically the material --

MR. MANOFF: 15.

MR. LEBARRE: -- maps that are currently in place. We understand there can be contractions and expansions. But as standing right now, the maps significantly harm us. Please, look at these maps closely.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments and feedback.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have unique ID 060, and then up after that will be caller 7446.

Caller 0 -- or -- I'm sorry, unique ID 060, as you have chosen to call in, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. Caller 0135 or unique ID 060, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. Caller -- or unique ID 060, you are unmuted. If you will please let the mapper know what district plan and region you would like to address. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi, thank you. I'm a resident of Yorba Linda, and I want to speak on North Orange County and that area.

The draft maps separating North Orange County makes little sense to us right now. Our communities deal with
the same traffic, the same infrastructure issues, but instead, we're separated from Anaheim Hills and Orange. We do not really have the same issues as Anaheim and Buena Park, who focus more on tourism. The rest of us up in North Orange County, like Anaheim Hills, Orange, Yorba Linda, north Fullerton, Brea, we really focus on the freeways and traffic, such as the 57 and the 91. We would really appreciate if that can be put into focus and that the districts would be changed for the Congressional District of North Orange County.

Thank you so much, and have a good -- great day.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have caller 7446. And I'd like to invite those that have called in that have not given comment today to please press star nine to raise your hand, indicating you wish to give comment. And we also have one person that is registered for the next session here, so I'd also like to invite unique ID 087 to please use the "raise hand" button at the bottom of your screen.

And right now, we will go with caller 7446. If you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. Caller 7446, if you'll please let the mapper know what district plan and region you would like to address. The floor is yours.
MS. KIM: Thank you. I will be talking about Irvine and Orange County.

My name is Tammy Kim, vice mayor for the city of Irvine. I'd first like to thank you for the -- thank the whole Redistricting Commission for your unwavering commitment to this process and for your service to the state of California and to our residents.

I'm speaking today to bring awareness and express my concerns over the proposed congressional and state senate maps. Irvine is the fastest-growing city in the state of California and the tenth-fastest-growing city in the entire nation. We are a highly diverse community with nearly half of our residents that are of Asian American descent. We also have a strong and vibrant Middle Eastern, Northern African, and Persian community.

We're also unique in the sense that we are thoroughly integrated. For example, the Islamic Center of Irvine, the Korean American Center, and the South Coast Chinese Cultural Center are all on the same block, on the same street.

For congress, we have Irvine split between maps North County Coast that puts us as far as Seal Beach and CD Inland map that puts us as far as Chino Hills. And for state senate, we also have Irvine split in two different ways. And the interests and concerns of Irvine
and communities such as Chino Hills or even Seal Beach are vastly different, including our economic interests, our community interest, our demographics, et cetera. And so I'd really urge and ask the Commission --

MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

MS. KIM: -- to please look at keeping Irvine whole and putting us directly with neighbors such as Tustin, which shares our school district and business interests, or Laguna Woods, a senior community that has a growing API population --

MR. MANOFF: 15 seconds.

MS. KIM: -- which shares our churches, doctors, and families and support system. So splitting Irvine was -- would also disenfranchise and dilute our Asian American community. So I urge the Redistricting -- Redistricting Commission to please keep Irvine --

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And at this time, I'd like to invite caller with the last four digits 3777, if you wish to give comment, please press star nine. And that is -- goes for caller 5944 as well.

And then unique ID 087, if you wish to give comment early, if you could please use the "raise hand" button at the bottom of your screen, indicating you are there and ready to give comment.
Chair, at this time, we do not have any hands for those that have not shared -- oh, wait.

Unique ID 066, you have just joined. You do have an appointment during this session. If you are ready to give comment right now, I invite you to use the "raise hand" button at the bottom of your screen. As for unique ID -- oh, there you are. All right. I will be promoting you now. 066, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. And if you will please let the mapper know what district plan and region you would like to address. The floor is yours.

MR. DAISA: Hi, good morning. The district that I'm going to address today is the congressional maps for Fresno-Tulare, Kings-Tulare-Kern, Fresno-Kern.

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

MR. DAISA: Good afternoon, commissioners. My name is Greg Daisa. I'm the information technology director for the Dolores Huerta Foundation and the individual who submitted maps on behalf of the Central Valley Equitable Maps Coalition. Our coalition is requesting that VRA, Voting Rights Act, requirements be of the highest priority for the Commission. We request that these VRA districts are not (indiscernible) by any other factors.

The Dolores Huerta Foundation has learned from previous redistricting experiences in the Central Valley
and -- that CVAP and other metrics must be very high for
the VRA district to actually be effective. Please use
our submissions as examples of what these thresholds
should look like. Also, use our submissions as examples
of where it is imperative to split some Central Valley
cities.

An example of this is in the Tulare-Visalia area on
the issue of water. Tulare west of 99 is profoundly
underserved, and 2,000 of its residents have not been
able to drink water from -- for the last eight years, and
code enforcement regularly tickets West Tulare residents
for watering their lawns. But in East Tulare, there is a
huge, lush park with a taxpayer-funded fishing pond and
multimillion-dollar estates with green lawns.

Our maps split Tulare along Highway 99 and Highway
137, giving northeast Tulare -- keeping northeast Tulare
in the same non-VRA districts as affluent parts of
Visalia, Clovis, and Exeter. It is acceptable to split
Tulare straight down 99.

Splitting Tulare and other Central Valley cities is
essential because often, state and federal intervention
is needed and is the only way that disadvantaged
communities can be helped. For example, Exeter City
Council voted unanimously to refuse to connect
disadvantaged community of Toolville to its water system.
The state had to intervene and pass laws to correct this injustice. This is why we drew Exeter into a non-VRA district.

Please let me know if our Valley-wide coalition of local residents and public interest groups --

MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

MR. DAISA: -- can be of further assistance to you and the Commission in drawing these lines. We live and have committed our lives to working in these disadvantaged communities every day. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your input.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now, we will have unique ID 053, and then up next after that will be caller 2406.

053, I'll be promoting you now. 053, 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.

MR. MUNSON: Thank you very much. This is John Munson. I'm just going to be on audio right now. I'm commenting for Nature for All on the Congressional Districts that include the Angeles and western San Bernardino National Forests and their surrounding communities.
Given the challenges these forests face, they need as many stewards as possible, and we need to keep the ones we have. We value the voices of the API community in the San Gabriel Valley in the southwestern 27th District. As part of their 27th, their voices are empowered as to how our federal public lands are managed and what new resources their member of congress should seek. We do not think these voices should be divided and diluted as CD 210 draft does, and we remain baffled as to why anyone would think this is a good idea. We ask you to return to the visualizations of November 2nd that keep the API community of interest intact.

All the visualization draft maps have a fatal flaw that we've pointed out before that urgently needs to be corrected. The problem is the two proposed Congressional Districts that include the national -- should include the national forest do not. This is an easy fix since it deals with boundaries within the national forest, but it does need to be corrected.

CD 28 and 29 currently give roughly a million and a half people a say in the management of their national forests. The new -- none of the new draft maps do. To correct this, Glen2BA draft or November 2nd -- the November 2nd visualization and SFD draft or November 2nd visualization need to be extended north, to the northern
border of the Angeles National Forest, similar to the way they are now.

Remember, there is very little forest usage that comes from Palmdale since there are no forest gateways or amenities to -- or few amenities to visit. The same is true east of Santa Clarita, where there is one forest gateway. All of -- almost all the major gateways to the main section of the Angeles National Forest are from the south, between Sylmar and Rancho Cucamonga. This is the same from -- for the 28th and 29th, whose -- whose whose district members come to the forest in high numbers.

The upshot? These two districts need to be extended into the Angeles National Forest. Remember, this won't be a problem for Santa Clarita since they already have to their west 100,000 acres of Angeles -- of Angeles National Forest and a member of congress who can represent their interests --

MR. MANOFF: 15 seconds.

MR. MUNSON: -- in the Angeles National Forest.

Thank you very much.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your engagement with the Redistricting Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now will be caller 0003, unique ID 069, I believe. And then up next
after that will be caller 2406.

Caller 0003, I'll be -- or will you please follow
the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. Caller 0003,
if you will please let the mapper know what district and
region you would like to address. The floor is yours.

MS. NIMMERS: Hi. I'll be talking about Central
Valley generally on all levels, so I'm not sure if you
should zoom in, but I'm starting with the Bakersfield
area. Should I begin?

MR. MANOFF: Yes, please.

MS. NIMMERS: Okay. Good afternoon, commissioners.

My name is Kristin Nimmers. I'm an organizing
coordinator with the Black Census and Redistricting Hub.
I've called a few times, but I work with our coalition
partners in the Central Valley and Bay Area. Today, I
wanted to call to give feedback on maps of Central Valley
on all levels, focusing on areas in Bakersfield, Fresno,
and the Kings-Tulare district.

Beginning with Bakersfield, the Commission has done
a good job of pairing and keeping whole black communities
in southeast Bakersfield, Benton, Cottonwood, and La
Cresta, but there are small cuts at the senate level in
the area west of La Cresta and north of Benton Park that
should be brought in to make sure those communities are
whole.
In Kings County, on the congressional level, the Commission separates Lemoore, Hanford, and Tulare from other Kings COIs, including Terra Bella and Pixley. And each of these areas has urban communities that would be -- that would like to be paired together and share an interest in greater investment in the development of infrastructure, in food accessibility, affordable housing, as well as access to health care.

And then in Fresno, at all levels, the Commission has split natural Fresno COIs that should be kept together due to shared interests and demographics as well as differing needs from the surrounding more agricultural communities that don't necessarily share the same city interests.

On the assembly level, the Commission has excluded multifamily developments below Bullard Ave. in Fresno. On the senate and congressional levels, the Commission has separated western COIs from the urban core, including West Park, a COI that's west of the 99, as well as multifamily developments around the Fig Garden Loop and the college COI.

As we engaged community members during the COI stage, folks continually listed out the importance of ensuring that black communities in this area are both united and not paired with Clovis, which has
significantly different interests. The Hub's maps provide an example of how to pair these COIs and ensure that VRA needs are met in this area.

And I hope the Commission ensures that these communities are whole and together in the final map. Thank you for your time and consideration of this input.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have caller 2406, and then up next after that will be caller 9938.

Caller 2406, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. Caller 2406, if you will please let the mapper know what district plan and region you would like to address. The floor is yours.

MS. DIXON: Thank you. Hi. My name is Kimberly Dixon (ph.), resident leader with Central Valley Urban Institute. I would like to uplift the communities of Tulare, Hanford, Lemoore, Terra Bella, and Pixley.

Commissioners, we are requesting you keep hubs, communities of interest in Kings, Tulare, and Kern Counties whole, together, and in a district with similar communities. Comply with the Voting Rights Act by drawing majority Latinx Central Valley AP districts where possible, while also protecting key community of interest. We would like to bring to the Commission's
attention the barriers to opportunity, including a lack
of investment in the development of infrastructure, food
accessibility, lack of affordable housing, need for
quality jobs, funding and resources for schools and
small -- and small black businesses.

What's good about the assembly maps is it keeps the
community of interest of Lemoore, Hanford, Tulare,
Pixley, and Terra Bella mostly whole and paired together.
What is bad is Terra Bella is split. How to fix it is
adjust Kings district to include the rest of Terra Bella.

I would like -- I would also like to close by
thanking the Commission for the senate maps. It keeps
the community of interest of Lemoore, Hanford, Tulare,
Pixley, and Terra Bella whole and paired together. I
appreciate the opportunity to be with you and speak to
you today, and happy holidays. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, and thank you for sharing
Saturday with us.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
have caller with the last four 9938. And again, for
those that have called in, that is our last raised hand
at this time. For those that have called in, if you do
wish to raise your hand, please press -- and have not
shared with us today, please press star nine.

And for unique ID 087, you are welcome to comment
early, if you like, and please use the "raise hand"
option at the bottom of your screen.

Caller 9938, if you will please follow the prompts
to unmute by pressing star six. Caller 9938, if you'll
please let the mapper know what district plan and region
you would like to address. The floor is yours.

MS. SELL: So the district plan is
CD_GREATERED_DRAFT, and it's in Alameda County and Santa
Clara County.

MR. MANOFF: Thank you, go ahead.

MS. SELL: So -- great. Thank you, California
Redistricting Commission members, for your tireless work
and your dedication in this process. My name is Linda
Sell, and I am a housing and human services commissioner
for the city of Sunnyvale, where I'm vice chair, and I
have cofounded two environmental nonprofits. However,
the views I'm expressing here are my own, which I have
not shared with the organizations. So I'm representing
this on my own behalf.

I wanted to speak about CD_GREATERED_DRAFT map.
This includes the cities of Cupertino, Santa Clara,
Fremont, Sunnyvale, and other cities. You know, one
important -- I -- I want to thank the Commission for
listening to the community. This community -- these
communities all surround the San Francisco Bay. And so
in the future, they will have to deal with issues such as sea level rise. They all -- many of them surround the Bay and are adjacent to each other and the Bay, and so they'll have to address sea level rise and the unique wildlife that is common to that area and address that together. There are two wastewater treatment plants in the area near --

MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

MS. SELL: -- the water, in addition. So they will have to deal together with that. Them dealing together with that is important to work together.

The other thing is culturally, there is much similarity in those communities.

MR. MANOFF: 15 seconds.

MS. SELL: There is a high percentage of Asian and Indians. And if possible, some more Asians and Indians and their cultural institutions are a little more --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now, we will have caller 9751. And again, I'd like to ask those that have called in, if you do wish to give comment, please press star nine.

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

MR. WENDELL: Hello, there.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes. If you'll please
let the map --

MR. WENDELL: Hello, there?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hello.

MR. WENDELL: Hi, there.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: If you'll please let the mapper know what district plan and region you would like to address. The floor is yours.

MR. WENDELL: Yes. Thank you so much. Hello, Commission. I'm calling -- I've called previously. My name is Jamie Francis Wendell (ph.). I am a resident that's currently in the 28th Congressional District. However, previously, I was in the 30th Congressional District before being redistricted.

If I could specifically say about the Studio City, West Hollywood area that's represented, where you are redrawing the lines, if you look specifically at 8000 Sunset Boulevard, to the north of me and the east of me, it will be the 33rd Congressional District, which is represented by Ted Lieu. We should be in the 33rd Congressional District, but yet I am 500 feet south of Sunset Boulevard in West Hollywood, and I'm still in the 28th Congressional District, and yet I'm west of where you drew the lines which is in the Hollywood Hills or Laurel Canyon. I'm at Havenhurst, which is one block west of Crescent Heights.
Why, even though we're west boundary -- why are we in an eastern district compared to someone who's north of me by 500 feet and they are in the 33rd District? West Hollywood is represented by the Beverly Hills West Hollywood Democratic Club. Why are we always attached to Hollywood? We are West Hollywood for a reason, that we wanted to secede and separate from Hollywood 100 years ago when Sherman basically, you know -- you know, found -- founded West Hollywood and it was Sherman, hence Sherman and Sherman Oaks. We should at least be in the 33rd --

MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

MR. WENDELL: -- Congressional District or the 30th Congressional and -- and brought back. I should be represented by the San Gabriel Valley and the eastern San Fernando Valley of Burbank and Glendale and La Canada Flintridge. I don't appreciate having to always --

MR. MANOFF: 15 seconds.

MR. WENDELL: -- be siphoned out. So please, I urge you to put us into the 33rd Congressional District or let us be in the west side communities. Don't put us in the east valley. It's not appropriate. There are two, three canyons that separate us. We're West Hollywood --

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And at this time, I do
not have any raised hands. I'm going to go ahead and
give everybody in the queue an opportunity to speak at
this time as we do have some time before lunch.

Caller with that last four digits 3777, if you wish
to give comment at this time, please follow the prompts
to unmute by pressing star six. Oh, they hung up.

All right. Caller with the last four digits --
caller 5944, if you wish to give comment, please press
star six at this time. And one last time, caller 5944 --
oh, I do apologize one more time. That was completely my
fault. Caller 5944, if you will please press star six
one more time.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'm sorry. Can you hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I sure -- we sure can.
That was my fault. I apologize. If you'll please let
the mapper know what district plan and region you would
like to address. The floor is yours. Oh, oh, hold on.
Okay, I don't know what just happened there. Caller
5944, if you'll please press star six. The floor is
yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hey, can you hear me now?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay, thank you. I'm sorry,
I'm speaking -- I'm in a public space, and I'm speaking
through a mask as well, so I hope you guys can hear me
okay.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I wanted to just look at Kern County, if we could, and also Kings County. Just wanted to look at the west Bakersfield area and how it's attached to the district that goes into Kings County. It seems like that area is not -- doesn't -- it's not really a good communities of interest match with that area. That whole west Bakersfield part really should be included with the other district that's connected to east Kern that currently goes up into the Fresno area. And that's all I wanted to say.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh, no.

MR. MANOFF: And at this time, Chair, we don't have any other raised hands in the queue.

And one more time, we would like to invite unique ID 087. That's unique ID 087. You are logged in via Zoom. If you'd like to give comment right now and you're ready to comment, please use the "raise hand" button at the bottom of your screen.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Unique ID 087, I'm going to go ahead and try the audio-only option. I believe the name is Muldoon. 087, Mr. Muldoon. If you'll please follow the prompts to unmute on your screen if you wish
to give comment early.

   It would appear, Chair, he may not be -- or the person may not be at their -- at their computer.

   CHAIR TOLEDO: Well, thank you for trying, Katy and Kristian.

   And thank you for everyone who has given feedback to the Commission on all of our maps and especially our VRA maps. We will continue to accept public comment, general public comment, after we accept and take our appointments at 1:45. So at 2:30, we plan to open up our public -- general public comment line where the public can call in and give us comment on any one of the maps.

   We will be on break until 1:45, and at that time, we'll begin taking our appointments and then followed by general public comments.

   And thanks again to staff, interpretation, commissioners, for all of your -- and the public, of course, for all of -- for everything you're doing and for sharing Saturday with us.

   With that, we're on break.

   (Whereupon, a recess was held from 1:06 p.m. until 1:45 p.m.)

   CHAIR TOLEDO: Welcome back to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission's public input session.

   We are taking public comment on the Board of Equalization
maps. We have scheduled appointments through 2:30, so we will be starting with those first.

But before that, we are offering language lines for Spanish language speakers to listen to the meeting and be able to provide comments in their native language. May I please have the Spanish interpreter provide our language line number where the public can call in to listen to today's meeting?

THE INTERPRETER: Of course.

(Spanish spoken, not translated)

CHAIR TOLEDO: Again, we will be starting with appointments for today's -- for this upcoming session and then moving on to general public comments. I anticipate opening the public comment lines at 2:30, but we'll actually open it up as soon as all of our scheduled appointments are heard.

With that, Katy, please start with the appointments.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much, Chair. Welcome to the draft map feedback session. If you have not done so already, and if you have a unique ID that ends anywhere from 001 to 098, please use the "raise hand" button at the bottom of your screen. You will be identified by your assigned unique ID number which you received with your invite for this session. When it is your turn to speak, I will promote you to 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 30 seconds. You will receive a verbal warning at 30 seconds remaining and at 15 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 "raise hand" button at the bottom of your screen to enter the comment queue line. This indicates that you are present and ready to give comment. And that is for our unique IDs anywhere from 001 through 098.

And right now, we will start out with unique ID 076, and then up next after that will be 095.

076, I'll be promoting you now. 076, 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.

MR. CHAMBERS: Hi. I'm going to be talking about Long Beach congressional maps.

And so hi. Hi. My name is Rich Chambers. I represent our Long Beach police officers. Thank you for
hearing me today. Our community really appreciates the Commission recognizing us as one community, and we thank you for unifying as much of Long Beach as you can in our congressional map. We've always shared a Congressional District with other cities and know this time around will be similar, and we absolutely welcome that.

We just ask that the Commission district Long Beach with cities and communities that are most like us. The obvious ones are Signal Hill, Lakewood, and Avalon because they are part of the Long Beach Unified School District. But please also consider Orange County cities like Rossmoor, Los Alamitos, and Seal Beach. I myself live in Long Beach, but many of the people who I work closely with and who I'm close friends with live in those bordering Orange County cities, and we are one community.

And in closing, thank you for taking our input. We really appreciate you uniting more of Long Beach into a single Congressional District, and we just encourage you to look east and towards Orange County. Thank you for your time.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have unique ID 095, and then up next after that will be 078.

095, I'll be promoting you now. 095, you can now
enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. And if you'll please let the mapper know what district and region you would like to address. The floor is yours.

MR. SMALLEY: We're looking at Senate District 23, San Bernardino.

MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead.

MR. SMALLEY: Thank you very much for having me. My name is Joshua Smalley. I'm calling on behalf of Time for Change Foundation and as a member of the Black Census and Redistricting Hub Coalition. I'm calling to request the Commission consider the Hub's drafts of the Inland Empire map, particularly, like, AD District 47 and Senate District 23, and to give rationale as to why it's vital that you take these maps into consideration during the creation of the final maps.

For instance, these maps that we are uplifting today serve as a means to confront the reality of the housing crisis we have all been experiencing over the past decade that has hit historically black neighborhoods the hardest. The communities of San Bernardino, Highland, and Rialto serve as a microcosm of self-reliance amongst its citizenry and this beautiful tenacity that makes those communities' continued connection important.

These communities are mostly ignored by the rest of
southern California. They're kind of dismissed by
surrounding communities, though economic prosperity is a
top priority for the black community in California. It
was top of line during every phase of redistricting and
our COI meetings.

The 210 and 10 Freeway corridors are unlike any
other in the state. Citizens within this region travel
east to west to work, family, and entertainment without
much exploration to regions to the north and south.

Senate District 23 maps that the CRC's provided
disregards this very understood existence, severing the
communities between Rialto and Fontana and proceeding
south to Perris, Good Hope, and Romoland, regions that
have no historical relevance to communities within the
210 and 10 corridor.

All it takes is looking at transit authorities and
transit hubs within that area to see that they go east
and west and almost always ignore north and south. It
really is -- really is a neighborhood framed by these two
freeways.

If you go here, you'll hear languages unlike your
own and see poetry presenting the history of come-ups,
people proud of their culture, both foreign and American,
and the sacrifice of parents and grandparents and great
parents. You'll see a community supporting each other's
small, sometimes unlicensed businesses and a community
rejoicing when Mary, who's been doing hair in her living
room for six years, finally moves into her own shop.
This is a community of downtrodden, surviving by leaning
on others' skillsets, sharing talents to ensure repairs
are made to homes, cars continue to run, bills are being
paid --

MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

MR. SMALLEY: -- laborers, trade workers,
specialists with years of experience, in a community
keeping float. While noble, our maps confront this
issue, and the change that our community wants to see,
that you will invest more in black-owned businesses and
will strengthen the creation of power in our community
and give economic longevity --

MR. MANOFF: 15.

MR. SMALLEY: -- to our (indiscernible). Please
take our maps into consideration. We implore you to. We
absolutely implore you to. Thank you very much.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
have 078, and then up next after that will be 075.
078, I'll be promoting you now. 078, you can now
enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of
your screen. And if you'll please let the mapper know
what district plan and region you'd like to address. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi, there. I am looking at the Long Beach area. I believe it's LB North.

All right. Good afternoon, everybody. My name is Austin (ph.). I'm a resident of Long Beach, and I wanted to again thank the Commission for all you've done so far in listening to our community and many of the communities across California as you determine these maps.

I've been following these meetings pretty closely, and I appreciate what so many of the commissioners have done to keep Long Beach as intact as possible in all of the draft maps, and I understand that for population purposes, some of Long Beach was removed at times to balance out the needs of other maps, and we appreciate you for doing all you can.

I know the Commission still has a lot of hard decisions to make, and as you continue to work towards the final maps, I'd like to ask that the Commission consider grouping our community with some of our neighboring cities, such as Seal Beach, Rossmoor, Los Alamitos, very similar to the previous gentleman that spoke. I myself work with very -- quite a few folks who work in Long Beach but live in those surrounding cities, and we do share a lot more in common with -- with those
cities than we do with some of our neighbors to the
southeast -- or to the north of us in southeast Los
Angeles.

Long Beach is a community that cares deeply about
our coasts and cleanliness of our oceans, and this is
very true for some of our OC -- for our OC neighbors as
well in Seal Beach and in Rossmoor. We are communities
impacted -- impacted greatly by the preservation of our
environment, and we share very similar day-to-day
experiences.

Once again, I would like to thank you for keeping
Long Beach intact, and as you continue to do your work,
please consider pairing us with our other coastal
neighbors. Thank you so much for your time today.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in.
PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
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what district and region you would like to address. The
floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good afternoon, Chair Toledo
and Commissioners. I'm testifying today on the
Congressional Districts in east San Gabriel Valley and
north Orange County regions. So a couple of different maps: CD STH60 and the Orange County maps, Seal-Brea and Inland OC.

The North Orange County bedroom communities of Fullerton and Brea along the 57 Freeway corridor share common commuting, economic, and environmental interests with Diamond Bar, Rowland Heights, Hacienda Heights, and Walnut to be included in one district. The large and growing AAPI communities in all of these cities should be given a political voice, and the northern gateway cities in the current draft Long Beach North should be reunited with the rest of the gateway cities in the STH60 map. Doing so will preserve the gateway cities under unified representation and keep the STH60 as a Latino VRA seat.

The proposed Seal-Brea and Inland OC draft district boundaries appear to have been the default results of protecting the central Orange County VRA district community boundaries. I would like to see the Commission continue to look at crossing over county lines to better respect the communities of interest and fair representation of local concerns in the Congressional Districts to the east and to the southwest in Orange County from the Central VRA proposed district.

The Seal-Brea draft has a number of problems, most notably significant demographic and geographic
disparities to the cities that would be districted together. The draft district encompasses communities that are imposing -- 30 miles from one another, translating to a minimum of a one-hour drive in Orange County, and incorporating the cities 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 --

MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- has produced numerous testimony about keeping -- critical importance of keeping the Fullerton of -- city whole.

Finally, I just want to urge the Commission to please remember many communities in Orange County were undercounted in the census.

MR. MANOFF: 15.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And I want to make sure that we do the best we can for congressional representation to mitigate the portion -- that funding result of that undercount. Thank you so much.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have 077, and then up next after that will be 073.
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UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi, commissioners. My name is Chris (ph.), and I'd like to speak about the city of Long Beach, specifically the LB North Draft Congressional District. And I think it's already up there.

I know you've heard a significant amount of testimony from my community, so I'll try and keep my comments brief. I want to sincerely thank you for keeping Long Beach completely together in your senate and assembly drafts and almost entirely complete in this Congressional District as well.

I was born and raised in this community, attended Long Beach Unified schools, graduated from Poly High School, and chose to move back after college because this is my home. When people ask where I'm from, I don't say LA or LA County or southern California. I say Long Beach, because in our own right, we are a big, diverse, distinct city, and I really think we should have the right to speak with our own voice in Sacramento and Washington, D.C.

Our political system will only work when every
single person is adequately and fairly represented in
government, and you can help ensure that for our area by
keeping this direction for Long Beach. Please know that
your work and advocacy on our behalf is not only
appreciated, but it's going to directly improve the
ability of diverse and historically marginalized
communities to see themselves and their needs reflected
in leadership.

I'm speaking specifically about our LGBTQ community,
about our Cambodian community, about our Latino
community, and all of my neighbors here in Long Beach who
would benefit from our city being kept together
throughout the redistricting process as much as is
possible, given the considerations that you have to
balance.

Thank you again for taking the time this weekend to
make sure our voices are heard, and thank you in advance
for working to keep Long Beach as intact as possible
throughout the rest of the line drawing process. Take
care, and have a great rest of your Saturday.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
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your screen. And if you'll please let the mapper know what district plan and region you would like to discuss. The floor is yours.

MS. EBRAHIMI: Hello. I'm calling for Assembly Districts in Contra Costa County.

Hello, commissioners. My name is Jamileh Ebrahimi. I'm calling in today representing the RYSE Youth Center based in Richmond, California, and the Black Census and Redistricting Hub. I'm here to speak in favor of keeping west Contra Costa communities united within one district.

Young people in Richmond and west Contra Costa County bear the burden of multiple systemic inequities and face persistent dehumanization, stigma, and criminalization by schools, the criminal legal system, media, and public systems. These inequities are exacerbated by historical disinvestment; job, food, and transportation deserts; and escalating displacement and pushout.

In our COI sessions that we held locally, residents lifted up the need for investment in violence prevention that truly addresses the root causes of violence, reallocating money from criminalization to programs for youth and mental health supports, education equity for public schools, ending gender-based violence, increasing supports and programs for the unhoused, supporting
communities negatively impacted by the pandemic, and ensuring protections for renters. Many of these strategies are present and need continued support and investment to increase their impact.

In my work at RYSE, I have had the opportunity to work with BIPOC youth leaders who have called on adults, those who represent systems in government to listen, partner, and implement solutions grounded in the visions and expertise of local residents. This has been possible by voting unity and solidarity when our representatives are committed to listening and being responsive to our most vulnerable community members.

To continue and deepen this work, it's imperative that Richmond, North Richmond, San Pablo, West Contra Costa Unified School District remains together and are paired with Hercules and Rodeo so that BIPOC residents' voices are elevated and listened to by those who are voted in to represent them and their interests.

On behalf of RYSE and the Black Census and Redistricting Hub, we appreciate the opportunity to be here today. Thank you for listening and for your consideration.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you very much.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have 087, and then up next after that will be 012.
087, I'll be promoting you now. 087, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. And if you'll please let the mapper know what district plan and region you would like to address. The floor is yours. Unique ID 087, you should be seeing an "Unmute" prompt in the center of your screen at this point. 087, you have been promoted, and you do have your hand raised at this time. You should be seeing an "Unmute" in the center of your screen.

MR. MULDOON: Yes, hi. Sorry about that.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. The floor is yours.

MR. MULDOON: Thank you so much, commissioners, for dedicating your Saturday to this great cause. My name is Kevin Muldoon. I'm a councilman here in Newport Beach, and I'm calling about that coastal Orange County seat. We passed anonymous -- unanimous resolution -- excuse me -- supporting the concept of having one coastal congressional seat. Ideally, I think it goes all the way from -- up to Seal Beach, down to San Clemente.

So I'm hoping the -- the council -- or the committee considers that for the sake of -- of keeping our communities and interests together. Thank you so much for your time.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.
PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have 012, and then up next after that will be 098.

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MR. TRAN: Hi, there. I'll be speaking on the Congressional and Assembly Districts for the cities of Westminster, Garden Grove, and Fountain Valley in Orange County.

So my name is Vincent Tran (ph.). I'm a resident of Fountain Valley and part of RISE, a nonprofit organization in Garden Grove. First off, I'd like to thank you, the Commission, for all -- you know, the hard work over this past year.

I would like to speak specifically on the drawing of Little Saigon. I believe Little Saigon should be kept together. I think I do -- I work with RISE, dealing with accessibility and housing issues for particularly mobile home residents, continues to be a top priority for the community. And this population is becoming more vulnerable to displacement each year due to the rising costs of rent and living expenses.

And furthermore, the socioeconomic background of
Vietnamese residents in these three cities are much more similar to AMEMSA and the Korean community, whereas the cities that -- like Huntington Beach and Seal Beach and also Newport Beach have a much more higher median household income, which would result in, you know, diverging shared interests and concerns.

I speak on particularly the congressional level. You know, I appreciate that the Commission has drawn, you know, the district of Seal and Brea adjacent to the VRA seat. This district allows three distinct immigrant communities to remain intact and whole. This includes the Vietnamese community in Westminster and Garden Grove, AMEMSA COI spanning from south Buena Park to La Palma and Cypress in Orange County and Cerritos and Artesia in Los Angeles County and also the Korean American community in north Buena Park and northwest Fullerton.

And on the assembly level, the Vietnamese American community in Garden Grove and Westminster and Fountain Valley are together in District TTW, as are the Pacific Islander communities in Garden Grove. However, their pairing with --

MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

MR. TRAN: -- Seal Beach, Rossmoor, and Los Alamitos is a point of concern as these communities are disproportionately (indiscernible) and have higher
income. And lastly, there needs to be additional changes made to fix the division of Irvine at the congressional level.

MR. MANOFF: 15 seconds.

MR. TRAN: However, please make sure any shifts do not disturb the overall makeup you’ve created for the congressional and assembly draft maps. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now, we will have 098, and then up next after that will be 091.

098, I'll be promoting you now. 098, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. And if you'll please let the mapper know what district plan and region you would like to address. The floor is yours.

MS. WOO: Thank you so much. I will be providing public comment on the San Gabriel Valley, specifically the congressional maps South 60 and CD COB.

My name is Jackie Wu, and I'm speaking today as a member of CAUSE, the Center for Asian Americans United for Self Empowerment. I'm proud to be born and raised in San Gabriel Valley. Growing up, I was able to see Asian American elected officials who looked like me and inspired me to get involved with politics and work in government.
From both personal and professional experience, I can tell you that there is an Asian American COI in the San Gabriel Valley that share common policy concerns and should remain in the same district. We may not be able to meet the 50 percent threshold to be protected under the Voting Rights Act, but we should still be kept whole as a minority community.

The San Gabriel Valley has strong interdependent economic and social systems. For example, Asian Americans living in San Marino and Arcadia open businesses in Monterey Park and Alhambra. Bilingual lawyers and accountants serve Asian Americans in neighboring cities. Multiple generations in a family that live throughout the San Gabriel Valley commonly see the same doctor and go out to restaurants in neighboring cities.

In the November 4th meeting, there was a case made that district lines should follow the 10 Freeway. Instead, I offer a suggestion to consider Valley Boulevard as a corridor of traffic, economic, and social activities. The culture and businesses are very similar to Alhambra to San Gabriel to Rosemead. As you near El Monte, you can notice a difference. To say El Monte is closer to Alhambra than San Gabriel simply doesn't reflect reality.
The most objective measurement of whether there is a cohesive community is to analyze voting patterns. The research clearly shows that Asian Americans in the San Gabriel Valley are a cohesive voting bloc. That is the most obvious evidence of it being a COI. In west San Gabriel Valley, the cities of Monterey Park, Alhambra, Rosemead, San Gabriel, San Marino, Temple City, and Arcadia have an Asian American majority and should be in the same Congressional District.

The Asian American community in east San Gabriel Valley is also identifiable by retail plazas, churches, temples, and language schools. The communities of Hacienda Heights, Walnut, Rowland Heights, and Diamond Bar should remain together in a district with neighborhoods that reflect similar economic conditions, which may cross county lines into North Orange County and San Bernardino.

I ask the Commission to revisit the San Gabriel --

MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

MS. WOO: -- Valley congressional maps and redraw them to keep these Asian American communities whole. Splitting up the Asian American community in either area will set back organizing efforts by decades. Thank you for your time and service.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
right now, we will have 091, and I'd like to invite
unique ID 081 to please use the "raise hand" button at
the bottom of your screen as you do have a scheduled time
during this session.

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what district plan and region you would like to address.
The floor is yours.

MR. DAY: Well, hopefully you can hear me now.
PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.
MR. DAY: Good, fantastic. I will do Orange County
Coastal, and specifically -- my name is Brandon Day, and
I live in Dana Point. And I specifically just wanted to
bring up Dana Point and maybe -- I've been on a couple
calls, and I appreciate -- first and foremost, I
appreciate all the time you guys have spent on this.
I've been -- I was -- I participated in the August and
October meetings. And during that time, a lot of the
commissioners were talking about having one coastal
district in Orange County.

I was a little stunned when this recent map came out
just because, again, it was split. I'm currently, again,
right on the boundary, and I would be in the southern
part of that coastal district with portions of San Diego
and areas of Orange County that have no relationship, really, to the beach. The gentleman from Newport Beach just spoke about, you know, coastal issues. Coastal issues are different. We have environmental concerns that a lot of people aren't aware of that we have to deal with.

Specifically, I'm a member of a nonprofit for a mammal rescue foundation in Laguna Beach. That would be in one district, and in Dana Point, they have the Ocean Institute, and that would be in another district. It would be pretty cool if that was together so we could work on that.

Also, the harbors of Orange County, there's really three of them, and again, these would be split in between three areas.

I used to live down in San Diego, and I can just say also one other thing about that is there's no relationship, really, with San Diego and Orange County. There is that Pendleton area that commissioners were talking about, and it is a community of interest. I understand. But most of the kids do live in the southern part of Camp Pendleton, in the San Diego area. And that's just something to consider.

The environmental and the tourist -- tourism reasons to keep that coast all one is so huge. Sand
replenishment --

MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

MR. DAY: -- projects, stuff like that. So I hope you guys reconsider and maybe consider what you guys were leaning towards in August and October.

I know it's hard. So best wishes to you, and hopefully you'll consider that. Have a great day, and thanks for all that you do. Take care.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for sharing your thoughts.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have unique ID 081.

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MR. HULL: Hello? Can you hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

MR. HULL: Yes. Hi. I'm -- I'm calling regarding CD SavanaAna Draft. That's the map covering from Seal Beach to Brea. Okay.

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

MR. HULL: Yes. Hi. I'm David Hull (ph.). I'm a resident of Seal Beach. I'm -- I'm just calling to comment on Seal Beach. With the exception of neighboring
Rossmoor, Seal Beach has very little in common with inland communities. The drive from Seal Beach to Fullerton and Brea is at least 30 to 40 minutes. Moreover, there is no convenient direct freeway route without crossing into another Congressional District.

If Seal Beach is the only coastal Orange County city in the Congressional District, Seal Beach with a population of about 25,000 will -- will just be an afterthought to whoever is representing us in Washington.

Like other coastal Orange County cities along Pacific Coast Highway, Seal Beach has unique coastal concerns, such as flooding and beach erosion. For example, each November, Seal Beach builds a sand berm of about one half mile long and nine feet high in order to protect against beach erosion and winter storm damage. Five months later, in each April, the city removes the sand berm. As to those who want to draw Seal Beach and Long Beach together, Long Beach has very little in common with Seal Beach as Long Beach is a large port city of about 470,000. The needs of -- of a port city is different from those of a beach city. For example, as a port city, Long Beach needs to worry about port reconstruction upgrades and maintain roads that can handle large semi-tractor trailers.

From a shopping and dining perspective, I rarely go
to Long Beach because it has a much higher, 10.25 percent sales tax. Instead, I do my shopping and dining in Orange County because Seal Beach has an 8.75 percent sales tax. And all the other coastal Orange County cities have a 7.75 percent sales tax.

Because Orange County coastal cities are currently drawing into three Congressional Districts, my last comment to the Commission is, what is so similar about the north coastal communities from Del Norte County to Marin County, and what is so dissimilar about the Orange County coastal communities from Seal Beach to San Clemente?

Thank you for your time.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have unique ID 084. I'll be promoting you now. 084, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. And if you'll please let the mapper know what district plan and the region you would like to address, the floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you. Good afternoon. My name is Kaya, and I will be addressing all three (indiscernible) of the map. My remarks focus specifically on the city of Fresno and the county of Fresno and (indiscernible) that lives west of the 99 into
Irving (indiscernible). The issues that unite our community are affordable housing, the infrastructure like roads, water treatment and air pollution and access to living wage jobs, health care and quality K through 12 education.

In the map -- the draft map for low to middle income communities of Fresno. Specifically, we (indiscernible) our community (indiscernible) comparing us to dissimilar communities across the region. Specifically, the communities west of 99, Highway 99, it's not (indiscernible) at the assembly and congressional levels, as we live in Fresno and should be in the district that represents Fresno.

Additionally, our Fresno public water treatment facility should be in the district it serves, and the community's (indiscernible) should also be kept whole.

At current, none of the maps, at the congressional or assembly or state's level actually do any of those things.

West Fresno and Central Fresno along with 99 are different from Kerman, Mendota, Firebaugh, Coalinga, (indiscernible) demographically. We are not rural communities, and we are not over ninety percent Latino. We show the same diversity as the city of Fresno and that be requested in the representation of the assembly and
congressional levels.

Additionally, we have a high concentration of apartment complexes and multifamily residencies that neither are at the same level of representation as single family homes.

(Indiscernible) that the senate maps are acceptable in the way that they've redistributed our population across the district, but I do find issue with both the assembly and congressional maps.

So thank you again for the opportunity to uplift my community. It's important that we protect the communities that have historically been disadvantaged, under-represented, and the solutions that I've proposed I believe are reasonable and are within (indiscernible) our ability to accommodate. Thank you again for the time and the consideration of our community.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: At this time we do not have any more of our appointments for the third session. So I'm going to go ahead and read the general public comment instructions followed by one of our interpreters to read the general public -- the general call and instructions in Spanish.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Katy.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: You're welcome.
In order to maximize transparency and public participation in our process, the Commissioners will be taking general public comment by phone. To call in, dial the telephone number provided on the live stream feed. It is 877-853-5247. When prompted to enter the meeting ID number provided on the live stream feed, it is 82724686608 for this meeting. When prompted to enter a participant 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 9, 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 6 to speak. If you would like to give your name, please state and spell it for the record. You're not required to provide your name to give public comment.

Please make sure to mute your computer or live stream 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 talk and -- when it is your turn to speak, and again, please turn down the live stream volume.

And I'd like to ask one of our interpreters -- hi, Margarita, I see you -- for the full call-in
instructions. Thank you so much.

THE INTERPRETER: You're welcome. This is the
Spanish Interpreter and I'll be reading the full call-in
instructions.

(Spanish spoken, not translated)

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And I
would like to invite those that have called in to please
press star 9. If so, raise your hand indicating you wish
to give comment. We have a few hands, but we could have
a few more.

We will start now with caller 5946. And then up
next, after that, will be caller 1351. Caller 5946, if
you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing
star 6.

I'm unclear as to what happened. Caller 5946 --
wait, all the hands went down. One moment. I do
apologize. For some reason, all of the hands went down
in the queue. I'm going to ask that all of those that
chose to press star 9, please press star 9 again.

Technology is not perfect.

But I do recall saying caller 5946, so we will go
there first. Caller 5946, if you will please follow the
prompts to unmute by pressing star 6. Caller 5946, the
floor is yours.

MR. RIOS: Thank you very much. Good afternoon. My
I found an interesting article in the Salinas, California (indiscernible) Salinas Valley and I -- it was really interesting, and it had a great definition of what was going on here and it said, it talks about how gerrymandering has happened throughout the State and over time -- overt gerrymandering ended a decade later after voters approved two initiatives. (Indiscernible) by leaders of both parties to shift a -- to send the mapmaking to an independent commission that would ignore partisan considerations, draw districts to follow where possible city and county boundaries and preserve communities of interest.

For our area, including San Marino County and southern Monterey County, this current map takes that all away. We are so closely united that to do so just destroys the brothership that we've created through our communities. And I really think this was extremely a bad map and takes into consideration none of what you are supposed to do, and that is preserve city and county boundaries of interest. So we really would appreciate if you would relook at that and make sure our communities of interest are held together. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will
have caller 3462. And then up next after that will be
caller 1351. Caller 3462, if you'll please follow the
prompts to unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is
yours.

Caller 3462, you may want to double-check your
phone, make sure it's not muted. You are unmuted in the
meeting.

MS. JOHNSON: Hello?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Ah, the floor is yours.

MS. JOHNSON: Thank you. I'm calling in regards to
the Orange County coastal draft. My name is Renee
Johnson. I wanted to thank you for giving me an
opportunity to speak.

When I heard about the redrafting for coastal, I was
very concerned. I grew up in Seal Beach and I raised my
family in Huntington Beach. I'm well aware of the issues
we face as a coastal community and are the same issues I
face living in Seal Beach as living in Huntington Beach.
The vast majority of these issues do not affect or
concern inland residents, they're strictly beach and
coastal concerns.

Some people look at -- some people look at Orange
County as a north and a south, but it's really a coastal
and an inland issue. I would like to urge the commission
to reconsider how they're seeing Orange County when
making the Congressional districts. A map that goes from Seal Beach all along the coast of San Clemente is a community that shares the same issues, worries and lifestyle and it would be a critical (indiscernible) congressional district for problems that our coast faces.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will have caller 1351. And then up next after that will be caller 1338. Caller 1351, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi, my name is Samantha. I'm a resident of Orange County. I've been a resident for six years in Orange County and two years in the Surfside Colony of Seal Beach. I'm calling on behalf today of the reason for, you know, Long Beach joining and Orange County joining the redistricting map. But first I want to say thank you guys so much for your time. I really appreciate you listening to us and hearing our concerns for this.

As a resident of Orange County, I feel like our needs are very different and our priorities on this part of the coastal communities that -- they're very different than what the Long Beach community is. For them, it's,
you know, the port is a big deal and super important and their priorities are aligned there. For our coastal communities here, it's a little bit different, a little more tourism-based and beach, you know, beach-friendly and making sure that we're keeping it clean for everybody to enjoy here. And I think that, you know, we can continue to keep those priorities aligned to the coastal community care and, you know, keep Orange County and Seal Beach within the Orange County line all the way down to San Clemente. And aligning with the Long Beach area, I don't think is in the community's best interest here. So those are my thoughts on that. So thank you for your time.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we'll have caller 1338. And then up next after that will be caller 7794. Caller 1338, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good afternoon Commission. Thank you for your time. My name is Tara. I have been a resident of Orange County for forty-seven years and will be speaking about the Congressional O.C. Coast District -- Coastal District.

Huntington Beach and Newport Beach share a lot of common beach similarities. They have the same
restaurants, common interests, love of beach. It's a surf community -- they're both surf communities, and we need to keep them in one district. In addition, Irvine is not a coastal district and does not share any similarities with the coast.

Furthermore, Seal Beach needs to be withdrawn -- redrawn into the coastal district. Seal Beach is the first city on the Orange County coast and in order for us to have a coastal district, it needs to start with Seal Beach. And the creation of a coastal district should be from Seal Beach to Dana Point. And we all agree here in the coastal communities that it's important that our interests are aligned and that we are in the same coastal community. And I really appreciate your time, your consideration for this thoughtful issue. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we have caller 7794. And then up next after that will be caller 3272.

I'd like to invite those that have called in, and have not shared this afternoon, to please star 9 to raise your hand indicating you wish to give comment.

Caller 7794, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. My name is Jason.
I'm a twenty plus year resident of the Seal Beach Surfside area. Thank you for taking this time to listen to our public input. We really appreciate it.

As a twenty plus year resident, I've been all over this area of my life from being a Seal Beach junior lifeguard to going to school in Los Alamitos and going to college at Long Beach State. I really understand the community in this area, and there is a very stark difference of the needs, the wants, and the values of the citizens in these areas.

Orange County Coastal District is very different from that of the inland O.C. areas, along with very different from the Long Beach area. It is critically important that we keep the O.C. coastal area together for our congressional district so we can get proper representation and not have our voices silenced by some sort of redistricting.

So I appreciate your time. Thank you for listening to us, and I hope you can see our point of view. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your thoughts.

And we will be closing the line at 3 p.m. So if you want to get your public input today, please call us before 3 o'clock so you can stay in the queue and be heard. Thank you.
PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much, Chair. And right now, we will have caller 3272. And then up next after that will be 0277. Caller 3272, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello -- hello and thank you for hearing me. I live in Modesto and would like to talk to you about the congressional map that splits my city. I'm a behavioral health specialist working in Modesto, and I would just really like to know why the Commission divided our city in the congressional map. I live on the west side, but our services are doctors, hospitals, stores, professional buildings, malls. They're all on the east side. We are one community, and the finances always seem to go to the east side of our city, which leaves our district impoverished. But those facilities also served the west side and south side community.

And then I saw where you put the east side into the mountains, and in my view, that doesn't make any sense because those facilities on the east side serve us here on the west and south side in Modesto. We have people who need social services that are on the east side. And we also have issues that the mountains don't have when it comes to -- when it comes to -- excuse me,
when it comes to water because we are an agricultural place. And as a city, we come together to build a community that all work in the same direction. Please keep Modesto together. Thank you so much.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have caller 0277. And up next after that, will be caller 7618. Caller 0277, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6.

And one more time -- oh, there you are. The floor is yours.

MR. MASHBURN: Hello, can you hear me okay?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

MR. MASHBURN: Thank you so much, and thank you for your service. My name is Keith Mashburn and I'm the Mayor of Simi Valley, California. And I'm here to speak in favor of keeping Congressional District 25 the same.

To separate Simi Valley from Santa Clarita, I think would be doing a disservice to our city and possibly to Santa Clarita also. We're very much -- we're very similar in so many ways, home values, education, incomes and what have you.

And our cities are very reliant upon the movie industry that comes both into our city and into Santa
Clarita. And we have many folks that are employed in Santa Clarita, but live in Simi Valley, and then just the opposite of that is also true.

And so the infrastructure that we share, even though there -- there appears to be a geographical barrier between us, the freeways and travel is the same. And under the same congressional district, it's my opinion that we can get a much better service by remaining just that one district. And so those are my thoughts.

I certainly appreciate what you do, and I want to thank you very much.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your thoughts.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will have caller 7618. And then up next after that will be caller 2275. Caller 7618, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hi. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. Can you hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay, great. Hi, my name is Kate. I'm calling to strongly urge you to draw a congressional district that includes both Huntington Beach and Little Saigon.

I saw your current drafts where for our
congressional district where you lumped in Little Saigon with cities like Buena Park and Fullerton. Buena Park and Fullerton have very little in common with Little Saigon. Please reconsider your decision and draw a congressional district that keeps Huntington Beach, Seal Beach, and Little Saigon together. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for sharing your thoughts.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right we will have caller 2275. And up next after that will be caller 3480. Caller 2275, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. I'm calling about concerns about -- the redistricting of my district. We urge you to include Seal Beach within the Little Saigon district to include us like Westminster, Fountain Valley, Huntington Beach, and Seal Beach because they are (indiscernible). Our interests (indiscernible) the best for all of us (indiscernible). Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have caller 3480. And then up next after that, will be unique ID 082. Caller 3480, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

MR. LEE: Hi. My name is Richie Lee. I'm calling
to urge you to keep Westminster, Fountain Valley, and Garden Grove with Huntington Beach and Seal Breach -- Seal Beach. Huntington Beach and Seal Beach are about a five-minute drive from Little Saigon, and traveling between Huntington Beach and Little Saigon is very convenient for a lot of families to stay connected.

Our second and third generations of Vietnamese Americans find it very convenient to live in coastal Orange County and still be able to come back to visit our parents in Little Saigon. And that's why Huntington Beach should be a part of Little Saigon. Thank you very much.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have unique ID 082, which would have been caller 7039. And then up next after that will be caller 7686. So unique ID 082, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello Commissioners. Thank you for taking input. I am calling in regards to the CD Santa Ana draft, and in particular the city of Seal Beach.

I have been a Seal Beach resident for the past fifteen years. The current map runs Seal Beach to Brea. Seal Beach is a coastal beach city, and it is very
different geographically and climate-wise in the inland communities such as Brea and Fullerton.

Seal Beach is -- as a coastal beach city, share similar concerns of Huntington Beach and Newport Beach in regards to beach erosion, wetlands management, and beach tourism. Seal Beach should not be combined with Long Beach as Long Beach is an industrial port city and Seal Beach is a beach city, where concerns are very different. And Seal Beach's concerns would be drowned out by the greater concerns of Long Beach.

Additionally, as a Seal Beach resident, although I'm close to Long Beach, I rarely do shopping or do much in Long Beach because of their incredibly high sales tax. I stick to the coastal Orange County communities and their less sales tax.

As an alternative, I recommend adding Seal Beach and Rossmoor to the North Coast draft, North O.C. Coast draft and taking out the part of Irvine that is in that current draft. This will keep the Orange County coastal communities together. Thank you very much.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments and suggestions.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will have caller 7686. And then up next after that will be caller 6795. Caller 7686, if you'll please follow the
prompts to unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. Good afternoon Commissioners. I'm calling with regarding to the congressional mapping of the west San Gabriel Valley district.

I'd like to urge the commission here to keep the cities of Monterey Park, Alhambra, Rosemead, San Gabriel, San Marino, and (indiscernible) cities together. Not only is there a significant historical and cultural connection, but as we've seen in recent years, a growing commercial connection as well with the pop-up of AAPI-owned small businesses, retail (indiscernible), etcetera.

And moreover, on the state and assembly level districts, these cities are kept together. I urge the commission to reconsider the current draft to keep these cities together for all of the reasons that I've listed. And thank you for taking input.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will have caller 6795. And up next after that will be caller 6659. Caller 6795, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

Caller 6795, oh -- you were unmuted. Go ahead and
press star 6 one more time and you might want to double-check and make sure your telephone is not on mute.

Caller 6795, you are unmuted. You may want to check your phone and make sure it's not on mute. Caller 6795, it appears you're having some sort of technical difficulty.

Try one more time, maybe the third time.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. Can everyone hear me?

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

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I apologize for that. Hello. So my name is Mia. I'm a Vietnamese community activist. I live in Westminster but work in coastal Orange County.

Putting Seal Beach and Huntington Beach in the same district as Little Saigon makes the most sense geographically. You've heard from numerous callers about drawing the Seal Beach, Huntington Beach District with Little Saigon. Please respect the wishes from our community, and thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will have caller 6659. And up next after that will be caller 6445. Caller 6659, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6.

And one more time, caller with the last four digits
150, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

MR. QUEE: Hi. Can you guys hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

MR. QUEE: Hi. My name is Quee. So I would like to talk about the Little Saigon area. Please put Huntington Beach and Seal beach back into the Little Saigon base congressional district.

You have heard from so many from our community that Westminster and Fountain Valley is more suited to be in the same district as Huntington Beach and Seal Beach. These two coastal cities physically border Little Saigon. Please honor the request of our community and please do the right thing by drawing a district that includes Seal Beach, Huntington Beach, and Little Saigon.

Thank you. That will be all. Have a good day.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will have caller 6445. And up next after that will be caller 2974. Caller 6445, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

MR. NGUYEN: Hello. My name is Donny Nguyen. I'm a Vietnamese-American caller. I'm calling today to implore you to draw a congressional line -- district that encompasses Seal Beach, Huntington Beach, and Little
Saigon.

I work in Huntington Beach. My family and relatives live in Little Saigon. It is very convenient for me to visit them. Seal Beach and Huntington Beach are just a stone's throw away from Little Saigon. Please don't draw us into the district with Fullerton. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

And just a reminder to the public, that we will be closing the line at 3 p.m. We want to hear from as many of you as possible, but we will be closing the line today at 3 o'clock and we will have additional public input sessions next week. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much, Chair. And right now we will have caller 2974. And up next after that will be caller 0129. Caller 2974, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

MS. TRAN: Hi. My name is Paulina Tran. And I called earlier this week. And I'm calling you again.

We live in Garden Grove and Garden Grove border -- Westminster and Garden Grove's border is the CD of Huntington Beach and Seal Beach. We're not sure why you put us with Fullerton. So please keep us together with Huntington Beach and Seal Beach, please, for Little Saigon. Thank you.
CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling again.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

And right now we have caller 0129. And up next after that will be caller 9644. Caller 0129, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

MR. LEBARRE: Thank you Commissioners. This is Mr. LeBarre, Mayor of King City.

Again, I speak again regarding the maps that are on your site for the drafts. I ask that all the commissioners look at the current in-place maps of CD 20, SD 12, and AD 30, as all of these current districts meet and comply with the Voting Rights Act. So visualization of S -- I mean CD Cupertino, you split the Salinas Valley, which is the central coast valley. It is predominantly Hispanic. It is an agricultural community and connected it with San Jose. These are two communities with completely different interests.

I please urge you to look at the current districts of CD 20, SD 12 and AD 30, and that in the next draft that these districts reflect similar boundaries to keep our communities of interest together. Right now, by splitting the Salinas Valley, you actually put people in a different congressional district where they live and then right across the highway is where they work. Thank
you for this opportunity.

Again, our people are Hispanics, they're farm
workers, and right now are working or are unable to give
their voice. So it's up to us electeds. Thank you,
commissioners.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in again. And
we appreciate the comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we have
caller 9644. And up next after that will be caller 3746.

Caller 9644, if you will please follow the prompts to
unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

MS. TRILAN: Hi. My name is Trilan (ph.). I'm a
registered voter and a resident of Westminster. I'm also
a college student. I'm speaking this afternoon to ask
the commission to keep Westminster, Garden Grove,
Fountain Valley, and Huntington Beach in one
congressional district.

I see a lot of similarities between Huntington Beach
and Little Saigon. I'm not sure if our community has
anything in common with Fullerton. Please be thoughtful
about your decision. Please keep Little Saigon and
Huntington Beach together. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we have
caller 3746. And then up next after that will be caller
3122. Caller 3746, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

MS. TONG: Hello. My name is Daisy Tong (ph.) and I'm a parent, a voter, and also a business owner in the Little Saigon area. I'm calling about the congressional district. Of course, I appreciate and thank you all the hard work that the Committee is doing.

I really ask that you keep Little Saigon, Westminster, Garden Grove together with Huntington Beach and even into Seal Beach. Please keep our community together. I grew up here. I see how the community works so hard to actively start getting into political and start getting our voice heard. Please don't divide up our community at this point.

Please keep us intact because we're so common. As the second generation Vietnamese getting older and make more money, we start moving to Huntington Beach and Seal Beach and our parents still live in Westminster and Garden Grove. Please protect our voice.

I appreciate your work, and I really truly hope you hear all of our community's voice. Thank you and have a wonderful day.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for the feedback.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will have caller 3122. And then up next after that will be
And I'd like to invite those that have called in this afternoon to please press star 9 to raise your hand indicating you have called in to give comment, so it will allow you to get into the comment queue line.

Right now we have caller 3122. Feel free to follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

MR. KIM: Hi, my name is Kim. I called earlier this week and now I'm calling you again.

We are (indiscernible) and lengthy testimony for two weeks now about keeping Little Saigon with Huntington Beach. I hope that in your next round of drawing, you'll deliver all of this testimony from our community. Huntington Beach should be the same district as Westminster, Fountain Valley and Garden Grove.

Huntington Beach is literally next door to Little Saigon.

Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we have caller 7699. And then up next after that will be caller 7807. Caller 7699, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

MS. SAN: Good afternoon Commissioner. My name is Milee San, and I currently live in the city of Garden
Grove, Little Saigon area.

So all of our activity for my family, my kids, my parents, we are, you know, are related to Little Saigon area, Huntington Beach, Fountain Valley, Seal Beach area. We would love to urge you to keep, you know, Little Saigon together with the Huntington Beach, Fountain Valley, Seal Beach area. We have nothing in common with the Fullerton, you know, it take a long time to drive over to Fullerton. So please, you know, please, honor our request. Thank you so much.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for the feedback.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we have caller 7807. And up next after that will be caller 5921. Caller 7807, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6.

And one more time. Caller with the last four 7807, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

MR. TONG: Hello. My name is Hin Tong (ph.). I went -- I want Garden Grove, and Westminster, and city Huntington Beach with the Seal Beach, and Fullerton Valley together. Thank you so much.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we have caller 5921. And then up next after that will be caller
0882. Caller 5921, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

MS. LEE: Hi. My name is Lee (ph.). I live in Garden Grove. I currently keep Seal Beach with Huntington, Fountain Valley and Huntington Beach, (indiscernible). Thank you very much. Have a good night.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for the call, for the feedback.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we have caller 0882. And then up next after that will be caller 5232. Caller 0882, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6.

MR. ECONOMY: Hello.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The floor is yours. Hello.

MR. ECONOMY: Yes, hello. This is Randy Economy, and I am a resident of Riverside County. I'm here in -- which would -- I'm calling about the California State Board of Equalization District that stretches now about six miles south of my home here in the Coachella Valley all the way up to the Oregon border, touching both Arizona and Nevada.

And the first thing when I saw the lines, I kind of chuckled, but then I kind of really studied it. And I
thought it completely makes sense. And I applaud you for
carving out a line like this, a district like this for
the State Board of Equalization, which is I'm not sure
exactly what the number is going to be. But we have a
lot of communities of interest, and it's basically the
rural communities and it's -- we're not associated with
Los Angeles or San Francisco or San Diego. We're kind of
our own, you know, our own individual entity. So I
applaud you for that, and I thank you so much.

And I know how much hard work it is to be involved
in a group like this. And I've spoken to your staff on a
number of occasions and you guys are nothing but
professionals. I know you come from all different walks
of life, but the main thing is that we're all
Californians. And I know that the Board of Equalization
is kind of a wonky position, but I thank you for -- for
the time and effort to carve out these -- these
communities of interest. And I thank you, and I just
want to make sure that these -- these proposed maps for
the BOE are left intact as you proposed. Thank you so
much.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we have
caller 5232. And then up next after that will be caller
4432.
I'd like to invite those that have called in to please press star 9. This will raise your hand indicating you wish to give comment.

And for unique ID 096, if you wish to give comment, please use the raise your hand button at the bottom of your screen.

Caller 5232, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. My name is Calvin. I'm a resident of Walnut, and I want to talk about San Gabriel Valley.

In general, I think -- I work in, you know, I've lived in both sides of the east and west end of it, and I do feel like the congressional district is surprisingly cutting both communities (indiscernible) from other API communities. Specifically, from Temple City, Arcadia, separated from Monterey Park and Rosemead. Both very close communities, and people go across on a regular basis. I do think that all should be connected and put in with the Foothills District.

Going to the east, I feel like Chino Hills is being left out, and we better fit with the Fullerton area, Brea area. And I see that the Little Saigon area doesn't resonate with the Fullerton area, so I think you have a, you know, "two birds with one stone" situation here where
you can put back an API District that had 33 percent and
is right now at 22 percent and also help the Vietnamese
community in Little Saigon feel represented in their
area.

So I -- I do feel there are Chinese communities that
go from (indiscernible) down to Fullerton and vice versa.
And the 57 and 60 Freeway is a big inter -- a big traffic
congestion. I think the sixth largest in traffic
congestion in the United States. And because we have
representatives in the senate, and the assembly, and in
the congressional level that represented both areas from
Walnut to Fullerton, they're able to find funding to
actually alleviate from that traffic, but it's not done,
and we do need that for the next decade. So please
connect us all back together. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right we will have
caller 4432. And then up next after that will be caller
2726. Caller 4432, if you'll please follow the prompts
to unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. My name is Yvonne. I'm
calling from Del Norte County. A little county up here
at the top of California with only a population of 25,000
people. I feel that our county lines need to be drawn
including us with the counties to the east of us, as in
Siskiyou, Trinity, and Shasta.

The, you know, being a small community up here we have more in common, as far as our communities go and the issues that we're facing with agriculture, with the counties to the east of us. Going down south, we really don't compare to some of the larger communities that are on the coastal towns and therefore, you know, we don't have anybody up here supporting our issues that we're facing, as they don't have anything in common with the ones that they face in these larger coastal cities. So I just ask that our lines be drawn including Del Norte to the east of us into the Siskiyou District and that's it.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we'll have caller 2726. And then up next after that will be unique ID 096.

And I'd like to invite the rest of those that have called in to please press star 9 to raise your hand indicating you wish to give comment today.

Caller 2726, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. My name is Matt. I live in Seal Beach, California. And I would like to stay with
the coastal community cities from Huntington Beach and Seal Beach together with Orange County, please. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we have unique ID 096. And then up next after that will be caller 2450.

Unique ID 096, I will be promoting you now. Oh, one moment. We actually cannot do that. Unique ID 096, I will be doing the audio only option at this time.

If you'll please follow the prompts to unmute on your screen. The floor is yours.

MS. LOWERY: Hi. Good afternoon. My name is Betsy Lowery. I'm the assistant to the city manager for the city of Temecula, and we're located on the southwest Riverside County area, there you go. Is this the -- yeah, this is a -- these are city maps I'm looking at, correct? Is that what this map is? I'm just curious that this map isn't any district map, correct? Okay.

Great. Thank you.

As you may be aware, Route 15 consisting of contiguous, in fact, I'm going to read a letter, excuse me, into the record from our mayor.

"As you may be aware, Route 15 consisting of contiguous segments of State Road 15 and Interstate 15 is
a major north/south state, and our state highway in
California connecting Riverside, San Bernardino, and San
Diego County, as it is a major thoroughfare for daily
commuter traffic and considered essential to the
country's economy, defense and mobility under the
National Highway System. Southwest Riverside County
cities, including the city, yeah -- Southwest Riverside
County cities, including the city of Temecula have
actively engaged as a community to provide operational
improvements and enhance safety for our corridor for many
years. So we're talking about the southwest Riverside
County area. For these reasons, the city of Temecula
respectfully requests that the Commission strongly
considers cities located adjacent to and near I-15
corridor as a community of interest for the purposes of
assembly, senate, and congressional redistricting." That
concludes this letter.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your testimony.

MS. LOWERY: You're welcome. And there is also --
the letter has been submitted with contact information,
should you have any questions. Thank you so much.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we have
caller 2450. And then up next after that will be caller
5188. Caller 2450, if you'll please follow the prompts
to unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.
MR. BRENNAN: Hi. Good afternoon, Commissioners.

My name is Gary Brennan. I live in Ramona, in south San Diego county, have been here for about the last seven years. Just want to go on record saying I appreciate the hard work the commission has put in drawing the lines for our state.

But I'd like to share that I believe the current draft maps of the state senate do not represent our local community down here. The current draft maps separates many of the east San Diego -- San Diego sister communities such as Lakeside, Alpine, Descanso, Jamul, Santee, Poway, Rancho San Diego, El Cajon, and my town of Ramona.

We have shared economic, social and cultural interests and we need to keep -- be kept together. We are incorporated communities and have more in common than most cities like El Cajon, Santee, and Poway than we do with the city of San Diego, or with desert communities such as Brawley and Needles. It shouldn't be placed in the districts with North Park, Chula Vista, Pacific Beach, University City or in the city of San Diego. My community's access, the fair allocation of resources and effective governess depends on your decisions.

Rural communities -- rural San Diego communities like Jamul, Alpine Crest, Alpine, Bostonia, Lakeside, and
Ramona, and Julian belong in the same district and should be -- which should also include Escondido, Poway, Santee, and El Cajon. Rural San Diego areas have different concerns than parts of the city of San Diego.

MR. MANOFF: 26 seconds.

MR. BRENNAN: I'm sorry?

MR. MANOFF: 26 seconds remaining.

MR. BRENNAN: Okay. So -- okay. So anyway, if you could look into that please, and keep our rural communities together, we would really appreciate it. And once again, thanks for all your hard work. I know it's a difficult task. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your testimony at today's hearing. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now we have caller 5188. And then up next after that will be caller 8069.

And again, I'd like to invite those that have called in to please press star 9 as those are our last two hands for the evening.

Caller 5188, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: My name is (indiscernible).
I live in Westminster. I would like to have the Westminster, Little Saigon together with Huntington Beach and Seal Beach. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we have caller 8069. If you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6.

And one more time. Caller with the last four digits 8069. If you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Katy, I believe the Spanish interpreter is simultaneously interpreting the reminder to press star 6 or star 9 in Spanish; is that correct?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, on the Spanish listening line. Yes.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Perhaps we can have somebody do it on this line as well? One of the interpreters?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Sure. Yes. Yes. Okay. Yes, for this caller. It may be a connectivity issue.

This caller has their hand raised.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Yes. In general, just for the remaining calls, just to make sure that we have it covered.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Wonderful. Yes, will do. Caller 8069, I will be removing your permission to talk
momentarily, and we will do the announcement.

And may I please have the Spanish interpreter repeat
the instructions to raise hand, which is star 9. And
then to unmute it is star 6.

THE INTERPRETER: Okay. This is the Spanish
interpreter, Margarita.

(Spanish spoken, not translated)

CHAIR TOLEDO: Gracias, Margarita.

THE INTERPRETER: De nada.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And we'll go ahead and
try caller 8069 one more time. This may be a
connectivity issue, but we will try again. Please press
star 6.

And caller 8069, I will come back to you in a few
minutes. There may be just a connectivity issue for you
wherever you are at the moment.

And Chair, I would assume that you want me to go
through the list regardless of hand.

CHAIR TOLEDO: That's correct. Let's go through the
list and make sure we have everyone covered.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right, will do. We
will start with caller with the last four digits 1740.
If you wish to give comment, please follow the prompts by
pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

MR. LEE: Hello? Hello?
PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes. Hello. The floor is yours.


CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. And have a good weekend as well.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will be going to caller with the last four digits 1789. If you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.


CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you and have a good weekend.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And next will be caller with the last four digits 7786. If you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6. And one more time. Caller with the last four digits 7786. If you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. Thank you very much. Thank you everyone for giving up your Saturday to hear all of us.

I live in Orange County, Laguna Beach. I am a member of Surfrider Foundation. I'm also a Tidewater docent and I've also spent many years on the parking, traffic, and circulation committee for the city of Laguna Beach. And I'm urging you to please keep all of the coastal communities together. Our interests are unique. They are combined and interrelated when it comes to not only the ocean but also the coastal headlands.

And most importantly, on a personal basis, because I've spent a number of years on the parking, traffic and circulation committee, our parking and our traffic, directional concerns are also interrelated. We share that great coast highway, and it takes a team, it takes all of us together to make that work. I think bringing in Irvine would be not a good idea because simply the interests are not shared in the same.

And again, thank you very much for allowing me to speak and have a great afternoon.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. And have a good weekend.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have caller 8910. If you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6, if you wish to give comment.
this evening or afternoon.

And one more time. The caller with the last four digits 8910, if you wish to give comment this afternoon, please press star 6. Well, thank you so much for your presence and your listening.

And we have call-in user 2, which is an indication of no caller ID. If you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6, you will be hearing a prompt in your telephone.

And one more time, call-in user 2, if you wish to give comment this evening, please press star 6 on your telephone keypad. Well, thank you so much for listening.

And the last one in the queue is unique ID 083 as you have chosen to call in, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hi. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oh, okay. Hang on. Wait a minute. I had to pull over, I was driving. Okay.

Well, my name is Cathy, and I'm calling from the Central Valley. I have lived in Turlock for over thirty-five years, and I'm calling regarding congressional map, I think it's number ECA. It's the congressional, I live in Congressional District 10. And the maps that you
published earlier in the month of November was considerably better than the maps that you have now published regarding where I live in Turlock.

You have cut the city of Modesto and the city of Ceres and the city of Turlock basically in half, north and south. We have considerable things in common with Central Valley -- Turlock has considerable things in common with other Central Valley cities. And we would like to remain with those Central Valley cities to continue our work on water, agricultural issues, economics and jobs, transportation. All issues which we share in common because we are -- are centered around that Central Valley corridor.

Place one-half of Turlock, and for that matter, one-half of Ceres and Modesto with Lake Tahoe with a district that goes as far north and south as Lake Tahoe and Death Valley is not a good plan because we have nothing in common either geographically, agriculturally, economically with any of those many, many counties. And Modesto and Turlock has nothing in common with the communities of Lake Tahoe and Death Valley. So please, go back to the district that you published earlier in the month of November. Thank you very much.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Thank you for your comments.
PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And that is everyone in our queue, Chair.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you Katy. Thank you Kristian. And thank you to all the Californians who provided feedback on the draft maps.

As we work towards final maps, your feedback and voice is critical to the refinement of our maps. We will continue to accept public input on the 22nd and the 23rd. And if you don't have an appointment at this time, you can call in during the public comment period at 2 -- at 2:30 on those days. And of course you can always give feedback through our websites and through the tools that we have online.

With that, I hope everyone has a great weekend and enjoys the weekend. And hopefully a wonderful Thanksgiving, if we don't get to talk to one another next week. Thank you.

With that, we are adjourned.

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